L.N. 323 of 2008

EDUCATION ACT
(CAP. 327)

Bye-Laws of 2008 in terms of the General Regulations for University Postgraduate Awards, 2008 for the Degree of Master of Diplomacy under the auspices of the Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies

IN exercise of the powers conferred upon him by sections 74 (5) and 75 (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 Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies in virtue of the powers conferred upon it by section 81 (1) of the said Act and which have been approved by the Senate of the University of Malta as required by section 81 (2) of the said Act:

Citation and Interpretation

1. (1) These bye-laws may be cited as the Bye-Laws of 2008 in terms of the General Regulations for University Postgraduate Awards, 2008 for the degree of Master of Diplomacy under the auspices of the Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies.

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

"the Board" means the Board of the Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies;

"the Course" means the programme of study leading to the degree of Master of Diplomacy;

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

"the Principal Regulations" means the General Regulations for University Postgraduate Awards, 2008.

Applicability

2. These bye-laws shall be applicable for courses commencing in October 2008 or later.

Requirements for Admission

3. To be admitted to the Course, applicants must be:

(a) employed in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of their country or in another governmental entity active in external relations and have served in this capacity for at least one year;

(b) in possession of a recognized first cycle degree accepted by Senate for the purpose; and

(c) in possession of a certificate of proficiency in English at the level required by the University of Malta.

Course Duration

4. The Course shall extend over two semesters of full-time study or the equivalent in part-time study.

Programme of Study

5. The programme of study shall comprise taught study-units to which a total of 60 credits are assigned.

6. The programme of study shall be published after approval by Senate, normally not less than eight months prior to the commencement of the Course.

Assessment and Progress

7. (1) The assessment of each taught study-unit shall be completed by the end of the semester in which the teaching of the study unit is held.

(2) Students who in any academic year fail in the assessment of not more than 20 credits for taught study-units, if following the Course full-time, or not more than 10 credits if following the Course part-time, shall be given the opportunity to re-sit the failed assessments during the September supplementary examination session.

(3) Students who fail in more than the number of credits permitted under paragraph (2) of this bye-law or students who after re-assessment fail to obtain the credits for any study-unit, shall be deemed to have failed the Course.

Classification of the Award

8. The Final Weighted Average Mark for the purpose of the classification of the Degree shall be based on the results obtained in all the components of the programme of study, all credits being weighted equally.

Special Provisions for Part-Time Courses

9. The provisions of the foregoing bye-laws shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to courses followed on a part-time basis, and subject to such changes as may reasonably be deemed by the Board as necessary due to the part-time nature of the Course.

Repeal

10. The Master in Diplomacy – M. Dip. – Degree Course Regulations, 2005, published as Legal Notice 149 of 2005, shall be deemed to cease to be in force as from 1 October 2008, provided that students registered for this course before 1 October 2008 shall continue to be governed by the regulations that were in force at the time of their joining the course.