

Introductory Course to the Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage

Course Syllabus



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Learning objectives

Cultural and natural sites are very diverse, yet they have in common the fact that they constitute, together with many others, a common heritage to be treasured as unique testimonies to an enduring past. Their disappearance would be an irreparable loss for humanity.

This course introduces you to the World Heritage Convention, which is one of the most complete international instruments that exist in the field of conservation. It is based on the recognition that parts of the cultural and natural heritage of various nations are of outstanding universal significance and need to be preserved as part of the world heritage of humankind as a whole.

At the end of this course, you will be able to:

1. Describe the importance conserving of our common heritage
2. Identify the core components and mechanisms established by the World Heritage Convention

Content and duration

The e-learning course is comprised of 3 lessons, which provide links to the relevant treaty text paragraphs and term concepts of the InforMEA Glossary section. The lessons are organised in books, which can be downloaded in pdf from the left-hand navigation menu.

The core content of these lessons is complemented with additional materials, such as videos, publication and/or external websites

It will take you 1 hour approximately to complete the course, excluding additional materials. You can manage your time as you wish; take a few units and retake the course whenever it is more convenient for you.

Assessment and certificate

Take the quiz at the end of the course to assess your learning progress.

You are required to answer at least 80% of the assessment questions correctly in order to obtain a course certificate.

Before obtaining the certificate you also need to submit the course survey (your feedback). This survey helps us to improve the course, develop new course and assess if you are achieving your learning objectives.

Unit	Content	Learning objectives
Unit 1 – Introduction	1. Our heritage 2. The World Heritage Convention 3. Natural Heritage 4. Cultural Heritage	1. Describe the importance of conserving our common heritage 2. Recall the origins and primary function of the World Heritage Convention 3. Define natural heritage and cultural heritage
Unit 2 - International System of Protection of Natural and Cultural Heritage	1. The International System of Protection International Cooperation 2. World Heritage Committee 3. The World Heritage List Criteria Sites Deletion 4. List of World Heritage in Danger Requirements	1. Recount the main components of the international system of protection established by the World Heritage Convention
Unit 3 – Implementation	1. International Assistance Funding 2. Advisory bodies 3. Reporting 4. National Implementation	1. Describe the measures to facilitate the implementation of and compliance with the Convention



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