

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

AR58/618

*(See also General Regulations)*

*(These amended regulations will apply to students who are admitted in the 2015-16 academic year)*

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.

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**Admission requirements**

**Ar121** The MSc(Conservation) programme is open to postgraduate students and practising professionals. The basic admission requirement is a recognized bachelor degree in a relevant discipline or qualifications deemed to be equivalent.

To be eligible for admission to the curriculum leading to the Master of Science in Conservation, a candidate shall

- (a) comply with the General Regulations;
  - (b) hold a Bachelor's degree in a relevant field of this University or from a comparable institution accepted for this purpose;
  - (c) satisfy the examiners in a qualifying examination if required;
  - (d) demonstrate a good command of spoken and written English as a prerequisite for acceptance.
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**Qualifying examination**

**Ar122**

- (a) A qualifying examination may be set to test the candidate's formal academic ability or his ability to follow the courses of study prescribed;
  - (b) A candidate who is required to satisfy the examiners in a qualifying examination shall not be permitted to register until he has satisfied the examiners in the examination.
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**Transfer of candidature into the Master of Science in Conservation programme**

**Ar123** Subject to the approval of the Programme Director, and in consultation with the Internal Examiners, a candidate who has satisfactorily completed the curriculum for either the Postgraduate Diploma in Conservation curriculum at HKU, the Postgraduate Diploma in Cultural Heritage Management at HKU-SPACE or an equivalent qualification from a recognized tertiary institution, may be permitted to transfer directly to the second year of the part-time MSc(Conservation) programme provided that he

- (a) complies with Regulation Ar121(a) to (d);
- (b) has fulfilled all the examination requirements for the diploma at the first attempt;
- (c) transfers to the MSc(Conservation) programme in the year he is due for the award of the diploma;
- (d) takes the necessary make-up core courses as specified by the Programme Director.

A candidate who has made the transfer from the PDip(Conservation) programme to the MSc(Conservation) programme will not be awarded the PDip(Conservation) diploma.

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### **Award of degree**

**Ar124** To be eligible for the award of the Master of Science in Conservation, a candidate shall

- (a) comply with the General Regulations; and
  - (b) complete the curriculum and satisfy the examiners in accordance with the regulations set out below.
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### **Length of curriculum**

**Ar125**

- (a) The curriculum for the part-time programme shall extend over two academic years and be equivalent to a total of 400 contact hours: 200 contact hours in the first year (eight compulsory core courses) and 200 contact hours in the second year (four compulsory core courses and two elective courses).
  - (b) The curriculum for the full-time programme shall extend over one academic year and be equivalent to a total of 400 contact hours (twelve compulsory core courses and two elective courses).
  - (c) The maximum duration of registration for the one-year, full-time MSc(Conservation) curriculum is 2 years, and for the two-year, part-time curriculum is 3 years.
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### **Completion of curriculum**

**Ar126** To complete the curriculum, a candidate shall

- (a) satisfactorily complete all written work including the dissertation;
  - (b) attend all field trips and complete all assigned fieldwork;
  - (c) satisfy the examiners in all examinations as may be required.
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### **Course selection**

**Ar127**

- (a) In the first year of the part-time programme, a candidate must take eight compulsory core courses.
- (b) In the second year of the part-time programme, a candidate must take four core courses and two elective courses, the choice of which shall be made in consultation with the Programme Director and the Programme Coordinator, and be subject to the approval of the Programme Director;
- (c) In the full-time programme, a candidate must take twelve compulsory core courses and two elective courses, the choice of which shall be made in consultation with the Programme Director and the Programme Coordinator, and be subject to the approval of the Programme Director;
- (d) Subject to the approval of the Programme Director, a candidate may in exceptional circumstances be permitted to select elective courses from an institution recognized by the Department of Architecture other than from the postgraduate courses offered by The University of Hong Kong.

## **Graduation or advancement to second-year MSc(Conservation)**

### **Ar128**

- (a) A first-year candidate of the part-time programme must complete all courses to the satisfaction of the examiners before he is allowed to advance to the second year, unless special permission is given by the Programme Director to allow the candidate to complete the outstanding courses concurrently with the second year curriculum;
  - (b) A candidate of the full-time programme must complete all courses to the satisfaction of the examiners before he is allowed to graduate.
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## **Practical training**

### **Ar129**

- (a) A candidate shall choose the organization in which he is to carry out the practical training from a list of organizations approved or recommended by the Programme Director.
  - (b) At the end of his/her practical training, a candidate is required to
    - (i) submit a practical-training report for review and assessment by the Board of Examiners; and
    - (ii) obtain a completion of practical training letter from the candidate's practical training supervisor (who must hold a senior managerial, executive or technical position in the organization the candidate has carried out his practical training) certifying the candidate's satisfactory completion of his practical training. This letter, which forms part of the assessment of the candidate's practical training performance, shall be included as the first page of the practical training report.
  - (c) A candidate who has failed to satisfactorily complete his practical training requirement or has not completed the required minimum of 72 contact hours of practical training, but has satisfactorily completed other parts of the curriculum, shall be required to satisfactorily complete a minimum of 72 contact hours of practical training in the following academic year before he may be awarded the MSc(Conservation) degree, and the number of hours the candidate has already performed in the practical training in the previous year shall not be carried forward.
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## **Dissertation**

### **Ar130**

- (a) A candidate shall submit the title of his dissertation by a date specified by the Programme Director. A candidate may submit his dissertation after the successful completion of his coursework, and shall submit it not later than the end of September of the year, unless special permission is granted by the Board of Examiners;
  - (b) A candidate shall submit a statement that the dissertation represents his own work (or in the case of conjoint work, a statement countersigned by his co-worker, which shows his share of the work) undertaken after the registration as a candidate for the degree.
  - (c) The preferred length of the dissertation shall be between 10,000 and 20,000 words.
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## **Examinations**

### **Ar131**

- (a) Every examinable assignment including the practical training report and the dissertation

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) A candidate of the part-time programme who has failed in not more than two courses in his first-year or second-year of studies, or a candidate of the full-time programme who has failed in not more than two courses in his studies, shall be permitted to present himself for re-examination.
- (c) If he fails in the re-examination at the second attempt, he shall be required to repeat the entire course(s) in the following academic year, and present himself for the final re-examination at the third attempt before he can be considered for advancement or graduation. If a course that the candidate is required to repeat is not available in the following academic year, the candidate shall take an alternative course of instruction as specified by the Programme Director and take the prescribed examination(s). This will constitute the final attempt.
- (d) A candidate shall be recommended for discontinuation of studies under General Regulation G12 if
  - (i) he fails to satisfy the examiners in more than two courses at the first attempt; or
  - (ii) he fails to satisfy the examiners in any course at the third attempt; or
  - (iii) he fails to satisfy the examiners in an alternative course under the circumstances as described in Ar131(c);
  - (iv) he fails to submit any examinable assignment including the practical training report and the dissertation within the final extended deadline stipulated by the Programme Director and the Internal Examiners.
- (e) Subject to the recommendation of the Programme Director, a candidate who fails to complete his dissertation after two extensions, but has satisfactorily completed all other courses, may in exceptional circumstances be considered for award of the PDip(Conservation) diploma.

## **Examination results**

### **Ar132**

- (a) At the conclusion of the examinations, and after presentation of practical-training reports, supervisors' letters and dissertations, a pass list of candidates awarded the Master of Science in Conservation shall be published. A candidate who has passed all the required courses in the curriculum at the first attempt and scored distinctions in at least half of these courses will be placed on the Dean's List and a mark of distinction shall be recorded in the candidate's degree diploma.