**L.N. 104 of 2002**

**EDUCATION ACT**
**(CAP. 327)**

**Link Campus Bachelor of Arts (Honours) - B.A. (Hons) - Degree Course (Amendment) Regulations, 2002**

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 Link Campus Bachelor of Arts (Honours) - B.A. (Hons) - Degree Course (Amendment) Regulations, 2002 and shall be read and construed as one with the Link Campus Bachelor of Arts (Honours) - B.A. (Hons) - Degree Course Regulations, 1999, published as Legal Notice 189 of 1999, hereinafter referred to as "the principal regulations".

**Applicability**

2. These regulations shall be applicable to courses starting in October 1999 or later.

**Amendment of the title of the principal regulations**

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

**"Link Campus Bachelor of Arts - B.A. - and Bachelor of Arts (Honours) - B.A. (Hons) - Degrees Course Regulations"**

**Amendment of regulation 1 of the principal regulations**

4. For paragraphs (1) and (2) of regulation 1 of the principal regulations there shall be substituted the following:

"1. (1) These regulations may be cited as the Link Campus Bachelor of Arts - B.A. - and Bachelor of Arts (Honours) - B.A. (Hons) - Degrees Course Regulations.

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

"the Board of Studies" means the Board of Studies appointed for each Study Programme as indicated in Schedule 1;

"the Course" means the Study Programmes leading to the Degree as approved by Senate on the recommendation of the Academic Board;

"credit/credits" means credit/credits awarded according to the guidelines for the European Credit Transfer System;

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

"the Link Campus" means the Link Campus of the University of Malta established in Rome, Italy;

"the Study Programme" means the programme of study related to an area of study offered in the Course; and

"the University" means the University of Malta."

**Amendment of regulation 4 of the principal regulations**

5. For paragraphs (a) and (b) of regulation 4 of the principal regulations there shall be substituted the following:

"(a) be registered as matriculated students in the Course in terms of these regulations;

(b) satisfy all the requirements for the successful completion of the appropriate Study Programme, and satisfy any other requirements prescribed in these regulations; and"

**Amendment of regulation 5 of the principal regulations**

6. For paragraphs (4) and (5) of regulation 5 of the principal regulations there shall be substituted the following:

"(4) Applicants must satisfy the University that they have adequate knowledge of English to be able to follow the Course with profit.

(5) Applicants shall sit for the University Admissions Examination, normally once only in any one year. They may be offered either an unconditional or a conditional offer of admission, or may be denied admission to the Course."

**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) Applicants admitted in terms of paragraph (1) of this regulation shall not be allowed to transfer more than two-thirds of the credits required in order to qualify for the Degree."

**Amendment of regulation 8 of the principal regulations**

8. For paragraphs (1), (2) and (3) of regulation 8 of the principal regulations there shall be substituted the following:

"8. (1) The Course leading to the degree of Bachelor of Arts shall extend over a period of three years of full-time study or its equivalent in part-time study.

(2) The Course leading to the degree of Bachelor of Arts (Honours) shall extend over a period of four years of full-time study or its equivalent in part-time study.

(3) The Board of Studies may allow students to complete the Study Programme in an additional year of studies. In special circumstances, Senate, acting on the advice of the Academic Board, and on the recommendation of the Board of Studies, may allow a further extension of one year."

**Addition of regulations 12 and 13 to the principal regulations**

9. The following regulations 12 and 13 shall be added after regulation 11 of the principal regulations:

"12. The Study Programme for each area of study in the Degree shall be approved by Senate on the recommendation of the Academic Board and published before the commencement of each Course.

13. Each Study Programme shall include the modules for each year of study, including any project, long essay, dissertation, work experience or work placement modules in terms of regulation 14."

**Re-numbering of regulations**

10. Regulations 12 to 27 of the principal regulations shall be re-numbered as regulations 14 to 29.

**Amendment of regulation 14 of the principal regulations**

11. For paragraphs (1) and (2) of regulation 14 of the principal regulations there shall be substituted the following:

"14. (1) Each Study Programme leading to the Degree of Bachelor of Arts shall consist of the following:

60 credits at Level 1, normally obtained in Year 1;
60 credits at Level 2, normally obtained in Year 2; and
60 credits at Level 3, normally obtained in Year 3.

(2) Each Study Programme leading to the Degree of Bachelor of Arts (Honours) shall consist of the following:

60 credits at Level 1, normally obtained in Year 1;
60 credits at Level 2, normally obtained in Year 2;
60 credits at Level 3, of which 30 credits shall be obtained at an Institution of Higher Education, other than at Link Campus, approved by the Board of Studies, and 30 credits for an Industrial Placement; and
60 credits at Level 3, normally obtained in Year 4."

**Amendment of regulation 15 of the principal regulations**

12. For paragraph (2) of regulation 15 of the principal regulations there shall be substituted the following:

"(2) Project work shall normally be included in the Final Year of each Study Programme and shall be classified as Level 3."

