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EDUCATION ACT
(CAP. 327)

Master in Inclusive Education and Communities Degree Course Regulations, 2008 - under the auspices of the Faculty of Education

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 Inclusive Education and Communities Degree Course Regulations, 2008.

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

"the Board" means the Board of the Faculty of Education;

"the Board of Studies" means the Board of Studies, appointed by Senate on the recommendation of the Faculty;

"the Course" means the course of studies leading to the degree of Master in Inclusive Education and Communities;

"the Degree" means the degree of Master in Inclusive Education and Communities;

"the Diploma" means Postgraduate Diploma in Inclusive Education and Communities; and

"the Faculty" means the Faculty of Education

Applicability

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

Qualifications for Admission

3. (1) Applicants may be registered as students in the Course if they:

(a) are in possession of a Bachelor's degree with second class honours in education, psychology, youth and community studies, social work, or in an area of study related to a caring profession, together with a minimum of two years' experience working with children and adolescents with diverse psycho-socio pedagogical needs; and

(b) satisfy the Board, through an interview, that they have the necessary experience and aptitude to follow the Course with profit, provide evidence of experiential learning, and demonstrate that they have the aptitude for working in an inclusive setting.

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

(3) If the number of eligible applicants exceeds the number of places available, applicants shall be selected on their performance in the interview held in terms of sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph (1) of this regulation.

Course Duration

4. The Course leading to the Degree shall extend over a period of three semesters of full-time study or its equivalent in part-time study.

Course Programme

5. (1) The Course shall consist of taught study-units to which 60 ECTS credits shall be assigned and work-based research projects to which 30 ECTS credits shall be assigned.

(2) The Board of Studies shall draw up a programme of studies indicating which units are compulsory and which are elective, and a catalogue of study-units indicating 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. Subject to the approval of Senate, the Board may make any necessary changes to the programme of studies and to the catalogue as required.

Assessment

6. (1) Results for the assessment of study-units and the research projects 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 Awards.

(2) Students who fail in the assessment of a study-unit shall be allowed a re-assessment once only. If unsuccessful, students shall be required to withdraw from the Course. If successful, the maximum marks and grade that may be awarded shall be 45% - grade D.

Postgraduate Diploma in Inclusive Education and Communities

7. (1) Students who successfully complete the taught study-units to which 60 ECTS credits are assigned shall be eligible to continue with the Course leading to the Degree. Students who opt not to proceed with the Course or, having proceeded, do not complete or fail in the projects shall be entitled to the award of a Postgraduate Diploma.

(2) Students who qualify for the Postgraduate Diploma in terms of paragraph (1) of this regulation shall have their names published in a list in alphabetical order classified as follows:

Passed with Distinction
Passed.

Work-Based Research Projects

8. (1) Students shall be required to complete two work-based research projects under tutorial supervision.

(2) The two research projects are expected to be around 12,000 words in length each.

(3) The proposals of the research projects shall be submitted to the Board of Studies for approval, by not later than two months prior to the end of the second semester or as directed by the Board of Studies. Any substantial modification in the title or content of the projects that is required by the progress of the student's study and research must be referred to the Board of Studies for approval.

(4) The research projects shall be submitted in their final form by a prescribed date and within the period indicated in regulation 4. In exceptional circumstances, Senate, on the recommendation of the Board, may grant an extension to complete the research projects.

(5) Every research project presented for the Degree must be a record of original work and must fulfil all specifications of the relevant guidelines drawn up by the Board as regards length, format and presentation. A declaration signed by the students stating that the projects are their own original work shall be included with the dissertation.

(6) Every project shall be examined by a Board of Examiners appointed by Senate, comprising not less than three members including the supervisor.

Re-submission of the Work-Based Research Projects

9. Students whose research projects are found unsatisfactory, may be allowed by the Board, on the recommendation of the Board of Examiners, to re-submit them in a revised form within a period of four months.

Award of the Degree

10. (1) Students shall satisfy the requirements for the award of the Degree if they obtain a pass in the study-units and the work-based research projects as specified in paragraph (1) of regulation 5.

(2) The students' final classification shall take into account their performance in all the components of the Course.

(3) The names of the students who qualify for the Degree shall be published in a list in alphabetical order classified as follows:

Passed with Distinction.
Passed.

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