



Master's Degree in Historic  
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## **Introduction**

The part-time Master of Studies (MSt) in Historic Environment connects policy and practice in the management and conservation of historic landscapes, parks and gardens with theory, concepts and research in the historic environment.

The MSt provides essential knowledge and practical skills for:

- practitioners and policy-makers working in historic environment in national or local government and the third sector
- recent graduates with an interest in developing a career in the field
- volunteers working in their own communities
- those with a personal interest in the field.

It also offers a sound foundation for further study and research.

The MSt is taught part-time over two years in short, intensive study blocks of between three and nine days each. It has been designed to be accessible to those in full-or part-time employment and to international students eligible for a Student Visitor Visa. Successful applicants will become members of a Cambridge college where they will be part of the wider graduate community as well as enjoying full access to the facilities of the University.

**Applications will be accepted from 1 September 2011 and the closing date will be 30 March 2012. The course will run from September 2012 to July 2014.**

## **Purpose of the course**

The MSt provides a systematic understanding of

- principles and policy governing historic environment protection and planning
- the management, practicalities, and main issues involved in monument protection
- the conservation and restoration of historic landscapes
- academic theory, concept and current research
- training in research techniques in the historic environment and their application.

It also offers the opportunity to undertake self-directed, original research under the direction of a supervisor.

## **Content and structure of the course**

### ***Year 1***

#### **Module 1: Theory and Concept**

15-23 September 2012

Theoretical models and explanation in historic environment, and their application to public policy.

#### **Module 2: Sources, Methods and Research Skills**

3-9 December 2012

A critical analysis based on case studies of a wide range of data and methods including systematic fieldwork and primary evidence analysis.

#### **Module 3: Policy and Strategy**

18-24 March 2013

International and UK national policy and principles, and their implementation, relating to the designation, conservation and management of the historic environment.

#### **Module 4: Active Management of Conservation and Restoration**

17-23 June 2013

The practical context of active management of the historic environment.

## **Year 2**

Students research and write a 15,000-word dissertation. There are three 3-day study blocks spread over the year in addition to periods of residence for research and supervision.

### **Admission to the course**

Up to 30 students will be admitted to the course. Successful candidates will be expected to have either an Honours degree (at the UK standard of a good 2:1), a Grade Point Average of 3.7 or higher, or to produce evidence of relevant and equivalent professional or other experience and their fitness to read for a Master's degree.

We welcome applications from students with 'unconventional' backgrounds; from those whose professional experience and expertise may be more relevant than a degree gained some time ago in an unrelated discipline; and, in exceptional cases, from those with no formal HE record.

Applications for the September 2012 intake will be accepted from 1 September 2011 and no later than **30 March 2012**. Late applications may be considered if places remain. A minimum enrolment is required for the course to run.

The part-time MSt course is taught by face-to-face teaching during four intense residential study blocks in Cambridge in the first year. ***Please note that this is not a distance learning course and attendance in Cambridge for the residential sessions is compulsory.*** It is therefore essential that all applicants are available to attend all the residential periods.

Each applicant will be required to include a proposal for a viable dissertation topic for the second year with the application, together with a sample of written work.

## **Language requirements**

Candidates are expected to be native speakers of English, or to have a near-native command of the language before admission. The University's standards for English proficiency can be found in the Graduate Studies Prospectus. The University's minimum English language levels for most courses in the Arts and Humanities and Humanities and Social Sciences is 7.5 in the IELTS with no less than 7 in each element; 110 in the iBT with no element below 25; and 637 in the TOEFL paper-based test, with 5.5 in the test of written English.

## **Visa requirements**

As MSts are part-time programmes, it is usually possible for students living outside the UK to enter the UK for residential elements of the programme as a Student Visitor. Please see the page provided by the University's Points Based Immigration Office for further information at [www.admin.cam.ac.uk/offices/pbi/short/](http://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/offices/pbi/short/)

## **Fee**

The course fees are £6,500 (UK/EU) and £14,950 (Overseas), subject to formal approval. Course fees are payable **in advance** in two instalments, 50% in Year 1 and 50% in Year 2. Please note that course fees do not include College fees, usually around £350-£450 per annum.

## **How to apply**

To receive an application pack, please contact:  
Administrator, MSt Historic Environment,  
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CB23 8AQ. Tel: 01223 746273.

Email: [historicenvironment@ice.cam.ac.uk](mailto:historicenvironment@ice.cam.ac.uk)  
[www.ice.cam.ac.uk/mst-historic](http://www.ice.cam.ac.uk/mst-historic)

If you supply your email address, we will send you the application documents by email attachment. If you prefer to receive them by post, please send us your full postal address, including postcode. If you would like individual advice, please email the Course Director, Dr Susan Oosthuizen on [smo23@cam.ac.uk](mailto:smo23@cam.ac.uk)

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