GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN HERITAGE CONSERVATION
CURRICULUM

FALL

Introduction to Heritage Conservation
An overview of the interdisciplinary paradigms, principles, programs, and players in the field of heritage conservation ranging from local to international contexts.

Documentation & Interpretation of the Historic Built Environment
Examines methods to document buildings, districts and cultural landscapes and methods to interpret historical and architectural significance. Focuses on historic built environments of Greater Southwest including semester-long service-learning project applying documentation and interpretation methodologies. Graduate-level requirements include transforming a service-learning project into web-accessible format to integrate into Preservation Studies website.

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Contemporary Architecture and Urban Theory
This course familiarizes students with important social, economic, political, and technological agendas that have shaped the design the built environment and public realm. Students who successfully complete this course will learn many of the key debates in recent urban and architectural theory; the distinctive language of contemporary theory; issues of cultural diversity; as well as writing strategies to develop their own critique of concepts relative to the course material and interpretations of existing and emerging themes in architecture and urbanism.

Cultural Landscapes
This course deals with the documentation, interpretation and management of cultural landscapes. Cultural landscapes are a heritage resource combining natural and cultural environments, from the local to the global. It is a wide-ranging field that includes protection of smaller, well-defined sites with tangible historic elements, to vast landscapes with intangible associations that embody a sense of place and identities of a people.

Preservation Planning
A review of preservation policy and jurisdictional issues within community development context, addresses complex social equity considerations associated with historic designation, examines economic incentives, and explores preservation philosophy, cross cultural values and emerging trends. Students will gain skills to connect technical and policy requirements of historic preservation with pragmatic social and economic concerns of community development.