**L.N. 305 of 2006**

# EDUCATION ACT
# (CAP. 327)

## Master in Integrated Resource Management – Master I.R.M. – Degree Course Regulations, 2006

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 Master in Integrated Resource Management - Master I.R.M. - Degree Course Regulations, 2006.

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

"the Board of Studies" means the Board of the Studies appointed by Senate to implement these regulations, on the recommendation of the Board of the International Environment Institute;

"the Course" means the course of studies leading to the degree of Master in Integrated Resource Management - Master I.R.M.;

"the Degree" means the degree of Master in Integrated Resource Management - Master I.R.M.; and

"the Institute" means the International Environment Institute.

### Applicability

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

### Qualifications for Admission

3. (1) Applicants for admission to the Course must be in possession of a Bachelor's degree with at least Category II in a related area of study or of a first degree recognised by Senate as equivalent to a Bachelor's degree of the University of Malta with at least Category II in a related area of study.

(2) The admission of applicants whose first degree is not in a related area of study shall be made after an interview during which their ability to complete the Course successfully shall be assessed.

**Course Duration**

4. The Course shall extend over twelve months of full-time study or their equivalent in part-time study.

**Course of Studies**

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

(a) a taught component, consisting of a number of study-units to which 60 ECTS credits shall be assigned; and

(b) a research component, which shall lead to the presentation of a dissertation, written under supervision, to which 30 ECTS credits shall be assigned.

6. The programme of study shall be published by the Board of Studies before the commencement of the Course, following the approval of Senate. Subject to changes that the Board of Studies may, with the approval of Senate, be constrained to make, students are bound to follow the study-units and obtain the credits as indicated in the programme of study. The level, code, title, description and type of each study-unit, the number of credits assigned to each study-unit, the methods of teaching and assessment, and the name of the lecturer giving the study-unit shall be published by the Board of Studies in a catalogue of study-units, following approval by Senate.

**Assessment**

7. Results for the assessments of the 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 award.

8. Students who fail to obtain a pass in a written examination or in an assignment or in both shall be allowed to sit for a supplementary examination, or to resubmit the assignment, or both. Students shall be allowed to repeat an examination or to resubmit an assignment for a given study-unit only once. In such cases, if successful, the maximum marks and grade that may be awarded are 45% - grade D. If unsuccessful, students shall be required to withdraw from the Course.

9. In order to qualify for the Degree, students must obtain the 90 ECTS credits for all components of the programme of study.

10. Students who, after due warning given in writing by the Board of Studies, persistently fail to attend lectures and/or tutorials or otherwise do not carry out their academic duties without adequate justification, may be debarred by Senate, following a recommendation of the Board of the Institute, from continuing the Course.

**Dissertation**

11. (1) The dissertation, to be submitted by the end of the Course, shall be of approximately 25,000 words on an approved subject. The dissertation shall be an original work in the sense that it shall be either a record of original research or an ordered and critical expression of existing data with regard to a particular subject relevant to Integrated Resource Management, and approved by the Board of Studies.

(2) The dissertation shall be written, typed and bound in accordance with the criteria established by the Board of Studies for this purpose.

(3) The Board of Studies shall appoint a supervisor for each student.

(4) A *viva voce* examination on the dissertation shall be held.

12. A dissertation which does not reach the required standard shall be returned to the student for revision, and shall be re-submitted for examination within a period not exceeding one year, as directed by the Board of Studies, on the recommendation of the Board of Examiners.

13. Permission to re-submit the dissertation shall be granted only once.

**Award and Classification of the Degree**

14. (1) The final classification of the Degree shall be based on the results obtained in each component of the Course.

(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.

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