



DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION

KUA500 Sustainable Management of Cultural Landscapes, 15 credits Hållbar förvaltning av kulturlandskap, 15 högskolepoäng *Second Cycle*

Confirmation

This course syllabus was confirmed by Programme Council for Conservation Studies on 2017-09-27 and was last revised on 2019-06-07 by Department of Conservation to be valid from 2019-08-30, autumn semester of 2019.

Field of education: Science 100%

Department: Department of Conservation

Position in the educational system

The course is given as an elective course within the Master Program in Conservation. It is also also given as a free-standing course.

The course can be part of the following programme: 1) Master of Science in Conservation (N2KUV)

Main field of studies

Conservation

Specialization

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

Entry requirements

To be eligible for the course a Bachelor's degree in Conservation, or equivalent of relevance for cultural landscape studies, is required.

Learning outcomes

After completed course the students will be able to:

Knowledge and understanding

- describe the social and cultural processes that lead to something being defined as a specific cultural landscape, and how different interpretations of landscape properties affects decisions on continued management,
- discuss how the understanding of cultural landscapes from different practices/professional fields and stakeholder groups generates problems and opportunities for regional development.

Competence and skills

- independently analyse the landscape contents and identify the possible needs for different conservation and remediation activities,
- implement the notion of cultural ecosystem services as planning outcomes within cultural landscapes management,
- carry out stakeholder analyses for strategic planning of landscape conservation

Judgement and approach

- explain and motivate the need for conservation, remediation and development activities for a specific landscape,
- assess the cultural and natural resources for local and regional development with regards to stakeholder interests, preservation motives and development needs.

The course is sustainability-focused, 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. The content also constitutes the course's main focus.

Course content

The objective of the course is to give in-depth knowledge and skills in the management of cultural landscapes within a broadly defined conservation perspective, linked to strategies for regional and local development within the framework of land-use planning. Important parts of the course are resource inventories and landscape documentation to be used as tools for planning of infrastructure development and sustainable use of cultural and natural resources. Students will learn to use digital resources (GIS, Remote Sensing, database handling, etc.) in connection with environmental protection and remediation, planning and resource assessments.

A specific focus is directed towards the ongoing work within the framework of the European Landscape Convention and the emergence of landscape observatories.

Form of teaching

Education will be delivered as lectures, seminars and field work

Language of instruction: English and Swedish

Assessment

The student will be examined through:

- Examination 1: Seminar on course literature, 4 credits
Examination 2: Seminar, field work result (in group) 5 credits
Examination 3: Individual assignment presented and discussed through peer assessment, 6 credits

Instructions for the examinations and at which days they are scheduled, are provided in the course guide.

If specific reasons so motivate, the examiner might approve a different form of examination than stated above.

To achieve the grade Pass on the course or in a specific examination, an assignment to complete the examination could be provided through assessment and decision by the examiner.

A student who has failed the examination twice has the right to change examiner, unless weighty argument against this can be adduced. The application shall be sent to the department and has to be in writing.

Grades

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

The examinations and the course are graded as follows:

Examination 1: Pass (G), Pass with distinction (VG), or Failed (U).

Examination 2: Pass (G), or Failed (U).

Examination 3: Pass (G), Pass with distinction (VG), or Failed (U).

Course grade Pass (G): Pass (G) on examinations 1, 2 and 3

Course grade Pass with distinction (VG): Pass (G) on examination 2, and Pass with distinction (VG) on examination 1 and 3.

Course evaluation

Performed evaluations are filed by the study administrator. The results of the evaluation will be communicated to other teachers in the master program and will function as a guide for the development of the course.

Additional information

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

Work environment: Read more:

<https://medarbetarportalen.gu.se/arbetsmiljohandboken/?languageId=100001>

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

https://medarbetarportalen.gu.se/digitalAssets/1415/1415597_gumilj--policy_eng_2008.pdf

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.