

Canadian Studies

Course	CDNS 5402 Heritage Conservation: Theory in Practice ARCH 5002 Architecture Seminar II
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COURSE DESCRIPTION / INSTRUCTOR'S STATEMENT

Who should decide what is heritage? What tools --from basic strategies to creative approaches-- help facilitate difficult heritage planning and conservation decisions? How do established practices address shifting ideals? How can decolonizing research methods expand the work of heritage planning and studies?

This is a core course for students in the M.A. in Canadian Studies (Concentration in Heritage Planning and Studies), and the Graduate Diploma in Architectural Conservation. It is also open to graduate students in architecture, engineering, public history, art history, curatorial studies, anthropology, environmental studies and many other related fields. Building on CDNS 5401* this graduate seminar/workshop format introduces students to diverse contexts of heritage planning practice, with an emphasis on the evolving values of places, and the ethical questions to consider in the protection and planning for regeneration of the built environment. Literature from critical heritage studies, sustainable heritage planning, cultural landscape and decolonizing research methodology inform the approach. **Please contact the instructor if you have not taken this companion course.*

Students study the application of critical heritage and conservation theories in research methods, professional practice and community action. They learn about existing models for conservation in Canada and become familiar with the interactions of the many disciplines involved in heritage planning. They are introduced to evolving governmental policies and legislation and learn about the roles of non-governmental organizations and diverse stakeholders in advancing new approaches. The format includes lectures, readings discussion and site visits. Invited guest speakers represent diverse disciplines, practices and organizations.

EVALUATION

Student work includes three assessment elements: the examination of a knowledge area of heritage or conservation expertise or practice; a critical review of a recent professional report or policy; and a collaborative urban inventory project addressing a critical heritage theme or less studied typology.