L.N. 224 of 1998

EDUCATION ACT
(CAP. 327)

Master of Arts (Diplomatic Studies) - M.A. (Dip. St.) - Degree Course (Amendment) 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

1. These regulations may be cited as the Master of Arts (Diplomatic Studies - M.A. (Dip. St.) - Degree Course (Amendment) Regulations, 1998 and shall be read and construed as one with the Master of Arts (Diplomatic Studies) - M.A (Dip. St.) Degree Course Regulations, 1993, hereinafter referred to as "the principal regulations".

Applicability

2. These regulations shall be applicable from March 1996 onwards.

Amendment of regulation 4 of the principal regulations

3. For paragraph (1) of regulation 4 of the principal regulations there shall be substituted the following:

"4. The duration of the Course shall be not less than twelve months of full-time study."

4. Paragraph (2) of regulation 4 shall be deleted.

Amendment of regulation 5 of the principal regulations

5. For paragraphs (1) and (3) of regulation 5 of the principal regulations there shall be substituted the following:

"5. (1) Candidates for the Degree must obtain sixteen credits and write a dissertation. Given the pluridisciplinary nature of the Course, candidates shall be required to follow a total of eight study-units, to each of which two credits are assigned, in the following modules:

International Law
International Economics
International Relations
International History.

(3) All candidates shall also attend the seminar on research methods and writing."

Amendment of regulation 6 of the principal regulations

6. For paragraphs (1) to (5) of regulation 6 of the principal regulations there shall be substituted the following:

"Assessment of Coursework and Final Examinations

6. (1) Study-units shall be assessed and awarded credit according to the following grades: A, B, C, and D, A being the highest grade, or F which indicates Fail.

(2) A candidate who fails in not more than two study-units (four credits) throughout the Course shall be allowed to be re-assessed. In the re-assessment, the maximum grade that may be awarded is Grade D.

(3) Candidates who obtain sixteen credits shall be eligible to sit for the Final Examinations, consisting of four written papers: one paper in each of the four modules listed in paragraph (1) of regulation 5.

(4) Examination papers shall be graded A, B, C, and D, A being the highest grade, or F which indicates Fail.

(5) A candidate who fails in not more than one of the written papers shall be allowed to sit for the failed paper in a supplementary session, normally in September."

Amendment of regulation 7 of the principal regulations

7. For paragraphs (1) to (8) of regulation 7 of the principal regulations there shall be substituted the following:

"Dissertation

7. (1) The dissertation is a compulsory element of the Course. It may not exceed 40,000 words and shall deal with a subject falling within one or more of the fields mentioned in paragraph (1) of regulation 5.

(2) The candidate shall present a dissertation proposal not later than six months from the beginning of the Course. The dissertation topic must be approved by the Academy's Board of Studies which shall assign a supervisor for the candidate. The dissertation must be submitted for examination not later than twelve months from the commencement of the Course.

(3) The Academy's Board of Studies may, in its discretion, grant a candidate who can provide valid grounds, an extension of not more than three months to the submission deadline referred to in paragraph (2) of this regulation.

(4) The dissertation shall be examined by a Board of Examiners appointed by the Senate upon the recommendation of the Academy's Board of Studies.

(5) The candidate shall submit three copies of the dissertation which must be countersigned by the supervisor, who thereby testifies that the dissertation is the candidate's own work and conforms to the requirements stated in paragraph (1) of this regulation.

(6) The Board of Examiners shall be convened by its Chairman to discuss the dissertation. It may also hear, if it deems necessary, the candidate in defence of the dissertation.

(7) The Board of Examiners may approve the dissertation and, subject to paragraph (1) of regulation 8, recommend the award of the Degree. It may require the candidate to make corrections or to completely re-write the dissertation within a stated time limit. It may reject the dissertation altogether.

(8) A candidate whose dissertation is rejected or whose corrections or re-writing are considered inadequate or have not been submitted within the required time limit shall not be awarded the Degree."

Amendment of regulation 8 of the principal regulations

8. For paragraphs (1) and (2) of regulation 8 of the principal regulations there shall be substituted the following:

"8. (1) A candidate who is successful in the Final Examinations and whose dissertation is approved shall be awarded the Degree. For the purpose of the degree classification, credit grades shall account for 30% of the weighting, the Final Examinations grades for 40% of the weighting and the dissertation grade the other 30%.

(2) The names of successful candidates shall be published in a list in alphabetical order classified as follows:

Passed with Distinction
Passed."