L.N. 148 of 2005

EDUCATION ACT
(CAP. 327)

Bye-Laws of 2005 in terms of the General Regulations for University Undergraduate Awards, 2004 for the Degree of Bachelor of Sacred Theology - S.Th.B. - under the auspices of the Faculty of Theology

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 bye-laws made by the Board of the Faculty of Theology in virtue of the powers conferred upon it by section 37 (1) of the said Act and which have been approved by the Senate of the University of Malta as required by section 37 (2) of the said Act:

Citation and Interpretation

1. (1) These bye-laws may be cited as Bye-Laws of 2005 in terms of the General Regulations for University Undergraduate Awards, 2004 for the degree of Bachelor of Sacred Theology - S.Th.B. - under the auspices of the Faculty of Theology.

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

"the Board" means the Board of the Faculty of Theology;

"the Course" means the programme of studies leading to the degree of Bachelor of Sacred Theology - S.Th.B.; and

"the Degree" means the degree of Bachelor of Sacred Theology - S.Th.B.

Applicability

2. These bye-laws shall apply to courses commencing in October 2003 or later.

Areas of Study

3. (1) The Course shall cover:

(a) the basic theological disciplines, namely, sacred scripture, patrology, church history (including palaeochristian archaeology), fundamental and dogmatic theology (including ecumenism), moral and spiritual theology, pastoral theology, liturgy and canon law, and shall be so structured as to lead progressively to a fuller understanding of the main theological themes and the inter-relationship between them; and

(b) the different fields of philosophy along with relevant areas of sociology, psychology and communication studies, Hebrew, Biblical Greek and Latin, as required for the proper study of theology, which shall be taught during the first three years of the Course.

(2) The programme of theological studies proper shall start in the first year with a general introduction to the foundations of theology, a historical overview of Christian thought and practice and a basic reflection on the mystery of salvation that can serve as a background to, and a focal point for, the whole of theology. It shall proceed in the second and third years in close relation to the study of philosophy and it shall be completed through further theological studies in the fourth and fifth years.

Admission Requirements

4. To be registered as regular students in the Course, applicants must satisfy the general requirements for admission as regular students as specified in the Admission Regulations of the University.

Course Duration

5. The Course shall extend over a period of five years of full-time study.

Course Programme

6. (1) The Course shall consist of two parts: Part One and Part Two.

(2) Part One shall extend over the first three years of the Course and shall consist of:

(a) study-units in Theology and Religious Studies to which 72 credits are assigned;

(b) study-units in Philosophy and related areas of study to which 102 credits are assigned, including synoptic study-unit/s to which 8 credits are assigned; and

(c) optional study-units to which 6 credits are assigned.

(3) Part Two comprises the fourth and fifth years of the Course and shall consist of:

(a) study-units of further studies in all the basic theological disciplines to which 116 credits are assigned, including synoptic study-unit/s to which 12 credits are assigned; and

(b) optional study-units to which 4 credits are assigned.

Classification of the Award

7. The overall evaluation of each student's performance shall be based on the results obtained in each year of the Course, which shall be weighted according to the following criteria:

First year Average Mark	10%
Second, third, and fourth year Average Marks	15% each year
The average mark of the synoptic unit/s in the fifth year	25%
Fifth year Average Mark of the other 48 credits	20%.

Eligibility for the Award of the Degree of Bachelor of Arts in Theology and Human Studies

8. (1) During the first three years of the Course, students may register concurrently in the course leading to the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Theology and Human Studies with Theology and Philosophy as Main areas of study and shall be eligible for the award of this degree if they satisfy the requirements of its programme of study.

(2) The degree classification shall be made in accordance with the criteria established for the award of the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Theology and Human Studies.

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