

Career In Archaeology



Archaeology is studying humans' past life using material remains from the past, such as tools, [jewelry](#), pottery, decorative pieces, artifacts, and monuments. Apart from artifacts, they also study [architecture](#), biofacts, and cultural landscapes.

Archaeologists understand the life of humans in ancient times, that is their lifestyle, way, and quality of living, their work, and their social and cultural lives.

India is a land of rich culture and heritage, and archaeology can be considered a career option as there is a lot of scope and opportunities to have.

About the Archaeologist

Archaeologists have their field of specialization like any other job. They are specialized and trained to work in different fields like on the ground, under the ground, underwater. They are also specified as some work in urban areas or cities while some work in pre-historic research sites.

Eligibility to become an Archaeologist

For UG Level: The candidate should have passed the 10+2 from a recognized board from any stream with a minimum of 45-50% aggregate to study B.A in Archaeology and Culture or Ancient Indian History or Music for an undergraduate degree. This course is for 3 years.

For PG Level: The candidate must have completed the B.Courses with an aggregate of a minimum of 50% from a college under a recognized university. This course is for 2 years. You can get admission in M.A in Archaeology and History or M.A in Archaeology through interviews or state-level entrance exams depending on the university. The candidate can also pursue PG Diploma through direct admission.

For Ph.D. Level: The candidate should have completed their master's with 45-50% aggregate marks from a recognized university to apply for Ph.D. in Archaeology. The candidate will have to appear in entrance exams like NET or JRF, national level entrance exams. Other exams of various universities include the BHU-RET, DUET, NPAT, CU-ET, and others.

How to Become an Archaeologist

For becoming an archaeologist, you can pursue any stream in your 10+2, but Arts and Humanities are preferred more for the subject combinations which include History, Sociology, and others. After that, you can get admission to a college to get your bachelor's degree in archaeology.

There are six semesters, two semesters in each year for three years. You need to pass all the semester exams to get a B.A in Archaeology degree. If the college is under a recognized university, you are now qualified to be an archaeologist. But it is always advised to go for a master's degree from recognized universities by appearing in entrance exams or direct admission based on your bachelor's degree marks.

Top Archaeology Institutes in India

These are some of the top-ranked archaeology colleges and universities in India:

Institute of Archaeology, Archaeological Survey of India, New Delhi
St. Xavier's College, Mumbai
Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi
Visva Bharati University, Santiniketan
Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra
Loyola College, Chennai

Archaeology Entrance Exams

There are no such exams for UG level as most colleges consider the 10+2 marks for admission. There are several university exams for the PG level like BHU-PET, DUET, AMU entrance exam, IPU CET, Jamila Milia Islamia Entrance Exam, and others.

Employment Sector/Industry for Archaeologist

Archaeological Survey of India (ASI)
National Museums
Colleges and Universities
National Heritage Agencies
Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR)

Jobs in Archaeology

As an archaeologist you can work in all the following sectors:

Urban Archaeologist

Pre-historic Archaeologist

Historic Buildings Inspector/ Conservation Officer

Lecturer/ Professor

Marine Archaeologist

Geoarchaeology

Environmental Archaeologist

Paleontologist

Documentation Specialist

Heritage Manager

Museum/ Gallery Exhibition Officer