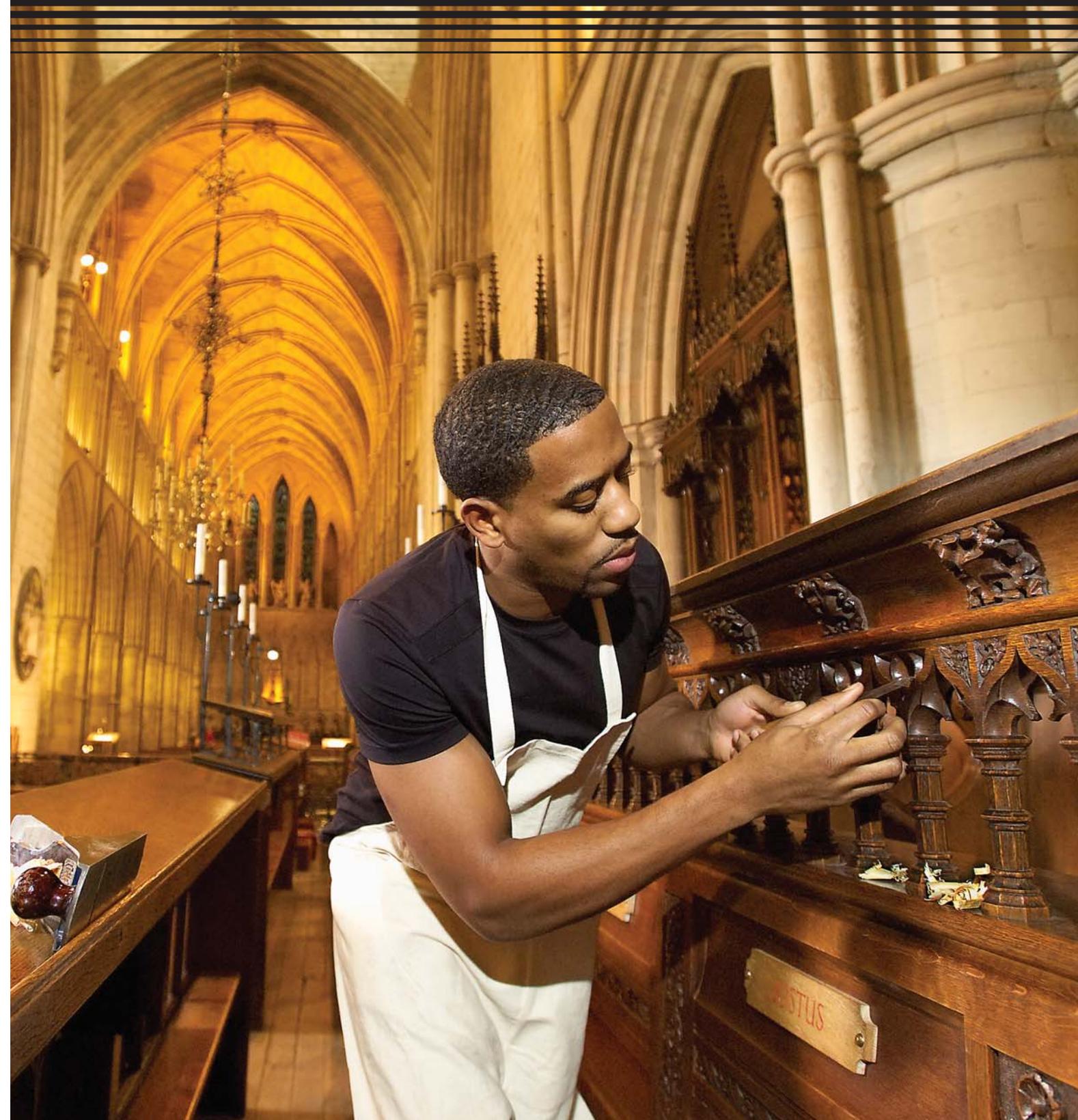


Kingston University London

Faculty of Art, Design and Architecture

Foundation Degree in

HISTORIC BUILDING CONSERVATION





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UCAS Code K250

This new foundation degree is an industry-based, vocational qualification designed for people who want to further their career in the area of building conservation.

Through an innovative use of academic study and on-site application and work experience you will have the opportunity to gain a valuable 'fast-track' in terms of career development.

