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EDUCATION ACT
(CAP. 327)

Master of Psychology in Clinical Psychology – M.Psy. (Clin.) – or in Counselling Psychology – M.Psy. (Couns.) – or in Educational Psychology – M.Psy. (Ed.) – Degree Course (Amendment) Regulations, 2005

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 Psychology in Clinical Psychology – M.Psy. (Clin.) – or in Counselling Psychology – M.Psy (Couns.) – or in Educational Psychology – M.Psy.(Ed.) – Degree Course (Amendment) Regulations, 2005 and shall be read and construed as one with the Master of Psychology in Clinical Psychology – M.Psy. (Clin.) – or in Counselling Psychology – M.Psy. (Couns.) – or in Educational Psychology – M.Psy. (Ed.) – Degree Course Regulations, 1998, published as Legal Notice 83 of 1998, hereinafter referred to as "the principal regulations".

Applicability

2. These regulations shall apply to courses commencing in October 2003 or later.

Amendment of regulation 3 of the principal regulations

3. For regulation 3 of the principal regulations there shall be substituted the following:

"3. To be eligible for the award of the Degree, students must:

(a) successfully complete the course of studies;
(b) be successful in the assessment of the synoptic study-unit;
(c) complete successfully the practice placements; and
(d) satisfy any other requirements laid down in these regulations and in any other statutes, regulations and bye-laws of the University."

Amendment of regulation 4 of the principal regulations

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

"(3) (a) The Board shall, after approval by Senate, determine the number of applicants that may be allowed to register in any of the three areas of specialization indicated in paragraph (1) of regulation 6, depending on the availability of resources. The Board, shall, however, announce the number of available places in each area of specialization at the time of the call for applications."

5. The following paragraph (3) (b) shall be added after paragraph (3) (a) of regulation 4 of the principal regulations:

"(3) (b) If the number of eligible applicants exceeds the number of available places, the applicants shall be selected through an interview conducted by the Board of Studies that shall take into consideration the qualifications, experience, aptitude and references."

Amendment of regulation 5 of the principal regulations

6. Paragraph (3) of regulation 5 shall be deleted.

Amendment of regulation 6 of the principal regulations

7. For paragraph (2) of regulation 6 of the principal regulations there shall be substituted the following:

"(2) The Course shall consist of:

(a) taught study-units, to which a total of 60 ECTS credits are assigned, of which 10 ECTS credits shall be assigned for a synoptic study-unit;

(b) practice placements, to which 50 ECTS credits are assigned; and

(c) a dissertation, to which 10 ECTS credits are assigned.

Amendment of regulation 7 of the principal regulations

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

"Assessment

7. (1) The method of assessment of all components of the Course as laid down in paragraph (2) of regulation 6 shall be indicated in the catalogue of study-units. Students are required to obtain all the credits indicated in that regulation."

9. Paragraphs (2) to (10) of regulation 7 of the principal regulations shall be re-numbered as paragraphs (3) to (11).

10. The following paragraph (2) shall be added after paragraph (1) of regulation 7 of the principal regulations:

"(2) Results for the assessment of all the study-units, the practice placements and the dissertation shall be published as a percentage mark and grade as indicated in the table below:

Mark Range	**Grade**
80% -100%	A
70% - 79%	B
55% - 69%	C
45% - 54%	D
0 – 44%	F

Both the percentage mark and the grade shall be recorded in the students' academic record. However, only the percentage mark shall be used for the purpose of calculating the students' progression from year 1 to year 2 and for the final classification of the Degree."

11. For paragraphs (7), (8) and (9) of regulation 7 of the principal regulations there shall be substituted the following:

"(7) Students who fail one or more of the taught study-units covered in the second year may resit the assessment or resubmit their assignments once, before the assessment of the synoptic study-unit is scheduled to take place. In such cases, the maximum marks and grade that may be awarded are 45% - grade D.

(8) The assessment of the synoptic study-unit shall be held on completion of the taught study-units and of the practice placements.

(9) Students who fail in any component of the assessment of the synoptic study-unit may be allowed by the Board to sit for a supplementary assessment in the failed component once, at the next scheduled examination session. In such cases, the maximum marks and grade that may be awarded for the synoptic study-unit are 45% - grade D."

12. Paragraphs (10) and (11) of regulation 7 of the principal regulations shall be deleted.

Amendment of regulation 8 of the principal regulations

13. For paragraph (5) of regulation 8 of the principal regulations there shall be substituted the following:

"(5) Students shall be required to submit the dissertation for examination by not later than one month after the first assessment of the synoptic study-unit."

14. For paragraph (10) of regulation 8 of the principal regulations there shall be substituted the following:

"10. Students who successfully resubmit the dissertation shall be awarded the minimum marks and grade: 45% - grade D."

Amendment of regulation 9 of the principal regulations

15. Paragraph (1) of regulation 9 of the principal regulations shall be deleted.

16. Paragraphs (2) and (3) of regulation 9 of the principal regulations shall be renumbered as paragraphs (1) and (2).

17. For paragraph (1) of regulation 9 of the principal regulations there shall be substituted the following:

"9. (1) Students who are successful in the assessment of the taught and synoptic study-units, the practice placements, and the dissertation shall be eligible for the award of the Degree and their name shall be published in a list in alphabetical order classified as follows:

Passed with Distinction
Passed."

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