

Explanation To Study Unit Lists

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Abbreviations

D = MA degree thesis (Hungarian 'szakdolgozat')

G = seminar (practical class; Hu 'gyakorlat')

K = lecture (Hu 'kollokvium')

Sz = comprehensive examination (Hu 'szigorlat')

V = exam (Hu 'vizsga')

Z = final examination (Hu 'záróvizsga')

kon = consultation (Hu 'konzultáció')

k = obligatory unit (Hu 'kötelező')

kv = obligatory elective unit (freely chosen elective(s) necessary for the completion of a specialisation track; Hu 'kötelezően választható')

v = elective unit (opposite of obligatory; Hu 'választható')

Explanation of prerequisites

- A prerequisite code not enclosed in brackets: **'strong'** prerequisite; must be completed successfully at least one semester before the course in question for which it is a prerequisite
- A prerequisite code enclosed in brackets: **'weak'** prerequisite; can be taken in the same semester with the course in question for which it is a prerequisite, but must be completed successfully for the course for which it is a prerequisite to be valid.
- A prerequisite code with a '=' sign: We recommend that the specified course be taken simultaneously.
- *: Course that can be taken only after the background courses have been completed.

HOST INSTITUTE

Institute of Archaeological Studies

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GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE MA PROGRAMME IN ARCHAEOLOGY

During the archaeology MA program special focus is placed on the latest methodological trends as well as the development of a multidisciplinary approach. Consequently, the education discusses the adaptation of new methods in natural sciences (DNA and isotope analyses) and diverse fields of humanities (history, cultural anthropology, religious studies, sociology, psychology, philosophy). Graduate students will be prepared to manage archaeological museum collections, perform basic tasks related to archaeological heritage, and also to explore, protect, process and present the cultural heritage. They will be qualified for a career as researchers, lecturers, archaeologists-museologists of public collections or a position in the public administration dealing with archaeological heritage.

EDUCATION LEVEL AND QUALIFICATION RECEIVED BY THOSE WHO HAVE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THE MA PROGRAM

- education level: Master's degree (magister, master; abbreviation: MA)
- qualification in English: MA in Archaeology
- elective specializations: Archaeology of Prehistoric Europe and the Near East, Classical and Roman Archaeology, Early Medieval and Historical Archaeology, Archaeometry, Archaeological Heritage.

MA PROGRAMME TITLE

Archaeology

EDUCATION LEVEL AND QUALIFICATION RECEIVED BY THOSE WHO HAVE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THE MA PROGRAM

- Education level: master degree (magister, master; abbreviation: MA)
- Qualification: Archaeologist

DURATION OF THE PROGRAM

4 semesters

CREDITS REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION

120 credits

FOREIGN LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

Non-native speakers of English must demonstrate a sufficient level of English-language skills. The Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) exam (the minimum recommended score is 550 on the paper-based exam (PBT) or 80 on the Internet-based exam (iBT) and the IELTS exams (with a recommended score of 6, and above) are preferred.

REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICANTS

Applicants must hold a university bachelor's (BA) degree in the fields listed below. Previously earned credits for entry into the program are acknowledged in full only in case of a BA degree in Archeology or a BA degree in History specialized in Archeology, or a BA degree in History with Archaeology specialization.

Documents to be submitted by the applicant:

- Cover letter indicating why the applicant wishes to start the program, and what her specialfield of interest is.
- Curriculum Vitae including applicant's previous achievements (scholarships, publications, conference presentations, cultural projects, business experience, voluntary work, etc.).
- BA degree and English-language transcript with the list of completed courses in previousdegree programs.
- A preliminary research proposal for a proposed thesis project with a study and research plan(detailed outline of your field of interest), a preliminary bibliography (indicating what the applicant has read already).
- Interview (in person or via skype) about student's knowledge, skills and attitude regardingmedia and communication studies and the proposed research project.

MA THESIS AND FINAL EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS

Formal requirements:

Length: minimum 50 pages in A4 format, of which the body of the main text (without front page, index, bibliography and plates) must be at least 40 pages (approx. 80 000 characters), at a spacing of 1.5, font size 12, using Times New Roman type fonts. From the AY 2020/21, the Thesis has to be submitted electronically, via Neptun. The Thesis needs to be prepared and uploaded in an electronic format (PDF, Word or zip). You can upload only 1 document/file to Neptun (including all attachments). While uploading it, the student needs to declare in Neptun that the Thesis is their own intellectual product. (Please, take the university's regulations regarding plagiarism-checking into consideration.) From September 2021, the supervisor's consent is needed for uploading the Thesis on all study programmes. For the approval, click on the button 'Thesis admission request' (in Neptun under Studies > Degree Thesis/Thesis application). The title page of the thesis must include the name of the author; the name of the university, the faculty as well as the name of the program; the name of the thesis adviser; and the year of submission of the thesis.