**Amendment of regulation 17 of the principal regulations**

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

"17. (1) The relevant Programme Leader shall approve an individual Study Programme for each student, listing the modules to be studied in each semester at each level in accordance with the provisions of regulation 14. Students may only attend and be assessed in their approved modules."

**Amendment of regulation 21 of the principal regulations**

14. For regulation 21 of the principal regulations there shall be substituted the following:

"21. Boards of Examiners shall be appointed for any examination in the Study Programmes in accordance with the provisions of the University Examinations Regulations. Boards of Examiners for Final Year modules may include external examiners."

**Amendment of regulation 22 of the principal regulations**

15. For paragraph (2) of regulation 22 of the principal regulations there shall be substituted the following:

"(2) Students shall be awarded a grade point for a module according to the following assessment criteria:

| Grade Point | % | Italian equivalent | Description |
|---|---|---|---|
| 16 | 87-100 | 30/30 e lode | Work of exceptional quality. Exceptional performance showing comprehensive understanding and application of subject matter. Evidence of additional reading, research and work. |
| 15 | 83-86 | 29 | |
| 14 | 80-82 | 28 | |
| 13 | 77-79 | 27 | Work of very good quality. Performance is typified by a very good working knowledge of the subject matter. Evidence of a fair amount of additional reading, research and work. |
| 12 | 73-76 | 26 | |
| 11 | 70-72 | 25 | |
| 10 | 67-69 | 24 | Work of average/fair quality. Considerable but incomplete understanding of the subject matter. Evidence of little additional reading, research and work. |
| 9 | 63-66 | 23 | |
| 8 | 60-62 | 22 | |
| 7 | 57-59 | 21 | Work of below average quality. Minimum understanding of the subject matter. Little evidence of additional reading, research and work. |
| 6 | 53-56 | 20 | |
| 5 | 50-52 | 19 | |
| 4 | 45-49% | 18 | Marginal performance. Barely sufficient for subsequent study in the same area. |
| <4 | < 45% | <18 | Unsatisfactory performance. Evidence of failed or poor academic achievement. |
| 3 | 31-44 | 13-17 | Marginally but insufficient preparation in the subject. |
| 2 | 15-30 | 6-12 | Extremely poor performance. |
| 1 | 1-14 | 1-5 | Complete lack of preparation in the subject |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | Not Classifiable (NC) |

**Amendment of regulation 24 of the principal regulations**

16. For regulation 24 of the principal regulations there shall be substituted the following:

**"Progression during the Course**

24. The following assessment requirements must be satisfied in order for students to proceed from Years 1 and 2 to Years 2 and 3 respectively and for Bachelor of Arts students to successfully complete the third and final year of the Course:

(a) Students must pass all modules of their individual Study Programme (including any language and supportive modules). Grade points shall be awarded in accordance with the assessment criteria indicated in paragraph (2) of regulation 22.

(b) Students may be referred in up to three modules, to which not more than 16 credits are assigned, in any year at the discretion of the Board of Studies. The referred examinations shall be held during the resit session of examinations.

(c) If unsuccessful in one referred module, students may be allowed to re-take the examination for that module in the following year, as approved by the Board of Studies under those conditions as it may impose. Students shall be required to sit for the re-take examination at the end of the first semester of Years 2 or 3 or in an extended year of studies after the third and final year of the Bachelor of Arts course, as the case may be. Students who are re-taking a module in terms of this paragraph shall have the status of conditional progression and shall only be allowed to continue with their studies in Years 2 or 3 or be awarded the Bachelor of Arts degree, as the case may be, if they pass this examination.

(d) Students who fail in more than three modules (up to 16 credits) or fail in more than one module in the resit session shall normally be required to re-take the failed module/s during an extra year of studies, before proceeding to Year 2 or Year 3 or before being awarded the degree of Bachelor of Arts, as the

case may be. Such students may also be required to attend lectures and/or tutorials in the passed modules but shall not be reassessed in them."

**Amendment of regulation 25 of the principal regulations**

17. For regulation 25 of the principal regulations there shall be substituted the following:

**"Special Provisions for Years 3 and 4 of the Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Course Only (Regulations 25-27)**

25. (1) During the first or the second semester of Year 3, Bachelor of Arts (Honours) students are required to study at an approved institution of Higher Education, other than Link Campus, during which period they are expected to obtain credits equivalent to not less than 30 credits. These credits are required for progression to Year 4 but shall not be used in the final classification of the Degree. The programme of studies at the other institution shall be approved by the relevant Board of Studies in consultation with the Co-ordinator for Foreign Programmes.

(2) If such Bachelor of Arts (Honours) students obtain between 22 and 29 credits from the other institution, the Board of Studies may allow them to take additional modules to which up to 8 credits are assigned in Year 4. These modules shall be assessed as "retake" modules.

(3) If such Bachelor of Arts (Honours) students obtain less than 22 credits at the other institution, the Board of Studies may, at its discretion, either allow them to spend another semester at that or another institution, other than Link Campus, under those conditions it may impose or require them to withdraw from the Course."

