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Welcome to UP-ASP!

The study of Archaeology in the 21st century is attuned to the developments happening in the world. It has become multidisciplinary, sharing in the theoretical and methodological approaches of the various social sciences, natural sciences, arts, and applied fields of studies. It has likewise contributed to the management of our cultural heritage resources.

Established on August 24, 1995, the Archaeological Studies Program (ASP) of the University of the Philippines in Diliman is the only degree-granting institution centered on archaeological training and research in the Philippines. The Program oversees and coordinates instructional, research, and extension activities pertaining to the systematic discovery, reclamation, analysis, interpretation, and preservation of the material remains of ancestral Southeast Asian and Filipino cultures.

The ASP provides courses leading to the Diploma, M.A., M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Archaeology. The objectives of the Program are:

- a) to serve as the national program for advanced education and training in the field of archaeology;
- b) to undertake interdisciplinary research on various aspects of archaeology; and
- c) to provide technical assistance and other extension services to government and non-governmental organizations, communities and other ethnolinguistic group in the preservation of our cultural heritage.

ASP is envisioned to be the premier institute in the Philippines and the region in the study of Southeast Asian Archaeology.

Featured artifact illustrations:

Knapped stone tool, Homosapien skull, Yawning Jar of Leta-Leta, Maitum Jar, nephrite lingling-o, decorated earthenware sherds from Calabnig Point,

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ASP welcomes your questions, comments, and suggestions. Feel free to contact us through the various means given.

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Programs offered

Diploma in Archaeology

21 Units

This program provides an overview of theories and methods and is ideal for those interested in acquiring a solid background in archaeology. It is helpful in museum work, tourism, education and the media. It equips the student with basic skills in fieldwork and archaeological resource management.

Students are required to take up core courses centered on introduction to archaeology, history of the discipline, methods, material analysis, and resource management. The program includes a field school to familiarize the students with the techniques of archaeological field research and handling of excavated materials.

Master in Archaeology (M.A. & M.S.)

42 Units

This course is offered to students seeking a more comprehensive and specialized training in archaeology, archaeological research, and extension activities pertaining to the systematic discovery, reclamation, analysis, interpretation, and preservation of the materials of our cultural past. The degree is awarded after the completion of all requirements, including the successful defense of a thesis.

Ph.D. in Archaeology

39 Units

It is offered to students who have the potential to be leaders and trendsetters in archaeological research and who have the capabilities to transform the landscape of material-cultural studies and maintain technical competence to advance archaeological research.

Students whose M.A. or M.S. degrees are not in archaeology are required to take the core courses before proceeding to the doctoral level courses. The degree is awarded after the successful completion of all academic requirements, including passing the comprehensive exam and dissertation defense.

For a detailed list of the courses offered, you may check the ASP website or contact the ASP Administration Office.

Facilities for Study and Research

Our specialties in the discipline are seen in our facilities, established to fulfill the instructional and research goals of the institution:

- **The Solheim Library** is a resource center containing important reading materials on Philippine, Southeast Asian, and world archaeology.
- **The Lithics Laboratory** is equipped with stereo- and metallurgical microscopes for use-wear analysis. It is instrumental in making the ASP a major center for the study of the Stone Age in the Southeast Asian region.
- **The Zooarchaeological Laboratory** holds both modern and archaeological comparative specimens of vertebrate and invertebrate animals in the Philippines as well as a growing taphonomic reference collection.
- **The laboratories for Human Osteology and Forensic Anthropology** house reference collection of modern human skeletal remains in the Philippines.
- **The Ceramic Laboratory** holds archaeologically and ethnographically collected ceramics. It also contains a collection of clay samples from various pottery-making areas.
- **The Plant and Sediment Laboratory** has soil samples and plant remains. It contains a growing botanical reference collection for archaeologists.
- Other equipment: Digital stereo microscope, 3D Printer, 3D scanner, and furnace

We make archaeological studies more exciting ...

Aside from the regular subjects that students take as part of the curriculum, there are other ways in the ASP that make the study of archaeology more effective and exciting!

- **Binalot Talks** - In the tradition of the "brown bag session," the weekly informal talk features invited guests who share their specialties or interests, not only in archaeology but in other disciplines as well.
- **Field and Laboratory Works** - The ASP has various projects around the country that offer apprenticeship in extension projects, artifact analysis, field surveys, and archaeological excavations
- **Training Opportunities in Other Countries** - Depending on the availability of slots and funds, there are international programs that link with ASP, giving opportunities to our students to conduct archaeological research and field and laboratory works in the country and abroad.

Admission Policies and Requirements

A successful fulfillment of any Bachelor's degree is required. An applicant will also have to undergo interview and evaluation by a screening committee composed of the members of the faculty.

Units earned in the Diploma program may be credited to the MA/MS program.

A student is admitted to the M.S. program if his/her baccalaureate degree is a B.S. and if the sub-field courses to be taken from the Archaeology degree are science courses. Applicants with a background in the social sciences or humanities is admitted in the M.A. Program.

Applicants whose respective master's degrees are in other disciplines must first take all the core courses required for the Diploma in Archaeology before they can apply for the PhD in Archaeology program.

Note that the Program only accepts applications during the first and second trimester. For the actual application dates, please regularly check the website or contact the ASP Administration Office.

Required Documents in Applying for Diploma in Archaeology, M.A. or M.S. and Ph.D. admission:

1. Cover letter - template available for download at the ASP website
2. Application forms (2 copies) - available for download at the ASP website
3. Recommendation from former professors, mentors, or archaeologists (2 letters) - template available for download at the website
4. Official transcript of records (1 original, 1 copy) for both undergraduate and graduate levels
5. Application fee of PhP100 for a Filipino citizen or \$25 for a foreign national to be paid to the Registrar's Office
6. Two (2) 2x2 ID photo

Additional Requirement for a PhD Program Applicant

- In addition to the aforementioned documents, a research concept (3 to 5 pages) is required as a basis in assessing the applicant's research readiness to complete a PhD in Archaeology.