Notes and citations must follow the Guidelines of the Dissertationes Archaeologicae (http://dissarch.elte.hu/public/Guidelines_DissArch.pdf).

Assessment:

The thesis adviser or a chosen external expert provides an approximately one-page written evaluation assessing the scientific results of the thesis and its meeting with the formal and content requirements of a scientific publication, and gives assessment on a five-grade scale.

Content requirements:

The MA thesis must present a topic, determined by the thesis adviser and the student, from the field of study of the student's chosen specialization. The thesis must manifest the candidate's skills to accomplish independent scientific work, therefore it must meet its formal and content requirements, including the method of processing of archaeological information, the collection and presentation of data, the treating and citing of the international scientific literature, argumentation, and the style of the text. The thesis must contain new scientific results.

PREREQUISITES FOR THE FINAL EXAMINATION

The prerequisites for the final examination are:

- Completion of the study unit list and exams specified in the curriculum for the program (with the exception of the thesis, and the final examination);
- Fulfilment of all training and completion requirements;
- Certificate stating that the student has returned all property borrowed from the university.

EVALUATION AND GRADING OF FINAL EXAMINATION

The final examination consists of three oral parts:

1. Exam on the topic of the thesis and the defence of results.
2. Exam on the field of the student's chosen auxiliary specialization (as specified by the Institute).
3. Exam on the field of Archaeological Heritage

The grade of the final exam is the mathematical average of the three grades above rounded to the closest whole number.

DEGREE CERTIFICATE

The degree certificate states the mathematical average of the grade of the thesis and the grades received at the final examination (see above).

According to Section 84 (6) of Academic Regulations, (HKR) the diploma is classified according

to its average down to two decimals:

- outstanding (5), if the average is 5.00
- excellent (5), if the average is 4.51–4.99
- good (4), if the average is 3.51–4.50
- satisfactory (3), if the average is 2.51–3.50
- pass (2), if the average is 2.00–2.50.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Dr. Tivadar Vida, professor

ARCHAEOLOGY MA

LIST OF STUDY UNITS

Code BMI-	Name of course	Semester min. –	Type of course	Mandatory / elective	No. of hrs	No. of credits	Prerequisite	Suggested	Department offering the course
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I. BASIC ACADEMIC MODULE: 20 CREDITS

BMI-REGD-111	Archaeological Museology and Heritage lecture	2	K	k	28	2		2	Inst. Arch. Sci.
BMI-REGD-112	Archaeological Museology and Heritage seminar	3	G	k	28	2		3	Inst. Arch. Sci.
BMI-REGD15-104	Museum internship	4	G	k	165	3	=BMI-REGD-SZD	4	Inst. Arch. Sci.
Archaeological methods									
BMI-REGD-107	GIS Studies	1-4	G	k	28	3		1-4	Inst. Arch. Sci.
BMI-REGD-108	Archaeological data processing	1-4	G	k	28	3		1-4	Inst. Arch. Sci.
BMI-REGD-109	Archaeological documentation	1-4	G	k	28	3		1-4	Inst. Arch. Sci.
BMI-REGD-113	Field practice 1.	1/3	G	k	90	2		1/3	Inst. Arch. Sci.
BMI-REGD-114	Field practice 2.	1/3	G	k	90	2		1/3	Inst. Arch. Sci.
Total:					485	20			

* Requirement to be fulfilled by completing 2 courses, 2 credits and 90 hrs each, in two consecutive semesters.

II. ELECTIVE ACADEMIC MODULE: 68 CREDITS

To complete this module a main and an auxiliary specialization must be chosen and completed (46 credits + 22 credits from another specialisation)

ARCHAEOLOGY OF PREHISTORIC EUROPE AND THE NEAR EAST (MAIN SPECIALIZATION)

Prehistoric and the Near East Archaeology lecture: 16 credits: (4 courses, 4 credits each)									
BMI-REGD-SE201.X	Prehistoric and the Near East Archaeology lecture	1-4	K	k	28	4		1-4	Inst. Arch. Sci.
Prehistoric and the Near East Archaeology seminar (3 courses, 2 credits each): 6 credits									
BMI-REGD-SE211.	Prehistoric and the Near East Archaeology seminar	1-3	G	k	14	2		1-3	Inst. Arch. Sci.

