RES 595
RESEARCH METHODS AND ETHICS IN ARCHITECTURAL CONSERVATION

Department	Department of Conservation and Restoration of Cultural Heritage
Instructor	Assoc. Prof. Dr. Felat DURSUN
Course Duration	Fall Semester (28 Sep. 2026-06 Jan. 2027)
Class Time and Location	Tuesdays, 08:45-11:30, BZ-11
Language of Instruction	English
Office Hours	Thursdays, 13:30-16:15, Faculty of Architecture E Block, B02

Weekly Schedule

Week	Topics	Materials
Week 1 (29 Sep.)	***Introductory Meeting***	Selected readings
Week 2 (06 Oct.)	***Research Process and Problem Identification***	Selected readings
Week 3 (13 Oct.)	***Research Questions & Objectives***	Selected readings
Week 4 (20 Oct.)	***Literature Review & Theoretical Framework***	Selected readings
Week 5 (27 Oct.)	***Research Ethics and Academic Integrity in Architectural Conservation***	Selected readings
Week 6 (03 Nov.)	***Research Design and Method Selection in Architectural Conservation***	Selected readings
Week 7 (10 Nov.)	***Data Collection & Fieldwork Techniques***	Selected readings
Week 8 (17 Nov.)	***Structuring an Academic Research Paper (I)***	Selected readings
Week 9 (24 Nov.)	***Structuring an Academic Research Paper (II)***	Selected readings
Week 10 (01 Dec.)	***Citation and Reference Management Tools***	Selected readings
Week 11 (08 Dec.)	***Research Dissemination & Policy Impact***	Selected readings
Week 12 (15 Dec)	***Interdisciplinary Approaches in Conservation Research***	Selected readings
Week 13 (22 Dec)	***Case Studies in Architectural Conservation***	Selected readings
Week 14 (29 Dec.)	***Case Presentations-I***	
Week 15 (05 Jan.)	***Case Presentations-II***	
Final Exam (to be announced at the end of the semester)		

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*