L.N. 306 of 2002

EDUCATION ACT
(CAP. 327)

Bachelor of Arts (Tourism Studies) - B.A. (Tourism Studies) - and Bachelor of Arts (Honours) (Tourism Studies) - B.A. (Hons) (Tourism Studies) - Degree 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 Bachelor of Arts (Tourism Studies) - B.A. (Tourism Studies) - and Bachelor of Arts (Honours) (Tourism Studies) - B.A. (Hons) (Tourism Studies) - Degree Course Regulations, 2002.

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

"the Board" means the Board of the Faculty of Economics, Management and Accountancy;

"the Course" means the course of studies leading to the degree of Bachelor of Arts (Tourism Studies) - B.A. (Tourism Studies) - or the course of studies leading to the degree of Bachelor of Arts (Honours) (Tourism Studies) - B.A. (Hons) (Tourism Studies); and

"the Degree" means the Degree of Bachelor of Arts (Tourism Studies) - B.A. (Tourism Studies) - or the Degree of Bachelor of Arts (Honours) (Tourism Studies) - B.A. (Hons) (Tourism Studies) - as the case may be.

Applicability

2. These regulations shall apply to courses starting in October 2001 or later.

Eligibility for Degree

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

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

(b) complete the course of studies, pass the examinations and comply with the other requirements prescribed in these regulations; and

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

Registration

4. Applicants must register on the prescribed form within the time specified by the Office of the Registrar.

Admission to the Course

5. (1) Applicants may register for the Course if they satisfy the General Entry Requirements as specified in the Admission Regulations of the University.

(2) Applicants who are in possession of the Diploma in Hotel Administration awarded by the Institute of Tourism Studies (Malta) may be admitted to Year 3 of the Course under those conditions as the Board may impose, including obtaining credits for specific Part I study-units, prior to being allowed to sit for the Part I Examination.

Course Duration

6. (1) The course of studies leading to the degree of B.A. (Tourism Studies) shall extend over a period of three years or its equivalent in part-time studies.

(2) The course of studies leading to the degree of B.A. (Hons) (Tourism Studies) shall extend over a period of four years or its equivalent in part-time studies.

7. The Board may allow students to complete the Course in an additional year of studies. In special circumstances, Senate may allow a further extension of one year, on the recommendation of the Board.

Board of Studies

8. There shall be a Board of Studies for the Course appointed in terms of the Boards of Studies General Regulations, 1996.

Course of Studies

9. (1) The course of studies leading to the degree of B.A. (Hons) (Tourism Studies) shall be divided into two parts (Part I and II) and shall consist of study-units to which a minimum of 96 credits are assigned.

(2) The study-units shall be distributed as follows:

(a) 80 credits in the following areas of study, with a minimum of 16 credits in each area:

Management and Marketing
Economics/Finance/Accountancy
Social and Environmental Studies
Applied Tourism Studies

(b) 16 credits in the following areas of study:

Fieldwork / Research - 4 credits
Writing of a Dissertation of between 10,000 and 12,000 words - 4 credits, and
Optional Study-Units - 8 credits, 3 credits of which may be extracurricular.

(3) A catalogue of the study-units offered throughout the Course, with the credits assigned to each and the order in which they are to be taken, shall be approved by the Board and shall be published before the start of each academic year.

(4) The catalogue shall also specify the core study-units and any prerequisites. Some study-units are sequential and registration for them may require the previous successful completion of other specified study-units and/or other qualifications indicated in the catalogue of study-units.

(5) Each completed study-unit shall be assessed and graded from A to D, A being the highest grade and D the lowest grade. Study-units that have not been successfully completed shall be indicated by F (Fail).

(6) In each year of the Course, students must register for a number of study-units to which not less than twenty and not more than thirty credits are assigned, provided that a student who has been required to repeat a year of studies may be allowed by the Board to register for that number of study-units as the Board deems fit.

(7) The Board may exempt students from the requirement of obtaining a credit for a particular study-unit if they have obtained from the University, or from an institution recognised by the Senate for the purpose, a qualification the study for which is, in the opinion of the Board, equivalent in content and standard to that required for the study-unit concerned and thus may be required to obtain credits for those study-units which the Board may indicate to ensure that they are able to follow the Course with profit.

Part I of the Course

10. (1) Part I shall extend over the first, second and third years of the Course and shall consist of study-units to which not less than 72 credits are assigned (24 credits per year). These may include up to 6 optional study-units during this Part of the Course.

(2) Students shall be deemed to have completed Part I of the Course if they obtain a minimum of 72 credits in Part I and pass in all the papers of the Part I Examination.

