The MPhil in Egyptology is a flexible course allowing focus on either the archaeology or languages of ancient Egypt, or elements of both. The course is designed to cater for those with a background in Egyptology as well as those wishing to move into the field from other disciplines. We place particular emphasis on developing and honing the research interests of each student on the course.

You will have the opportunity to place aspects of Egyptian archaeology or culture in context, for example by comparing with contemporary Mesopotamia, by learning methodologies for particular research projects, or by using Egyptian material to address general and theoretical issues in the study of early societies and cultural heritage.

Cambridge has a vibrant research community in Egyptology and our Egyptian World seminar series allows engagement with scholars from elsewhere in the UK and beyond. Our museum collections contain fascinating material awaiting study!

**THEMES**

In addition to developing your own research interests, you will acquire detailed knowledge of two or more aspects of the cultures of ancient Egypt, with a focus on:

- The language of one or more periods of Egypt’s history, including Coptic and Demotic
- Egyptian literature and writing
- The historical archaeology of ancient Egypt
- Death and burial
- Religious practice, belief and knowledge
- Cultural contact
- Society and settlement
- Landscape and built environment
- Material culture and Art

**STRUCTURE**

In this eleven-month MPhil programme you choose three year-long modules to allow both breadth and specialisation. Two of these are chosen from the following list. The third module can also be from within the Egyptology course, or you can choose any other year-long module or two term-long modules from our other MPhil programmes. You also take the Research Skills module and write a dissertation.

1. Introduction to Egyptian Language
2. Advanced Egyptian Language
3. Coptic
4. Demotic
5. Landscapes, Built Environment, and Material Culture of Ancient Egypt
6. Historical Archaeology of Ancient Egypt I
7. Historical Archaeology of Ancient Egypt II
TEACHING

The MPhil in Egyptology is taught through lectures, seminars, museum-based practicals, and written projects. Language is taught at introductory and advanced levels, with initial instruction in grammar followed by reading classes for which students prepare texts appropriate to the level they have achieved. Seminars allow intensive engagement with academic staff across a wide range of subjects. Students have one-to-one supervisions with a regular supervisor as they develop their dissertation projects. Practical classes in the Fitzwilliam Museum and the Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology will give experience handling Egyptian artefacts.

AFTER THE MPHIL

The MPhil in Egyptology is designed to prepare you for research in the languages, archaeology and culture of ancient Egypt at doctoral level and beyond; by the end of the course, you should be ready to pursue independent research. We discuss future plans with students over the course of their studies and will advise on appropriate PhD programmes for those that wish to continue their studies at other institutions.

WHAT ARE WE LOOKING FOR?

We are looking for enthusiastic and able students ready to develop research projects in Egyptology. We ask applicants to indicate a research interest in their application and to provide a preliminary research proposal. Prospective students are strongly advised to contact the MPhil in Egyptology coordinator, Dr Kate Spence, about choice of modules and research topic before putting in an application.

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