

L.N. 198 of 2002

**EDUCATION ACT
(CAP. 327)**

Diploma in Journalism - Dip. Journalism - Course 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 and Interpretation

1. (1) These regulations may be cited as the Diploma in Journalism - Dip. Journalism - Course Regulations, 2002.

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

“the Board” means the Board of the Centre for Communication Technology;

“the Board of Studies” means the Board of Studies appointed for the Course;

“the Centre” means the Centre for Communication Technology;

“the Course” means the course of studies leading to the Diploma;

“the Diploma” means the Diploma in Journalism - Dip. Journalism; and

“ECTS” means credits awarded according to the European Credit Transfer System.

Applicability

2. These regulations shall apply to courses starting in October 2002 or later.

Eligibility for the Diploma

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

(a) be registered as regular students in terms of the Admission Regulations of the University;

(b) successfully complete the course of studies as specified in regulation 6 and satisfy any other requirements prescribed in these regulations; and

(c) satisfy all other requirements prescribed in any other relevant statutes, regulations and bye-laws of the University.

Registration

4. (1) Applicants may be registered for the Course according to the provisions of these regulations if they are eligible for admission to the University as regular students in terms of the Admission Regulations of the University.

(2) Applicants applying for admission in terms of sub-paragraph (a) (iii) of paragraph 2 of regulation 2 of the Admission Regulations are required to have a minimum of one year journalistic experience and be currently working with a publishing establishment. Such applicants shall be required to attend an interview to ascertain that they will be able to follow the Course with profit.

Course Duration

5. The Course shall extend over a period of two years of part-time study. The Board may allow a student to complete the Course in an additional year of part-time study.

Programme of Studies

6. (1) The Course shall consist of the following study-units, to which not less than thirty (sixty ECTS) credits shall be assigned:

Journalism Studies

Media Studies

Complementary study-units

Long Essay, Placement, and Synoptic Study-Units.

(2) The Board of Studies shall draw up a catalogue of study units. The catalogue shall indicate the code, title, description and type of each study-unit, the credits assigned to each study-unit, which study-units are compulsory, concurrent or pre-requisites for other study-units, and the methods of teaching and assessment. The Board shall publish the catalogue for the Course prior to its commencement, following the approval of Senate.

(3) In order to be eligible for the award of the Diploma, students shall obtain at least thirty credits (sixty ECTS), including all the credits for the compulsory study-units.

Assessment

7. (1) Credits shall be assigned according to the following grades in descending order of merit: A+, A, B+, B, C+, C, D+, and D. A failure shall be indicated with an "F". Incomplete work due to justifiable reasons (illness, approved absence, etc.) shall be indicated with an "I". In all other cases the results of uncompleted study-units shall be indicated as "F".

(2) Students who fail a study-unit shall be allowed to take a re-sit in that study-unit once only. The maximum grade that may be obtained following a re-sit shall be grade "D".

Long Essay

8. (1) Students shall be required to submit a Long Essay of not less than five thousand and not more than seven thousand words, by not later than the final day of classes of the last semester of the Course.

(2) Students who fail the Long Essay shall be allowed to re-submit it once within a period of six months.

Placement

9. (1) The placement shall extend over a number of weeks to be agreed upon by the Board of Studies and the publishing house. Placements shall be assessed on a Pass/Fail basis.

(2) Students who fail the placement shall be allowed to repeat it once within a period of six months.

Synoptic Study-Units

10. The synoptic study-units shall normally be conducted through seminars held during the last semester of the Course. During such seminars students shall be guided to integrate various components of the study programme as related to the day-to-day experiences of the profession. Each synoptic study-unit shall be assessed through a synoptic examination.

Final Result

11. (1) The final result of students shall take into account their performance in all the components of the Course. The final result shall be based on the following weighting:

Taught Study-Units, Placement and Long Essay	60%
Synoptic Study-Units	40%.

(2) In the final results for the Diploma the names of successful students shall be published in a list in alphabetical order in the following categories:

Pass with Distinction

Pass.