X									
BMI-REGD-SE222	Prehistoric Archeological Thesis Seminar 1.	2	G	k	14	2		2	Inst. Arch. Sci.
BMI-REGD-SE223	Prehistoric Archeological Thesis Seminar 2.	3	G	k	14	2		3	Inst. Arch. Sci.
BMI-REGD-SE224	Prehistoric Archeological Thesis Seminar 3.	4	G	k	14	2		4	Inst. Arch. Sci.
					28				
Elective course-unit: 18 credits (6 courses)									
BMI-REGD-SP231	Elective course lecture	1-3	K	kv	28	3		1-3	Inst. Arch. Sci.
BMI-REGD-SP232	Elective course seminar	1-3	G	kv	28	3		1-3	Inst. Arch. Sci.
					18				

Total: 364 46

ARCHAEOLOGY OF PREHISTORIC EUROPE AND THE NEAR EAST (AUXILIARY SPECIALIZATION)

Prehistoric and the Near East Archaeology lecture: 16 credits: (4 courses, 4 credits each)									
BMI-REGD-SE201. X	Prehistoric and the Near East Archaeology lecture	1-4	K	k	28	4		1-4	Inst. Arch. Sci.
Prehistoric and the Near East Archaeology seminar (3 courses, 2 credits each): 6 credits									
BMI-REGD-SE211. X	Prehistoric and the Near East Archaeology seminar	1-3	G	k	14	2		1-3	Inst. Arch. Sci.

Total: 154 22

CLASSICAL AND ROMAN ARCHAEOLOGY (MAIN SPECIALIZATION)

Classical and Roman Archaeology lecture: 16 credits: (4 courses, 4 credits each)									
BMI-REGD-AR201. X	Classical and Roman Archaeology lecture	1-4	K	k	28	4		1-4	Inst. Arch. Sci.
Classical and Roman Archaeology seminar (3 courses, 2 credits each): 6 credits									
BMI-REGD-AR211. X	Classical and Roman Archaeology seminar	1-3	G	k	14	2		1-3	Inst. Arch. Sci.
Classical and Roman Archaeology thesis seminar (3 courses, 2 credits each): 6 credits									

BMI-REGD-AR221.X	Classical and Roman Archaeology thesis seminar	2-4	G	k	14	2		2-4	Inst. Arch. Sci.
					28				
Elective course-unit: 18 credits (6 courses)									
BMI-REGD-SP231	Elective course lecture	1-3	K	kv	28	3		1-3	Inst. Arch. Sci.
BMI-REGD-SP232	Elective course seminar	1-3	G	kv	28	3		1-3	Inst. Arch. Sci.
					18				
Total: 364 46									

CLASSICAL AND ROMAN ARCHAEOLOGY (AUXILIARY SPECIALIZATION)

Classical and Roman Archaeology lecture: 16 credits: (4 courses, 4 credits each)									
BMI-REGD-AR201.X	Classical and Roman Archaeology lecture	1-4	K	k	28	4		1-4	Inst. Arch. Sci.
Classical and Roman Archaeology seminar: (3 courses, 2 credits each: 6 credits)									
BMI-REGD-AR211.X	Classical and Roman Archaeology seminar	1-3	G	k	14	2		1-3	Inst. Arch. Sci.
BMI-REGD-AR222		2	G	k	14	2		2	Inst. Arch. Sci.
BMI-REGD-AR223		3	G	k	14	2		3	Inst. Arch. Sci.
BMI-REGD-AR224		4	G	k	14	2		4	Inst. Arch. Sci.
Total: 154 22									

EARLY MEDIEVAL AND HISTORICAL ARCHAEOLOGY (MAIN SPECIALIZATION)

Early Medieval and Historical Archaeology lecture: 16 credits: (4 courses, 4 credits each)									
BMI-REGD-NK201.X	Early Medieval and Historical Archaeology lecture	1-4	K	k	28	4		1-4	Inst. Arch. Sci.
Early Medieval and Historical Archaeology seminar (3courses, 2 credits each): 6 credits									
BMI-REGD-NK211.X	Early Medieval and Historical Archaeology seminar	1-3	G	k	14	2		1-3	Inst. Arch. Sci.
BMI-REGD-NK222	Thesis Seminar in Archaeology of the Migration Period 1.	2	G	k	14	2		2	Inst. Arch. Sci.
BMI-REGD-NK223	Thesis Seminar in Archaeology of the Migration Period 2.	3	G	k	14	2		3	Inst. Arch. Sci.

