Department for Continuing Education

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Postgraduate Certificate in Ecological Survey Techniques

Clarification of length of validity of modules taken as stand alone, other minor changes

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Delete from Cl 1 starting “Every candidate” to end of Optional Modules Schedule C ending “Field Techniques for Surveying Fish and Amphibians” (ie entire regulations)

Replace with:

Postgraduate Certificate in Ecological Survey Techniques

1. Every candidate must follow for at least one year a part-time course of instruction in the theory and practice of Ecological Survey Techniques, normally over a period of no more than three years.

2. Every candidate will be required to satisfy the examiners in the following:

   a. attendance at the one-week module in Schedule A;
   b. engagement with and contribution to both online modules in Schedule B;
   c. engagement with and contribution to two online modules chosen from those listed in Schedule C;
   d. participation in and completion of a Field Project module;
   e. participation to the satisfaction of the Programme Director in all other parts of the course;
   f. one written assignment of not more than 2,500 words based on the module in Schedule A. This is formative only and the marks do not
contribute to the final award;
g. four written assignments of not more than 2,000 words, one from each of the modules from 2 b) and one from each of the modules chosen from 2 c) above. Depending on the modules chosen, up to two of the written assignments on the modules from 2 c) may be replaced by presentations in a media specified by the examiners;
h. One field project of not more than 5,000 words and an associated online learning journal of not more than 1,000 words.

The assessed work under Clauses 2 (f), (g) and (h) will be submitted to examiners, in normal circumstances through an electronic submission system, for consideration by such date as the examiners shall determine and of which they shall notify candidates.

3. Candidates may be required to attend a viva voce examination at the end of the course at the discretion of the examiners.
4. The examiners may award a Distinction to candidates for the Certificate.

5. The Course Committee shall have the discretion to deem satisfactory completion of up to two modules listed in Schedule B and C below prior to registration for the award as having met the attendance and examination requirements for that module or modules under 2 above. Such discretion will normally only be exercised if the time elapsed between commencement of the module concerned and registration for the award is not more than two years.

6. Candidates who fail to satisfy the examiners in any part of the assessment listed under 2(g) or 2(h) may be permitted to resubmit work in respect of the part or parts of the examination which they have failed on not more than one occasion which shall normally be within one year of the original failure.

**Core Module Schedule A**

Introduction to ecological survey techniques

**Core Modules Schedule B**

Data analysis

Field techniques for surveying vegetation

**Optional Modules Schedule C**

Field techniques for surveying mammals and reptiles

Field techniques for surveying birds

Field techniques for surveying invertebrates

Field techniques for surveying fish and amphibians