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EDUCATION ACT
(CAP. 327)

The PostQualification Diploma in Health Science - PQ Dip.H.Sc. - and the Degree of Master of Health Science - M.Sc. (Health) - Course (Amendment) Regulations, 2001

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 PostQualification Diploma in Health Science - PQ Dip.H.Sc. - and the Degree of Master of Health Science - M.Sc. (Health) - Course (Amendment) Regulations, 2001 and shall be read and construed as one with The PostQualification Diploma in Health Science - PQ Dip.H.Sc. - and the Degree of Master of Health Science - M.Sc. (Health) - Course Regulations, 1998, published as Legal Notice 244 of 1998, hereinafter referred to as "the principal regulations".

Applicability

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

Amendment of regulation 9 of the principal regulations

3. For paragraph (4) of regulation 9 of the principal regulations there shall be substituted the following:

"(4) To be eligible for the award of the Degree, students must:

(a) complete the course of studies and obtain all the credits indicated in regulation 11; and

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

Amendment of regulations 10, 11, 12 and 13 of the principal regulations

4. For regulations 10, 11, 12, and 13 of the principal regulations there shall be substituted the following:

"Course Duration

10. (1) The Course shall extend over twelve months of full-time study or twenty-four months of part-time study.

(2) The Board may allow students to complete the course programme within a maximum period of eighteen months of full-time study or thirty-six months of part-time study after registration. In exceptional circumstances, Senate may allow students to extend their studies by up to a further twelve months.

Course Structure

11. The Course shall have two components, as follows:

(a) a taught component, consisting of a number of compulsory and optional study-units, to which 30 credits shall be assigned; and

(b) a compulsory research component, which shall lead to the presentation of a dissertation, written under academic supervision, to which 10 credits shall be assigned.

Catalogue of Study-Units

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

Assessment and Progress

13. (1) Credits shall be assigned according to the following grades in descending order of merit: A, B, C, and D. Failure shall be indicated by F. Incomplete work due to justifiable reasons (illness, approved absence, etc.) shall be indicated by I. In all other cases the results of uncompleted study-units shall be indicated as F. Each study-unit may be assessed through continuous assessment and a final examination at the end of the study-unit. The percentage weighting of each component of the continuous assessment and of the final examination shall be indicated in the description of each study-unit and published in the catalogue of study-units.

(2) For the purpose of determining the classification of the Degree, students may be required to attend for a *viva voce* examination.

14. (1) Students who fail to obtain a pass grade in a study-unit may be allowed to sit for a supplementary assessment. In the supplementary assessment, students may be required to be reassessed either in the failed component/s of the assessment or in all the components as indicated in the catalogue of study-units. Such reassessment may be allowed once only. If successful, the maximum grade that may be awarded shall be grade D.

(2) If students fail the reassessment of a study-unit, they may be allowed to repeat it once only. If successful, the maximum grade that may be awarded shall be grade D.

15. Attendance for the taught component of the Course is obligatory. Students who, after due warning given in writing, persistently fail to attend lectures and/or tutorials or otherwise do not carry out their academic duties without adequate justification, may be debarred by the Board from sitting for any or all of the study-unit assessments.

Dissertation

16. (1) Students shall be required to submit an individual dissertation of approximately 20,000 words in length in accordance with the guidelines regarding format issued by the Board. The dissertation must also satisfy the Board as regards content and presentation.

(2) Students shall submit to the Board of Studies for approval the proposed title of their dissertation and an outline of the research project to be performed for the purpose of the dissertation by not later than the end of the first semester in the case of studies on a full-time basis, and by not later than the end of June of the first year of the Course, in the case of studies on a part-time basis. The Board of Studies shall approve the title and research proposal and propose to the Board supervisors for each dissertation.

(3) Students shall submit the dissertation for examination within four months after the completion of the taught component of the Course referred to in paragraph (a) of regulation 11 and within the duration of the Course indicated in paragraph (1) of regulation 10. In special circumstances, the Board may allow students to present their dissertation at a later date within the period indicated in paragraph (2) of regulation 10.

(4) The dissertation shall be examined by a Board of Examiners appointed by Senate, on the recommendation of the Board.

(5) The Board of Examiners may require students to defend their dissertation during a *viva voce* examination.

(6) If the dissertation does not reach the required standard, students may be required to amend and resubmit it within a period established by the Board within the period indicated in paragraph (2) of regulation 10.

Final Result

17. The final result of each student shall take into account all the grades obtained in the assessments of the taught and research components of the Course, which shall be weighted according to the number of credits assigned to each.

18. The names of students who qualify for the award of the Degree shall be published in a list in alphabetical order classified as follows:

Passed with Distinction
Passed."