L.N. 11 of 2005

EDUCATION ACT
(CAP. 327)

Bye-Laws of 2005 in terms of the General Regulations for University Undergraduate Awards, 2004 for the Degrees of Bachelor of Arts - B.A - and Bachelor of Arts (Honours) - B.A. (Hons) - under the auspices of the Faculty of Arts

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 Arts 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 the Bye-Laws of 2005 in terms of the General Regulations for University Undergraduate Awards, 2004 for the Degrees of Bachelor of Arts - B.A. - and Bachelor of Arts (Honours) - B.A. (Hons) - under the auspices of the Faculty of Arts.

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

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

"the Course" means the course programme leading to the degree of Bachelor of Arts - B.A. - or to the degree of Bachelor of Arts (Honours) - B.A. (Hons) - as appropriate;

"the Degree" means the degree of Bachelor of Arts - B.A. - or the degree of Bachelor of Arts (Honours) - B.A. (Hons) - as appropriate; and

"the Principal Regulations" means the General Regulations for University Undergraduate Awards, 2004.

Applicability

2. These bye-laws shall be applicable for courses commencing in October 2003 or later.

Areas of Study

3. (1) The degree of Bachelor of Arts (Honours) may be awarded in any one of the following areas of study:

Anthropology, Arabic, Archaeology, Classics, Contemporary Mediterranean Studies, English, French, Geography, German Studies, History, History of Art, International Relations, Italian, Linguistics, Maltese, Music Studies, Near Eastern Studies, Philosophy, Social Studies, Sociology, Theatre Studies and any other area of study recommended by the Board and approved by Senate.

(2) The degree of Bachelor of Arts may be awarded in any two areas of study from those listed in paragraph (1) of this bye-law and/or from:

American Studies, Communication Studies, Comparative Religion, Economics, Greek, Hispanic Studies, Latin, Mediterranean Studies, Psychology and any other area of study recommended by the Board and approved by Senate.

4. The areas of study offered in any particular year and the combinations that may and may not be chosen together shall be published by the Board before the commencement of each Course.

Special Course Requirements for Admission

5. To be registered as regular students in the Course, applicants shall, apart from satisfying the general requirements for admission as specified in the Admission Regulations, be in possession of the following special course requirements: a pass at Grade C or better at Advanced Matriculation Level or equivalent in the subject, or as indicated in brackets:

Economics, English, French, German Studies (German), History, International Relations (History), Italian, Maltese, Music Studies (Music);

and as from 2005:

(a) Applicants opting to study **Sociology** either as a Main area of study or as a Subsidiary area of study must be in possession of a pass at Grade C or better at Advanced Matriculation Level or equivalent in one of the following four subjects: Sociology, Philosophy, Economics, History; and

(b) Applicants opting to study **Social Studies** either as a Main area of study or as a Subsidiary area of study must be in possession of a pass at Grade C or better at Intermediate Matriculation Level or equivalent in one of the following four subjects: Sociology, Philosophy, Economics, History.

Course Duration

6. The Course shall extend over a period of three years of full-time study or five years of part-time study when the Course is offered on a part-time basis.

Course Programme

7. Applicants shall be required to indicate their choice of areas of study at the time of applying for admission.

8. At the end of the first year of the Course, students shall be required to choose between the B.A. (Hons) and the B.A. degrees. Students shall be allowed to proceed to the B.A. (Hons) degree if at the end of the first year of study they obtain a minimum average mark of 65% in the chosen area of study.

9. The Board shall publish the Course Programme for the Degree and the Programme of Study for each area, as Main Honours, Main and/or as Subsidiary as applicable, at the commencement of each Course. Subject to changes that the Board may, with the approval of Senate, be constrained to make, students are bound to follow the study-units and obtain the credits as indicated in the Course Programme and in the Programmes of Study of the areas of study they are following for the Degree,

Provided that Course Programmes and Programmes of Study are drawn up in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Principal Regulations.

10. (1) The third year of the programmes of study of all areas of study for B.A. (Hons) students shall include either (a) synoptic study-units assigned a total of 12 credits and a dissertation assigned 12 credits, or (b) synoptic study-units to which a total of 24 credits are assigned.

(2) The third year of the programmes of study of all areas of study for B.A. students shall include synoptic study-units to which a total of 12 credits are assigned.

(3) Synoptic study-units shall be assessed by means of a Final Examination only and the dissertation shall be assessed by a *viva voce* examination.

11. (1) Students in the B.A.(Hons) course shall be required to register and obtain credits for study-units to which a total of not less than 180 credits are assigned, of which not less than 132 credits shall be in the area taken for Honours and not less than 36 credits shall be in the Subsidiary area.

(2) Students in the B.A. course shall be required to register and obtain credits for study-units to which a total of not less than 180 credits are assigned, of which not less than 80 credits shall be obtained in each of the two Main areas of study.

Classification of the Awards

12. The Final Weighted Average Mark for the classification of the Degree shall be based on the results obtained in the three years of the Course, which shall be weighted as follows:

First Year Average Mark	10%
Second Year Average Mark	25%
Third Year Average Mark of the synoptic and/or dissertation study-units	40%
Third Year Average Mark of the other 36 credits	25%.

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