

Iliia State University
Faculty of Arts and Sciences
Master's Program: Archaeology
Curriculum

Faculty	Faculty of Arts and Sciences
Title of the Program	Archaeology
Qualification	არქეოლოგიის მაგისტრი (Master of Archaeology)
Length of the Program (semesters, credits)	4 semesters, 120 ECTS Credits
Language of Instruction	Georgian
Head(s) of the Program	Professor Nodar Bakhtadze
Program Elaboration and Updating Issues	The program was developed in 2016 and was updated in 2022. The program is updated at the beginning of each academic year for further improvement of the learning process.
Prerequisites (requirements)	
<p>Admission to the master's program in Archaeology is based on the results of the Unified Master's Examination as well as the institutional examination. The applicant must hold a bachelor's or equivalent academic degree. At the institutional examination candidate's field knowledge as well as knowledge of English is checked.</p> <p>Applicant must be proficient in English at B2 level.</p> <p>Information about the conditions, requirements, evaluation components and criteria of the entrance exams is given in detail in the "Program Admission Document" on the university website www.iliauni.edu.ge.</p>	
Program Aims	
<p>The program aims to prepare a competitive specialist in the field of archaeology who has/can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • complex theoretical knowledge of the archaeology of the Caucasus region; • define an original research question related to the past of the Caucasus region, independently carry out archaeological research and share its results; • work in the field as well as in the laboratory, collect, analyze and interpret archaeological material; • adhere to the principles of professional and research ethics. 	
Learning Outcomes and Competencies (General and Field Specific)	

Upon completion of the program, the graduate is able to:

1. demonstrate systematic knowledge of the dynamics of modern and ancient world archaeology development (prehistoric and historic eras) and trends;
2. determine how the current cultural-historical processes in the Caucasus affect the archaeological monuments of the outside world and material culture in general;
3. demonstrate in-depth knowledge and comprehension of the current challenges, problems and ways to solve them;
4. independently plan and carry out archaeological research work in all conditions (field, laboratory, chamber), in order to expand the existing knowledge about the past of the Caucasus region or to interpret it in a new way; in doing so, he/she can use modern methods of obtaining and studying archaeological material (GIS, ArcMap);
5. interpret material culture remains/materials obtained by archaeological methods, considering the historical, social, cultural and political context;
6. carry out research activities in accordance with established norms of archaeological ethics and legal regulations;
7. present his/her own research results/findings in writing and orally to the academic and general public, clearly and professionally, adhering to the principles of academic integrity and communication standards;
8. act autonomously in the learning and research process and demonstrate his/her own scientific vision and attitude

Instruction Methods

- Lecture/Seminar;
- Practical method (field works);
- Demonstration method;
- Lab method;
- Discussions/Debates;
- Group work;
- Working on primary sources;
- Individual and group projects;
- Supervision;
- Analysis and synthesis of the material;

Depending on the specifics of the learning components, other teaching methods can be used during the implementation of the program, which is presented in the syllabi of certain courses.

Structure of the Program

MA program in Archaeology comprises 120 credits:

1. Compulsory courses - 66 credits;
2. Compulsory-elective courses - 30 credits;
3. Elective courses - 6 credits;
4. Master's thesis – 18 credits.

Assessment System

100-point Assessment System defined as follows:

(A) Excellent – 91-100 points;

(B) Very good – 81-90 points;

(C) Good – 71-80 points;

(D) Satisfactory – 61-70 points;

(E) Sufficient – 51-60 points;

(FX) Didn't Pass – 41-50 points, which means that a student needs to work more and is allowed to resit the exam once by working independently;

(F) Failed – 40 and less points of maximum evaluation, which means that the work done by the student is not enough and he/she has to retake the course.

Note: Details of assessment components, methods and criteria are given in the course syllabi/concept documents.

Career Opportunities

Graduates can be successfully employed in the following fields:

- State and private structures in the field of culture;
- Private and state museums and galleries;
- Agency for the Protection of Cultural Heritage;
- Ministry of Culture and Monument Protection;
- Non-governmental organizations of the relevant profile;
- Archaeological projects implemented by local and international organizations;

Graduates of the program can continue their studies at the doctoral level.

Essential and Supplementary Resources

- Argus, the internal university network for student registration and educational process management;
- E-learning , Turnitin;
- University information and computer Center;
- Lecture halls;
- Ilia State University Library with its constantly updated funds and e-resources (electronic scientific databases- ScienceDirect, Scopus, ProQuest, EBSCO, Jstor, Project Muse, Clarivate Analytics, SAGE, Cambridge Journals, Directory Of Open Access Journals, etc.);
- Georgian Parliament National Library.
- Centre for Academic Writing: <https://writingcentre.iliauni.edu.ge/ge/>
- National Museum of Georgia;
- Archaeological Laboratory;
- Georadar;
- University institutes of relevant profile: Institute of Earth Studies; Institute of Oriental Studies; Centers: Scientific Center for Paleoenvironment Reconstruction and Archaeological Research; Center for Cultural

Heritage and Environment; Bases: Chiaturi base; Vani base; Dedoflists-karo base; Stepantsminda base; Grigoleti base.

