MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CONSERVATION OF MONUMENTS AND SITES



This advanced master programme is an intensive international and interdisciplinary experience. The programme is ideal for students fascinated by conservation and restoration techniques in the field of built heritage preservation.

It is taught at the beautiful Arenberg Castle in the historic city of Leuven.

The renowned Raymond Lemaire International Centre for Conservation (RLICC), established in 1976, focuses on interdisciplinary collaboration and intercultural dialogue both in an education and research environment.

3 semesters, 90 ECTS

APPLICATION

- Online application: www.kuleuven.be/application
- Students with a Flemish degree: rlicc@kuleuven.be

APPLICATION DEADLINE

1 March (for non-EEA citizens), 1 June (for EEA citizens)

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

- 1st semester: end of September > end of January (exams in January)
- 2nd semester: mid-February > end of June (exams in June)

www.kuleuven.be/academiccalendar

TUITION FEE

www.kuleuven.be/tuitionfees

MORE INFORMATION

www.kuleuven.be/ma/mcms http://set.kuleuven.be/rlicc

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PROGRAMME

First semester:

- Theoretical courses give a common basis in accordance with the interdisciplinary character of the programme
- Project-based education oriented towards documenting and surveying heritage, building archaeology and larger-scale urban sites and landscapes
- Site visits (the ruins of Villers Abbey, Art Nouveau patrimony in Brussels, quarries, ...)
- Optional courses

Second semester:

- Theoretical courses dedicated to the technical and policy aspects of heritage management
- Study trip abroad (destination varies each year: Edinburgh, Berlin, Ecuador, ...)
- Group work on projects integrating all aspects of conservation
- Course on heritage and sustainable tourism development

Third semester (does not necessarily take place in Leuven):

- Master's thesis, i.e. individual research work in the field of conservation
- Professional internship which aims to introduce students to the world of international heritage administration and practice
- International conference on pertinent topics in the built heritage field.

The group is limited to a maximum of 25-30 students to assure good collaboration and to guarantee high-quality guidance by the (guest) professors.

For a detailed description of the courses, please visit www.kuleuven.be/ma/mcms/programme.

YOUR PROFILE

You should be willing to work in a small team and be comfortable with having ideas from your own background, training and cultural context confronted with those of other students. You should also be able to demonstrate interest for and commitment to the preservation of cultural heritage in general.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

You have an initial master's degree in a field related to built heritage or cultural resource management, such as architecture, design, (construction) engineering, archaeology, (art) history, urban planning or cultural studies. Candidates with a five-year bachelor's degree qualifying them for a professional career as an architect or engineer in their country are also eligible. Motivated candidates with a Master of Science degree in another relevant discipline may also be eligible to apply. Each application is evaluated individually based on merit, i.e. the candidate's academic level (study results), professional experience and motivation.

Programme admission: www.kuleuven.be/ma/mcms General admission: www.kuleuven.be/admissions

CAREER PERSPECTIVES

Alumni from this programme are currently working as independent professionals in preservation, restoration and management of built cultural heritage as well as in leadership and policymaking positions in conservation institutions such as UNESCO, ICOMOS and the Council of Europe. Others proceed towards a career in academia (PhD).

More than 850 students from 70 countries all over the world and with different professional and educational backgrounds already graduated from the programme since it was first organised by the RLICC.

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