Department for Continuing Education

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Postgraduate Certificate in Ecological Survey Techniques

To apply the Department’s policy on variable intensity of study to the PG Certificate

With effect from 1 October 2013

In Examination Regulations 2012 as amended by the Gazette of 10 May 2012

P 1025 delete lines 17 to line 14 on page 1026 and insert the attached text
Postgraduate Certificate in Ecological Survey Techniques

1. The course will consist of instruction in the theory and practice of Ecological Survey Techniques. The course will be taken on a part time basis.

2. The policy of the Continuing Education Board on variable intensity part-time postgraduate study applies to this award.

3. The minimum period of registration for the award of the Postgraduate Certificate shall be three terms and the maximum period shall be six terms.

4. Candidates may be permitted by the Continuing Education Board in certain circumstances to suspend status for a maximum of six terms. Any such period shall not count to the maximum or minimum permitted period of registration and no fee liability will be incurred during such periods.

5. Where a candidate undertakes a module under 10 below, the date of registration for the award shall retrospectively be deemed to be the first day of the term in which the module was taken.

6. Every candidate will be required to satisfy the examiners in the following:
   a. attendance at the one-week module in Schedule A in the candidate’s first term of registration;
   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 6b) and one from each of the modules chosen from 6c) above. Depending on the modules chosen, up to two of the written assignments on the modules from 6c) 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 on-line learning journal of not more than 1,000 words.

The assessed work under Clauses 6 (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.

7. Candidates may be required to attend a viva voce examination at the end of the course at the discretion of the examiners.

8. The examiners may award a Distinction to candidates for the Certificate.
9 Candidates who fail to satisfy the examiners in any part of the assessment listed under 6(g) or 6(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 shall normally be within one year of the original failure.

10 The Course Committee shall have the discretion to deem satisfactory completion of a module including the associated assessment prior to registration for the award as having met the attendance and examination requirements in respect of that module. 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. The maximum number of modules taken prior to registration for the award that can contribute to the achievement of the award of the Postgraduate Certificate in this way shall be two.

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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