Courses	Prerequisites	Credits	Contact Hours	Semester		Course Status	Lecturer (Status and Contact Information)
				Fall	Spring		
Compulsory Courses - 84 Credits							
Caucasus -Dialogue of Cultures (from ancient times to the Middle Ages)		6	32	X		Comp.	Guram Kipiani-Professor Emeritus guram_kipiani.iliauni.edu.ge
Archaeology of Prehistoric Georgia 1		6	45	X		Comp.	Nikoloz Tushabramishvili-Professor nikoloz_tushabramishvili@iliauni.edu.ge
Archaeology of Prehistoric Georgia 2		6	32		X	Comp.	Zurab Tskvitinidze -Invited Lecturer zurab_tsqvitinidze@iliauni.edu.ge
Archaeology of Historic Age of Georgia 1		6	32		X	Comp.	Guram Kipiani-Professor Emeritus guram_kipiani.iliauni.edu.ge
Archaeology of Historic Age of Georgia 2		6	30	X		Comp.	Nodar Bakhtadze-Professor nodar.bakhtadze@iliauni.edu.ge
Archaeological Research - Search Process and Methods		6	32	X		Comp.	Dimitri Akhvlediani-Professor dimitri.akhvlediani@iliauni.edu.ge
Analysis of Archaeological Sources		6	32		X	Comp.	Dimitri Akhvlediani-Professor dimitri.akhvlediani@iliauni.edu.ge
Deep Aspects of Geoinformation Technologies		6	47	X		Comp.	Mikheil Elashvili mikheil_elashvili@iliauni.edu.ge
Field and Lab Survey of Archaeological Sites		6	58	X		Comp.	Nodar Bakhtadze, Zurab Tskvitinidze, Guram Kipiani, Dimitri Akhvlediani, Nikoloz Tushabarimishvili
Academic Writing		6	34	X		Comp.	Maia Rogava-Professor maia.rogava@iliauni.edu.ge
Field Archaeology		6	32	X		Comp.	Dimitri Akhvlediani-Professor dimitri.akhvlediani@iliauni.edu.ge
Master's Thesis		18	15		X	Comp.	Group of Professors
Compulsory-Elective Courses - 30 Credits							
Landscape Archaeology		6	42		X	Comp.-Elect.	Irina Demetradze-Assistant Professor idemetra@iliauni.edu.ge
Christian Archaeology		6	30		X	Comp.-Elect.	Nodar Bakhtadze-Professor nodar.bakhtadze@iliauni.edu.ge
Archaeological Research of Georgian Architectural Monuments of the Pre-Christian Era		6	32	X		Comp.-Elect.	Guram Kipiani-Professor Emeritus guram_kipiani.iliauni.edu.ge
Archaeological Research of Medieval Georgian Architectural Monuments		6	30	X		Comp.-Elect.	Nodar Bakhtadze-Professor nodar.bakhtadze@iliauni.edu.ge

Graphic Fixation of Archaeological Monuments		6	30	X		Comp.- Elect.	Nodar Bakhtadze-Professor nodar.bakhtadze@iliauni.edu.ge
Museum Work and Archaeology		6	30	X		Comp.- Elect.	Nodar Bakhtadze-Professor nodar.bakhtadze@iliauni.edu.ge
Archaeological Databases		6	32		X	Comp.- Elect.	Zurab Tskvitinidze -Invited Lecturer zurab_tsqvitinidze@iliauni.edu.ge
Restoration - Conservation of Archaeological Material		6	32		X	Comp.- Elect.	Tinatin Gotsiridze-Invited Lecturer t_gotsiridze@hotmail.com
Archaeological Anthropology		6	32	X		Comp.- Elect.	Zurab Tskvitinidze -Invited Lecturer zurab_tsqvitinidze@iliauni.edu.ge
History of Georgia: Reading Written Sources and Its Interpretation		6	32			Comp.- Elect.	Teimuraz Jojua -Associate Professor teimuraz.jojua@iliauni.edu.ge
Rome in the Caucasus		6	30		X	Comp.- Elect.	Irina Demetradze-Assistant Professor idemetra@iliauni.edu.ge
Urban Archaeology		6	38		X	Comp.- Elect.	Guram Kipiani-Professor Emeritus guram_kipiani.iliauni.edu.ge
Medieval Caucasus and Archaeological Research of Monuments of Islamic Culture		6	32		X	Comp.- Elect.	Jimsher Chkhvimiani-Invited Lecturer Jimsher.chkhvimiani.1@iliauni.edu.ge
Elective Courses - 6 Credits							
Georgian Numismatics		6	32		X	Elect.	Maia Pataridze-Invited Lecturer - maia.pataridze@iliauni.edu.ge
Georgian Epigraphy		6	32	X		Elect.	Teimuraz Jojua-Associate Professor teimuraz.jojua@iliauni.edu.ge
Christian Iconography		6	32		X	Elect.	Nino Chichinadze-Professor nino_chichinadze@iliauni.edu.ge
Georgian Mythological Narratives		6	32	X		Elect.	Nino Abakelia-Emeritus Honorary Nino_abakelia@iliauni.edu.ge
Construction Work and Architecture		6	32		X	Elect.	Guram Kipiani-Professor Emeritus guram_kipiani.iliauni.edu.ge
Archaeological Research of Speleological Monuments		6	30	X		Elect.	Nodar Bakhtadze-Professor nodar.bakhtadze@iliauni.edu.ge
Archaeogeophysics		6	47		X	Elect.	Malkhaz Gigiberia -Invited Professor malkhaz_gigiberia@iliauni.edu.ge