

The MA/M.Sc. CBCS syllabus implemented in and from 2018-19 has been designed to project the study of the past in ways that may be relevant for the future. The past is ascribed with values and meanings in the present, shaped by its contingencies. In concurrence with these principles certain courses in the syllabus have been designed, particularly CC1 on 'Concepts in Archaeology', CC5 on 'History of Indian Archaeology', CC12 on 'A History of Archaeological theory' and GE1 on 'Recent Advances in Heritage Studies'. Other courses emphasize on the sources and debates in recent archaeological researches. These include courses on Archaeology, Material Culture of the historical periods. Among sources, individual courses focus on Indian Prehistory, Protohistory, Epigraphy, Palaeography, Numismatics, Iconography and Art History, besides GE course on Application of Sciences in Archaeology.

The candidate is expected to have basic knowledge of archaeological fieldwork and concepts of the undergraduate level such as explorations, excavations, etc. Candidate is also expected to possess undergraduate level knowledge of important periods of Indian history such starting from the palaeolithic to the medieval periods. Preliminary knowledgebase on core areas like epigraphy, numismatics and built archaeological heritages is expected. Keeping in mind the interdisciplinary nature of the subject, candidate is further expected to have some basic concepts of subjects of class X-XII from geography, chemistry, botany. Basic concepts of radioactive elements and their use in archaeological dating are essential.