MASTER’S COURSE IN HERITAGE CONSERVATION & MANAGEMENT

Responding to the critical need for advancing heritage education, the UNESCO Category 2 Centre at the Wildlife Institute of India is introducing a 2-year residential Master’s Course in Heritage Conservation and Management beginning July, 2019.
Background

The UNESCO Category 2 Centre (C2C) for World Natural Heritage Management and Training for Asia and the Pacific Region at Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun was established in 2015 to realize the objectives of the UNESCO World Heritage Convention, 1972 by building capacity of World Heritage professionals through training, research and information dissemination. The Centre has conducted numerous thematic capacity building and outreach programmes on world heritage conservation. This includes disaster risk reduction, culture-nature linkages, ecotourism, justice and sustainability and outstanding universal value (OUV) analysis in collaboration with technical and educational institutions both in India and abroad.

Currently affiliated to Saurashtra University, Gujarat, the course is interdisciplinary in nature and advances sustainability studies through the prism of heritage. This includes theoretical and methodological integration of ecological sciences, social sciences and humanities, and heritage studies. It entails taught courses, internship and dissertation involving experiential and decolonial pedagogy. Thematic workshops and field engagement with world heritage sites will be key highlights.
Salient Features

- 96 Credits across 5 terms (3 Semesters and 2 Trimesters);

- Taught modules, thematic workshops, electives, and fieldwork covering fundamental and applied heritage conservation;

- Taught courses on Fundamentals of Heritage Conservation; Biodiversity and Natural Heritage; Anthropological and Archaeological dimensions of Heritage; Research Methods; Heritage Governance and Site Management; Risk Management Sustainable Tourism and Visitor Management; Heritage Impact Assessment; Information and Technology; World Heritage and others;

- Skill development of students by co-curation of events and workshops on various discourses of heritage;

- Specialisation through choice based electives in Natural Resource Management; Heritage Museums and Cultural Anthropology; Architectural systems and Sustainable Urban Planning; Heritage and Disaster Risk Reduction; Sustainable Tourism and Visitor Management; Heritage Impact Assessment and Environment Impact Assessment;

- Independent Master’s thesis for a comprehensive research;

- Internship in diverse professional settings

- Focused on building critical thinking and professional skills.

Excursions

Targeted at introducing the students to the broad aspects of heritage conservation and management, the students will visit various natural and cultural heritage sites and landscapes to learn about requisite field techniques and field craft. Excursions to iconic UNESCO World Heritage sites, Protected Areas, Museums and Archaeological properties will expose the students to salient features, intrinsic values and management challenges of the properties.

Dissertation and Internship

Reflecting class-room learning in a real-life working environment, the students would get an opportunity to research in their field of interest through Master Degree dissertation and Internship in fourth and fifth terms respectively.

Pedagogy

The pedagogy will be largely participatory and interactive involving a combination of self-study using Information, Communication and Technology (ICT) resources. Further, thematic workshops, group discussions, and digital lectures will provide an experiential learning environment.
How to Apply
Eligible candidates are advised to apply for the course at program website:
http://wii.gov.in/unesco_category2_centre

## Application Timeline

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**Note:** Candidates are advised to regularly check the course website for latest updates.

## Course Admission & Eligibility
- Bachelor degree from a recognized University
- Minimum of 15 years of formal education (either 10+2+3 or 11+2+2).
- Candidates who have appeared OR will be appearing at the qualifying (final) bachelor’s degree examination and whose result is still awaited may also apply.

## Age Limit
The maximum age limit is 25 years as on July 01, 2019 with relaxation of 5 years for reserved category national candidates (SC/ST/OBC). For the in-service candidates and professionals, the age limit is 35 years as on July 01, 2019.

## Number of Seats
The course intake is ten only. (05 seats for General candidates including foreign nationals; and 05 seats for SC/ST and OBC Candidates).

## Fee and Scholarship
The Course Fee for the entire course is:
- Indian Nationals - INR 5,32,800;
- SAARC Nationals - US $ 13,200;
- Other Nationals - US $ 14,400.

No scholarships are available at present. Efforts are being made to generate resources to provide full/partial scholarships to select meritorious students.

Hostel accommodation on twin sharing basis would be provided to the course students on payment of nominal charges.
Career Opportunities

Our graduates will embark on careers in the inter-disciplinary field of heritage conservation. The students will gain essential knowledge and skills to carry out independent research and conservation projects across heritage sites and properties. Potential employers include international organisations, national agencies and private sector in the field of heritage conservation and management.

For more information, please contact

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