



DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION

KKV741 Specialisation: Conservation of Stone 1, 15 credits

Specialisering: Konservering av sten 1, 15 högskolepoäng

Second Cycle

Confirmation

This course syllabus was confirmed by Department of Conservation on 2024-03-11 to be valid from 2025-09-01, autumn semester of 2025.

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 Specialisation in Conservation of Cultural Heritage Objects, Master's Program (N2KVP)

Main field of studies

Conservation with Specialization in
Conservation of Cultural Heritage
Objects

Specialization

A1N, Second cycle, has only first-cycle
course/s as entry requirements

Entry requirements

Learning outcomes

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

Knowledge and understanding

- analyse and interpret the manufacturing technique and material of stone objects, sculptures, and monuments,
- understand the formation of minerals and rocks as well as the chemical compositions and physical properties of stone,
- understand the making of stone objects, sculptures and monuments, and conservation products and materials,

- assess the condition of stone objects,
- relate current research findings presented in scientific articles and reports to your own conservation intervention on stone and other processes connected to the preservation of stone,

Competence and skills

- use appropriate analytical techniques to analyze stone objects and their condition,
- make informed decisions when choosing conservation methods (based on research findings, the original material, manufacturing technique, condition, the possible future use, and situation for the stone object),
- carry out processes connected to the preservation of stone (i.e. mounts and handling) and conservation treatments for stone,

Judgement and approach

- plan and manage the implementation of conservation treatments based on the original material, manufacturing technique, condition, the possible future use, and situation for the stone object, and
- critically discuss and evaluate ethical and aesthetic principles related to conservation treatments of stone based on current research and own experiences.

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 course aims to deepen the student's knowledge of stone working techniques and degradation causes of stone and to broaden and deepen the student's knowledge of different remedial treatments and preventive conservation measures within the area of specialization.

The course includes in-depth, scientifically anchored knowledge on materials and on conservation methods and procedures relevant for objects made of stone. Methods for cleaning, stabilization, consolidation, inhibition, analysis, preparation of conservation material, aesthetic integration, preventive measures, documentation, and presentation are included. Different methods practiced in the conservation of stone are discussed through case studies in relation to ethical, material, and aesthetic impact in the short and long term as well as from a sustainability perspective.

Form of teaching

- Lectures
- Seminars

- Practical work in conservation laboratories
- Field work (museums and public spaces)
- Individual tasks and group projects

Language of instruction: English

Assessment

Examination 1: Individuell skriftlig examination (*Individual written examination*) 3 hp

Examination 2: Deltagande i praktiskt arbete och muntliga presentationer med påföljande seminarium (*Participation in practical work and oral presentations and subsequent seminar*) 4 hp

Examination 3: Individuell skriftlig uppgift (*Individual written assignment*) 8 hp

If a student who has twice received a failing grade for the same examination component wishes to change examiner ahead of the next examination session, such a request should be made to the department in writing and should be approved by the department unless there are special reasons to the contrary (Chapter 6 Section 22 of the Higher Education Ordinance).

If a student has received a recommendation from the University of Gothenburg for study support for students with disabilities, the examiner may, where it is compatible with the learning outcomes of the course and provided that no unreasonable resources are required, decide to allow the student to sit an adjusted exam or alternative form of assessment.

In the event that a course has ceased or undergone major changes, students are to be guaranteed at least three examination sessions (including the ordinary examination session) over a period of at least one year, but no more than two years after the course has ceased/been changed. The same applies to internships and professional placements (VFU), although this is restricted to just one additional examination session.

Grades

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

Examination 1 will be graded Pass (G) or Fail (U).

Examination 2 will be graded Pass with Distinction (VG), Pass (G) or Fail (U).

Examination 3 will be graded Pass with Distinction (VG), Pass (G) or Fail (U).

Course grade:

To acquire Pass (G), the student needs the grade Pass (G) at Examination 1, 2 and 3.

To acquire Pass with Distinction, the student needs the grade Pass (G) on examination 1 and the grade Pass with Distinction (VG) on both examination 2 and 3.

Course evaluation

The results of and possible changes to the course will be shared with students who participated in the evaluation and students who are starting the course.

Additional information

Costs: Expenses may occur in connection with the course, these are paid for by the student.

Environment and sustainable development: The Gothenburg University's environmental management system is certified according to ISO 14001 and EMAS.

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