

ARCHAEOLOGY

FACULTY OF SCIENCE



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South Africa is a region rich in archaeological heritage, with evidence of human occupation in the Western Cape for at least the last million years. The Department of Archaeology, taking advantage of this location in a region rich in archaeological heritage,

with evidence of human occupation for the last million years, offers courses that focus on the prehistory of Africa, with a particular focus on Southern Africa.

Specific research interests include issues related to human evolution, the emergence of modern humans, the archaeology of colonialism, and the history of hunter-gatherer, pastoralist, and farming communities in southern Africa and abroad.

WHO WOULD BE INTERESTED IN THIS MAJOR?

Students with a deep interest in

- African People and the African Past
- Human Origins and Evolution
- Heritage Management and Conservation
- Interdisciplinary Studies
- Fieldwork and Excavation
- Solving Complex Puzzles

WHICH COURSES WILL YOU TAKE?

The compulsory courses listed below must be included in your selection of courses for a major in Archaeology. First year allows for the choice of other complementary courses both within the Science Faculty and in other faculties at UCT.

1ST YEAR LEVEL COURSES

- Introduction to Earth and Environmental Sciences (or equivalent)
- The Human Planet: prehistory to present
- Introductory Statistics

2ND YEAR LEVEL COURSES

- Human Evolution
- The First People

3RD YEAR LEVEL COURSES

- Archaeology in Practice
- One of**
- The Roots of Recent African Identities
 - Global Diasporas and the Archaeology of the Historical Past

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES FOR GRADUATES

Many people who study archaeology aspire to be academic archaeologists – to teach at universities, undertake research and publish their findings. These people might focus on a range of subspecialties, including, but not limited to studies of bone chemistry and biology, genetics (both modern and ancient), stone tool analysis, metallurgy, rock art, and ethnography. Archaeologists also work in museums, and in this context also pursue academic careers, with the added responsibility of managing collections so that they can be studied by future archaeologists and displayed for public education. Archaeologists can also enter the field of Contract Archaeology, where they work as consultants in development projects of all kinds (urban sprawl, dams, roads, power stations and power lines).

Finally, a degree in archaeology can also be useful for careers outside of the field. A whole range of specialists work on questions for which the skills gained through an archaeology degree are very useful for example: zoologists or chemists studying animal bone; geologists etc.

MINIMUM ADMISSION AND SUBJECT REQUIREMENTS

FPS of 550 (but admission only guaranteed at FPS above 660)

Mathematics 70% & Physical Science 60% or Life Sciences 60%;

NBT in Mathematics, AL & QL to be written