L.N. 381 of 2007

EDUCATION ACT
(CAP. 327)

Master in the Science of Performative Creativity Degree Course Regulations, 2007

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 regulations made by the Senate of the University of Malta by virtue of the powers conferred upon it by sections 75 and 79 of the said Act:

Citation and interpretation

1. (1) These regulations may be cited as the Master in the Science of Performative Creativity Degree Course Regulations, 2007.

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

"the Board" means the Board of Studies appointed by Senate for the Course, that shall consist of the co-ordinators of each study-unit as representatives of the Partner Universities, under the chairmanship of the representative of the Co-ordinating University;

"the Co-ordinating University" means the University of Malta;

"the Course" means the course of studies developed and offered jointly by the Partner Universities and leading to the Degree of Master in the Science of Performative Creativity;

"the Degree" means the degree of Master in the Science of Performative Creativity;

"the Host University" means the Partner University at which a student chooses to commence studies and to do research for the writing of the dissertation; and

"the Partner Universities" means the following institutions:

University of Malta (l-Università ta' Malta)
University of Rome La Sapienza, Italy (Università di Roma La Sapienza, Italia)
University of Paris 13, France (Université Paris 13, France)
Adam Mickiewicza University, Poznan, Poland (Uniwersytet Im. Adama Mickiewicza, Poznań, Poland)

Applicability

2. These regulations shall apply to courses starting in October 2007 or later.

Qualifications for Admission

3. (1) To be admitted to the Course, applicants shall be in possession of a good first cycle degree from the University of Malta, or of a degree from another recognised university deemed by the Board to be equivalent.

(2) Senate, on the advice of the Board, shall determine the number of applicants that may be allowed to register. The Board shall announce the number of available places at the time of the call for applications.

(3) If there are more eligible applicants than the number of places available, applicants shall be selected on their performance in an interview held for the purpose and their qualifications (preference will be given to the holders of a degree in the disciplines of cognitive neuroscience, cognitive psychology, performer studies, sports sciences, cultural studies and philosophy, or in other relevant disciplines where creativity and innovation are emerging as fundamental qualities), language skills, and motivation.

(4) The selected applicants shall register at the Co-ordinating University, which shall be responsible for the keeping and distribution to the Partner Universities of the academic records of the students throughout the Course.

Course Duration

4. The Course shall extend over four semesters of full-time study.

Course Structure

5. (1) The programme of studies shall consist of taught study-units, to which 86 ECTS credits shall be assigned, and a dissertation, to which 34 ECTS credits shall be assigned.

(2) The Board shall draw up a programme of studies and a catalogue of all the study-units on offer. The catalogue shall indicate the level, code, title, description and type of each study-unit, the credits assigned to each study-unit, and the methods of teaching and assessment. The Board shall publish the programme of studies and the catalogue prior to the commencement of each Course, following the approval of Senate.

(3) Students shall be required to spend the first eight weeks of the Course at their Host University and the rest of the first semester and the second semester at any one of the Partner Universities, as directed. The third semester shall be spent at

another of the Partner Universities. During the fourth semester, students shall work on their dissertation at their Host University, under the supervision of an academic appointed by the Board.

(4) The Boards of Examiners for the taught study-units shall be appointed by Senate and shall include examiners from the Partner Universities.

Assessment and Progress

6. Results for the assessment of the study-units and the dissertation shall be published as a percentage mark, 50% being the pass mark.

7. Students who fail in any taught study-unit shall be allowed a supplementary assessment once only. If unsuccessful, students shall be required to withdraw from the Course. Supplementary assessments shall be in the failed component of the assessment of the study-unit as directed by the Board.

Dissertation

8. (1) All students shall submit for approval a title and a detailed research proposal by the deadline and in the format specified by the Board.

(2) The dissertation, to be submitted by the end of the fourth semester of the Course, shall be of approximately 25,000 words. 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. It shall be written, typed and bound in accordance with the criteria established by the Board for this purpose.

9. (1) The Board shall appoint a supervisor for each student. Supervisors may refer to the Board students whose progress they consider unsatisfactory and shall refer any substantial modification in the title or content of the dissertation for the approval of the Board.

(2) Students shall obtain their supervisor's advice in writing regarding whether the expected standard has been reached, prior to submission of their dissertation. Students may submit their dissertation against the advice of their supervisor on their own responsibility but are required to attach their supervisor's advice on their submission.

10. (1) Each dissertation shall be examined by a Board of Examiners appointed in terms of the University Examinations Regulations. The Board of Examiners shall include the supervisor, the co-supervisor, and an external examiner.

(2) Students may be required to take a *viva voce* examination to defend their dissertation.

11. Students whose dissertation is found unsatisfactory may be allowed by the Board, on the recommendation of the Board of Examiners, to re-submit it in a revised form within a period of not less than two and not more than six months from the day on which it is referred back to them.

Degree Final Result

12. (1) The final result of the students shall take into account all the results obtained in all the assessment of the components of the Course, which shall be weighted according to the credits assigned.

(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, on the recommendation of the Board:

Pass with Distinction
Pass.

13. The Degree shall be awarded jointly by the Partner Universities.

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