COURSE DETAIL

ARCHAEOLOGY OF THINGS
Country Ireland
Host Institution University College Dublin
Program(s) University College Dublin
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Archaeology
UCEAP Course Number 126
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title ARCHAEOLOGY OF THINGS
UCEAP Transcript Title ARCHAEOLOGY: THINGS
UCEAP Quarter Units 5.00
UCEAP Semester Units 3.30

Course Description

This course helps students look differently and critically at objects from the past (and the present) and to appreciate the huge importance material culture holds for understanding human society. Much older than the written record, objects are a major category of archaeological evidence and a vital tool for the archaeologist. Students review key artefact assemblages from prehistory through to the medieval period. While there is a general focus on Irish artefacts, students also consider things from Britain and continental Europe. Students explore such topics as object classification (typologies), the scientific analysis of archaeological materials, and the contribution of experimental archaeology. Alongside this, students examine the many different roles and functions that objects had in the past and how these often diverge from our modern views and practices. They explore concepts such as ownership and wealth, object deposition and discard, and the life-cycle of objects.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

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