

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

*(See also General Regulations)*

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** The PDip(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 Postgraduate Diploma 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**

**Ar102**

- (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 [MSc(Conservation)] programme**

**Ar103**

- (a) A candidate who has registered for the PDip(Conservation) programme may be permitted to transfer the candidature to the part-time MSc(Conservation) programme **before** the award of the diploma;
  - (b) A candidate who has transferred his candidature to the MSc(Conservation) programme will not be awarded the PDip(Conservation) upon the successful completion of the PDip(Conservation) curriculum; instead, he will continue directly into the second year of the MSc(Conservation) programme.
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**Award of postgraduate diploma**

**Ar104** To be eligible for the award of the Postgraduate Diploma 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.

**Length of curriculum**

**Ar105** The curriculum shall extend over one academic year of study. There are 200 contact hours in the curriculum (eight compulsory core courses and one elective course).

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**Completion of curriculum**

- Ar106** To complete the curriculum, a candidate shall
- (a) satisfactorily complete all written work;
  - (b) complete all assigned fieldwork; and
  - (c) satisfy the examiners in all examinations as may be required.
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**Course selection****Ar107**

- (a) A candidate must take eight core courses and one elective course, the choice of which shall be made in consultation with the Programme Director and the Curriculum Coordinator, and be subject to the approval of the Programme Director;
  - (b) Subject to the approval of the Head of the Department on the recommendation of the Programme Director, a candidate may in exceptional circumstances be permitted to select an additional elective course.
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**Conservation logbook****Ar108**

- (a) A candidate must complete his conservation logbook to the satisfaction of the examiners before he is allowed to graduate;
  - (b) A candidate may submit his logbook after the successful completion of his coursework, but shall not submit it later than the end of May, unless special permission is granted by the Board of Examiners;
  - (c) A candidate shall submit a statement that the logbook represents his own work undertaken after the registration as a candidate for the diploma.
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**Failure to satisfy the examiners****Ar109**

- (a) A candidate who has failed in not more than two courses shall be permitted to present himself for re-examination. 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 re-examination at the third attempt before he can be considered for advancement or graduation;
- (b) 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 as specified by the Programme Director and take the prescribed examination(s). This will constitute the final attempt;
- (c) A candidate who has failed to present a satisfactory conservation logbook may be permitted, subject to his performance in coursework examinations, to revise and re-submit the logbook within a specified period as determined by the Board of Examiners;

- (d) A candidate who has failed to complete any compulsory fieldwork, but has 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 he may be awarded the PDip(Conservation);
- (e) A candidate shall be recommended for discontinuation of studies under General Regulation G 12 if
  - (i) he fails to satisfy the examiners in more than two courses at the first attempt;
  - (ii) he fails to satisfy the examiners in any course at the third attempt;
  - (iii) he fails to satisfy the examiners in an alternative course under the circumstances as described in Ar109(b).

### **Examination results**

**Ar110** At the conclusion of the examination, a pass list of candidates awarded the Postgraduate Diploma in Conservation shall be published. A candidate who has shown exceptional merit at the whole examination process may be awarded a mark of distinction and this mark shall be recorded in the candidate's postgraduate diploma.

## **SYLLABUSES FOR POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN CONSERVATION**

The programme consists of eight compulsory core courses, one elective course from the list of specified electives and mandatory fieldwork. The elective courses are chosen from postgraduate courses offered by The University of Hong Kong.

The core courses provide the essential framework for understanding cultural heritage principles and practices, and especially those related to architecture in Hong Kong, Macau and Mainland China. The elective course allows students to choose a course that is of particular relevance to their own professional fields and interests.

Fieldwork is an integral part of each core course.

There are 200 contact hours in the programme.

### **CORE COURSES**

#### **ARCH8101. Conservation workshop (3 units)**

This is a hands-on course conducted in a workshop environment. The course investigates the design and technical challenges of upgrading heritage buildings to meet statutory as well as adaptive reuse requirements. It also examines the macro design and planning issues of integrating heritage buildings and conservation districts into new developments.

#### **ARCH8102. Cultural heritage and the built environment (3 units)**

This course focuses on heritage buildings and their settings within a socio-cultural context. Built heritage in Hong Kong, Macau and Mainland China is emphasized.

**ARCH8103. Cultural heritage: charters and legislation** (3 units)

This course introduces the guiding principles and legal framework for heritage conservation, as established in international charters and regional legislation, and examines in particular detail their application in Hong Kong, Macau, Mainland China and Southeast Asia.

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**ARCH8104. Conservation management and practice** (3 units)

This course focuses on the management problems unique to conservation projects in Hong Kong, Macau, Mainland China and Southeast Asia, and systematically explores the responsibilities of heritage practitioners in carrying out conservation work from project planning and implementation to post-project management and maintenance.

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**ARCH8105. Materials and techniques of conservation** (3 units)

This course investigates the properties and characteristics of traditional and modern materials commonly encountered in heritage structures in Hong Kong, Macau and Mainland China, and examines a range of techniques that are appropriate for conservation work in the Far East region.

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**ARCH8106. Field study I: Macau** (1 unit)

This 3-day field study, with input by officials from Macau SAR Government's conservation agency, Instituto Cultural De Macau, provides in-depth understanding of the local effort in carrying out conservation for cultural tourism and sustainable development.

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**ARCH8107. Field study II: South China or Southeast Asia** (1 unit)

This 3-day field study in southern China or a Southeast Asian country, with input by local governmental or private conservation experts, provides in-depth understanding of conservation efforts for cultural tourism and sustainable development.

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**ARCH8108. Conservation logbook** (4 units)

The conservation logbook provides students with a means to express and record their learning experience in architectural conservation in a lively and creative manner. It is designed to allow students to compile notes and thoughts from lectures, field trips, and relevant reading for future reference purposes as well as for future research and publications.

**ELECTIVE COURSES**

Please note that enrolment to the recommended electives listed below is subject to approval of the offering departments.

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**Electives offered by the Department of Architecture**

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| <b>ARCH5102.</b>            | <b>Chinese landscapes</b>                                      |
| <b>ARCH5105.</b>            | <b>The design of Chinese cities</b>                            |
| <b>ARCH5305.</b>            | <b>Computer-aided architectural design methods</b>             |
| <b>ARCH7106 &amp; 7107.</b> | <b>History and theory of landscape architecture I &amp; II</b> |

**ARCH8022. Topics in heritage conservation (3 units)**

This course, whose topics vary from year to year, focuses on subjects that will help to enhance the understanding of heritage conservation within the cultural context of Hong Kong, Macau, Mainland China and/or Southeast Asia.

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**Electives offered by the Centre of Urban Planning and Environmental Management**

<b>ENVM8006.</b>	<b>Environmental impact assessment</b>
<b>URBP6429.</b>	<b>Physical planning and urban form</b>
<b>URBP6825.</b>	<b>Planning practice and administration in Hong Kong</b>
<b>URBP7824.</b>	<b>Planning theories</b>

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**Elective offered by the Department of Geography**

<b>GEOG2061.</b>	<b>Cultural heritage management and tourism</b>
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