RES 601
RESEARCH METHODS

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	Mondays, 08:45-12:30, BK2-6
Language of Instruction	English
Office Hours	Thursdays, 13:30-16:15, Faculty of Architecture E Block, B02

Weekly Schedule

Week	Topics	Materials
Week 1 (28 Sep.)	***Course Introduction and Research Interests***	Selected readings
Week 2 (05 Oct.)	***Understanding Doctoral Research***	Selected readings
Week 3 (12 Oct.)	***Finding and Critically Reading Literature***	Selected readings
Week 4 (19 Oct.)	***How to Design Research Questions***	Selected readings
Week 5 (26 Oct.)	***Research Design and Methods***	Selected readings
Week 6 (02 Nov.)	***Data Collection and Fieldwork Techniques***	Selected readings
Week 7 (09 Nov.)	***Data Analysis and Interpretation***	Selected readings
Week 8 (16 Nov.)	***Research Dissemination and Policy Impact***	Selected readings
Week 9 (23 Nov.)	***Research Ethics in Architectural Conservation***	Selected readings
Week 10 (30 Nov.)	***Workshop: Evaluating and Writing Introductions***	Selected readings
Week 11 (07 Dec.)	***Workshop: Evaluating and Writing Results and Discussion Sections***	Selected readings
Week 12 (14 Dec)	***Workshop: Evaluating and Writing Abstracts***	Selected readings
Week 13 (21 Dec)	***Workshop: Developing a Doctoral Research Proposal***	Selected readings
Week 14 (28 Dec.)	***Case Presentation (I)***	
Week 15 (04 Jan.)	***Case Presentation (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

- *Groat, L. N., & Wang, D. (2013). Architectural research methods (2nd ed.). John Wiley & Sons.*
- *Pyrczak, F. & Tcherni-Buzzeo, M. (2017). Evaluating Research in Academic Journals: A Practical Guide to Realistic Evaluation (7th Edition), Routledge (ISBN: 9780815365686)*
- *https://www.elsevier.com/connect/11-steps-to-structuring-a-science-paper-editors-will-take-seriously*