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EDUCATION ACT
(CAP. 327)

Certificate in Criminology, Diploma in Police Studies, Diploma in Correctional Services and Degree of Bachelor of Arts in Criminology Courses 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 Certificate in Criminology, Diploma in Police Studies, Diploma in Correctional Services and Degree of Bachelor of Arts in Criminology Courses Regulations, 1999.

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

"the Board" means the Board of Directors of the Institute of Forensic Studies;

"the Certificate" means the Certificate in Criminology;

"the Course" means the course leading to the Certificate in Criminology, Diploma in Police Studies, Diploma in Correctional Services and Degree of Bachelor of Arts in Criminology;

"the Degree" means the Degree of Bachelor of Arts in Criminology; and

"the Diploma" means the Diploma in Police Studies or the Diploma in Correctional Services.

Applicability

2. These regulations shall be applicable to courses starting in October 1994 or later.

Eligibility

3. (1) To be eligible for the award of the Certificate students must have:

(a) been registered as regular students;

(b) completed the course of studies, passed the Final Examination and satisfied any other requirements as prescribed in these regulations; and

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

(2) Students who are otherwise eligible for the award of the Certificate shall forfeit the award of the Certificate if they opt to proceed with the course leading to the Diploma in Police Studies or the Diploma in Correctional Services.

(3) To be eligible for the award of the Diploma in Police Studies students must have:

(a) been registered as regular students;

(b) successfully completed the course of studies leading to the Certificate;

(c) completed the course of studies, passed the Final Examination and satisfied any other requirements as prescribed in these regulations; and

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

(4) To be eligible for the award of the Diploma in Correctional Services students must have:

(a) been registered as regular students;

(b) successfully completed the course of studies leading to the Certificate;

(c) completed the course of studies, passed the Final Examination and satisfied any other requirements as prescribed in these Regulations; and

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

(5) Students who are otherwise eligible for the award of the Diploma in Police Studies or the Diploma in Correctional Services shall forfeit the award of the Diploma if they opt to proceed with the course leading to the Degree.

(6) To be eligible for the award of the Degree students must have:

(a) satisfied the eligibility requirements for the award of the Certificate and either the Diploma in Police Studies or the Diploma in Correctional Services;

(b) registered for the Degree course after the end of the Diploma course;

(c) completed the course of studies, passed the Final Examination and satisfied any other requirements as prescribed in these regulations; and

(d) complied with any other requirements prescribed in any other relevant statutes, regulations and bye-laws of the University.

Registration

4. (1) Candidates may be registered for the course of studies leading to the Certificate according to the provisions of these regulations, if they are eligible for admission as regular students in terms of the Admission Regulations of the University.

(2) Candidates may be registered for the course of studies leading to the Diploma in Police Studies or the Diploma in Correctional Services according

to the provisions of these regulations, if they have obtained at least a Pass in the Certificate course.

(3) Candidates may be registered for the course of studies leading to the Degree according to the provisions of these regulations, if they have obtained at least a Pass in either of the Diploma courses.

Certificate Course Programme

5. (1) The course of studies leading to the Certificate shall extend over a period of two calendar years of part-time study.

(2) The course of studies shall consist of study-units to which not less than thirty credits are assigned, in the following modules:

Module A: The Criminal Justice System
Module B: Criminal Law and Procedure for Criminal Justice Personnel
Module C: Criminology
Module D: Ethics and Human Rights in Criminal Justice
Module E: Juvenile Delinquency
Module F: International/Comparative Criminology/Criminal Justice
Module G: Domestic Violence
Module H: Substance Abuse

(3) A catalogue of study-units in each module, with the credits assigned to each, shall be published before the start of each course.

(4) The catalogue shall also indicate the number of assessments for each study-unit and which study-units are compulsory or recommended.

(5) In order to be eligible for the award of the Certificate students must have registered for study-units to which not less than thirty credits are assigned and must have obtained at least twenty-five credits over a period of two calendar years.

Assessment

6. (1) Credits shall be assigned according to the following grades, in descending order of merit: A, B, C, D and F, where F signifies a failure.

(2) Students who fail a study-unit shall be allowed to take a re-sit in that study-unit once only. If successful, the maximum grade that may be awarded shall be grade D.

Final Examination

7. (1) Students who have obtained the minimum number of credits as indicated in paragraph (5) of regulation 5 shall be required to sit for the Final Examination.

(2) The Final Examination shall be held at the end of the course, normally in May/June and shall consist of two comprehensive papers.

(3) Students who fail the Final Examination shall be allowed to take a re-sit once within a period of twelve months from the end of the course. In such cases the maximum grade that may be awarded shall be grade D.

Final Results

8. (1) The Final Results shall take into account the performance of the students in all the components of the course.

(2) The names of students who successfully complete the course shall be published in a list in alphabetical order in the following categories:

Pass with Distinction
Pass.

Diploma in Police Studies Course Programme

9. (1) The course of studies leading to the Diploma in Police Studies shall extend over a period of three calendar years of part-time study, including the two years for the Certificate course.

(2) The course of studies shall consist of study-units to which not less than twelve credits are assigned, in the following modules:

Module I: Introduction to Policing
Module J: Crime Prevention
Module K: Crime Investigation
Module L: Issues in Policing

(3) A catalogue of study-units in each module, with the credits assigned to each, shall be published before the start of each course.

