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L.N. 298 of 2006

EDUCATION ACT
(CAP. 327)

Bye-Laws of 2006 for the Degrees of Master of Philosophy – M.Phil. and Doctor of Philosophy – Ph.D. – under the auspices of the European Centre for Gerontology

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 bye-laws made by the Board of the European Centre for Gerontology in virtue of the powers conferred upon it by section 37 (1) of the said Act and which have been approved by the Senate of the University of Malta as required by section 37 (2) of the said Act:

Citation and Interpretation

1. (1) These bye-laws may be cited as the Bye-Laws of 2006 for the Degrees of Master of Philosophy – M.Phil. – and Doctor of Philosophy – Ph.D. – under the auspices of the European Centre for Gerontology.

(2) In these bye-laws, unless the context otherwise requires –

"the Centre" means the European Centre for Gerontology.

"the M.Phil. Degree" means the degree of Master of Philosophy – M.Phil; and

the Ph.D. Degree" means the degree of Doctor of Philosophy – Ph.D.

Applicability

2. These bye-laws shall apply from October 2007 onwards.

Qualifications for Admission

3. (1) The M.Phil. Degree shall be open to applicants who possess a Master's degree in Gerontology.

(2) The Ph.D. Degree shall be open to applicants who possess a Master's degree in Gerontology. Such applicants may be required to register for the M.Phil. Degree in the first instance.

Registration and Supervision

4. The research proposal submitted by applicants should indicate clearly the research questions in the field of Gerontology to be addressed. Applications for registration must include a provisional title, a detailed research proposal of about 1000 words, a written recommendation that the work proposed is feasible from a person directly concerned in the running of the institution, laboratory or clinical unit where the work is to be carried out and a written recommendation by a member of the academic staff willing to act as supervisor.

Supervisor

5. The supervisor shall be an established authority in the relevant field of investigation.

Dissertation and Thesis Format and Presentation

6. (1) The length of an M.Phil. dissertation shall not normally exceed 50,000 words whilst the length of a Ph.D. thesis shall be not less than 70,000 and not more than 90,000 words, including foot/endnotes, but excluding bibliography and/or analytical indices and any appendices.

(2) Students shall be required to submit three copies of the dissertation or thesis for examination purposes which shall be adequately bound. Each copy shall contain an abstract of not more than 300 words. Within one month of passing the examination of the dissertation or thesis, students must submit two copies, one of which should be deposited at the University library and the other at the library of the Centre.

(3) The two copies are to be bound as follows:

(a) in cloth (preferably black) with stiff boards and good quality end-papers; with lettering (preferably in gold) on the front and spine showing:

(i) the name of the student;
(ii) the title or short title of the dissertation or thesis;
(iii) the degree for which the dissertation or thesis is submitted; and
(iv) the year of submission.

Maps, diagrams, graphs, printed material, etc. should be bound with the dissertation or thesis, but if this is not possible they should be presented separately in special folders or volumes and numbered.

(b) The text must be typed on A4 sheets, one side only, in double spacing, font size 12, and with a margin of 40mm to the left and at least 20 mm top, bottom, and right.

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