REGULATIONS FOR THE DEGREE OF
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CONSERVATION
[MSc(Cons)]

(See also General Regulations and Regulations for Taught Postgraduate Curricula)
(These regulations are applicable to students who are admitted to the Master of Science in Conservation in the 2022-23 academic year and thereafter)

Any publication based on work approved for a higher degree should contain a reference to the effect that the work was submitted to the University of Hong Kong for the award of the degree.

Admission requirements

CONS1

To be eligible for admission to the curriculum leading to the Master of Science in Conservation, [MSc(Cons)] candidates shall
(a) comply with the General Regulations and the Regulations for Taught Postgraduate Curricula;
(b) hold a Bachelor’s degree in a relevant field of this University or from a comparable institution accepted for this purpose; motivated candidates with a degree in other disciplines with relevant experience may also apply, subject to approval by the Faculty on a case-by-case basis;
(c) satisfy the examiners in a qualifying examination if required; and
(d) demonstrate a good command of spoken and written English as a prerequisite for acceptance.

Qualifying examination

CONS2

(a) The qualifying examination may be set to test the candidates’ formal academic ability or their ability to follow the prescribed courses of study.
(b) Candidates who are required to satisfy the examiners in a qualifying examination shall not be permitted to register until they have satisfied the examiners in the examination.

Requirements for graduation

CONS3

To be eligible for the award of the MSc(Cons) degree, candidates shall
(a) comply with the General Regulations and the Regulations for Taught Postgraduate Curricula; and
(b) complete the curriculum and satisfy the examiners in accordance with the regulations set out below.
Period of study

CONS4

The curriculum shall normally extend over one academic year of full-time study, or two academic years of part-time study. Candidates shall not be permitted to extend their studies beyond the maximum period of registration of two academic years of full-time study or four academic years of part-time study, unless otherwise permitted or required by the Board of Faculty.

Completion of curriculum

CONS5

To complete the curriculum, candidates shall
(a) satisfy the requirements prescribed in TPG 6 of the Regulations for Taught Postgraduate Curricula;
(b) enrol for courses of a total of 72 credits in the manner specified in these regulations and the syllabuses;
(c) follow instruction in the courses prescribed, and complete satisfactorily all coursework set either as assessment tasks or practical work;
(d) attend all field trips, including the mandatory self-funded international field trip that is part of the two studio courses, and complete all assigned field work; and
(e) satisfy the examiners in all prescribed courses and in any prescribed form of assessment.

Assessment

CONS6

(a) Every examinable assignment must be submitted within the stipulated deadline or within a final extended deadline approved by the Programme Director in consultation with the Internal Examiners.

(b) Candidates who have failed in not more than two courses in any semester if they are full-time, or in any two consecutive semesters if they are part-time, shall be permitted to make up for the failed course in the following manner as determined by the Board of Examiners:
   i. undergoing reassessment in the failed course to be held no later than the end of the following semester; or
   ii. resubmitting failed coursework, without having to repeat the same course of instruction; or
   iii. repeating the failed course by undergoing instruction and satisfying the assessments; or
   iv. for elective courses, taking another course in lieu and satisfying the assessment requirements.

(c) Candidates shall be recommended for discontinuation under the provision of General Regulation G12 if they have:
   i. failed to satisfy the examiners at a first attempt in three courses or more in any semester if they are full-time, or in any two consecutive semesters if they are part-time; or
   ii. failed to satisfy the examiners in any one course at the second attempt; or
   iii. exceeded the maximum period of registration as specified in regulation CONS4 of the degree.
There shall be no appeal against the results of examinations and all other forms of assessment.

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**Grading system**

**CONS8**

Individual courses shall be graded according to letter grades, their standards and the grade points for assessment as follow:

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**Assessment results**

**CONS9**

On successful completion of the MSc(Cons) curriculum, candidates who have shown exceptional merit may be awarded a mark of distinction, and this mark shall be recorded in the candidates’ degree diploma.