L.N. 89 of 2006

EDUCATION ACT
(CAP. 327)

Master of Arts - M.A. - Degree Course (Amendment) Regulations, 2006 offered by the Centre for Communication Technology

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 Arts - M.A. - Degree Course (Amendment) Regulations, 2006 and shall be read and construed as one with the Master of Arts - M.A. - Degree Course Regulations, 2002, published as Legal Notice 307 of 2002, hereinafter referred to as "the principal regulations".

Applicability

2. These regulations shall be applicable for courses starting in October 2005 or later.

Amendment of regulation 7 of the principal regulations

3. For paragraph (1) of regulation 7 of the principal regulations there shall be substituted the following:

"7. (1) During the Preparatory Course, students shall be required to register for study-units to which 60 credits are assigned. In order to successfully complete the Preparatory Course, students are required to obtain 60 credits."

4. Paragraph (2) of regulation 7 of the principal regulations shall be deleted and paragraphs (3) and (4) of regulation 7 shall be renumbered as paragraphs (2) and (3) respectively.

5. For paragraph (2) of regulation 7 of the principal regulations there shall be substituted the following:

"(2) The result of the Preparatory Course shall take into account the students' performance in all the study-units according to the following weighting:

Synoptic study-units	60%
Other study-units	40%."

Amendment of regulation 9 of the principal regulations

6. For regulation 9 of the principal regulations there shall be substituted the following:

"9. The Course shall be offered in the following modes of study:

(a) taught study-units to which 56 credits are assigned and a synoptic study-unit to which 4 credits are assigned; or

(b) taught study-units to which 48 credits are assigned, a *practicum* to which 8 credits are assigned and a synoptic study-unit to which 4 credits are assigned; or

(c) taught study-units to which 40 credits are assigned, a dissertation or a project to which 16 credits are assigned and a synoptic study-unit to which 4 credits are assigned."

Amendment of regulation 12 of the principal regulations

7. For paragraphs (2) and (3) of regulation 12 of the principal regulations there shall be substituted the following:

"(2) Results for the assessment of all components of the Course 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 Degree.

(3) Students who fail in any study-unit shall be allowed a supplementary assessment. Such a supplementary assessment shall normally have the same mode of assessment as the corresponding first assessment. A supplementary assessment shall be held in a scheduled examination session (normally in September). In the case of assignments, the supplementary assessment shall be made by arrangement with the lecturer concerned. In the supplementary assessment, the maximum marks and grade that may be awarded shall be 45% - grade D."

Amendment of regulation 14 of the principal regulations

8. For paragraph (1) of regulation 14 of the principal regulations there shall be substituted the following:

"14. (1) Students registering for the mode of study where a dissertation is required shall submit the title and a research proposal for the dissertation for the approval of the Board within a time stipulated by the Board. The research proposal should be as detailed as possible to enable the Board to properly assess its suitability."

9. For paragraph (7) of regulation 14 of the principal regulations there shall be substituted the following:

"(7) The Board of Examiners may require students to take a *viva voce* examination on their dissertation and on the general field of knowledge within which it falls."

Amendment of regulation 17 of the principal regulations

10. For regulation 17 of the principal regulations there shall be substituted the following:

"17. Dissertations or projects shall meet the criteria established by the Board for this purpose."

Amendment of regulation 18 of the principal regulations

11. The following paragraph (2) shall be added after paragraph (1) of regulation 18 of the principal regulations:

"(2) To be awarded the Degree, students must obtain a pass mark in all components of the Course as listed in regulation 9."

12. The present paragraph (2) of regulation 18 of the principal regulations shall be renumbered as paragraph (3).

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