



# Vanishing Treasures Course Progression

Our course categories describe the natural development of a historic preservation project and place VT workshops within each step of the preservation process. Trainees are highly encouraged to follow the course progression detailed below: Inquiry, Documentation & Investigation, Treatment, and Maintenance.

## Inquiry

Inquiry courses cover the basics of historic preservation: Significance, Integrity, National Register of Historic Places criteria, Character Defining Features, and Secretary of the Interior's Standards.

## Documentation & Investigation

Documentation and Investigation workshops move students through the beginning steps of a preservation project. Documentation workshops focus on the ways we research historic resources and record their existing conditions in the field. Investigation workshops teach problem solving strategies for defining deterioration problems and quantifying their potential impact.

## Treatment

Treatment workshops cover the construction strategies, treatment, and conservation science of major building materials found in the American West: Wood, Masonry, and Adobe. These workshops are hands-on and split between the classroom and the field.

## Maintenance

Maintenance workshops introduce students to the methods and best practices for continued stewardship of historic resources after their preservation, including how to evaluate treatments, write and follow maintenance and life cycle plans, and bring historic resources into asset management programs.

## Special Topics

A selection of special topics cover pressing issues in preservation each year. Past focus areas include preservation in wilderness, oral histories in preservation, and moisture management.