

L.N. 251 of 2005

**EDUCATION ACT
(CAP. 327)**

Master in Information Technology - M.IT - Degree Course 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 and Interpretation

1. (1) These regulations may be cited as the Master in Information Technology - M.IT - Degree Course Regulations, 2005.

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

“the Board of Studies” means the Board of Studies for Information Technology appointed by Senate from members of the Departments of Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence, Communications and Computer Engineering, and Computer Information Systems;

“the Course” means the course of studies leading to the degree of Master in Information Technology - M.IT;

“the Degree” means the degree of Master in Information Technology - M.IT;
and

“the Departments” means the Department of Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence, the Department of Communications and Computer Engineering, and the Department of Computer Information Systems.

Applicability

2. These regulations shall apply to courses starting in October 2005 or later.

Requirements for Admission

3. The Course is normally intended for university graduates without formal qualifications in IT.

4. (1) The Course shall be open to applicants in possession of one of the following qualifications:

(a) a Bachelor Honours degree in a numerate subject area, with at least Second Class Lower Division;

(b) a Bachelor's degree with at least Category IIA;

(c) equivalent qualifications approved by Senate on the recommendation of the Board of Studies.

(2) Applicants may be required to sit for an interview before being accepted for the Course.

Duration of Course

5. (1) The Course shall extend over a period of three years of part-time study, including two summer periods as follows:

Year 1: 2 semesters

Year 2: 2 semesters and summer period

Year 3: 2 semesters and summer period.

(2) Students pursuing the Course on a part-time basis shall be required to register at the beginning of each academic year.

Areas of Study

6. The Course shall be offered in areas of study in IT where the Departments can offer expert guidance and supervision. The areas of study shall be announced by the Board of Studies before the commencement of each Course.

Course Programme

7. (1) The Course shall consist of 102 credits assigned as follows:

(a) transition study-units to which 30 credits are assigned;

(b) advanced taught study-units to which 60 credits are assigned; and

(c) project-related study-units to which 12 credits are assigned.

(2) Students are required to obtain all the credits for the transition study-units before being allowed to register for advanced study-units.

(3) Students shall be required to obtain all the credits within the stipulated period.

(4) The Board of Studies may exempt students from the requirement of obtaining credits for selected transition study-units if they have obtained from the University or from an institution recognised by Senate for the purpose, a qualification the study of which, in the opinion of the Board of Studies, is at least equivalent in content and standard to that required for the study-unit concerned.

Programme of Studies

8. (1) The Board of Studies shall draw up the programme of studies for the Course which shall indicate the study-units to be followed in each semester and which study-units are compulsory, concurrent or pre-requisites for other study-units. The Board of Studies shall publish the programme of studies for the Course prior to its commencement, following the approval of Senate.

(2) The level, code, title, description and type of each study unit, the number of ECTS credits assigned to each study-unit, the methods of teaching and assessment, and the lecturer giving the study-unit shall be published in a catalogue of study-units, which shall be published by the Board of Studies, following approval by Senate.

Progress and Assessment

9. (1) Taught study-units shall be assessed through coursework and examinations held at the end of the semester in which they are held.

(2) Results for the assessment of study-units and the project 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 final classification of the Degree.

(3) Students who fail to obtain the credits for all the transition study-units after re-assessment shall not be allowed to continue the Course.

(4) Students who in any year fail in study-units to which not more than ten credits are assigned shall be allowed to re-sit the failed study-units only once in the September supplementary session.

(5) Students who in any year fail in study-units to which more than ten credits are assigned or who fail in any re-assessment shall be deemed to have failed the Course.

10. Boards of Examiners shall be appointed for each study-unit in accordance with the provisions of the University Examinations Regulations.

Project

11. (1) Students shall be required to submit a project title and description by the end of the fourth semester of study. Any substantial modification in the title or content must be approved by the Board of Studies.

(2) The project shall comprise Part 1 (a literature survey and proposal) and Part 2 (an artefact, a report and a presentation).

(3) Parts 1 and 2 of the Project shall be carried out during the summer period of years 2 and 3 of the Course.

(4) Project reports must conform to the relevant guidelines as regards format and must satisfy the Board of Examiners as regards content and presentation.

(5) Three spiral-bound copies of the project report shall be submitted for examination. After successful defence of the project, students shall be required to submit two hard-bound copies of the project report, one of which shall be deposited in the University Library and the other in the library of the department concerned.

(6) Students who fail to satisfy the examiners in the project may, at the discretion of the Board of Studies, be allowed to re-submit the project or to complete some other appropriate task within three months of the first submission.

12. The Board of Studies shall propose to Senate a Board of Examiners for each project. The Boards of Examiners shall be composed of at least three examiners, one of whom shall be the supervisor. The Boards of Examiners may also include additional examiners who shall participate in their deliberations only in so as far as the deliberations concern areas in which they are the expert authority.

Award of the Degree

13. The final classification of the Degree shall take into consideration the performance of the students in the last two years of the Course only, comprising the advanced study-units and the project.

14. The names of the students who qualify for the award of the Degree shall be published in a list in alphabetical order classified as follows:

Passed with Distinction
Passed.