



OÉ Gaillimh
NUI Galway

**College of Arts, Social Sciences,
and Celtic Studies**



Taught Postgraduate Programmes in Archaeology

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MA in Landscape Archaeology - full-time and part-time

The landscape approach in archaeology is an increasingly important avenue for both academic research and contemporary heritage management, with its strong focus on the interaction between people and the world they inhabit.

Drawing on a wide range of expertise in the analysis of prehistoric and historic landscapes, the MA in Landscape Archaeology offers an intensive, one year taught programme in landscape archaeology. The course provides a critical understanding of landscapes and their components, and focuses on the interaction of practical and theoretical approaches in landscape archaeology.

Course Facts

Course level: Level 9

Duration: 1 year, full-time; 2 years, part-time

Entry Requirements: NQAI Level 8 degree, 2nd class honours grade 2 in Archaeology or equivalent. An interview normally forms part of the selection process.

Fees: Current year fees are €6,015 (**full-time, EU**) €13,250 (**full-time, non-EU**) €3,065p.a. (**part-time, EU**) and are likely to remain at this level for 2017-2018.

Applying: www.pac.ie/nuigalway.

PAC code: GYA80 (full-time) / GYA81 (part-time)

Closing date: Further details on closing dates can be found on www.nuigalway.ie/postgrad/assessmentdates. You are advised to apply early, which may result in an early offer.

Programme outline

The history of landscape archaeology is explored, as are contemporary writings on the concept of landscape. Various issues surrounding the protection, management, and presentation of archaeological landscapes are considered, and case-studies are used to examine the wide range of such landscapes and their components. There is emphasis on fieldwork training and a critical understanding of the range of sources used. Students are provided with a basic foundation in GIS and its applications in archaeology and are introduced to electronic survey and digital mapping, geophysical prospection, and data processing. Practical demonstrations and field exercises are an important element of the programme.

Programme content (subject to change):

- Landscape Perspectives
- Interpreting Landscapes
- Managing Landscapes
- Investigating Landscapes
- Digital Landscapes
- Geographical Information Systems and Landscape Archaeology
- Dissertation
- Surveying Workshops

Employment and career opportunities:

Graduates of the MA in Landscape Archaeology at NUI Galway are employed in many areas of the profession, while others choose to continue their studies at doctoral level. Graduates seeking employment after the completion of the course commonly find work in archaeological consultancies, in the State sector and in local authorities, are often engaged in archaeological excavations, landscape surveys and pre-development impact assessments for large-scale infrastructural developments.

Why study Archaeology?

The MA in Landscape Archaeology provides a strong foundation in theory and practice in landscape studies and examines critical sources and resources in the understanding of cultural landscapes. Vocational training, with transferable skills in electronic survey methods, data management and interrogation is also provided. The application of GIS is explored in some detail with a focus on analysis and presentation.

What our students say:



Yolande O'Brien
MA in Landscape Archaeology graduate

"After completing my BA in 2006 I made the decision to spend some time working in commercial archaeology before returning to take part in the MA in Landscape Archaeology in 2008. The programme consisted of a blend of academic and practical material which satisfied my need to gain more knowledge, while learning and refining the practical skills which I required in the field and in my own research.

I have found the Archaeology staff welcoming and helpful, providing an atmosphere in which the archaeology scholar can flourish. The skills I learned during the MA programme have been instrumental in completing my current PhD research here at NUI Galway."



Higher Diploma (Archaeology) - full-time and part-time

The programme is a one-year, full-time or two-year, part-time programme and is open to students with a degree in any discipline (other than Archaeology) who wish to acquire an academic qualification in archaeology. A basic knowledge of and interest in the subject is desirable.

Course Facts

Course level: Level 8

Duration: 1 year, full-time; 2 years, part-time

Entry Requirements: NQAI Level 7 or level 8 degree or equivalent in any discipline other than Archaeology. Selection is based on the candidate's academic record and their aptitude for the course.

Fees: Current year fees are €5,965 (full-time, EU) €13,250 (full-time, non-EU) €2,980p.a. (part-time, EU) and are likely to remain at this level for 2017-2018

Applying: www.pac.ie/nuigalway

PAC code(s): GYA25 (full-time)/ GYA26 (part-time)

Closing date: Further details on closing dates can be found on www.nuigalway.ie/postgrad/assessmentdates. First round offers will be made mid February, therefore you are advised to apply early, which may result in an early offer.

