

**Postgraduate Institute of Archaeology (PGIAR)
University of Kelaniya**

1. Name of the course:

MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN ARCHAEOLOGY (Course work and research)

1.1. Course code: **MSAR**

2. Admission criteria:

2.1. Special Bachelor's Degree in archaeology with a second class or above,
or

2.2. Bachelor's Degree in any discipline with successful completion of Postgraduate Diploma in archaeology with merit pass.

or

2.2. A merit pass at the relevant Postgraduate Diploma offered by PGIAR,

or

2.3. An ordinary pass in the Postgraduate Diploma in Archaeology offered by the PGIAR and 3 years of professional field experience in Archaeology, or Heritage Management, or Museum or Conservation of Cultural Properties (Murals, or Artifacts).

3. Pre-requisites or other conditions pertaining to admission criteria:

Applicants must demonstrate satisfactorily their involvement in archaeology or in a related subject at professional level by submitting relevant documents and two letters of recommendation by recognized professionals in archaeology or the related field. Candidates are required to sit for an interview with the panel appointed by the Graduate Review Committee of PGIAR.

4. Duration: Two years.

5. Medium: English and Sinhala

6. Number of credits: 60

7. Course structure:

7.1. The MSc. Degree consists of 8 compulsory course units; a compulsory field experience period of 30 days and the submission of a thesis of an approved topic:

7.2. Course structure details

7.2.1. Semester 1:

MSAR 61013 History of archaeological thought/ compulsory/ 3 credits

MSAR 61024 Field and lab methods in archaeology -1/ compulsory/ 4 credits

MSAR 61034 Themes and theories in contemporary archaeology / compulsory/ 4 credits

MSAR 61044 Ancient technology / compulsory/ 4 credits

7.2.2. Semester 2:

MSAR 62053 Managing heritage/ compulsory/ 3 credits

MSAR 62064 Field and lab methods in archaeology-2 / compulsory/ 4 credits

MSAR 62074 Advanced Epigraphy and Numismatics/ compulsory/4 credits

MSAR 62084 Mortuary Archaeology/ compulsory/ 4 credits

7.2.3. MSFEP Field Experience Period: 30 days in the field doing site planning, field explorations, excavation, lab work, etc. /compulsory/ must complete before the end of the 3rd semester of the program.

Note: Fulltime participation of the 15-day Field School conducted by the PGIAR shall be counted in lieu of the 30-day Field Experience Period. If a candidate fail to participate for the entire duration of the 15-day Field School conducted by the PGIAR, he/she will have to present other forms of evidence to demonstrate that the candidate has acquired the specific experiences as mentioned at 7.3.3 above. Such certification can come only from professionals approved by the Boards of Study of PGIAR.

7.2.4. Total number of credits earned by taught course units: 30

7.2.5. Number of credits earned by satisfactory completion of the MS thesis: 30

7.2.6. Total number of credits earned for the fulfillment of requirements for the award of the Master of Science Degree in Archaeology: 60 (30+30)

8. Award of the Master of Science Degree in Archaeology

8.1. Pass

A candidate is eligible for the Master of Science Degree in Archaeology if he/she

I. obtains grades of B or better in each of the course units offered and achieves a minimum GPA of 3 and satisfactorily completes the mandatory field experience period,

and

II. completes the relevant requirements within a maximum period of three academic years.

8.2. Merit Pass

A candidate shall be awarded a Merit Pass provided he/she

I. obtains grades of A- or better in each of the course units offered and achieves a minimum GPA of 3.70, and

II. completes the relevant requirements in the first attempt

8.3. Distinction Pass

A candidate shall be awarded a Distinction Pass provided he/she

I. obtains grades of 'A' or better in each of the course units offered and achieves a minimum GPA of 4. and

II. completes the relevant requirements in the first attempt.

8. Payments

Application fee Rs. 1500, International Candidate USD 20

Registration fee Rs. 2000, International Candidate USD 25

Total Course Fee Rs. 200,000, International Candidate USD 1500 (USD 1000+ USD 500)

The course fee can be paid in three installments. The first installment of Rs. 75,000 should be paid with the registration. The remaining amounts Rs. 70,000 must be paid before commencement of second academic year & Rs.55,000 must be paid before end of the second academic year.

*For the candidates who are currently working at permanent positions at Central Cultural Fund, Department of Archaeology and Department of National Museum are applicable to follow up below payment structure.

Master of Science [Course work & Research] Rs. 150,000.00[50000+50000+50000]

The course fee can be paid in **three** installments. The first installment of Rs. 50000.00 should be paid with the registration. Balance amount should be paid before commencement of second academic year.

***Note: If the respective Institute pays on behalf of the student they are obliged to pay the full course fee of Rs.200, 000/=**

9. Application procedure

The applications can be download by the web or can be obtained from the Assistant Registrar/Academic's office of the PGIAR

Duly completed applications should be sent before **15.12.2024** to:

The Assistant Registrar/Academic,
Post Graduate Institute of Archaeology
University of Kelaniya
407, Bauddhaloka Mawatha,
Colombo 07.

Please indicate "MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN ARCHAEOLOGY" on the top left hand corner of the envelope.

Please forward the following along with your application;

- Certified copy of Birth certificate
- Certified copy of transcript of the degree
- Passport size (3.5cm × 4.5 cm) two photographs

Tel: 0112667885/ 0112694151

Web: www.pgiar.kln.ac.lk

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