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EDUCATION ACT
(CAP. 327)

Bachelor of Arts - B.A. - in European Studies Degree Course Regulations, 1998

IN exercise of the powers conferred upon him by sections 30 (5) and 31 (6) of the Education Act (Cap. 327), the Chancellor of the University of Malta has promulgated the following regulations made by the Senate of the University of Malta by virtue of the powers conferred upon it by sections 31 and 35 of the said Act:

Citation and interpretation

1. (1) These regulations may be cited as the Bachelor of Arts - B.A. - in European Studies Degree Course Regulations, 1998.

(2) In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires -

"the Board" means the Board of the European Documentation and Research Centre;

"the Course" means the Course leading to the Degree;

"the Degree" means the Degree of Bachelor of Arts - B.A. - in European Studies.

Applicability

2. These regulations shall apply to courses starting in October 1995 or later.

Eligibility for the Degree

3. To be eligible for the Degree a student must have:

(a) registered for and successfully completed the full course of studies as provided in these regulations;

(b) passed the Final Examinations for the Degree; and

(c) satisfied all the other requirements laid down in these regulations and any other relevant statutes, regulations and bye-laws of this University.

Admission Requirements

4. A candidate may be registered for the Course if he is eligible for admission to the University as a regular student in terms of the Admission Regulations of the University.

Course Structure

5. (1) The Course shall consist of two parts as follows:

(a) Part One shall normally extend over a period of two years. It shall incorporate all introductory and basic study-units and shall be common to students in both the General and the Honours courses.

(b) Part Two shall normally extend over a period of one year. It shall incorporate mainly advanced study-units in the principal and secondary subject areas.

(2) A student shall qualify for Part Two if he has obtained a Pass grade or better in the assessment of Part One, but he has to re-register.

(3) A student may be allowed to re-register and proceed provisionally to Part Two if he lacks not more than four of the credits required under paragraph (2) of regulation 6 or, if he has been on a long study visit abroad, officially recognised by the Board, at another institution of tertiary education, if he lacks not more than six such credits, provided that, in either case, the student shall obtain such credits before taking the Final Examinations.

(4) With the approval of Senate, the Board may exempt a student from credits already obtained in a course at this or another recognised university, provided that such credits are equivalent in content and level to the ones for which an exemption is requested. In no case may an exemption be given for more than one-third of the total number of credits required by these regulations.

(5) A student who has obtained grade B or better in the overall assessment of Part One in European Studies may, instead of proceeding to Part Two of the Course, opt to register for the course of studies leading to the B.A. (Hons) degree in European Studies.

(6) A student may not take the Final Examinations earlier than three years or later than four years from first admission to the Course, except with the approval of Senate given in special circumstances.

(7) The Board may allow a student, who for good and sufficient reason cannot follow the first year of the Course on a full-time basis, to take two years to cover that part of the Course normally covered during the first year, under such conditions as the Board may in each case determine.

Course of Studies

6. (1) Part One of the Course shall consist of study-units to which not less than 46 credits shall be assigned.

(2) To complete Part One a student must obtain:

(a) 16 credits in History of Mediterranean Civilization;

(b) 14 credits in European Studies;

(c) either 12 credits in another principal area of study or 6 credits in each of two secondary areas of study;

(d) 4 credits in any other area of study, including the areas taken under (b) and (c) above and including not more than 2 extracurricular credits.

(3) Part Two of the Course shall consist of study-units to which not less than 23 credits shall be assigned.

(4) To complete Part Two of the Course a student must obtain:

(a) 12 credits in European Studies;

(b) either 8 credits in another principal area of study or 4 credits in each of two secondary areas of study; and

(c) at least 3 other credits from other areas of study, including the areas of study already chosen.

(5) The areas of study listed in the relevant regulations of first degree study programmes in the Faculty of Arts and in the Faculty of Economics, Management and Accountancy and other degree programmes organised by other University entities, following agreement with the said entities, can be chosen as a secondary or another principal area of study. At the start of the academic year, the Board shall, with the agreement of the staff of the relevant department offering the areas of study, publish a list of areas of study taught in other Faculties and entities of the University which students can choose as a second principal or secondary areas of study.

(6) The Board may limit the available options or possible combination of areas of study which can be chosen as principal or secondary areas of study.

(7) The Board may designate a combination of specific areas of study to establish an identifiable option for a course of studies.

(8) On registering for any part of the Course a student shall be required to register for European Studies and another principal area of studies or two secondary areas of study.

(9) Without prejudice to paragraph (8) of this regulation, the Board may allow a student to change one principal or two secondary areas of study during the first year of Part One of the Course, provided that such change is compatible with these regulations.

(10) In the case of a student registering for an area of study provided by another Faculty or entity the student shall be subject to the regulations relating to that Faculty or entity in that area of study as far as assessments and examinations are concerned.

Catalogue of study-units

7. (1) Before the start of each academic year and following its approval by Senate, the Board shall publish a list of study-units for European Studies as well as the credits assigned to each study-unit.

