Conservation of the Built Environment

Modules from a Masters Programme being offered to Continuing Professional Development students

The Masters Programme: The primary aim of the M Phil in Conservation of the Built Environment is to produce graduates with the necessary knowledge, values and skills to engage effectively with the challenges arising in the multi-disciplinary intellectual, cultural and physical environments where heritage and heritage resources are present. The emphasis of the Programme is on developing competence in the professional and practical fields of conservation of the built environment and of heritage resource management. The Programme curriculum is cross-disciplinary in orientation and exposes students to the broad range of research, analytical, evaluative, planning and management issues and challenges that they are likely to encounter in the field. While this Programme is focused on the built environment and on practical and technical aspects of conservation and heritage resource management, it does also introduce students to critical issues in heritage arenas and, in particular, public history and shares several courses with a related programme offered in the Centre for African Studies which is more theoretically and critically oriented. This Programme is, therefore, designed to give training to professionals working in or wishing to enter the fields of conservation of the built environment and heritage resource management and to produce research that is practically oriented.

The Master of Philosophy in Conservation of the Built Environment is offered part-time over two years. Timetabling is in the "block-release" system which comprises four intensive week periods of face-to-face student-staff contact in the first year and two in the second. Reading and assignments are carried out before and after the face-to-face contact periods.

Continuing Professional Development

Certain modules of this Masters Programme are offered to Continuing Professional Development students as separate certificate courses from which a participant can obtain CPD points. These CPD courses are attendance based; and a certificate of attendance is issued.

THE FIVE CPD COURSES INCLUDE:

History of Conservation: 27 – 31 January 2014, 08h30 – 18h00
4 CPD points
Course outline: The course reviews the origins and the development of the ideas and practices of conservation and restoration of architecture and the urban environment; and also provides an introduction to archaeology in South Africa over the past century and it touches on intangible heritage. It also introduces participants to scholarly and critical argument and writing.

Law of Conservation & Development: 7 - 11 April 2014, 08h30 – 13h00
2.5 CPD points
Course outline: Introduction to South African law; administrative law; heritage resources law and management; current legislative framework for planning and development control.

Conservation Disciplines & Practices: 7 – 11 April 2014, 14h00 – 18h00
2 CPD credits
Course outline: The course introduces several of the disciplines engaged in conservation of the built environment, most specifically the current practices of pre-colonial and historical archaeology, architectural restoration and conservation, historical town and urban conservation, conservation of the cultural landscape.

Research Methodologies: 5 – 9 May 2014, 08h30 – 18h00
4 CPD points
Course outline: This course, the final course before the dissertation, consolidates the methodologies of the earlier courses ensuring that the student can undertake scholarly argument and writing. The student is assisted in developing a research proposal for a thesis to be written at the end of the M Phil programme; this research proposal must include a problem statement (which must engage with a current issue in conservation or heritage resource management), a description of the design of the research and of the methodologies to be adopted, an outlines of the literatures to be engaged with, the sources to be consulted, interviewing practices and ethics, and a bibliography.
Researching & Assessing Heritage Resources: 6 – 10 October 2014, 08h30 – 18h00
4 CPD points

Course outline: This course introduces the methods adopted in researching the history of the built environment, including archival material, the records of authorities and other institutions, oral history, social surveys, interviewing and IAP consultation; it also introduces measures adopted in assessing the character of the environment, techniques used in devising heritage-related design indicators; and it describes the measures required by the legislation to assess the cultural significance of heritage resources.

COURSE INFORMATION FOR CPD PARTICIPANTS

Programme Convenor:
Assoc Prof Stephen Townsend, PhD Cape Town

Who should attend?
The conservation and heritage resource management fields engage professionals from a broad range of disciplines. Recent graduates and in-service professionals with backgrounds in architecture, town planning, archaeology, environmental science, law and officials in heritage and planning regulatory authorities are potential candidates. However, applications will be considered from those with an interest in heritage resource management and in conservation of the built environment and with suitable tertiary level qualifications.

Format:
Each module is structured in the following way:
A week of intensive contact time at UCT, comprising formal lectures, assignments and seminars/tutorials;
Two of the courses listed are held in the mornings or afternoons of the week in question; three of the courses are held all day for the week in question.

Cost:
The fee for each course is R2000 (for 2 cpd points courses), R3000 (for 2.5 cpd points courses) and R4000 (for the 4 cpd points courses). The fee includes a comprehensive set of course notes.

Certificates and CPD Points:
A certificate of attendance will be awarded to CPD participants. Participants need to attend 80% of the lectures to qualify for an attendance certificate.
CPD participants can also request a formal university transcript, which will show this course as part of a Professional Development Career.
Please note: If you are interested in attending this course for credit purposes, you will need to register for the Masters Programme or as an occasional student. If you attend the course as a CPD participant, credit cannot be claimed in retrospect.

Venue:
In the 2014-year all of the courses will take place in Centre for African Studies venues on the Main Campus.

Registration and Cancellation:
Registration forms are available on the website www.cpd.uct.ac.za/applications/
In order to ensure a place on the course applicants must complete and return a signed registration form to the course administrators: Heidi Tait or Sandra Jemaar:
Confirmation of acceptance will be sent on receipt of a registration form.
Registrations close one week before the start of each course
Cancellations must be received one week before the start of a course, or the full course fee will be charged.

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