

L.N. 6 of 1999

**EDUCATION ACT
(CAP. 327)**

Diploma in Probation Services Course Regulations, 1999

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 Diploma in Probation Services Course Regulations, 1999.

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

“the Board of Studies” means the Board of Studies appointed in terms of paragraph (1) of regulation 5;

“the Course” means the Course leading to the Diploma in Probation Services; and

“the Diploma” means the Diploma in Probation Services.

Applicability

2. These regulations shall apply to courses which started in October 1993 or later.

Eligibility for Diploma

3. To be eligible for the award of the Diploma a student must:

(a) be registered as a regular student of the University;

(b) complete the appropriate studies (coursework and practical work) in Probation Services;

(c) pass all prescribed examinations; and

(d) complete all the requirements laid down in these regulations, and in any other statutes, regulations and bye-laws of the University.

Registration and Requirements for Admission

4. (1) Applicants may be registered as students in the Course if they are:

(a) eligible for admission to the University as regular students in terms of the Admission Regulations of the University; and

(b) in possession of a qualification in social work, such as a degree with a social work option, or a diploma or a degree in social work, or a qualification in socio-legal studies, such as a degree in socio-legal studies, or other related professional qualifications acceptable to the Board of Studies.

(2) Applicants may be asked to attend for an interview for the purpose of assessing that they have the required aptitudes and background.

Board of Studies

5. (1) The general administration of the Course shall be entrusted to a Board of Studies, composed of a Chairman, the Course Co-ordinator and two members. The Board of Studies shall be appointed by Senate on the recommendation of the Board of the Institute of Forensic Studies.

(2) The Course Co-ordinator shall be responsible for the drawing up of the syllabuses and of the catalogue of study-units as well as for the preparation of support material, with the co-operation and approval of the Board of Studies.

Course of Studies

6. (1) The Course extends over one year of full-time studies, or its equivalent.

(2) The Course shall consist of:

(a) study-units and practical work, for which 20 to 25 credits are assigned; and

(b) a final comprehensive examination.

Assessment

7. (1) In each semester of the Course, students shall be assessed in the study-units covered during that semester in accordance with the criteria established by the Board of Studies.

(2) The following grades shall be used in the award of credits, in descending order of merit: A, B, C, D, and F, with F indicating failure.

(3) Students who fail in the assessment of a study-unit shall be allowed one re-sit. If successful in the re-sit, the maximum grade that may be awarded shall be grade D. If unsuccessful, the students shall be required to repeat the study-unit.

(4) Students shall be considered to have satisfied the assessment criteria of the Course if they:

(a) satisfactorily complete all the required study-units and practical work; and

(b) are successful in the final comprehensive examination.

Final Comprehensive Examination

8. (1) The final comprehensive examination shall consist of two written papers.

(2) Students shall be allowed to sit for the final comprehensive examination only if they have successfully completed study-units and practical work to which at least 20 credits are assigned.

(3) Should the results of any study-unit or of the practical work be not available when the final comprehensive examination is due to be held, students may be allowed to sit for the examination on condition that the examination shall be valid only if the required passes in the study-units and in the practical work are obtained.

Final Result

9. (1) The final result shall be based on the students' performance in the coursework, the practical work and the final comprehensive examination in the following proportions:

Coursework	40%
Practical work	10%
Final Comprehensive Examination	50%

(2) The names of students who qualify for the Diploma shall be published in a list in alphabetical order in the following categories:

Pass with Distinction
Pass.