



Habitat Conservation Plans – Syllabus



Duration: 2 Weeks

Credit Hours: 8 Hours

General Information

The Swamp School Habitat Conservation Plans course is designed to provide you with all of the knowledge required to successfully prepare a comprehensive Habitat Conservation Plan and much more. It is a great opportunity to enhance your analytical skills and improve your overall knowledge of data collection.

Hands-on data management and the preparation of instructor-lead assignments are all part of this workshop. This workshop is offered online and can be completed at your own pace over the course of two weeks. Each week students participate in classroom discussions, watch video presentations, and complete class assignments. There are two required assignments and no exams.

Course Description

In this course you will learn how to:

- Research regulatory background and requirements for a Habitat Conservation Plan
- Develop a description of the proposed project
- Determine the biological resources that will be affected
Develop a take assessment
- Determine the effects of the take using Habitat Suitability Indexes
- Develop a conservation program to minimize or mitigate the effects of the take
- Review alternatives for minimizing or mitigating effects
- Create a conservation implementation plan
- Develop a Habitat Conservation Plan report

All of these topics and more are covered in our two-week course.

Course Requirements

Students are expected to present original work for all weekly assignments on or before the due date of the assignment. ALL information for course assignments must be current and completed within the time frame of your published course start and end dates unless a specific exception to this policy is granted by the staff of the Swamp School. Submissions completed for an employer's work-related project will be accepted as long as they meet the time restrictions mentioned above.

Instructor Contact - Directly within the class via Moodle email

Time Limits

You must complete all class requirements by the official end date of the course. If you are unable to complete the class within that time frame you **MUST** notify the Swamp School in writing. Late work may be turned in after due dates but may be penalized. If you have not completed the course by the official end date, additional time extensions can be requested but may be subject to an additional fee. If you wish, you may transfer into the next scheduled session of the course, however, some or all of your previous coursework may not carry over to the new session and you may also be subject to a re-enrollment fee. The Swamp School reserves the right to modify this policy on a case-by-case basis.

NOTE: In the event that the student falls more than two weeks behind during the class term, the student's course access will be suspended without notice until the student contacts the Swamp School to discuss continuation in the class or transfer to another session. It is up to the student to contact the Swamp School to discuss re-enrollment options.

Plagiarism and Writing Standards

The Swamp School's expectation is that all student work will be original. A detailed description of our policy on proper submission of an assignment is outlined in our Plagiarism Statement and Writing Standards.

Grading*

Weekly Assignments - 100%*

*A minimum overall grade of 80% is required to pass this class.

Quizzes and Tests

None

Course Schedule

Week	Topic
Week 1	Background, Regulations, Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP), takes, Habitat Suitability Indexes, impact avoidance/minimization. Assignment 1.
Week 2	Preparing an HCP, analyzing impacts and possible mitigation, submission of the HCP. Assignment 2.

Certification

Students that successfully complete the assignments will be awarded a certificate of training for their records.