GRADUATE SCHOOL
COLLEGE OF SCIENCES AND ARTS

EARN YOUR GRADUATE DEGREE IN INDUSTRIAL ARCHAEOLOGY

INDUSTRIAL ARCHAEOLOGY (MS)
INDUSTRIAL HERITAGE AND ARCHAEOLOGY (PHD)

UNIQUE TRAINING FOR AN UNCOMMON FIELD
Michigan Tech offers one of the few industrial archaeology degree programs in the world. Industrial archaeologists record, interpret, and preserve industrial and engineering-related artifacts, sites, systems, and landscapes in their cultural and historical contexts. Heritage more broadly considers the social and environmental legacies of industrial society, both tangible and intangible. Michigan Tech’s students have examined a wide variety of sites associated with our industrial past, ranging from seventeenth-century iron forges and nineteenth-century coal and copper mines to twentieth-century sugar mills.

Our interdisciplinary approach fuses social history and the history of technology, archaeology, historic preservation, material culture, anthropology, and architectural history. We emphasize hands-on fieldwork—architectural and archaeological surveys and excavation, archival research with primary documents, and oral history—as keys to understanding the material remains of industry. The industrial archaeology graduate programs maintain close ties with the Copper Country Archives and Historical Collections, Michigan Historical Center, Keweenaw National Historical Park and Isle Royale National Park, and the Hiawatha and Ottawa National Forests. Many faculty and students are active members in the Society for Industrial Archeology (SIA) and the International Committee for the Conservation of the Industrial Heritage (TICCIH).

The MS in Industrial Archaeology prepares students for careers in cultural resource management, museums, archives, public history, or planning, as well as for additional academic study. Students pursuing the PhD in Industrial Heritage and Archaeology develop unique careers in academics or applied fields while joining a global community of preservationists and scholars.

SUPPORT FOR KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTION
Michigan Tech’s Industrial Archaeology Research Laboratory supports the documentation, analysis, and cataloging of artifacts and data recovered during fieldwork. Lab equipment includes a full array of photographic, drafting, and digital visualization gear, as well as equipment supporting experimental archaeology and the conservation of industrial heritage artifacts. The facility also provides computers, office space, and Wi-Fi for all IA graduate students, including access to a computer graphics facility with a mix of Macintosh and PC computers, a color scanner, digitizing tablets, laser printing, and a plotter. The lab supports several different programs for computer-aided design (CAD) and ArcView for GIS analysis. Michigan Tech also curates industrial heritage collections for other organizations.

INDUSTRIAL ARCHAEOLOGY SPOTLIGHT
“As the cultural resource manager for Isle Royale National Park, I credit Michigan Tech’s industrial archaeology program for providing me with the tools and education necessary to perform a wide range of duties associated with my position. The unique curriculum is unmatched by any other institution.”

Seth DePasqual
MS, 2009

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ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

**Application deadline**: Applications are strongly encouraged by February 1 for full consideration for funding and support. Applications are reviewed on an individual basis using a holistic approach.

**All Students**
- Graduate School application
- Statement of purpose
- Official transcripts
- GRE required
- Three letters of recommendation
- IA-related writing sample
- Résumé/Curriculum vitae

**International Students**
- TOEFL: Recommended score of 100 iBT

FINANCE YOUR FUTURE

Earning your graduate degree is an investment in your career and your future. Here are a few financial aid opportunities you can explore as you look for ways to pay for your degree.

- Graduate teaching assistantships (GTAs) and graduate research assistantships (GRAs) are available to qualified applicants. All students admitted to the MS and PhD programs are automatically considered for these awards.
- Many graduate students are eligible for a new set of federal loans, up to $20,500 per academic year, as an independent student.
- Contact Michigan Tech’s Financial Aid Office at 906-487-2622 or finaid@mtu.edu for more information on financial aid opportunities.

ABOUT MICHIGAN TECH

Michigan Technological University, founded in 1885, has gained worldwide recognition for innovative education and scholarship. Michigan Tech is a leading public research university, exploring the boundaries of knowledge, developing new technologies, and preparing students to create the future for a prosperous and sustainable world. Michigan Tech offers more than seventy graduate degree programs in engineering, forestry and environmental sciences, computing, business and economics, natural and physical sciences, technology, humanities, and social sciences.

ABOUT HOUGHTON

Houghton lies in the heart of Upper Michigan’s scenic Keweenaw Peninsula. The campus overlooks the Keweenaw Waterway and is just a few miles from Lake Superior. The area’s waters and forests, including our 600-acre recreational forest adjoining campus, offer students unparalleled opportunity for outdoor recreation and relaxation. The University’s 7,000 students come from all fifty states and more than sixty nations, making the area a vibrant, multicultural community.

APPLYING IS EASY—AND FREE!

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