

## 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

### Host Institution Course Number

ARCH20500

### Host Institution Course Title

ARCHAEOLOGY OF THINGS

### Host Institution Campus

UC Dublin

### Host Institution Faculty

### Host Institution Degree

### Host Institution Department

Archaeology

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