

MARINE CONSERVATION (MSc/PgDip/PgCert)

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Duration: 12 months full-time (MSc); 9 months (PgDip); 4 months full time (PgCert)
24 months part-time (MSc); 18 months part-time (PgDip); 8 months part time (PgCert) .

Content: Candidates must attend the following designated programme of courses unless they have previously passed courses deemed by the Programme Co-ordinator to be equivalent to one or more of the specified courses, in which case another course must be taken with approval from the Programme Co-ordinator. Candidates must take 120 credit points of courses from the compulsory and elective courses in stages 1 and 2.

FULL TIME ROUTE

Stage 1

Compulsory courses:

PD5006 Getting Started at the University of Aberdeen (0 credit points)
BI5009 Experimental Design and Analysis (15 credit points)
ZO5012 Marine & Fisheries Ecology, Conservation and Management (15 credit points)
ZO5304 Population Ecology (15 credit points)

Plus one from the following list of elective courses:

BI5302 Statistics for Complex Study Designs (15 credit points)
EK5301 Molecular Ecological Techniques (15 credit points)

Stage 2

Compulsory courses:

EV5517 Applications of GIS (15 credit points)
ZO5809 Marine Conservation Management (15 credit points)

Plus one from the following list of elective courses:

EK5510 Ecology, Conservation and Society (15 credit points)
ZO5518 Marine Spatial Management (15 credit points)

Plus one from the following list of elective courses:

ZO5806 Fisheries Science (15 credit points)
ZO5820 Marine Biodiversity (15 credit points)

Final Stage (Stage 3)

ZO5905 Research Project in Marine Conservation (60 credit points)

Assessment: By a combination of (1) assignments as prescribed for each course, and (2) a dissertation covering the research project. MSc and Diploma candidates are usually required to attend an oral examination. Only candidates who complete (1) at an appropriate standard will be allowed to progress to the final stage leading to an MSc degree.

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PART-TIME ROUTE

This route will run over two years minimum. Candidates can take up to 120 credit points in an academic year.

Candidates must take 120 credit points of courses including all of the compulsory courses and a selection of the elective courses in stages 1 and 2 (listed above) plus the 60 credit research project.

PD5006 Getting Started at the University of Aberdeen, BI5009 Experimental Design and Analysis and EV5517 Applications of GIS must be taken in Year 1.

ZO5905 Research Project in Marine Conservation must be registered for in Year 2. However the work for Research Project/Dissertation may be split between Years 1 and 2.

Part-time students must consult with the Programme Coordinator before registering for courses.

Assessment: By a combination of (1) assignments as prescribed for each course, and (2) for MSc, a dissertation covering the research project.