L.N. 87 of 2006

EDUCATION ACT
(CAP 327)

Postgraduate Diploma and Degree of Master in Contemporary Diplomacy Course Regulations, 2006 – under the auspices of the Faculty of Arts

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 Postgraduate Diploma and Degree of Master in Contemporary Diplomacy Course Regulations, 2006 – under the auspices of the Faculty of Arts.

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

"the Board" means the Board of the Faculty of Arts;

"the Board of Studies" means the Board of Studies, appointed by Senate on the recommendation of the Board;

"the Course" means the course of studies leading to the Postgraduate Diploma and the Master in Contemporary Diplomacy, as appropriate;

"the Degree" means the degree of Master in Contemporary Diplomacy; and

"the Diploma" means the Postgraduate Diploma in Contemporary Diplomacy.

Applicability

2. These regulations shall apply to courses commencing in 2006 or later.

Board of Studies

3. (1) The general administration of the Course shall be entrusted to a Board of Studies.

(2) The Course Co-ordinator shall be appointed by the Board and shall be responsible for drawing up the programme of studies and the catalogue of study-units, as well as for the preparation of teaching material, with the co-operation and approval of the Board of Studies.

Qualifications for Admission

4. The Course shall be open to applicants in possession of the following qualifications:

(a) a degree from a university recognised by the Senate for the purpose; or

(b) appropriate professional qualifications together with sufficient related professional experience that are acceptable to the Board of Studies.

Course Duration

5. (1) The Course leading to the Diploma shall extend over a period of one academic year of full-time study or its equivalent in part-time study.

(2) The Course leading to the Degree shall extend over a further period of one semester of full-time study, which may include a summer session, or its equivalent in part-time study. The Board may, before the presentation of the dissertation, extend such period by one further period not exceeding six months on a full-time basis and twelve months on a part-time basis.

Diploma Course Programme

6. (1) The Board, following approval by the Senate, shall publish the catalogue of study-units prior to the commencement of each Course.

(2) The programme of studies shall consist of study-units, to which 60 credits shall be assigned as follows:

(a) an Introductory Workshop, to which 15 credits are assigned; and

(b) taught study-units, to which 45 credits are assigned.

(3) The Course shall be conducted in two phases:

(a) first phase – Introductory Workshop, which shall be organised at the University of Malta or at a venue assigned by the University of Malta. The workshop shall focus on intensive research and study skills for diplomacy and international relations; and

(b) second phase – Online Learning, which shall be conducted via the Internet.

Programme of Studies and Catalogue of Study-Units

7. (1) The Board shall draw up the programme of studies for the Course which shall indicate the study-units to be followed in each semester and which study-units are compulsory, concurrent or pre-requisites for other study-units. The Board shall publish the programme of studies for the Course prior to its commencement, following the approval of Senate.

(2) The level, code, title, description and type of each study-unit, the credits assigned to each study-unit, the methods of teaching and assessment, and the lecturer giving the study-unit shall be published in a catalogue of study-units, which shall be published by the Board, following approval by Senate.

Assessment

8. (1) Students shall be assessed in the study-units during the Course in accordance with the criteria established by the Board of Studies.

(2) Results for the assessment of study-units and the dissertation shall be published as a percentage mark and grade as indicated in the table below:

Mark Range	Grade
80% -100%	A
70% - 79%	B
55% - 69%	C
45% - 54%	D
0 - 44%	F

Both the percentage mark and the grade shall be recorded in the students' academic record. However, only the percentage mark shall be used for the purpose of calculating the final classification of the awards.

(3) Students who fail in the assessment of a study-unit shall be allowed a re-assessment once only. If unsuccessful, students shall be required to withdraw from the Course. If successful, the maximum marks and grade that may be awarded shall be 45% - grade D.

(4) Students shall satisfy the requirements for the award of the Diploma if they obtain the sixty credits as specified in regulation 6 (2).

Award of Diploma

9. The Final Weighted Average Mark for the Diploma shall take into account all the results obtained in the assessments of all the study-units of the Course, which shall be weighted according to the number of credits assigned to each.

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

Passed with Distinction
Passed.

Degree Course Programme

11. Students who successfully complete the programme of studies for the Diploma and who renounce to the award of the Diploma may proceed to the Master's course. Students who, either opt not to proceed with the Course leading to the Degree, or, having proceeded do not successfully complete the Course shall be entitled to the award of the Diploma in accordance with regulations 9 and 10.

Dissertation

12. (1) Students shall be required to present a dissertation on an approved subject, normally of between 20,000 and 25,000 words, to which 30 credits shall be assigned. The dissertation must be either a record of original work or an ordered and critical expression of existing data with regard to a particular subject. It must satisfy the Board of Examiners as regards language and literary presentation.

(2) Students must present their proposal for the dissertation by not later than two months prior to the end of the Diploma course or as directed by the Board of Studies.

(3) No dissertation shall be accepted which is identical in substance to a dissertation already submitted for a degree at this or any other university. Students, however, shall not be precluded from incorporating such previous dissertation work as may be necessary to the presentation and fuller understanding of their exposition, provided that the nature and extent of such incorporation are clearly indicated in the dissertation itself.

Supervision and Examination of the Dissertation

12. The Board shall appoint a supervisor for every student. The supervisor may refer to the Board of Studies a student whose work is considered unsatisfactory and shall refer any substantial modification in the title or content of the dissertation for the approval of the Board. No dissertation may be submitted to the examiners without a certificate, signed by the supervisor, of its conformity with these regulations.

13. Each dissertation shall be examined by a Board of Examiners appointed in terms of the University Examinations Regulations. Students may be required to

attend for a *viva voce* examination. One of the examiners shall normally be an external examiner from another university.

Re-submission of Dissertation

14. Students whose dissertation is found unsatisfactory may be allowed by the Board, on the recommendation of the Board of Examiners, to re-submit it in a revised form within a period of not less than six and not more than eight months from the day on which it is referred back to them.

Award of Degree

15. (1) The final result for the Degree shall take into account the merits of their dissertation, and its oral defence, if this has been required.

(2) 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.

Repeal

16. The Postgraduate Diploma in Diplomacy - P.G. Dip. Diplomacy - Course Regulations, 2005, published as Legal Notice 267 of 2005 shall be deemed to cease to be in force as from the 31st December 2005,

provided that students registered for this Course before 1st January 2006 shall continue to be governed by the regulations that were in force at the time of their joining the Course.

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