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# Master's degree



## Archaeology

University of Tübingen • Tübingen

### Overview

Degree	Master of Arts (MA)
Teaching language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>English</li></ul>
Languages	English level B2 (CEFR)
Full-time / part-time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>full-time</li></ul>
Programme duration	4 semesters
Beginning	Winter semester
Application deadline	The application deadline for the admission procedure is usually 15 September of the respective year for Germans and EU citizens of equal status. For non-EU nationals, the application deadline is 15 July.
Tuition fees per semester in EUR	Varied
Additional information on tuition fees	Approx. 1,500 EUR per semester for students from non-EU countries
Combined Master's degree / PhD programme	No
Joint degree / double degree programme	No
Description/content	<p>The Master of Arts in Archaeology offers a unique international, two-year degree in archaeology as a research- and practice-oriented course. Modules in various disciplines provide a variety of options for specialisation within the wide range of archaeology represented in Tübingen. As a result, each student can develop his or her own unique curriculum. At the end of their professional training, graduates are qualified archaeologists in both theory and practice and have individual profiles according to their research interests. The Master's programme thus offers a range of opportunities for individually developed and follow-up research options. The archaeological disciplines involved in the programme are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Stone Age Archaeology</li><li>Later European Prehistory</li><li>Near Eastern Archaeology and Archaeology of the Southern Levant</li><li>Classical Archaeology</li><li>Medieval and Post-Medieval Archaeology / Historical Archaeology</li></ul>

The Tübingen Master's programme in Archaeology is characterised by a content-related focus on the broad study of archaeology worldwide from the Stone Ages up to and including the modern era, a methodological focus on material culture, a close connection to scientific methods, various elective options and a strong research profile with an international orientation. Furthermore, in addition to in-depth knowledge of prehistoric, classical, Near Eastern, biblical and historical archaeology, the degree programme also provides insights into neighbouring sciences such as scientific archaeology, geosciences or history. The close interconnection with natural science archaeology in particular qualifies students for interdisciplinary research at the interface between cultural and natural sciences. Central to the degree programme is a focus on joint theory formation in the cultural sciences, which is promoted in the course of constant interdisciplinary exchange in teaching and joint colloquia. It goes hand in hand with a close thematic reference to the cultural-material basis, which is conveyed through the individual archaeological disciplines involved.

## Course Details

### Course organisation

In the first semester, students deepen their methodological-theoretical knowledge acquired in their respective Bachelor's degree programmes and acquire further basic archaeological knowledge. In the second and third semesters, students acquire the competence to describe, classify and question central sources and questions from the fields of settlement, landscape and economic archaeology as well as archaeology of society and ideology. Excursions make it possible to expand and deepen basic knowledge specific to the region. Students acquire further practical skills during field work and internships. Using selected examples and their own research projects, students learn how to work independently on archaeological topics in a scientific, source-oriented manner. In the final module, each student works independently on a complex archaeological topic on the basis of the subject-specific skills and knowledge acquired in the Master's programme.

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### A Diploma supplement will be issued

Yes

### International elements

- Study trips
- Projects with partners in Germany and abroad

### Course-specific, integrated German language courses

No

### Course-specific, integrated English language courses

No

## Costs / Funding

### Tuition fees per semester in EUR

Varied

### Additional information on tuition fees

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### Semester contribution

Enrolment fees at the University of Tübingen are currently about 160 EUR per semester. This includes use of local public transport free of charge from Mondays to Fridays in the evening, on weekends and on public holidays. In addition, students may purchase a semester ticket for unlimited use of public transport in the city of Tübingen and the surrounding area (currently about 130 EUR).

<b>Costs of living</b>	Estimated basic student expenses are about 950 EUR per month according to the Tübingen Student Services organisation (“Studierendenwerk”), including rent for student accommodation. Rent for private accommodation will be more expensive.
<b>Funding opportunities within the university</b>	No

## Requirements / Registration

<b>Academic admission requirements</b>	<p>Admission to the Master's degree programme in Archaeology is open to students who have completed a Bachelor's degree programme in an archaeological discipline, in a related discipline such as cultural studies (national) or in archaeology, anthropology, geosciences or history (international) with an above-average grade.</p> <p>Subject-specific course guidance is recommended before choosing the programme.</p>
<b>Language requirements</b>	Since the language of instruction and examination in the Master's programme is English, sufficient English language skills are required at the beginning of the programme (level B2 GER). Skills in written and spoken German are helpful, but they are not mandatory.
<b>Application deadline</b>	The application deadline for the admission procedure is usually 15 September of the respective year for Germans and EU citizens of equal status. For non-EU nationals, the application deadline is 15 July.
<b>Submit application to</b>	<p>Prof Dr Martin Bartelheim          Institut für Ur- und Frühgeschichte und Archäologie des Mittelalters          Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen          Burgsteige 11          72070 Tübingen          Germany</p>

## Services

<b>Possibility of finding part-time employment</b>	It is usually possible to find work in archaeology while still studying. Commercial field archaeology in particular offers good working opportunities for students.
<b>Accommodation</b>	<p>Accommodation is available through the Student Services organisation (“Studierendenwerk”) or on the private market. Rooms in student accommodation cost approx. 200 to 400 EUR per month. As Tübingen is a very attractive place to live, private accommodation is more expensive and can take some effort to find. To make sure you find a suitable place to live, you should start looking as early as possible.</p> <p>We recommend you apply for student accommodation through the “Studierendenwerk” at the same time that you apply for admission to the Master's programme (<a href="https://www.my-stuwe.de/en/housing/halls-of-residence-tuebingen/">https://www.my-stuwe.de/en/housing/halls-of-residence-tuebingen/</a> and <a href="https://www.my-stuwe.de/en/housing/faqs/">https://www.my-stuwe.de/en/housing/faqs/</a>) and send in a copy of your notification of admission as soon as you have received it. (Your application won't be processed before the “Studierendenwerk” has received proof of your admission.) For further information, check out the “Studierendenwerk” pages on</p>

housing in Tübingen (<https://www.my-stuwe.de/en/housing/housing-infos/>).

Career advisory service

<https://uni-tuebingen.de/en/study/steps-towards-employment/career-service/>

**Support for international students and doctoral candidates**

- Welcome event
- Buddy programme
- Specialist counselling
- Cultural and linguistic preparation
- Visa matters
- Help with finding accommodation
- Support with registration procedures

**General services and support for international students and doctoral candidates**

The university offers a number of “onboarding” services for newly arriving international students. These include:

- a help desk
- an advisory programme: “How to Study at the University of Tübingen”
- a wide range of social activities offered by student groups

For further information, please refer to: <https://uni-tuebingen.de/en/182071> (onboarding for degree-seeking students).

The university’s Office for Advising and Admission of International Students offers advice on all academic matters (<http://www.uni-tuebingen.de/en/90787>).

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## Contact

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