

LIFS 2011 A Practicum on Wetland Conservation (1 credit)

*Organized by Division of Life Science of HKUST and
The Hong Kong Wetland Park (HKWP)*

31 December 2016 - 30 April 2017

Learning Outcomes

- (1) To enhance students' overall **interest** in and **awareness** of environmental conservation, especially those about **wetlands**
- (2) To enable students to **connect** what they learn from the environmental courses to the real-life situation
- (3) To remind students of their **roles** in protecting our environment
- (4) To provide students with chances in developing skills of **communication, presentation, organization, problem solving, time management, self learning, and team working**
- (5) To equip students with **work experience** in conservation-related areas

Coordinator

Dr Ice KO (Division of Life Science)

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Target Students (Quota: 15)

- **BSc in Biological Sciences** (LIFS 2011: Major Elective)
- **BSc in Biochemistry and Cell Biology / BSc in Biotechnology** (Free Elective)
 - Students already took / taking 'LIFS 2060 Biodiversity' have priority
- **BSc in Environmental Science** (Free Elective)

Students are expected to be able to communicate effectively in **Cantonese** (since the training sessions and most of the on-site service will be conducted in Cantonese).

Assessment

- **Continuous assessment** will be conducted by Course Coordinator and the Wetland Park supervisors
- **"Pass" or "Fail"** grade will be given

Course Description

(1) Content

- a. **Training** as ecotour guide and exhibition interpreter
- b. **On-site service** as ecotour guide and exhibition interpreter

Note: All activities will be carried out at HKWP, Tin Shui Wai, New Territories (HKWP website: <http://www.wetlandpark.com/>)

(2) Schedule: 31 December 2016 - 30 April 2017

- a. **Training:** 31 Dec 2016, 7 & 14 Jan 2017
(3 full days, 09:30 – 17:00; full attendance is required)
- b. **On-site Service:** After training to 30 Apr 2017

(3) Requirement of On-site Service: 35 hours minimum

- a. Service arrangement
 - Full day (7 hours' service, 09:30-17:00)
 - Half day (3 hours' service, 09:30-12:30 or 13:30-16:30)
- b. Service schedule is subject to the arrangement between students and HKWP

Application and Inquiry

For students who are **interested** in the course and **can reserve time to complete all the required components**, please send the following information to Dr Ice KO (iceko@ust.hk) **by 12 noon of 23 November 2016 (Wednesday)**:

Full Name
Student Number
Year of Study
UST Email Address
Mobile Number
(* Please attach your *unofficial transcript* in the email.)

Selected applicants will be informed through UST email by 25 November to attend an interview (tentative schedule of interview: 1 December, morning).

Remarks

- (1) Participants are required to be able to communicate effectively in **Cantonese**.
- (2) Upon **completion and satisfactory performance in ALL required components** (3-day training and 35-hour on-site service), students will receive **one credit** ("Pass" or "Fail" grade).
- (3) For administrative purpose, the course will be offered through the **Spring** semester. Successful applicants are required to register for the course through **Spring course registration**.