Master's and Post-Master's
Conservation and Restoration of Cultural Heritage

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To choose a career in conservation means to embark upon a lifetime journey of discovery and learning.

Conservation and Restoration in Amsterdam

This four-year programme will provide you with an all-round, interdisciplinary and academic education in the practical, theoretical and scientific aspects of the profession. In addition to the methodological approaches and practical skills required to become a conservator, you will be taught a wide array of connected scientific and analytical techniques. Practical work is carried out on objects of cultural significance, with immediate access to analytical facilities in the same building. As well as fostering an attitude of critical reflection, graduates will learn to tackle the complex conservation assessment and decision-making processes that are vital for a career in the profession.

Post-Master's

The more practically oriented third and fourth year of the programme (Post-Master's) provides you with supervised, on-the-job learning. Through participation in conservation and research projects, you will develop the skills required to
take real objects and artworks as a starting point to learn conservation principles and develop skills in conservation techniques. The exact content varies with each specialisation, but at least includes analysing the making process, meaning and materials using combined research methods. You will learn how to assess a work’s condition and value its physical and conceptual characteristics in relation to its historical background and socio-cultural context prior to designing and carrying out a suitable conservation treatment.
Entry requirements
The Master's in Conservation and Restoration of Cultural Heritage is open to students with a university Bachelor’s degree in the:
• Humanities, preferably with a minor in Conservation and Restoration;
• Sciences, preferably with a minor in Conservation and Restoration.
Bachelor’s degrees in Art History, Cultural Studies, History, Archaeology, Materials Science and Chemistry provide a particularly suitable basis, but other degrees may also be regarded as being suitable. Please see: uva.nl/ma-conservation-and-restoration