

MA

Egyptology

Study mode

Full-time

Part-time

Duration

12 months

24 months

Apply by: **11 September 2026**Starts on: **28 September 2026**

About this course

This programme enables graduates in Egyptology related disciplines to deepen their knowledge of Egyptian language and material culture. The MA provides intensive preparation for research and offers training in fields such as analytical and generic problem solving.

Introduction

The core component of the programme is the development of skills and practices necessary for scholarly research in the discipline. Our one-year curriculum puts emphasis on the integration of the taught modules (such as language, research practices, material culture, social history, landscape archaeology) with individual research projects (dissertation).

Depending on the module pathways selected, the emphasis of the course is on the archaeology or language of ancient Egypt, from the Predynastic to the Coptic period. Our MA students are also encouraged to take full advantage of the range of classes offered in the department, and to sit on available modules dispensing breadth and depth of knowledge in the areas of study relevant to their research interest.

For any enquiries please contact the [Programme Lead](#).

Who is this course for?

This course is designed for graduates in Egyptology related disciplines who want to deepen their knowledge of Egyptian language and material culture.

What you'll learn

- Knowledge and critical understanding of the nature and development of Egyptian culture
- Knowledge of subject-specific theories and their application
- Critical engagement with debates in the field of Egyptology
- The chance to improve proficiency in Egyptian language (module choice dependent)
- Become familiar with a diverse range of primary sources and secondary literature relevant to the study of Ancient Egypt
- Professional skills in the field of Egyptology
- The ability to write and present a dissertation in the field of Egyptology at postgraduate level.

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Course content

Discover what you'll learn, what you'll study, and how you'll be taught and assessed.

Semester one

Students in the MA Egyptology full-time programme take 30 credits of required modules and 30 credits of optional modules in Semester one.

The dissertation (60 credits) is researched over the duration of the course and is completed over the summer vacation period.

Students with a research interest involving archaeological method and practice or with interests that stretch beyond Pharaonic Egypt, either into contemporary cultures of the Near East or the Mediterranean or into the GraecoRoman period, may choose modules outside the specific discipline of Egyptology, available from the listings of other MA degrees in the Department of Archaeology, Classics and Egyptology.

Modules

Compulsory modules	Credits
RESEARCH SKILLS FOR ACE M-LEVEL STUDENTS (ALGY601)	30

Optional modules	Credits
HIERATIC (ALGY707)	15
EGYPTIAN FOR POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS I (ALGY717)	15
ADVANCED EGYPTIAN LANGUAGE I (ALGY727)	15
ISSUES IN EGYPTIAN SETTLEMENT ARCHAEOLOGY (ALGY676)	15

Optional modules	Credits
AKKADIAN LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE (ALGY513)	15
REGIONALISM IN ARCHAIC GREEK WORLD (ALGY689)	15
EXPERIMENTAL ARCHAEOLOGY: MATERIALS, THEORIES AND PRACTICES (ALGY740)	15
RESEARCH THEMES IN THE NEOLITHIC OF THE NEAR EAST (ALGY656)	15

Programme details and modules listed are illustrative only and subject to change.

Semester two

Students in the MA Egyptology full-time programme take 30 credits of required modules and 30 credits of optional modules in Semester two.

Students with a research interest involving archaeological method and practice or with interests that stretch beyond Pharaonic Egypt, either into contemporary cultures of the Near East or the Mediterranean or into the GraecoRoman period, may choose modules outside the specific discipline of Egyptology, available from the listings of other MA degrees in the Department of Archaeology, Classics and Egyptology.

Modules

Compulsory modules	Credits
RESEARCH DESIGN IN EGYPTOLOGY (ALGY784)	30

Optional modules	Credits
DEMOTIC (ALGY708)	15

Optional modules	Credits
EGYPTIAN FOR POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS II (ALGY718)	15
ADVANCED ANCIENT EGYPTIAN II (ALGY728)	15
SOCIAL LIFE IN EGYPT (ALGY677)	15
SUMERIAN LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE (ALGY588)	15
ECONOMIES AND EXCHANGE IN THE ANCIENT NEAR EAST (ALGY688)	15
ARTEFACTS AND ANALYSIS (ALGY737)	15

Programme details and modules listed are illustrative only and subject to change.

Final project

The dissertation (60 credits) is researched over the duration of the course and is completed over the summer vacation period.

Modules

Compulsory modules	Credits
ACE MA AND MSC DISSERTATION (ALGY600)	60

Programme details and modules listed are illustrative only and subject to change.

Teaching and assessment

How you'll learn

Teaching takes place on campus, augmented with online support materials. Classes comprise a mixture of staff-led presentations, student-led seminars, language / text-reading classes, and one-on-one dissertation supervision. Formative group work is a built-in part of the design of some modules.

Class sizes vary by module: language classes may have five students, culture classes a dozen, while the departmental masters skills module may have over two dozen.

Students are expected to undertake 600 hours of work total per semester (including contact time, library research, private study and writing assignments). Contact hours per semester vary depending on module combination, but students availing themselves of the opportunity to access classes might easily take 8 or more sessions per week of teaching.

How you're assessed

Students are assessed through coursework in a variety of formats: for those who choose to take language, this would comprise translation exercises for beginners, with palaeographical exercises and tailored individual language projects for intermediate and advanced language students.

Culture modules' assessments usually focus on examining prominent research themes and debates within Egyptology.

The dissertation is studied over the course of the whole MA, supervised by an Egyptological staff member, and it is submitted in the September following the start of the course (i.e. 12 months later).

