MASTER OF PRESERVATION STUDIES AT A GLANCE

FIRST SEMESTER - FALL

PRST 6510 – Studio I: Building Preservation
Taught by Michael Shoriak
Building Preservation concentrates on documenting, analyzing, and planning for the preservation of historic buildings as a basis for understanding the technical, theoretical, and procedural aspects of architectural preservation practice.

PRST 6610 – History of North American Architecture
Taught by Laura Blokker
This course provides a broad overview of American architecture and examines buildings as pieces of technology, art, and material culture.

PRST 6710 – Introduction to Preservation Studies
Taught by John Stubbs
This course offers an in-depth look at the parameters and practice of architectural preservation as an introduction to the profession.

PRST 6480 – Historic Preservation Law Seminar
Taught by Lloyd (Sonny) Shields
This course provides an in-depth examination of historic preservation legislation at the Federal, State, and Local levels including its origins, effects, and application for use in contemporary preservation practice.

PRST 6410 – U.S. Field Studies and Advocacy
Taught by Danielle Del Sol
This course will examine preservation advocacy using readings, lectures, and field trips as the primary teaching tools.

SECOND SEMESTER - SPRING

PRST 6520 – Studio II: Urban Conservation
Taught by John Stubbs and Beth Jacobs
Urban Conservation is a six-credit hour course that concentrates on documenting, analyzing, and planning for the preservation of enclaves of buildings as a basis for understanding the technical, theoretical, and procedural aspects of urban conservation.

PRST 6620 – History of New Orleans Architecture
Taught by Robert Cangelosi
This illustrated course examines New Orleans architecture from the city’s founding in 1718 to the present time, as well as its historic neighborhoods.

PRST 6720 – Preservation Technology
Taught by Michael Shoriak
This course provides an overview of preservation technology and building materials conservation.

PRST 6810 – Economics & Practice of Preservation
Taught by Laura Blokker
The Economics and Practice of Preservation course concentrates on the financial aspects of historic architectural preservation including its economic benefits, methods of valuation, and tax incentives.

PRST 6530 – Internship
Directed by Danielle Del Sol and an approved sponsor
The MPS Internship course requires 60 hours of unpaid work for a preservation agency, a suitable non-profit, or a restoration firm.

PRST 6420 – International Field Studies
Directed by John Stubbs
The International Field Studies course requires travel to observe or to participate in architectural preservation practice abroad.
THIRD SEMESTER - FALL OR SPRING

PRST 6900 – Preservation Practicum  
Directed by John Stubbs, MPS staff, and a Practicum sponsor  
The Practicum for the Master of Preservation Studies program is an alternative option to the Thesis requirement and is an important part of the MPS course of study. The Practicum is expected to be a concentrated and valuable work experience that the student chooses that must relate to the field of historic preservation.

PRST 6920 – Preservation Thesis  
Directed by John Stubbs, MPS staff, and Advisors  
The Thesis is a major course within the MPS program since it calls upon most of what a student has learned during his or her graduate school experience. There is wide scope with regard to possible topic choices and the location of a thesis subject can be anywhere, although if your thesis is site-specific, you must have some firsthand knowledge of the place by the end of the preceding semester.