



**For university graduates with an ambition to work
in the field of heritage conservation and development,
AINova provides an international one-year study programme**

Built heritage

CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT

The BHCD programme aims at training professionals whose activities are in the field of maintenance, preservation, adaptation and development of historic sites, buildings and landscapes. After successfully completing the studies, the participants have a systematic and complex view of the field of cultural heritage. The first trimester is focused on the theory and philosophy, organization and legal aspects of heritage preservation; the second on methods and techniques of conservation/restoration and the third trimester on economic aspects, strategic planning and cultural heritage management.

Brief description of the programme:

- one-year study, from October till June, conducted in English
- possible financial support for selected students
- development of professional English
- respected lecturers from many countries
- international students group
- platform for discussion, exchange of knowledge and experience
- field trips, seminars and workshops in various countries
- opportunity for individual research work
- linking theory with practical experience
- harmonisation of heritage conservation and its development

The BHCD programme cooperates with respected institutions:

- Monuments Board of the Slovak Republic
- Ministry of Culture of the Slovak Republic
- Slovak University of Technology, Civil Engineering Faculty, Slovakia
- The Brandenburg University of Technology Cottbus, Germany
- Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium
- ICOMOS - International Council on Monuments and Sites, France
- ICCROM - International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property, Italy

The study programme is accredited by the Ministry of Education of the Slovak Republic. The lectures take place in the historic building "Turna" in the town of Svätý Jur, close to Bratislava, where the AINova specialized library and the PC labs are also situated.

Please, send your application form to the AINova address by March 31.
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STUDY PROGRAMME

The programme is based on lectures and seminars, including complementary activities such as workshops, exercises, excursions and field trips. The lectures are delivered by reputable Slovak and foreign experts mostly coming from partner universities and institutions. An important part of the study is the individual study work of each student, with assistance of professionals/tutors. During each trimester, students write students' trimester papers, which are submitted to the examining committee and presented to the study group and the committee. Upon successful completion of the programme the students are awarded a Certificate of Graduation.

The courses cover the topics as follows:

Cultural History and Civilisation

The course aims at strengthening the knowledge of the historical and cultural background of Europe, with the main focus on Central and Eastern Europe. Understanding historical, cultural and social circumstances in which built heritage has been created is a necessary prerequisite for their assessment and conservation/restoration.

Theory and Philosophy of Conservation / Restoration

The goals are to provide a theoretical base for heritage conservation/restoration, to present examples of different categories of cultural heritage, and to show how opinions on cultural values and their preservation vary in different periods and circumstances. The need for plurality and constant careful consideration is strongly emphasized during the course.

Legal and Organisational Aspects of Heritage Preservation

The course aims at providing information on legal rules and tools at national and international levels. It stresses the necessity of a legal framework for heritage preservation as a basic condition for the implementation of heritage conservation policies. A legislative strategy can help to restore the competitiveness of rehabilitated buildings. The challenge is to adopt a legislative framework, which will create a generally positive climate for the protection and rehabilitation of cultural heritage.

Environmental Aspects in Heritage Preservation

The course presents methodologies of landscape morphology identification, and stresses the understanding of its historical development in order to reach its complex evaluation and interpretation, and to decide on its development and management. The course also presents the preservation of cultural and natural heritage that needs to be viewed from the perspective of sustainable development. Preservation of cultural landscapes is one of the challenges for our modern society.

Measurement, Recording and Surveying of Historic Buildings

The aim is to stress the importance of comprehensive surveying and documenting of historic buildings. Skills of precise measuring and various documentation techniques are trained through practical exercises. An overview of computer technologies applied to cultural heritage documentation, visualisation and presentation is provided.

Practice, Methods and Techniques of Architectural Heritage Preservation

The goals are to provide practical information on preservation practices in respective countries, on materials and techniques used in traditional building construction, as well as methods of repairing, preserving and maintaining historic buildings with a minimum loss of original fabric.

Methods and Techniques of Archaeology

The course presents methods and techniques in archaeology as well as further interpretation and management of the archaeological sites that are basic records of past human activities. Understanding of the origins and development of human societies is of fundamental importance to mankind. Its protection and proper management is therefore essential to enable archaeologists and other scholars to study and interpret it on behalf of and for the benefit of present and future generations.

Rehabilitation of Historic Sites

The goals are to present interconnections between urban planning and historical town conservation/restoration, to present concepts and strategies of integrated urban conservation/restoration, careful and sensitive urban renewal and redevelopment, rehabilitation and revitalisation.

Economic Aspects of Heritage Preservation

The aim is to present economic aspects of cultural heritage preservation as one of the fundamental bases for its realistic understanding, and for reaching complex sustainable solutions. The course presents various ways of financing heritage preservation and development; special focus is on stimulating private investments that could contribute to preserving a wider range of cultural heritage.

Heritage Management

The course presents preservation policies in respective countries, stresses importance of effective heritage management as one of the key tools for its sustainability; presents cultural heritage as a marketable commodity in the context of regional development; it also shows ways of raising awareness and public participation.

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