

# COURSE DETAIL

## PUBLIC ARCHAEOLOGY

**Country**

United Kingdom - England

**Host Institution**

University College London

**Program(s)**

University College London

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

Archaeology

**UCEAP Course Number**

123

**UCEAP Course Suffix****UCEAP Official Title**

PUBLIC ARCHAEOLOGY

**UCEAP Transcript Title**

PUBLIC ARCHAEOLOGY

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

6.00

**UCEAP Semester Units**

4.00

## Course Description

The course examines archaeology in its wider social and political context. The course begins with an examination of the inherently political manner in which archaeology has treated, and continues to treat, the past. This has consequences for the ways in which archaeology has been established across the world, fostering nationalism at the expense of other identities and promoting colonial and imperial ideologies. It also highlights the engagements that non-specialists can have with the past, largely separate from professional archaeology and its official means of communication, including museums. Hence different values are attached to objects, monuments and areas of land, archaeology and politics, tourism and the means by which archaeologists can attempt to communicate archaeology. This latter element of public engagement is one of the major focuses of the second part of the course, helping students to think about the strategies they could develop in their own work.

### Language(s) of Instruction

English

### Host Institution Course Number

ARCL0026

### Host Institution Course Title

PUBLIC ARCHAEOLOGY

### Host Institution Course Details

<https://www.ucl.ac.uk/module-catalogue/modules/public-archaeology-ARCL0026>

### Host Institution Campus

### Host Institution Faculty

### Host Institution Degree

### Host Institution Department

Institute of Archaeology

**Course Last Reviewed**

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