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EDUCATION ACT
(CAP. 327)

Master of Business Administration - M.B.A. - and Executive Master of Business Administration - Executive M.B.A. - Degrees Course Regulations, 2000

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 Master of Business Administration - M.B.A. - and Executive Master of Business Administration - Executive M.B.A. - Degrees Course Regulations, 2000.

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

"the Board" means the Board of the Faculty of Economics, Management and Accountancy;

"the Course" means the course of studies leading to the degree of Master of Business Administration - M.B.A. - or to the degree of Executive Master of Business Administration - Executive M.B.A., as appropriate; and

"the Diploma" means the Diploma in Business Administration - Dip. B.A.

Applicability

2. These regulations shall be applicable to courses starting in October 1999 or later.

Qualifications for Admission

3. (1) Applicants seeking admission to the course leading to the degree of Master of Business Administration shall be in possession of:

(a) a Bachelor's honours degree in Commerce or in Accountancy with at least second class honours from this University; or

(b) a Bachelor's degree from a university recognised for the purpose by the Senate, provided that the applicants:

(i) in the opinion of the Faculty Admissions Committee can follow the course with profit; and

(ii) have successfully completed a Transition Course of a maximum duration of one year before admission to the course.

(2) Applicants seeking admission to the course leading to the degree of Master of Business Administration are not to engage in full-time employment during Part One of the course.

4. Applicants seeking admission to the course leading to the degree of Executive Master of Business Administration shall be:

(a) in possession of a Bachelor's degree in a related area with at least Category II from this University or a university recognised for the purpose by the Senate; or

(b) in possession of a degree or a professional qualification recognised for the purpose by the Senate, together with a minimum of four years' work experience in a managerial position; or

(c) persons over the age of 28 years, having a minimum of four years' experience in a managerial position,

provided that they are considered by the University Admissions Board, on the recommendation of the Faculty Admissions Committee and the Board, as possessing the academic qualifications, training, knowledge, capabilities and experience required for pursuing the course with profit.

Transition Course

5. (1) Applicants seeking admission under sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph (1) of regulation 3, and under regulation 4, shall be required to successfully complete a Transition Course before admission to either Course, except when otherwise determined by the Board in those instances when the applicants have followed courses that are similar in content to the Transition Course.

(2) The Transition Course, which shall extend over one year of full-time study, shall be designed so as to ensure that applicants reach the required standard for admission to either Course.

(3) In the case of the Transition Course, the Board may approve the transfer of study-units successfully completed in another course, provided they are similar in content and standard.

Course Duration

6. (1) The duration of the Course shall extend over three semesters of full-time study or their equivalent in part-time study.

(2) The Executive Master of Business Administration course shall only be offered on a part-time basis.

(3) Any period spent in part-time study shall be equivalent to half the period required for full-time study.

(4) Students may be allowed by the Board to complete the Course within 30 months of full-time study or 48 months of part-time study after registration.

Course of Studies

7. (1) The Course shall be divided into two parts: Part One and Part Two. It shall consist of study-units to which not less than 25 credits are assigned, and a dissertation.

(2) A catalogue of the study-units offered throughout the Course, indicating the compulsory and pre-requisite study-units, the credits assigned to each and the order in which they are to be taken, shall be approved by Senate, on the recommendations of the Board, and shall be published before the start of each Course.

Part One of the Course

8. (1) Part One of the Course shall extend over the first two semesters and shall consist of study-units in the following areas of study:

Stage One
(a) Accounting and Finance
(b) Organisational Behaviour
(c) Management Information Systems
(d) Operations Management
(e) Human Resources Management
(f) Marketing Management

Stage Two
(a) Managing Strategy
(b) Research Methods (Qualitative and Quantitative)
(c) three study-units to be chosen from the following:
Advanced Marketing Management, Advanced Human Resource Management, Project Management and Tourism Management, or any other study-units which the Board may indicate from time to time.

(2) In order to complete Part One of the Course and proceed to Part Two, students must:

(a) obtain a minimum of 20 credits, including credits for the compulsory and the pre-requisite study-units in each of the areas of study specified in paragraph (1) of this regulation; and

(b) pass the written examination held at the end of Part One as specified in regulation 10.

Part Two of the Course

9. (1) Part Two of the Course shall extend over the third semester during which students shall be required to submit a dissertation of not less than 15,000 words and not more than 25,000 words.

(2) Students shall submit the subject of their dissertation for approval by the Board at least two months before the end of Part One of the Course.

(3) After approval of the subject of the dissertation, the Board shall:

(a) appoint a tutor to direct and supervise the work of the students; and

(b) recommend to Senate Boards of Examiners, composed of three members, to examine the dissertations.

(4) The dissertations must be submitted for examination by the end of the third semester of the Course, unless students are given permission to submit it at a later date as allowed by the provisions of paragraph (4) of regulation 6.

The Examination

10. (1) Students who obtain the number of credits indicated in sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph (2) of regulation 8 shall be eligible to sit for a written examination to be held at the end of Part One of the Course.

(2) The written examination shall consist of four papers.

(3) Students who fail in not more than two papers of the written examination shall be allowed to sit for a supplementary session of examinations in the failed paper/s. The maximum grade that may be awarded in the supplementary session shall be grade D. Students who fail in three or more papers in the first session or fail in any paper in the supplementary session shall not be allowed to proceed to Part Two of the Course.

11. Students who are not eligible to proceed to Part Two of the Course may be awarded the Diploma if they have obtained a minimum of 20 credits (including those for any compulsory or prerequisite study-units) and provided that they pass a *viva voce* examination.

Progress

12. (1) The study-units, the examination papers and the dissertation shall be graded in descending order of merit as follows: A, B, C, D and F, where F indicates Fail.

(2) Students who fail to obtain a credit for a study-unit may be allowed to be re-assessed only once. The maximum grade that may be awarded in the re-assessment shall be grade D.

(3) Students must pass in the written examination held at the end of Part One and must obtain a pass grade in the dissertation at the end of Part Two in order to qualify for the award of the Degree.

Final Result

13. (1) The final result of each student shall take into account the students' performance in the study-units, the examination and the dissertation.

(2) The names of students who qualify for the award of the degree of Master of Business Administration or the degree of Executive Master of Business Administration shall be published in a list in alphabetical order classified as follows:

Pass with Distinction
Pass.