



RES 595 RESEARCH METHODS AND ETHICS IN ARCHITECTURAL CONSERVATION

Department	Department of Conservation and Restoration of Cultural Heritage
Instructor	Asst. Prof. Dr. Felat DURSUN
Course Duration	Spring Semester (23 Feb.-16 Jun. 2026)
Class Time and Location	Tuesdays, 13:30-16:15, BZ-11
Language of Instruction	English
Office Hours	Thursdays, 13:30-16:15, Faculty of Architecture E Block, B02

<i>Weekly Schedule</i>		
Week	Topics	Materials
Week 1 (24 Feb.)	<i>Foundations of Research in Architectural Conservation</i>	Selected readings
Week 2 (03 Mar.)	<i>Research Process and Problem Identification</i>	Selected readings
Week 3 (10 Mar.)	<i>Research Questions & Objectives</i>	Selected readings
Week 4 (17 Mar.)	<i>Literature Review & Theoretical Framework</i>	Selected readings
Week 5 (24 Mar.)	<i>Research Ethics and Academic Integrity in Architectural Conservation</i>	Selected readings
Week 6 (31 Mar.)	<i>Qualitative and Quantitative Research Methods in Architectural Conservation</i>	Selected readings
Week 7 (07 Apr.)	<i>Data Collection & Fieldwork Techniques</i>	Selected readings
Week 8 (14 Apr.)	<i>Structuring an Academic Research Paper (I)</i>	Selected readings
Week 9 (21 Apr.)	<i>Structuring an Academic Research Paper (II)</i>	Selected readings
Week 10 (28 Apr.)	<i>Citation, and Reference Management Tools</i>	Selected readings
Week 11 (05 May.)	<i>Research Dissemination & Policy Impact</i>	Selected readings
Week 12 (12 May)	<i>Interdisciplinary Approaches in Conservation Research</i>	Selected readings
Week 13 (19 May)	No Class - National Holiday	
Week 14 (26 May)	<i>Case Studies in Architectural Conservation</i>	Selected readings
Week 15 (02 Jun.)	<i>Case Presentations</i>	
<i>Final Exam (to be announced at the end of the semester)</i>		

Course Requirements & Policies

- ⊙ **Attendance:** Students must attend **at least 70% of classes** to be eligible for a passing grade. Active participation in discussions and activities is expected.
- ⊙ **Assignments:** Weekly readings and Case Presentations.

Evaluation

- ⊙ Assignments: **40%**
- ⊙ Case Presentations: **50%**
- ⊙ Participation: **10%**

Suggested Resources

- ⊙ Pyrczak, F. & Tcherni-Buzzeo, M. (2017). *Evaluating Research in Academic Journals: A Practical Guide to Realistic Evaluation (7th Edition)*, Routledge (ISBN: 9780815365686)
- ⊙ Kumar, R. (2018). *Research Methodology: A Step-by-Step Guide for Beginners*. AGE Publications Ltd, London.
- ⊙ <https://www.elsevier.com/connect/11-steps-to-structuring-a-science-paper-editors-will-take-seriously>