The UK's historic built environment is rich and diverse, providing an important sense of national identity, contributing to our quality of life and benefiting the country's economy and education. However, the skills essential to the upkeep of this heritage are not as widespread as they once were. This course has been designed in an attempt, partially at least, to address a specific skills shortage in this area.

Whilst the course is particularly suited to those already working in the industry but who have as yet gained no formal qualifications, or wish to supplement those they already have, we shall also be delighted to receive applications from those not currently working for a specialist building contractor.

Following completion of the two-year Foundation degree you will have the chance to 'top-up' to a BSc(Hons) level degree in Historic Building Conservation.

You will undertake academic modules at the Building Crafts College in Stratford and work-based modules within a specialist building company.

The course has the support of the National Heritage Training Group, members of which include English Heritage and the National Trust, the Historic Royal Palaces and CITB-Construction Skills. CITB Grants to support this training are available for qualifying companies.

Programme of study

Course content

LEVEL 1

Level 1 begins with modules covering construction basics and a study of traditional building techniques, together with an overview of the development of the different styles of building craft and styles in the UK and the various classifications of architecture. There will also be a significant AutoCAD element.

A study trip to Venice is also included.

Work-based learning modules will focus on the controls and processes necessary for a working site and you will also develop your teamwork capabilities.

LEVEL 2

Level 2 will look at modern methods associated with the repair and stabilization of building fabric together with building surveying techniques. You will also study health and safety legislation. In addition, you will have the opportunity to focus on a particular topic in which you are interested by way of a project-based module.

Work-based modules will build upon those undertaken at Level 1. Students will also have the opportunity to undertake site-based activities at a number of historic conservation projects including the White Tower Restoration Programme (Historic Royal Palaces), Woolwich Military Academy, Canterbury Cathedral and Abbey Mills Pumping Station.

Your work in these modules will be assessed by a personal portfolio showing competences achieved.

OPTIONAL 'TOP-UP' TO BSc(HONS) DEGREE

You can 'top-up' the foundation degree to a BSc(Hons) Historic Building Conservation degree via a final academic year (or two years part-time). This includes the in-depth study of building heritage, building design and historic building materials. You will also have the opportunity to undertake a work-based

project tailored to your specific background and experience.

ASSESSMENT DETAILS

You will be assessed by a variety of methods including in-course assignments (reports, computer exercises, laboratory tests, essays) and examinations. Your work-based assignments will be assessed both by a personal portfolio showing competence achieved, as well as by direct observation of your practical work.

TUITION FORMAT

You are taught through lectures, tutorials and practical classes. Workshop-based classes are major elements of our programme and we offer a huge range of hi-tech, specialist engineering equipment to help you apply theory to practice. Individual and group projects will also encourage the development of valuable research, teamwork and project management skills.

Course attendance is for one full day per week (9am - 8pm) for two years. This covers the academic modules. In addition, students will be required to record evidence from a working environment to complete the work-based modules.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS / ADMISSION PROCEDURE

The foundation degree combines academic study with work-based learning. Many of the students on the course will already be working for companies specialising in historic building conservation. Consequently, the entry requirements are less formal than for our honours programme. As a guide, however, we would look for a minimum of 60 points from one 6-unit award or equivalent. Successful entry to the course will also be subject to interview.

WHAT AFTERWARDS?

Following successful completion of the course you will be excellently placed to continue your career within the specialist area of historic building conservation.

Course structure

LEVEL 1

Academic modules

- Historic Buildings Bridging Module
- IT and Graphical Visualization
- History of British Craft and Architecture
- Conservation and the Construction Industry
- Health, Safety and Welfare

Work-based modules

- Assess Work Methods
- Supervise Site Resources
- Implement Health and Safety Systems

LEVEL 2

Academic modules

- Remedial Works
- Measurement and Analysis of Condition
- Management Skills
- Study of Traditional Techniques
- Elective Project

Work-based modules

- Site Control
- Working with People
- Monitor Team Performance

LEVEL 3 (Optional 'top-up' to BSc(Hons))

- Building Heritage
- Building Design
- Work-based Project
- Historic Building Materials
- Building Control
- Critical Practice Project

These are a sample of modules and should not be regarded as full or definitive.



Further information

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