BMI-REGD-NK224	Thesis Seminar in Archaeology of the Migration Period 3.	4	G	k	14	2		4	Inst. Arch. Sci.
					28				
Elective course-unit: 18 credits (6 courses)									
BMI-REGD-SP231	Elective course lecture	1-3	K	kv	28	3		1-3	Inst. Arch. Sci.
BMI-REGD-SP232	Elective course seminar	1-3	G	kv	28	3		1-3	Inst. Arch. Sci.
					18				

Total: 364 46

EARLY MEDIEVAL AND HISTORICAL ARCHAEOLOGY (AUXILIARY SPECIALIZATION)

Early Medieval and Historical Archaeology lecture: 16 credits: (4 courses, 4 credits each)									
BMI-REGD-NK201.X	Early Medieval and Historical Archaeology lecture	1-4	K	k	28	2		1-4	Inst. Arch. Sci.
Early Medieval and Historical Archaeology seminar (3 courses, 2 credits each): 6 credits									
BMI-REGD-NK211.X	Early Medieval and Historical Archaeology seminar	1-3	G	k	14	2		1-3	Inst. Arch. Sci.

Total: 154 22

ARCHAEOOMETRY (MAIN SPECIALIZATION)

Archaeometry lecture: 16 credits: (4 courses, 4 credits each)									
BMI-REGD-M201.X	Archaeometry lecture	1-4	K	k	28	4		1-4	Inst. Arch. Sci.
Archaeometry seminar (3 courses, 2 credits each): 6 credits									
BMI-REGD-M211.X	Archaeometry seminar	1-3	G	k	14	2		1-3	Inst. Arch. Sci.
BMI-REGD-M222	Archaeometry Thesis Seminar 1.	2	G	k	14	2		2	Inst. Arch. Sci.
BMI-REGD-M223	Archaeometry Thesis Seminar 2.	3	G	k	14	2		3	Inst. Arch. Sci.
BMI-REGD-M224	Archaeometry Thesis Seminar 3.	4	G	k	14	2		4	Inst. Arch. Sci.
					28				
Elective course-unit: 18 credits (6 courses)									
BMI-REGD-SP231	Elective course lecture	1-3	K	kv	28	3		1-3	Inst. Arch. Sci.
BMI-REGD-SP232	Elective course seminar	1-3	G	kv	28	3		1-3	Inst. Arch. Sci.
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Total: 364 46

ARCHAEOOMETRY (AUXILIARY SPECIALIZATION)

Archaeometry lecture: 16 credits: (4 courses, 4 credits each)									
BMI-REGD-M201.X	Archaeometry lecture	1-4	K	k	28	4		1-4	Inst. Arch. Sci.
Archaeometry seminar (3 courses, 2 credits each: 6 credits)									
BMI-REGD-M211.X	Archaeometry seminar	1-3	G	k	14	2		1-3	Inst. Arch. Sci.

Total: 154 22

Archaeological heritage cannot be chosen as main specialization!

ARCHAEOLOGICAL HERITAGE (AUXILIARY SPECIALIZATION)

Archaeological heritage lecture: 16 credits: (4 courses, 4 credits each)									
BMI-REGD-H201.X	Archaeological heritage lecture	1-4	K	k	28	4		1-4	Inst. Arch. Sci.
Archaeological heritage seminar (3 courses, 2 credits each): 6 credits									
BMI-REGD-H211.X	Archaeological heritage seminar	1-3	G	k	14	2		1-3	Inst. Arch. Sci.
BMI-REGD-H222	Archaeological Heritage Thesis Seminar 1.	2	K	k	14	2		2	
BMI-REGD-H223	Archaeological Heritage Thesis Seminar 2.	3	K	k	14	2		3	
BMI-REGD-H224	Archaeological Heritage Thesis Seminar 3.	4	K	k	14	2		4	

Total: 154 28

III. ELECTIVE LECTURES AND SEMINARS: 12 CREDITS

Any course offered by the University (prerequisites permitting).

BMI-REGD-SZD	Thesis	4	EF	k	0	20	=REGD15-104	4	Inst. Arch. Sci.
	Final examination	4	Z	k	0	0	(Thesis)	4	

IV. THESIS, FINAL EXAMINATION: 20 CREDITS

Total: 0 20