(2) The catalogues of the other principal or secondary areas of study chosen by the students must be obtained from the respective Faculties or entities.

(3) Study-units may be offered at basic or advanced level. The catalogue must indicate the level at which a study-unit is being offered.

(4) The catalogue must also indicate the method of assessment as well as which study-units are compulsory and which are recommended. The catalogue must also indicate which study-units are to be taken concurrently.

(5) The catalogue of study-units shall also include the list of areas of study which students can choose as secondary areas of study.

Progress

8. (1) The study-units shall be so arranged that the Course can be completed in two years for Part One and one year for Part Two.

(2) In each year of the Course a student shall be required to register for a number of study-units for which a total number of not less than 19 and not more than 26 credits shall be assigned.

(3) Credits shall be assigned according to the following grades in descending order of merit: A, B, C and D. F indicates Fail and I indicates Incomplete.

(4) A student's performance in each study-unit shall be assessed either by a test or by an essay or both. In the last case the weighting for the essay shall be 30 per cent and that for the test shall be 70 per cent.

(5) A student who fails to obtain a credit for a study-unit by failing to obtain a pass mark in the test or examination paper or overall if both are used as a method of assessment, shall normally be allowed to take one re-sit only and, if necessary, follow the study-unit again only once. In such cases the assessment shall be graded either as a D or Fail.

(6) A student shall be required to obtain a minimum of 12 credits in each principal area of study chosen and a minimum of 6 credits in each secondary area of study chosen.

(7) A student who obtains less than 14 credits in any year of the Course shall not be allowed to continue the Course or to take the Final Examinations, except in special circumstances with the approval of Senate.

(8) A student may not take a study-unit for which he does not have the prerequisites or without taking concurrent study-units, except with the permission of the Board.

Final Examinations

9. (1) Final Examinations shall normally be held in June with a supplementary session in September, and shall consist of four papers in each principal area of study and two papers in each secondary area of study. A viva voce examination may also be held.

(2) On completing the Course a student shall be required to sit the Final Examinations in the principal and secondary areas of study he has taken and to register for them by the end of March.

(3) For those study-units which end just before the Final Examinations credits shall be awarded to students on the basis of their performance in those study-units.

Final results

10. (1) The final results of a student shall take into account his performance in the Final Examinations as well as the credits and grades obtained during the course of his studies.

(2) A student shall not qualify for the Degree if he does not pass the Final Examinations.

(3) The Final Examinations shall carry 50 per cent of the weighting for the grading of the final result. The other 50 per cent shall be calculated on the basis of an overall average of the credits obtained. If more than 64 credits are obtained by a student, the best 64 credits satisfying paragraphs (1), (2), (3) and (4) of regulation 6 shall be taken into account.

(4) The names of students who qualify for the Degree shall be published in alphabetical order in categories I, IIA, IIB, III and Pass.

Resits

11. Without prejudice to the provisions of paragraph (6) of regulation 5, a student who fails the Final Examinations in one area of study may be allowed by the Board to retain the grades obtained in the area or areas of study successfully completed and to resit once the Final Examinations in the failed area of study under such conditions as the Board may in each case determine. If successful the student shall be given a Pass mark in this area of study. The final result shall take into account the overall performance of the student as provided in paragraph (1) of regulation 10.

Special provisions for part-time evening courses

12. (1) A candidate who qualifies for admission to the full-time course under regulation 4 may register for the evening course as a regular student on a part-time basis if an evening course is offered by the Board in any particular year.

(2) The evening course shall be governed by the provisions of the foregoing regulations, except as provided in this regulation and in the following regulations.

(3) An evening course may be offered following a decision by the Board.

Duration of evening course

13. (1) A student registered for the evening course shall normally be required to complete Part One of the Course in three years and Part Two in two years.

(2) A student registered for the evening course may not complete the Course in less than eight semesters or more than six academic years after first joining the Course except in special circumstances with the permission of Senate and under such conditions as Senate may in each case determine.

Catalogue of study-units

14. (1) A catalogue of study-units for each area of study and of the credits assigned to each study-unit for the evening course shall be published by the Board before the start of each academic year following its approval by Senate.

(2) The study-units for the evening course shall be similar to those indicated for the full-time course under regulation 7 and shall be arranged so that a whole course of studies may be completed in five years.

Progress

15. (1) In each year of the evening course a student shall be required to register for a number of study-units for which a total of not less than eight and not more than sixteen credits shall be assigned.

(2) An evening course student who obtains fewer than six credits in any one year of the Course shall not be allowed to continue the Course or to take the Final Examinations, except in special circumstances and with the approval of Senate.

Final Examinations

16. (1) The Final Examinations of the evening course shall be the same as the Final Examinations of the full-time course.

(2) A student shall be required to register for the Final Examinations by the end of March. The provisions of paragraph (3) of regulation 9 shall apply to any such student.