

HISTORIC PRESERVATION, MS

Overview

The Master of Science in Historic Preservation trains students to become leaders in the field of historic preservation and its allied disciplines. A comprehensive four-semester program provides students with the knowledge and skills to succeed in this dynamic and interdisciplinary field. The first two semesters provide training in the foundational elements of preservation practice in the 21st century, including coursework in the history and theory of the discipline, regional and national architecture, architectural conservation, archival studies, and historic building investigation and documentation. Year two provides students with further education in architectural conservation and an introduction to preservation law. It also provides an opportunity to specialize in various areas of historic preservation including: digital technology, heritage resilience and sustainability, and architectural conservation. The program culminates in a thesis or practicum. Ultimately the program exposes students to the breadth of historic preservation in the United States and International contexts. Using New Orleans as a laboratory, one that is linked to the wider Gulf Coast and Caribbean region, students are trained in an incomparable context for challenges that cross-cut historic preservation from issues in climate change, to issues in heritage justice, and housing affordability. In addition to the MS in Historic Preservation, students may apply to and concurrently complete a master's degree in Architecture (M.Arch). Students can also specialize through the certificate program in Sustainable Real Estate Development (SRED).

Requirements

Course ID	Title	Credits
PRES 6100	Introduction to Historic Preservation	3
PRES 6120	History American Architecture	3
PRES 6130	Archival and Historical Research Methods	3
PRES 6041	Preservation Studio I	6
PRES 6042	Preservation Studio II	6
PRES 6210	Architectural Conservation Lab	6
PRES 6220	Conservation Technology	3
PRES 6151	New Orleans Architecture	3
PRES 6510	Preservation Professional Development	1
PRES 6520	Environmental Law: Historic Preservation	2
PRES 6560	Preservation Internship ¹	3
PRES 6980	Preservation Research Seminar	3
PRES 6985	Preservation Practicum	6
or PRES 6990	Preservation Thesis	
Four 6000-level PRES Electives ²		12
Total Credit Hours		60

¹ PRES 6560 Historic Preservation Internship can be completed over the summer between years 1 and 2. Credit will be applied in the 2nd year fall term.

² Select ARCH (Architecture), SRED (Sustainable Real Estate Development), and SISE (Social Innovation/Social Entrepreneurship) courses may count as electives. Consult with the program director for approval.

Curricular paths

Detailed, term-specific curricular paths for the MS in Historic Preservation as well as for the dual degree options can be found on the School of Architecture and Built Environment's website. (<https://architecture.tulane.edu/academics/dual-degree-programs/>)

Contact

For more information, contact the School of Architecture and Built Environment (<https://architecture.tulane.edu/>).