

**Postgraduate Studies Program in the Department of
Archaeology and Museology, College of Arts, King Saud
University**

1. Introduction:

The Department of Archaeology introduced the MA (Master of Arts) Program in 1408/1409H whereas the PhD program was put in action in 1412/1413H. The Department had decided to have these two Postgraduate Programs in accordance with its gained experience in the field of theoretical and practical archaeological activities, particularly in excavation matters.

2. Program Objectives:

- a. To qualify Saudi Arabian nationals in the field of archaeology and museum studies at a level higher than Bachelor (BA) degree.
- b. To enrich human knowledge about Saudi Arabian heritage in particular and Arabian Peninsula in general.
- c. Enriching material culture of Saudi Arabia heritage through researches and fieldworks conducted by postgraduate students.

3. Admission Requirements:

Male and female students are admitted to the Department's Postgraduate Programs according to King Saud University admission requirements.

In addition, The Department of archaeology and Museology has its own admission requirements as follows:

- a. Personal interview for MA and PhD applicants.

- b. PhD candidates should attain a standard level in a foreign language , particularly English, not less than 400 degrees in TOFEL.
- c. MA and PhD candidates will be registered for their dissertations only after completion of the required courses and pre-requisite courses.

4. Curriculum:

All Postgraduate students are required to take taught academic courses and submit dissertations.

5. Study Program:

The number of taught hours (excluding pre-requisite hours) is as follows:

- a. MA Program: 24 units or credit-hours (two academic terms).
- b. PhD Program: 12 units or credit-hours (one academic term).

6. Majors and specialties:

- a. MA Program: Only two specialties are currently available, viz.: Pre-Islamic archaeology and Islamic archaeology. Students should study combined courses at the first level and then choose a branch from five branches in the second level and thus attaining 24 units (credit-hours). The five branches are as follows:
 - 1. Pre-Islamic archaeology:
 - a. Architecture. b. Arts.
 - c. Classical Studies.
 - 2. Islamic archaeology:
 - a. Architecture. b. Islamic Arts.

b. PhD Program: Student should select one of the following Major specialties:

1. Prehistory of Arabian Peninsula.
2. Ancient Arabian kingdoms.
3. Islamic Ages.
4. Inscriptions

For further information on Postgraduate Programs of the Department of Archaeology and Museology (College of arts, King Saud University), please refer to the prospectus prepared by the Deanship of Postgraduate Studies and the Department of Archaeology and Museology, College of Arts.