

**REGULATIONS FOR THE  
POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN CONSERVATION  
[PDip(Conservation)]**

AR55/618

*(See also General Regulations and Regulations for Taught Postgraduate Curricula)  
(These regulations are applicable to candidates who are admitted to Postgraduate Diploma in Conservation in the 2017-18 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 postgraduate diploma.

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**Admission requirements**

**Ar101** To be eligible for admission to the curriculum leading to the Postgraduate Diploma in Conservation, 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;
- (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.

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**Qualifying examination**

**Ar102**

- (a) A qualifying examination may be set to test the candidates' formal academic ability or their ability to follow the courses of study prescribed.
- (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.

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**Transfer of candidature into the Master of Science in Conservation curriculum**

**Ar103**

- (a) Subject to the approval of the Board of the Faculty, and in consultation with the Internal Examiners, candidates who have registered for the Postgraduate Diploma in Conservation curriculum at HKU and have satisfactorily completed the curriculum may be permitted to transfer directly to the second year of the part-time Master of Science in Conservation curriculum, provided that they
  - (i) comply with Regulations Ar101(a) to (d);
  - (ii) have fulfilled all the curriculum requirements for the Postgraduate Diploma in Conservation at the first attempt;
  - (iii) transfer to the Master of Science in Conservation curriculum in the year they are due for the award of the diploma; and
  - (iv) are not awarded the Postgraduate Diploma in Conservation.
- (b) Upon transfer to the Master of Science in Conservation curriculum, the candidates' period of study for the curriculum shall be counted from the date of their commencement of the Postgraduate Diploma in Conservation curriculum in calculating the maximum period of registration as prescribed in Ar126 of the Regulations for the Degree of Master of Science in

- Conservation.
- (c) Candidates will be allowed to transfer their credits and assessment results of the courses that they have completed for the Postgraduate Diploma in Conservation to the Master of Science in Conservation curriculum, and for the purposes of calculating the Dean's List and award of distinction as prescribed in Ar132 of the Regulations for the Degree of Master of Science in Conservation.
  - (d) If candidates after transferring to the Master of Science in Conservation curriculum fail to complete the requirements of the Master of Science in Conservation curriculum, they may be awarded the Postgraduate Diploma in Conservation provided that they have satisfied the requirements of the Postgraduate Diploma in Conservation.
  - (e) The Postgraduate Diploma in Conservation and the Master of Science in Conservation curricula are an impermissible combination. Candidates who are awarded the Postgraduate Diploma in Conservation shall not be admitted to the Master of Science in Conservation curriculum.
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### **Award of postgraduate diploma**

**Ar104** To be eligible for the award of the Postgraduate Diploma in Conservation, 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.
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### **Period of study**

#### **Ar105**

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

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### **Completion of curriculum**

**Ar106** 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 45 credits;
  - (c) satisfactorily complete all written work;
  - (d) complete all assigned fieldwork; and
  - (e) satisfy the examiners in all examinations as may be required.
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### **Assessment**

#### **Ar107**

- (a) Every examinable assignment must be submitted within the stipulated deadline.
- (b) Candidates who have failed in not more than two courses shall be permitted to present themselves for re-assessment. If they fail in the assessment at the second attempt, they shall be required to repeat the entire course(s) in the following academic year, and present themselves for the assessment at the third attempt before they can be considered for

- advancement or graduation.
- (c) If a course that the candidates are required to repeat is not available in the following academic year, the candidates shall take an alternative course as specified by the Programme Director and take the prescribed assessment. This will constitute the final attempt.
  - (d) Candidates who have failed to complete any compulsory fieldwork, but have satisfactorily completed other parts of the curriculum, shall be required to complete the missed fieldwork in the following academic year and produce a report to the satisfaction of the examiners before they may be awarded the Postgraduate Diploma in Conservation;
  - (e) Candidates shall be recommended for discontinuation of studies under General Regulation G12 if they have:
    - (i) failed to satisfy the examiners in more than two courses at the first attempt; or
    - (ii) failed to satisfy the examiners in any course at the third attempt; or
    - (iii) failed to satisfy the examiners in an alternative course under the circumstances as described in Ar107(b).
    - (iv) exceeded the maximum period of registration specified in these regulations.
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## **Grading system**

### **Ar108**

Courses of this curriculum shall be graded 'Distinction', 'Pass' or 'Fail' as determined by the Board of Examiners.

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## **Assessment results**

**Ar109** On successful completion of the Postgraduate Diploma in Conservation curriculum, candidates who have 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 awarded a mark of distinction.