

# MA (HUMAN OSTEOARCHAEOLOGY)

## Overview

NFQ Level 9, Major Award

The MA (Human Osteoarchaeology) is a full-time programme running for 12 months from the date of first registration for the programme. It runs on a cyclical basis and the next student intake will take place in 2023/24.

In Semester 1 students will be required to attend lectures, seminars, practicals and field trips for all taught modules. In Semesters 2 and 3 students will develop a particular topic into a 20,000 word dissertation. The dissertation is to be completed by the end of September of the first year from the date of first registration for the programme.

## Postgraduate Certificate in Human Osteoarchaeology

Candidates who pass at least 30 credits of taught modules may opt to exit the programme and be awarded a Postgraduate Certificate in Human Osteoarchaeology (<https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/programmes/pcho/>).

## Programme Requirements

For information about modules, module choice, options and credit weightings, please go to Programme Requirements (p. 1).

## Programme Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Students take <b>90</b> credits as follows:		
<b>Part I</b>		
Students take <b>45</b> credits as follows:		
<b>Core Modules</b>		
AN6001	Regional and Topographical Anatomy	10
AR6009	Mortuary Theory	5
AR6011	Biocultural Approaches to Human Remains	5
AR6014	Osteoarchaeology Laboratory	10
AR6031	Palaeopathology	10
ST2001	Introduction to Biostatistics	5
<b>Part II</b>		
Students take <b>45</b> credits as follows:		
<b>Core Modules</b>		
AR6003	Dissertation in Human Osteoarchaeology	45
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>90</b>

## Examinations

Full details and regulations governing Examinations for each programme will be contained in the *Marks and Standards Book* and for each module in the *Book of Modules*.

## Programme Learning Outcomes

Programme Learning Outcomes for MA in Human Osteoarchaeology (NFQ Level 9, Major Award)

On successful completion of this programme, students should be able to:

- Apply knowledge and understanding of the history of development of bioarchaeology and its relationship to other archaeological and biological sub-disciplines;
- Apply knowledge of human biological variability and its relevance to cultural, historical and archaeological contexts;
- Apply knowledge of a range of bioarchaeological methods which involve the quantification and analysis of age at death, sex, activity patterns, growth and development and pathological conditions identifiable in human remains;
- Provide differential diagnoses for observed pathological conditions in dry bone;
- Record, quantify and analyse bioarchaeological data within an archaeological context, and present the data in different forms;
- Design a research project in bioarchaeology and implement same;
- Communicate effectively with the archaeological community and with society at large.