This course provides a broad overview of the field of historic preservation through a combination of readings, discussions, and writing projects. Students will gain an initial foundation in preservation practice and theory, from historical conceptions of the uses of history through the most current approaches in the field. Topics include methods of historical research, urban development and preservation (including economic development and gentrification), preservation as sustainable development, global practice, and the pursuit of diverse heritage.

Degree requirement fulfillment: Required for a Master’s Degree in Historic Preservation

Pre-requisites and targeted student audience: This is a general introduction to the field and has no prerequisites.