

Programme Regulations 2009/10

Degree of Master of Science and Postgraduate Diploma in Wildlife Conservation and Management

Codes: MSc 5026; Postgraduate Diploma 3399

Notes:

- (i) *These programme regulations should be read in conjunction with the University's Masters Progress Regulations and Examination Conventions.*
- (ii) *A core module is a module which a student must pass, and in which a fail mark may neither be carried nor compensated; such modules are designated by the board of studies as essential for progression to a further stage of the programme or for study in a further module.*
- (iii) *A compulsory module is a module which a student must take.*

1. Programme structure

- (a) The programmes are available for study in both full-time and part-time modes.
- (b) The period of study for full-time mode shall be one year for Masters and eight months for Diploma starting in September. The period of study for part-time mode (for MSc only) shall normally be two years starting in September.
- (c) The Masters programme comprises modules to a credit value of 180. The Diploma programme comprises modules to a credit value of 120.
- (d) All candidates shall take the following compulsory modules:

<i>Code</i>	<i>Descriptive title</i>	<i>Total Credits</i>	<i>Credits Sem 1</i>	<i>Credits Sem 2</i>	<i>Credits Sem 3</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>Type</i>
ACE8022	Quantitative Techniques, Experimental Design and Data Analysis	10	10			7	
ACE8024	Trees: Ecology, Management and Environmental Impacts	10		10		7	
ACE8028	Environmental Assessment	10	10			7	
ACE8030	Environment and Habitat Assessment Field Class [^]	10		10		7	
ACE8041	Ecosystem Management	10		10		7	
ACE8042	Wildlife Conservation: Policy and Practice	10	10			7	
ACE8045	Ecological Survey Techniques	10	10			7	
ACE8090	Habitat/Species Management Project	70			70	7	
ACE8093	MSc Project Preparation	10	5	5		7	
BIO8002	Conservation Biology Issues	10		10		7	

[^] *Module run after Easter – field based intensive week*

- (e) All MSc candidates shall select further modules to a total of 20 credits, normally chosen from the following :

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ACE8017	Countryside Management *	20	10	10		7	
ACE8021	Sustainable Development and Environmental Change	10	10			7	
ACE8060	Land-Water Interface	10	10			7	
ACE8061	Global Ecosystems and Environmental Change	10		10		7	
BIO8000	Habitat Mapping and Resource Assessment using Remote Sensing	10		10		7	
BIO8006^	Field Identification Skills	10		10		7	
BIO8014	GIS and Remote Sensing	10		10		7	

* Is not examined until Semester 2 examination period in May/June

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2. Assessment methods

Details of the assessment pattern for each module are explained in the module outline.

3. Progress

Before proceeding from stage 1 to stage 2 a part-time candidate must satisfy the examiners in the assessment specified for each module of that stage.

In order to be permitted to start module ACE8090 a candidate must

- obtain a weighted average mark from all other modules of at least 50, prior to any compensation rule being applied,
- and have no module mark below 40,
- and have failed no more than 40 credits.

A candidate who fails to satisfy the requirement to start module ACE8090 may be allowed to continue on the Diploma programme.

4. Diploma Programme

Diploma programmes normally require nine months' full-time study and require the candidate to undertake study equivalent to 120 credits. Diploma students would not do a research project but, with the approval of the Degree Programme Director, would be expected to take additional optional modules from the lists given in paragraph (e) above, or undertake a short, library-based dissertation (ACE8097). With the permission of the Degree Programme Director, the Diploma programme may also be taken part-time.