

NATURAL AND CULTURAL HERITAGE & LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT

AIMS & OBJECTIVES

The course aims at developing awareness on the notion of heritage both in relation to the man-made as well as the natural environment and landscape. By examining the characteristics of heritage and the need for conserving it, the module aims at developing the knowledge required to protect and enhance it. The issue is approached not also in as much as the local community is concerned but also in relation to develop the interest for attracting visitors and capital from other communities of different cultural and geographical background. In view of this need, heritage is approached both at the level of analysis as well as that of synthesis, based on the facilities offered by new technologies. Thus it is important for students to learn how to collect and interpret data and how to assess the positive and negative aspects of the areas in question so that they arrive at the best possible solution.

Students of the specific course are required to achieve a deep understanding of the issue of heritage and the way it is perceived by both the local communities as well as the experts on the issue. As the perception of heritage may vary significantly among different communities and social groups, the specific course focuses on the ability of the students to decode both the apparent as well as the hidden dimensions of the issue. In this it is important for students to acquire the understanding of the vocabulary of the built environment and the manner in which social relations are concretized in concrete form. In addition to the above, students are expected to learn to cooperate in order to produce collective work that will be assessed and evaluated in class.