(3) Students who complete Part I of the Course in accordance with paragraph (2) of this regulation shall be eligible for the award of the B.A. (Tourism Studies), unless they opt to proceed to Part II of the Course. Nevertheless, students who are admitted to the Course in accordance with paragraph (2) of regulation 5 shall not be entitled to the award of the B.A. (Tourism Studies).

(4) Students who have obtained only 68 credits out of the minimum 72 credits specified in paragraph (2) of this regulation may be allowed to proceed to Part II provided that they obtain the missing 4 credits during Year 4 of the Course. Failing this, the students shall not be allowed to sit for the Final Examination or to qualify for the award of the B.A. (Tourism Studies) degree.

Part I Examination

11. (1) There shall be an Examination at the end of Part I of the Course consisting of five papers, related to the study-units covered during Part I.

(2) Students shall be eligible for the award of the degree of Bachelor of Arts (Tourism Studies) if they satisfy the requirements laid down in paragraph (2) of regulation 9.

(3) There shall be two sessions of the Part I Examination in each year: one session is normally held in May/June and a supplementary session is normally held in September.

(4) Students shall be deemed to have passed the Part I Examination if they have obtained one of the following grades: A, B, C, or D in each of the papers.

(5) The names of students who fulfil the requirements for proceeding to Part II of the Course in accordance with paragraph (2) of regulation 13 shall be published in a list showing the grades obtained in the five papers of the Part I Examination.

Supplementary Part I Examination and Repetition of Course

12. (1) Students who fail in not more than two papers of the Part I Examination may be allowed to sit for the September Session Supplementary Examination in the papers failed. The maximum grade that may be awarded in a supplementary session is Grade D.

(2) Students who fail in more than two papers of the Part I Examination or who fail in the Supplementary Examination may be allowed to repeat the Part I Examination once only, except in extraordinary circumstances and with the special permission of the Senate and under those conditions that the Board may impose.

Part II of the Course

13. (1) Part II shall comprise the fourth year of the Course and shall consist of study-units to which not less than 24 credits are assigned, which may include up to 4 optional study-units, and a dissertation.

(2) Students shall be eligible to register for Part II of the Course if they complete Part I of the Course in accordance with paragraph (2) of regulation 10

and obtain an overall Grade C average in the five papers of the Part I Examination.

(3) Students who opt to proceed to Part II of the Course in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (2) of this regulation shall not be entitled to the award of the B.A. (Tourism Studies) degree unless they fail to qualify for the award of the B.A. (Hons) (Tourism Studies) degree at the end of the fourth year of the Course in accordance with these regulations.

14. (1) Students shall become eligible to sit for the Final Examination if they have obtained a minimum of 24 credits in Part II of the Course.

(2) Students who have obtained only 22 credits out of the minimum 24 credits specified in paragraph (1) of this regulation may be allowed by the Board to sit for the Final Examination subject to such provisions as are deemed necessary to ensure adequate compensation for the aforesaid missing credits before being awarded the Degree.

Final Examination

15. (1) The Final Examination shall be held at the end of Part II of the Course and shall consist of five papers related to the study-units covered in Year 4 of the Course.

(2) Students shall qualify for the degree of Bachelor of Arts (Honours) (Tourism Studies) if they obtain the credits for the study-units indicated in regulation 9 and if they pass in the dissertation and in the Part II Final Examination.

(3) There shall be two sessions of Final Examination in each year: one session is normally held in May/June and a supplementary session is normally held in September.

(4) Students shall be deemed to have passed the Final Examination if they have obtained one of the following grades: A, B, C, or D in each of the papers.

Supplementary Examination and Repetition of Course

16. (1) Students who fail in not more than two papers of the Final Examination may be allowed to sit for the Supplementary Examination in the following session in the papers failed. The maximum grade that can be awarded in a supplementary session is Grade D.

(2) Students who fail in more than two papers of the Final Examination or who fail in the Supplementary Examination may be allowed to repeat the Final Examination once only, except in extraordinary circumstances and with the special permission of the Senate and under those conditions that the Board may impose.

Final Grading

17. (1) The overall evaluation of students of the degrees of Bachelor of Arts (Tourism Studies) and Bachelor of Arts (Honours) (Tourism Studies) shall take into account their performance in the examinations which shall account for 70% of the weighting, as well as the grades obtained for the study-units which shall account for the other 30%.

(2) The names of students who qualify for the award of the degree of Bachelor of Arts (Tourism Studies) shall be published in a list in alphabetical order divided in the following classification:

Category I
Category IIA
Category IIB
Category III.

(3) The names of students who qualify for the award of the degree of Bachelor of Arts (Honours) (Tourism Studies) shall be published in a list in alphabetical order divided in the following classification:

First Class (Honours)
Second Class (Honours) Upper Division
Second Class (Honours) Lower Division
Third Class (Honours).

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