Liverpool Hallmarks

We have a distinctive approach to education, the Liverpool Curriculum Framework, which focuses on research-connected teaching, active learning, and authentic assessment to ensure our students graduate as digitally fluent and confident global citizens.

The Liverpool Curriculum framework sets out our distinctive approach to education. Our teaching staff support our students to develop academic knowledge, skills, and understanding alongside our **graduate attributes**:

- Digital fluency
- Confidence
- Global citizenship

Our curriculum is characterised by the three **Liverpool Hallmarks**:

- Research-connected teaching
- Active learning

- Authentic assessment

All this is underpinned by our core value of **inclusivity** and commitment to providing a curriculum that is accessible to all students.

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Careers and employability

Graduates of Liverpool MA Egyptology have a proven track record of moving on to employment in Egyptology and related areas, including both at university and in the museums sector, as well as in heritage more widely. Current UK Egyptology museum curators and lecturers at Manchester, Edinburgh and London are graduates of our department, as is the head of archaeology at the Grand Egyptian Museum in Cairo.

In addition to careers in Egyptology, graduates from our MA have gone on to pursue a wide variety of humanities careers in:

- Heritage and archives management
- Travel and tourism
- Teaching
- Civil service
- Finance
- Marketing
- University administration.

Career support from day one to graduation and beyond

Career planning

From education to employment

Networking events

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Fees and funding

Your tuition fees, funding your studies, and other costs to consider.

Tuition fees

UK fees (applies to Channel Islands, Isle of Man and Republic of Ireland)

Full-time place, per year – £12,500

Part-time place, per year – £5,850

International fees

Full-time place, per year – £28,000

Part-time place, per year – £12,050

Tuition fees are for the academic year 2026/27.

Tuition fees cover the cost of your teaching and assessment, operating facilities such as libraries, IT equipment, and access to academic and personal support.

- You can pay your tuition fees in instalments.
- All or part of your tuition fees can be funded by external sponsorship.
- International applicants who accept an offer of a place will need to pay a tuition fee deposit.

If you're a UK national, or have settled status in the UK, you may be eligible to apply for a Postgraduate Loan worth up to £12,167 to help with course fees and living costs. **Learn more about paying for your studies**.

Additional costs

We understand that budgeting for your time at university is important, and we want to make sure you understand any course-related costs that are not covered by your tuition fee. This could include buying a laptop, books, or stationery.

Find out more about the additional study costs that may apply to this course.

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Entry requirements

The qualifications and exam results you'll need to apply for this course.

Postgraduate entry requirements

We accept a 2:2 honours degree from a UK university, or an equivalent academic qualification from a similar non-UK institution. This degree should be in an Egyptology related discipline.

International qualifications

Select your country or region to view specific entry requirements.

Many countries have a different education system to that of the UK, meaning your qualifications may not meet our entry requirements. Completing your Foundation Certificate, such as that offered by the University of Liverpool International College, means you're guaranteed a place on your chosen course.

English language requirements

You'll need to demonstrate competence in the use of English language, unless you're from a majority English speaking country.

We accept a variety of international language tests and country-specific qualifications.

International applicants who do not meet the minimum required standard of English language can complete one of our Pre-Sessional English courses to achieve the required level.

IELTS

6.5 overall, with no component below 6.0

TOEFL iBT

If you took a TOEFL test on or before 20 January 2026, you'll need 88 overall, with minimum scores of listening 19, writing 19, reading 19 and speaking 20. If you took a TOEFL test from 21 January 2026 onwards, when a new scoring system was introduced, you'll need 4.5 overall, with 4 or above in all components. TOEFL Home Edition not accepted.

Duolingo English Test

125 overall, with writing not less than 125, speaking and reading not less than 115, and listening not below 110. For academic year 2025/26 only, we will also accept the production, literacy, comprehension and conversation score set: 120 overall, with no component below 105.

Pearson PTE Academic

61 overall, with no component below 59

LanguageCert Academic

70 overall, with no skill below 65

PSI Skills for English

B2 Pass with Merit in all bands

INDIA Standard XII

National Curriculum (CBSE/ISC) – 75% and above in English. Accepted State Boards – 80% and above in English.

WAEC

C6 or above

Pre-sessional English

Do you need to complete a Pre-sessional English course to meet the English language requirements for this course?

The length of Pre-sessional English course you'll need to take depends on your current level of English language ability.

Pre-sessional English in detail

If you don't meet our English language requirements, we can use your most recent IELTS score, or [the equivalent score in selected other English language tests](#), to determine the length of Pre-sessional English course you require.

Use the table below to check the course length you're likely to require for your current English language ability and see whether the course is available on campus or online.

Your most recent IELTS score	Pre-sessional English course length	On campus or online
6.0 overall, with writing at 6.0 and no component below 5.5	6 weeks	On campus or online
5.5 overall, with writing at 5.5 and no component below 5.0	10 weeks	On campus or online
5.5 overall, with no more than one component at 5.0	12 weeks	Online
5.5 overall, with no component below 5.0	20 weeks	On campus
5.0 overall, with no more than one component at 4.5	30 weeks	On campus
4.5 overall, with no more than one component at 4.0	40 weeks	On campus

If you've completed an alternative English language test to IELTS, we may be able to use this to assess your English language ability and determine the Pre-sessional English course

length you require.

Please see our guide to [Pre-sessional English entry requirements](#) for IELTS 6.5 overall, with no component below 6.0, for further details.

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