

L.N. 122 of 2000

**EDUCATION ACT
(CAP. 327)**

Master of Science - M.Sc. - Degree Course (Amendment) Regulations, 2000

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 Master of Science - M.Sc. - Degree Course (Amendment) Regulations, 2000 and shall be read and construed as one with the Master of Science - M.Sc. - Degree Course Regulations, 1996, published as Legal Notice 90 of 1996, hereinafter referred to as “the principal regulations”.

Applicability

2. These regulations shall be applicable for courses commencing in October 2000 or later.

Amendment of regulation 3 of the principal regulations

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

“3. The Degree may be offered in any one or more of the following areas of study, subject to availability of expert guidance and supervision within the University:

- (a) Pathology (Mechanisms of Disease);
- (b) Pharmacology/Clinical Pharmacology;
- (c) Pharmacy;
- (d) Public Health Medicine; and

(e) any other area of study proposed by the Board and approved by Senate.”

Amendment of regulation 4 of the principal regulations

4. For regulation 4 of the principal regulations there shall be substituted the following:

“4. To be eligible for the award of the Degree, a student:

(a) must complete the course of studies, qualify in the examinations and comply with any other requirements prescribed in these regulations;

(b) must complete an individual research project to the satisfaction of the Board;

(c) must complete a part-time attachment to the satisfaction of the Board (if required by the Board); and

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

Amendment of regulation 5 of the principal regulations

5. For the heading of regulation 5 “**Registration and Qualifications for Admission**” there shall be substituted the following: “**Qualifications for Admission and Selection of Applicants**”.

6. For paragraph (2) of regulation 5 of the principal regulations there shall be substituted the following:

“(2) To be eligible for admission to the Course, a candidate must be:

(a) registered as a regular student of the University; and

(b) in possession of one of the following qualifications for the areas of study indicated:

- (i) **for Pathology (Mechanisms of Disease) and Public Health Medicine:** the degree of Doctor of Medicine and Surgery (obtained at least two years before applying for the Course), or the degree of Bachelor of Dental Surgery, or the degree of Bachelor of Pharmacy (Honours) or the degree of Master of Pharmacy or the degree of Bachelor of Science in Nursing/Midwifery Studies or the degree of Bachelor of Science (Honours) of the Faculty of Science or the Institute of Health Care, awarded with Second Class (Honours) or better, or the Bachelor of Science ordinary degree awarded with Category II or better of this University or of another university recognised for the purpose by the Senate and whose standard and content is deemed appropriate by the Board;
- (ii) **for Pharmacology/Clinical Pharmacology:** the degree of Doctor of Medicine and Surgery (obtained at least two years before applying for the Course), or the degree of Bachelor of Dental Surgery, or the degree of Bachelor of Pharmacy (Honours) or the degree of Master of Pharmacy, of this University or another university recognised for the purpose by the Senate;
- (iii) **for Pharmacy:** the degree of Doctor of Medicine and Surgery (obtained at least two years before applying for the Course), or the degree of Bachelor of Pharmacy (Honours) or the degree of Master of Pharmacy of this University or another university recognised for the purpose by the Senate.”

7. The following paragraphs (4) and (5) shall be added after paragraph (3) of regulation 5 of the principal regulations:

“(4) The Board shall recommend to Senate the number of applicants that may be allowed to register for each area of study offered in the Course, depending on the availability of resources. The number of available places shall be announced at the time of the call for applications.

(5) If there are more eligible applicants than the number of places available, applicants shall be selected after an interview by the Board of

Studies. The Board of Studies shall take into consideration the following criteria which shall be weighted as indicated below:

Degree type and class/category	25%
Experience in the area of the proposed study	25%
Research Proposal, detailing the working hypothesis, scope and significance of the research, and critically reviewing the methodology	25%
Interview	25%."

Amendment of regulation 6 of the principal regulations

8. For paragraph (2) of regulation 6 of the principal regulations there shall be substituted the following:

"(2) In any year the Board shall indicate whether an area of study is to be offered on a full-time or a part-time basis."

9. For sub-paragraph (c) of paragraph (3) of regulation 6 of the principal regulations there shall be substituted the following:

"(c) a part-time attachment, if directed by the Board in terms of paragraph (6) of regulation 8;"

Amendment of regulation 8 of the principal regulations

10. For paragraph (6) of regulation 8 of the principal regulations there shall be substituted the following:

"(6) Candidates may be required to undertake a period of part-time attachment relevant to their studies as directed by the Board. Such attachment shall be assessed on a Pass / Fail basis."

Amendment of regulation 10 of the principal regulations

11. For paragraph (3) of regulation 10 of the principal regulations there shall be substituted the following:

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“(3) A candidate shall not be awarded the Degree unless he obtains a pass in each part of the assessment (that is, the study-units, the research project, the part-time attachment (when required) and the Final Examination).”