University of Pretoria Yearbook 2020

MSocSci Tangible Heritage Conservation (Coursework) (01253115)

Minimum duration of study	2 years
Total credits	180
NQF level	09
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Programme information

This programme is directed at a general education in preventive conservation/preservation and general collections-based management of tangible cultural heritage (TCH) resources, with a view to specialise in the management of TCH, preservation of TCH or conservation of TCH.

Admission requirements

- A limited number of places are available. Selection for the programme is on an individual basis and requires an interview preceded by the completion of a standardised bench test for technical ability and dexterity.
- A completed honours programme in Heritage and Museum Studies with an average of at least 70% in the approved major.

Other programme-specific information

The programme is offered over two years of which the first year is presented on the Hatfield Campus. All modules must be passed to progress to the second year of the programme on the Hatfield Campus or carried out under supervision in a partner institution or under supervision in private practice.
Students are required to attend relevant departmental seminars as well as local conferences to present aspects of their research project. A poster presentation of their research report is strongly recommended.
Students must conduct 5-6 months of conservation or collections-based research by the end of the master's programme and demonstrate mastery over basic conservation techniques.
The MSocSci (Tangible Heritage Conservation) by coursework can be completed in segments as part of continuing professional development.

Examinations and pass requirements

A student must pass all the modules at the end of the first year of study. Students who do not successfully complete the first year of the programme will not be admitted to the second year.
In addition to the successful completion for all modules, all the students – irrespective of specialisation – are required to perform the following as part of their continuous assessment:
• Perform on outreach activities

- Participate in the departmental seminar series when in residence
- Submit an article to an accredited publication at the end of their study
- Demonstrate mastery over basic and intermediate preservation and conservation interventions
- Complete a 5 to 6 month full-time (or 9–10 month part-time) supervised and documented internship
- Submitting a mini-dissertation of 20 000–30 000 words on an approved conservation topic.

Curriculum: Year 1

Minimum credits: 90

Choose ONE elective - 30 credits

Core modules

Conservation principles and strategies 801 (THC 801) - Credits: 6.00
Science fundamentals for conservation 802 (THC 802) - Credits: 18.00
Research theory and methodology in conservation 803 (THC 803) - Credits: 18.00
Materials, mechanisms of decay and stabilisation of artefacts 804 (THC 804) - Credits: 18.00

Elective modules

Conservation: Paper-based and archival collections 806 (THC 806) - Credits: 30.00
Conservation: Polychrome surfaces 807 (THC 807) - Credits: 30.00
Conservation: Archaeological collections 808 (THC 808) - Credits: 30.00

Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 90

Core modules

Mini-dissertation: Tangible heritage conservation 800 (THC 800) - Credits: 60.00
Collections-based training (internship) 805 (THC 805) - Credits: 30.00

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