Modules on offer include:

- Europe in the Bronze Age
- Hunters and Farmers in Early Europe
- Public Archaeology
- Interpretation in Archaeology 1
- Archaeology in Practice
- Landscapes of Cult and Kingship
- Irish Art from the early Iron Age to the 8th century AD
- Ancient Civilizations: the Rise of Complex Societies
- Debating Irish Prehistory
- Castles, Colonists and Crannogs 1100–1350
- The Development of the Castle in Medieval Europe
- Minor Dissertation

Employment and career opportunities:

Graduates have found employment in various areas in the State sector and in the Heritage and Tourism sector, while others have taken the course to continue their studies through doctoral research.

Find out more/ Enquiries to:

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Why study this programme?

The programme offers a thorough grounding in aspects of Irish and European archaeology to BA degree level and is based on existing undergraduate courses in Archaeology with additional work.

Programme outline

Students will take an approved selection of 12 modules within the Second and Third Year BA programme in Archaeology.

What our students say:



Suzanne Hogan
H.Dip graduate 2016

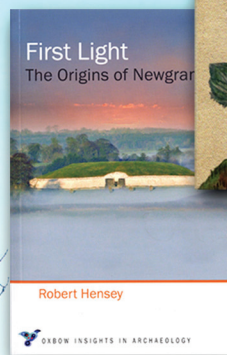
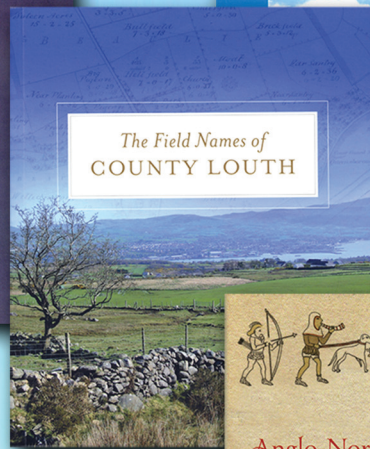
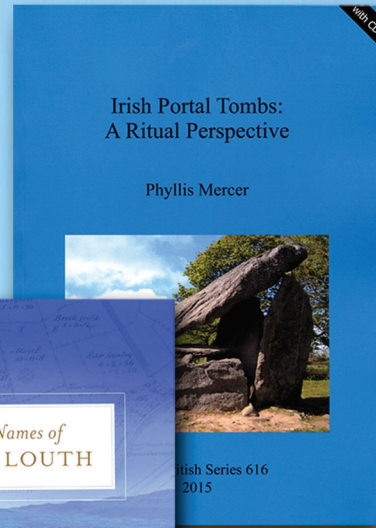
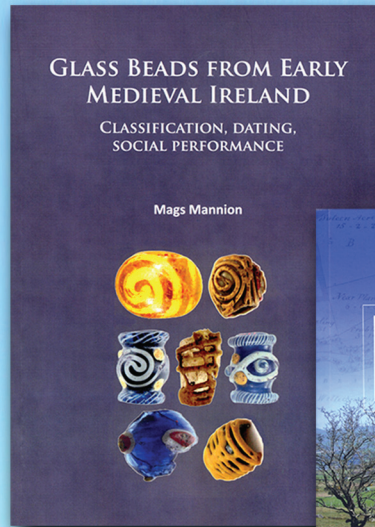
"I decided several years ago that I needed a career change and so began the H.Dip in Archaeology. It was here I found a new passion, so much so that I enrolled in the MA in Landscape Archaeology. I knew within weeks I had found exactly what I had been looking for in a dynamic programme that incorporates learning in the field, a diversity of subject matter in the classroom and, most importantly, the support to expand and grow in the discipline. The Archaeology staff are open, encouraging and really help you to succeed. Not only do they provide you with important practical skills but they provide an environment in which to thrive academically and personally."



Where Our Postgraduates Are Now

Our qualified postgraduate students have made careers in the heritage and education sectors, nationally and internationally, and some have started their own businesses conducting field schools and providing archaeological surveying services. Our graduates are also published authors.

Some recent publications by PhD graduates of Archaeology at NUI Galway



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