

School of Indigenous and Canadian Studies

Course	CDNS 4403/5403 Heritage Conservation and Sustainability
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COURSE DESCRIPTION / INSTRUCTOR'S STATEMENT

How are historic places evolving in response to changing ideas of how we care for the land and important places? Can heritage conservation contribute more to the circular economy, to resource scarcity, and to environmental justice? What are new contexts for heritage and roles for conservation in climate adaptation and resilience? How can Indigenous ideas of reciprocity and human environmental relations inform processes and practices for meaningful change? This advanced seminar explores a shift in heritage conservation discourse that embraces related objectives of environmental, sociocultural, and economic sustainability. Through readings discussion and analysis of Canadian and international research, policy and projects, the course introduces theory, principles and practices that help bridge diverging ideals.

Sub theme of reading discussions typically include:

- Connecting natural/cultural heritage
- Sustaining and assessing heritage places
- Community and land-based stewardship
- Resilient cities/landscapes in changing climates
- Modern built heritage and sustainable rehabilitation
- Economics, tourism, and local strategies

For a more detailed syllabus example see the [Fall 2019 version of the course](#).

EVALUATION

Student assessment includes in-depth documentation and analysis of a project, policy or organization, and a readings reflections notebook. Additional assessment elements remain to be determined, depending on class size and other aspects of the Fall 2021 term context. [Case studies from earlier years](#) provide a sense of the variety of subjects of individual focus.