(4) The catalogue shall also indicate the number of assessments for each study-unit and which study-units are compulsory or recommended.

(5) In order to be eligible for the award of the Diploma in Police Studies students must have registered for study-units to which not less than ten credits are assigned and must have obtained at least ten credits over a period of one calendar year.

Assessment

10. (1) Credits shall be assigned according to the following grades, in descending order of merit: A, B, C, D and F, where F signifies a failure.

(2) Students who fail a study-unit shall be allowed to take a re-sit in that study-unit once only. If successful, the maximum grade that may be awarded shall be grade D.

Final Examination

11. (1) Students who have obtained the minimum number of credits as indicated in paragraph (5) of regulation 9 shall be required to sit for the Final Examination.

(2) The Final Examination shall be held at the end of the course, normally in May/June and shall consist of two comprehensive papers.

(3) Students who fail the Final Examination shall be allowed to take a re-sit once within a period of twelve months from the end of the course. In such cases the maximum grade that may be awarded shall be grade D.

Final Results

12. (1) The Final Results shall take into account the performance of the students in all the components of the course, including the results obtained in the components of the Certificate course.

(2) The names of the students who successfully complete the course shall be published in a list in alphabetical order in the following categories:

Pass with Distinction
Pass.

Diploma in Correctional Services Course Programme

13. (1) The course of studies leading to the Diploma in Correctional Services shall extend over a period of three calendar years of part-time study, including the two years for the Certificate course.

(2) The course of studies shall consist of study-units to which not less than twelve credits are assigned, in the following modules:

Module I: Introduction to Corrections
Module J: Correction Law

Module K: Community-based Corrections
Module L: Issues in Corrections

(3) A catalogue of study-units in each module, with the credits assigned to each, shall be published before the start of each course.

(4) The catalogue shall also indicate the number of assessments for each study-unit and which study-units are compulsory or recommended.

(5) In order to be eligible for the award of the Diploma in Correctional Services students must have registered for study-units to which not less than ten credits are assigned and must have obtained at least ten credits over a period of one calendar year.

Assessment

14. (1) Credits shall be assigned according to the following grades, in descending order of merit: A, B, C, D and F, where F signifies a failure.

(2) Students who fail a study-unit shall be allowed to take a re-sit in that study-unit once only. If successful, the maximum grade that may be awarded shall be grade D.

Final Examination

15. (1) Students who have obtained the minimum number of credits as indicated in paragraph (5) of regulation 13 shall be required to sit for the Final Examination.

(2) The Final Examination shall be held at the end of the course, normally in May/June and shall consist of two comprehensive papers.

(3) Students who fail the Final Examination shall be allowed to take a re-sit once within a period of twelve months from the end of the course. In such cases the maximum grade that may be awarded shall be grade D.

Final Results

16. (1) The Final Results shall take into account the performance of the students in all the components of the course, including the results obtained in the components of the Certificate course.

(2) The names of the students who successfully complete the course shall be published in a list in alphabetical order in the following categories:

Pass with Distinction
Pass.

Degree Course Programme

17. (1) The course of studies leading to the Degree shall extend over a period of five calendar years of part-time study, including the two years required to obtain the Certificate and the one year required to obtain either the Diploma in Police Studies or the Diploma in Correctional Services.

(2) The course of studies shall consist of study-units to which not less than twenty-five credits are assigned in the following modules:

Module M: Research Methods I
Module N: Research Methods II
Module O: Inter-disciplinary Forensic Studies
Module P: Practicum
Module Q: Dissertation

(3) A catalogue of study-units in each module, with the credits assigned to each, shall be published before the start of each course.

(4) The catalogue shall also indicate the number of assessments for each study-unit and which study-units are compulsory or recommended.

(5) In order to be eligible for the award of the Degree students must obtain at least sixty-five credits over a period of five calendar years.

Assessment

18. (1) Credits shall be assigned according to the following grades, in descending order of merit: A, B, C, D and F, where F signifies a failure.

(2) Students who fail a study-unit shall be allowed to take a re-sit in that study-unit once only. If successful, the maximum grade that may be awarded shall be grade D.

Final Examination

19. (1) Students who have obtained the minimum number of credits as indicated in paragraph (5) of regulation 17 shall be required to sit for the Final Examination.

(2) The Final Examination shall be held at the end of the course, normally in May/June and shall consist of four comprehensive papers.

(3) Students may not take the Final Examination earlier than five years or later than six years from first admission to the Course, except with the permission of Senate given in special circumstances.

(4) Students who fail any or all of the Final Examination papers shall be allowed to re-sit the failed paper/s once within a period of twelve months from the end of the Course. In such cases the maximum grade that may be awarded shall be grade D.

Final Results

20. (1) The Final Results shall take into account the performance of the students in all the components of the Course, including the results obtained in the components of the Certificate and either of the Diploma courses.

(2) The names of the students who are eligible for the Degree shall be published in a list in alphabetical order in the following categories: I, IIA, IIB, and III.

Administration

21. The academic administration of the Course shall be entrusted to a Board of Studies appointed by Senate on the recommendation of the Board of Directors of the Institute of Forensic Studies.