

MPhil IN HERITAGE STUDIES

The MPhil in Heritage Studies is an exciting and intensive programme that investigates the many ways heritage is involved in the key contemporary challenges facing society.

The programme will challenge you to think about how the past is used in the present, what we choose to take from the past with us into the future, how places and things develop heritage value, and how heritage is used and managed. What is the difference between tangible and intangible heritage? Should we always reconstruct heritage that was destroyed in war? Is authenticity important?

Throughout the programme we explore how heritage intersects with such important contemporary issues as:

- Conflict
- Climate change
- Migration
- Memorialisation
- Sustainable development

STRUCTURE

This eleven-month MPhil programme is built around two cross-cutting year-long modules:

- Socio-politics of the past
- Heritage management
- Identity politics
- Repatriation

As your third module you can choose 'Special Topics in Heritage'. This module changes annually to reflect the latest research and developments in this dynamic discipline. It incorporates themes such as 'dark heritage', 'heritage and climate change', 'heritage and migration' and 'intangible heritage'.

You can also choose any other year-long module or two term-long modules from our other MPhil programmes. This allows you to tailor your syllabus to include advanced study of a particular period or geographic region in archaeology. You also take the Research Skills module and write a dissertation.



TEACHING

The MPhil in Heritage Studies is taught through lectures, seminars, field trips, supervisions, and feedback on students' written work. Field trips and site visits that are included as part of the syllabus will either be free or heavily subsidised by the Department. Modules are assessed through coursework, such as essays, book reviews, grant proposals or reports, and written examinations throughout the year.

COMMUNITY

All MPhil students enrolled on the MPhil in Heritage Studies can apply for postgraduate membership of the Cambridge Heritage Research Centre, which hosts a range of heritage-related events and development opportunities, as well as providing MPhil students with opportunities to network with academic specialists from across the University and beyond.

AFTER THE MPhil

On completing the MPhil in Heritage Studies you will be well prepared to either undertake further postgraduate study in Heritage or to enter the workplace in the heritage industry, museums and related fields.

WHAT ARE WE LOOKING FOR?

We accept applicants from a wide range of disciplinary backgrounds including: Archaeology, Anthropology, Law, Politics, History, Classics, International Relations and many others.

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