L.N. 267 of 2005

EDUCATION ACT
(Cap. 327)

Postgraduate Diploma in Diplomacy - P.G. Dip. Diplomacy - 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 Postgraduate Diploma in Diplomacy - P.G. Dip. Diplomacy - Course Regulations, 2005.

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

"the Board" means the Board of the Faculty of Arts;

"the Board of Studies" means the Board of Studies appointed by Senate for the Course, on the recommendation of the Board;

"the Course" means the programme of studies leading to the Postgraduate Diploma in Diplomacy - P.G. Dip. Diplomacy; and

"the Diploma" means the Postgraduate Diploma in Diplomacy - P.G. Dip. Diplomacy.

Applicability

2. These regulations shall be applicable to courses commencing in February 2004 or later.

Requirements for Admission and Selection of Applicants

3. (1) Applicants may be registered as students in the Course if they are in possession of a degree from a university recognised by the Senate for the purpose, or hold appropriate professional qualifications, together with three years related professional experience, that are acceptable to the Board of Studies.

(2) Applicants may be asked to attend for an interview for the purposes of assessment of the required aptitudes and background.

(3) The Course is open to twenty students, of whom not more than two from any one country, unless the total number of qualified applicants is less than twenty.

(4) If there are more than two eligible applicants from any one country, the best two applicants shall be selected through an interview, whereby they shall be required to satisfy the Board of Studies that they have the necessary qualifications to follow the Course, including:

(i) professional knowledge and aptitude;
(ii) knowledge of Information Technology; and
(iii) familiarity with the use of Information Technology in Diplomacy.

Course Duration

4. The Course shall extend over a period of not less than nine months and not more than fifteen months.

Board of Studies

5. (1) The general administration of the Course shall be entrusted to the Board of Studies.

(2) A Course Co-ordinator shall be appointed by the Board who shall be responsible for drawing up the catalogue of study-units and the programme of studies, as well as for the preparation of teaching material, with the co-operation and approval of the Board of Studies.

Course Programme

6. (1) The Course shall be conducted in two phases:

(a) first phase - Introductory Workshop, which shall be organised at the University of Malta or at a venue assigned by the University of Malta lasting for about ten working days. Students shall be introduced to various subjects and trained in the necessary skills for the distance learning phase; and

(b) second phase - Distance Learning, which shall be conducted via the Internet. The duration of this phase shall depend on each student but it should last not less than nine months and not more than fifteen months.

(2) The Course shall consist of taught study-units, to which forty-five credits are assigned, and a Research Project, to which fifteen credits are assigned.

(3) The Board 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 shall publish the programme of studies for the Course prior to its commencement, following the approval of Senate.

(4) The level, code, title, description and type of each study-unit, the 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, after approval by Senate.

Research Project

7. (1) All students shall be required to present a Research Project of between 15,000 and 20,000 words as directed by the Board of Studies.

(2) Students who do not satisfy the examiners in the Research Project shall be allowed to re-submit it once in a reviewed form within a period of three months.

Assessment

8. (1) Study-units shall be assessed at the end of the semester in which they are held in accordance with the criteria established by the Board.

(2) Results for the assessment of study-units and the Research 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 Diploma.

(3) Students who fail in the assessment of a study-unit shall be allowed a re-assessment once only. If successful, the maximum marks and grade that may be awarded shall be 45% - grade D.

(4) Students shall be considered to have satisfied the assessment criteria of the Course if they obtain the sixty credits as specified in paragraph (2) of regulation 6.

Classification of the Award

9. (1) The Final Weighted Average Mark for the purpose of the classification of the Diploma shall take into account all the results obtained in the assessment of the taught and research components of the Course, which shall be weighted according to the number of credits assigned to each.

(2) The names of students who qualify for the award of the Diploma shall be published in a list in alphabetical order classified as follows:

Passed with Distinction
Passed.

Repeal

10. The Postgraduate Diploma in Diplomacy - P.G. Dip. Diplomacy - Course Regulations, 1999, published as Legal Notice 32 of 1999, and amended by Legal Notice 216 of 2002, shall be deemed to cease to be in force as from the 31st January 2004,

provided that students registered for this Course before 1st February 2004 shall continue to be governed by the regulations that were in force at the time of their joining the Course.

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