



DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION

KKV730 Master Thesis in Conservation with Specialization in Conservation of Cultural Heritage Objects, 30 credits

Examensarbete för masterexamen i kulturvård med inriktning mot konservering, 30 högskolepoäng
Second Cycle

Confirmation

This course syllabus was confirmed by Department of Conservation on 2021-12-13 and was last revised on 2022-05-22 to be valid from 2022-08-29, autumn semester of 2022.

Field of education: Design 50% and Fine Arts 50%

Department: Department of Conservation

Position in the educational system

The course can be part of the following programme: 1) Conservation with Specialization in Conservation of Cultural Heritage Objects, Master's Program (N2KVP)

Main field of studies

Conservation with Specialization in Conservation of Cultural Heritage Objects

Specialization

A2E, Second cycle, contains degree project for Master of Arts/Master of Science (120 credits)

Entry requirements

To be admitted to the course, a minimum of 52.5 credits of compulsory courses on the advanced level are required.

Learning outcomes

On successful completion of the course the student will be able to:

Knowledge and understanding

- demonstrate in-depth knowledge of current research, ideas and methods in the field

of study

- define and interpret complex processes in conservation
- explain how own research findings relate to the development of the general field of conservation

Competence and skills

- independently, and/or in research team, identify and formulate research questions in the chosen area,
- plan, design and implement qualified research project using appropriate methods and following given time frames,
- analyse outcomes of research taking into consideration scientific, social, environmental and ethical issues
- present and defend study findings in an open seminar

Judgement and approach

- identify and explain limitations and delimitations of the research project
- review previous research within the specific study area, and relate research questions to the general field of conservation
- discuss the research project in relation to current debates about sustainability

The course is sustainability-related, which means that at least one of the learning outcomes clearly shows that the course content meets at least one of the University of Gothenburg's confirmed sustainability criteria.

Course content

The degree thesis provides an opportunity for the student to carry out an in-depth study on an area of interest in conservation of cultural heritage and apply knowledge and skills acquired during the master's program. The course is based on independent work and the student should define and carry out a scientific study within the area of specialization. The thesis work can also be part of a bigger research project. The thesis work starts with a project plan, demonstrating theoretical and methodological knowledge of the subject, and ends with an examination seminar and the submission of an approved thesis by the examiner. Additionally, the student must peer review at least one thesis at examination seminars.

Form of teaching

The course is carried out individually with qualified supervision.

Language of instruction: English

Students have the right to write their master thesis in English or Swedish, but the oral presentations at the examination seminars should be in English.

Assessment

The course is examined by:

Assignment 1: Written thesis (28 credits)

Assignment 2: Oral presentation (1 credit)

Assignment 3: Opposition (1 credit)

A student who does not achieve the requirements for grade Pass (G) on a module, but are assessed be close to passing, can in a specific time range be given the possibility to submit a supplementary assignment for the grade Pass (G).

If special circumstances apply, examiner can admit other examination format than what is stated in the test parts.

When a student, who has failed the same examined component twice, wishes to change examiner before the next examination, a written application shall be sent to the department responsible for the course and shall be granted unless there are special reasons to the contrary (Chapter 6, Section 22 of Higher Education Ordinance).

In the case where a course has been discontinued or has undergone major changes, the student shall normally be guaranteed at least three examination sessions (including the regular examination session) during a period of at least one year on the basis of the course's former structure.

Grades

The grading scale comprises: Pass with Distinction (VG), Pass (G) and Fail (U).

Assignment 1, Written thesis (U-VG)

Assignment 2, Oral presentation (U-G)

Assignment 3, Opposition (U-G)

To pass the course (G): the grade Pass (G) must be achieved in Assignment 1, 2 and 3.

To pass the course with distinction (VG:) the grade Pass with Distinction (VG) must be achieved on Assignment 1, Written thesis, and the grade Pass (G) in Assignment 2 and 3.

Course evaluation

The results of the course evaluation and suggestions for any changes in the course structure are archived and must be available at the department within a reasonable time after completion of the course and must be communicated to the students who have followed the course and to future students the next time the course is given.

Additional information

Costs: The student is responsible for costs for literature, personal tools and personal protective equipment. Extra costs may apply in connection with study visits.

Work environment: Risk identification and the Swedish Work Environment Authority's applicable AFS are stated in the Course Guide.

Read more: <http://medarbetarportalen.gu.se/arbetsmiljohandboken>

Environment and sustainable development: The University of Gothenburg's environmental management system is certified according to ISO 14001 and EMAS. This means that we at the department and the faculty work with environmental issues in a structured and long-term way. Every year, both internal and external environmental audits of the university's operations are carried out.

Read more: <http://medarbetarportalen.gu.se/miljohandbok/Policy/>

Quality assurance: Follow-up and evaluation of the program takes place in accordance with the current Policy for quality assurance and quality development of education at the University of Gothenburg.