

L.N. 166 of 1998

**EDUCATION ACT
(CAP. 327)**

Master of Science - M.Sc. - Degree Course (Amendment) Regulations, 1998

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 Science - M.Sc. - Degree Course (Amendment) Regulations, 1998 and shall be read and construed as one with the Master of Science - M.Sc. - Degree Course Regulations, 1996, hereinafter referred to as "the principal regulations".

Applicability

2. These regulations shall be applicable for courses commencing in October 1998 or later.

Amendment of regulation 3 of the principal regulations

3. For regulation 3 of the principal regulations there shall be substituted the following:

"3. The Degree may be offered in any one or more of the following areas of study, subject to availability of expert guidance and supervision within the University:

- (a) Public Health Medicine;
- (b) Pathology; and
- (c) any area of study proposed by the Board and approved by Senate."

Amendment of regulation 4 of the principal regulations

4. For paragraph (1) of regulation 4 of the principal regulations there shall be substituted the following:

“4. To be eligible for the award of the Degree, a student must:

(a) complete the course of studies, qualify in the examinations and comply with any other requirements prescribed in these regulations;

(b) complete an individual research project to the satisfaction of the Board;

(c) in the case of the Course on a full-time basis, complete a part-time attachment to the satisfaction of the Board; and

(d) satisfy all other requirements prescribed in any other statutes, regulations and bye-laws of the University.”

Amendment of regulation 5 of the principal regulations

5. For paragraphs (1) and (2) regulation 5 of the principal regulations there shall be substituted the following:

“Registration and Qualifications for Admission

5. (1) A candidate must register on the appropriate form within the time specified by the Office of the Registrar.

(2) To be eligible for admission to the Course, a candidate must be:

(a) registered as a regular student of the University; and

(b) in possession of the degree of Doctor of Medicine and Surgery from this University or its equivalent from another university recognised by Senate for the purpose.

(3) A candidate who, after due warning given in writing, persistently fails to attend lectures and/or tutorials or otherwise does not carry out his academic duties without adequate justification may be debarred by the Board from sitting for any or all of the examinations.

Amendment of regulation 6 of the principal regulations

6. For paragraphs (1), (2), (3) and (4) of regulation 6 of the principal regulations there shall be substituted the following:

"6. (1) The Course shall be structured in such a way that it shall be completed in fifteen months of full-time study or two years of part-time study. In special circumstances, the Board may allow candidates to extend their studies by one year of full-time study, or two years of part-time study, provided that for the Course which commenced in October 1995, candidates may be allowed to extend their studies by two years of part-time study.

(2) In any year, the Board shall indicate whether the Course is to be offered on a full-time or a part-time basis.

(3) The Course shall consist of:

(a) study-units for which not less than 24 credits shall be assigned;

(b) a supervised individual research project as approved by the Board; and

(c) in the case of the Course on a full-time basis, a part-time attachment as directed by the Board.

(4) A catalogue of study-units, indicating the credits assigned to each study-unit and which study-units are compulsory, shall be approved by the Board and published before the commencement of each academic year."

Amendment of regulation 8 of the principal regulations

7. For the title of regulation 8 of the principal regulations there shall be substituted the following:

“Individual research project and part-time attachment”.

8. For paragraph (5) of regulation 8 of the principal regulations there shall be substituted the following:

“(5) The research project shall be submitted in its final form by not later than the fourteenth month from the commencement of the Course on a full-time basis or the twentieth month from the commencement of the Course on a part-time basis, unless an extension is granted by the Board in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (1) of regulation 6.”

9. The following paragraph (6) shall be added after paragraph (5) of regulation 8 of the principal regulations:

“(6) In the case of the Course on a full-time basis, candidates shall be required to undertake a period of attachment relevant to their studies as directed by the Board. Such attachment shall be assessed on a Pass / Fail basis.”

Amendment of regulation 9 of the principal regulations

10. The following paragraph (4) shall be added after paragraph (3) of regulation 9 of the principal regulations:

“(4) A candidate who fails in any of the examination papers shall be allowed to resit the examination paper/s once during a supplementary session normally held in September. The maximum grade that may be awarded is grade D.”

Amendment of regulation 10 of the principal regulations

11. For paragraphs (1) and (3) of regulation 10 of the principal regulations there shall be substituted the following:

"(1) The final grading shall be based on the candidate's performance in the study-units, the research project, and the Final Examination, equal weighting being given to each of the three components.

(3) A candidate shall not be awarded the Degree unless he obtains a pass in each part of the assessment (that is, the study-units, the research project, the part-time attachment (in the case of the Course on a full-time basis) and the Final Examination)."