**Amendment of regulation 26 of the principal regulations**

18. For paragraph (1) of regulation 26 of the principal regulations there shall be substituted the following:

"26. (1) During the other semester of Year 3, Bachelor of Arts (Honours) students are required to undergo an Industrial Placement to which 30 credits are assigned. The Industrial Placement is an integral part of each Study Programme. Approval for the Industrial Placement shall be given by the relevant Board of Studies in consultation with Co-ordinator for Placement Programmes."

**Amendment of regulation 27 of the principal regulations**

19. For regulation 27 of the principal regulations there shall be substituted the following:

"27. (1) In Year 4 Bachelor of Arts (Honours) students are required to pass in the examinations of six elective modules, to each of which 6 credits are assigned, and pass the examination of a dissertation to which 24 credits are assigned.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (1) of regulation 29, students who, after the resit examination session, lack up to 18 credits to complete the requirements for Year 4 may be recommended for a classification higher than Third Class Honours at the discretion of the Degree Classification Board and provided that they would have obtained not less than the grade points required in terms of paragraph (2) of regulation 29.

(3) Students who, by the end of Year 4 are not declared eligible for the award of the degree in terms of paragraph (2) of this regulation or in terms of paragraph (1) of regulation 29 may be allowed by the Board of Studies to complete the requirements for Year 4 during an extra year of studies, provided this is allowed within the provisions of regulation 8. The maximum grade point that may be awarded during this extra year of studies shall be 5."

**Amendment of regulation 29 of the principal regulations**

20. For paragraphs (1) and (2) of regulation 29 of the principal regulations there shall be substituted the following:

"29. (1) In order to qualify to be recommended to the University for the award of the Bachelor of Arts (Honours) degree, students shall pass, be credited with or be compensated in the following number of credits:

60 credits at Level 1
60 credits at Level 2
60 credits at Level 3
60 credits at Level 3 taken at the Link Campus.

(2) In calculating the final classification, the aggregate method shall be adopted whereby the credit weighting is taken into consideration. Level 1 credits and the credits obtained in Year 3 shall not be considered. Under this method, the students' aggregate grade point score at Levels 2 and 3 shall be classified as follows:

| | |
|---|---|
| 1680 grade points and over | First Class Honours |
| 1320 - 1679 grade points | Second Class Honours (Upper Division) |
| 960 - 1319 grade points | Second Class Honours (Lower Division) |
| 600 - 959 grade points | Third Class Honours |
| 480 - 599 grade points | Pass degree (without Honours)." |

**Addition of regulation 30 to the principal regulations**

21. The following regulation 30 shall be added after regulation 29 of the principal regulations:

"30. (1) In order to qualify to be recommended to the University for the award of the Bachelor of Arts Degree, students shall pass, be credited with or be compensated in the following number of credits:

60 credits at Level 1
60 credits at Level 2
60 credits at Level 3

(2) In calculating the final classification, the aggregate method shall be adopted whereby the credit weighting is taken into consideration. Level 1

credits shall not be considered. Under this method, the students' aggregate grade point score at Levels 2 and 3 shall be classified as follows:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1680 | grade points and over | Category I |
| 1320-1679 | grade points | Category II A |
| 960-1319 | grade points | Category II B |
| 600- 959 | grade points | Category III |
| 480- 599 | grade points | Pass degree (unclassified) |

(3) The Degree Classification Board may award a higher category to students who require not more than 50 grade points to be placed in the next higher category. In making such a decision the Degree Classification Board shall consider the students' performance during Year 3."

**Re-numbering of regulations**

22. Regulations 28 to 49 of the principal regulations shall be re-numbered as regulations 31 to 52.

**Addition of regulation 53 to the principal regulations**

23. The following regulation 53 shall be added after regulation 52 of the principal regulations:

**"Provision of the award of a Degree jointly with another University**

53. (1) Where the University, with the approval of Senate, enters into an agreement with another university for the granting of the Degree jointly, then the credits necessary to qualify for the Degree may be taken either partly at the Link Campus and partly at the other university, or wholly at either of the two institutions, as provided for in such agreement.

(2) The Boards of Examiners and the Degree Classification Board shall, in those cases referred in paragraph (1) of this regulation, be constituted in terms of decisions taken by the appropriate bodies of both institutions and as provided for in the agreement between the universities.

(3) The Study Programme, including the catalogue of study-units, for the Degree that is to be awarded jointly shall be approved by both universities.

(4) Students may register for the jointly awarded Degree if accepted by both universities in terms of the admission regulations of each of the universities and in terms of the provisions regarding registration in the jointly awarded Degree study programme specified in the agreement between the universities.

(5) The agreement for the award of the Degree jointly by the University and another university may provide that the certificate includes an equivalent title normally as awarded by the other university in conjunction with the title of Bachelor of Arts - B.A. - or Bachelor of Arts (Honours) - B.A. (Hons) - as the case may be."

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