

BACHELOR OF ARTS/MASTER OF ARTS SUMMARY

Proposed Degree: GRS11965894- Combined BA/MA in Archeology

School/College: College of Arts & Sciences, Graduate School of Arts & Sciences

Summary of New Degree:

The new dual degree program combines two existing degrees, the BA with a major in Archaeology and the MA in Archaeology (which does not exist at Boston University as a stand-alone degree), into a dual degree program. Each year between a quarter to a third of BU seniors graduating with a major in archaeology go on to graduate programs in archaeology. Approximately half of these are MA programs, with a large number of students selecting various one-year programs in the UK rather than the two-year programs that are typical at US universities. The Archaeology department attracts undergraduates to the University who already know in high school that they are interested in pursuing archaeology. The new BA/MA would enhance undergraduate applications to BU by appealing especially to applicants who envision a career in archaeology. At present there does not exist another BA/MA program in archaeology in the United States or Canada. It would also serve to retain a segment of BU undergraduate students who currently leave the University for MA programs elsewhere.

This program will provide students with intellectual capabilities and skills-based learning suitable to the variety of professional outcomes reflective of the diversity of the field of Archaeology, allowing them to enter the world of professional archaeology or continue on for PhD degrees depending on their career intentions.

Students must complete all the requirements of the BA degree with a major in Archaeology and an additional 32 credits of graduate work in Archaeology, or in related disciplines with permission of their advisors. A total of 160 credits will be required, with no overlap of credit between the two degrees. The core requirements for the MA are:

- AR 891: Contemporary Theory in Archaeology (4 credits)
- AR 893: World Archaeology (4 credits)
- AR 894: Scientific Methods in Archaeology (4 credits)
- Reading proficiency in one modern foreign language
- A Master's project, as approved by the Graduate Studies Committee.

The structure of the program is similar to several other BA/MA programs offered by CAS/GRS.

No additional IT, faculty, or facilities resources are needed in the implementation of this program.