L.N. 49 of 1998

EDUCATION ACT
(CAP. 327)

Diploma in Political Studies - Dip. Pol. St. - Course 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 and interpretation

1. (1) These regulations may be cited as the Diploma in Political Studies - Dip. Pol. St. - Course Regulations, 1998.

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

"the Board" means the Board of the Faculty of Economics, Management and Accountancy;

"the Course" means the Course leading to the Diploma;

"the Diploma" means the Diploma in Political Studies - Dip. Pol. St.

Applicability

2. These regulations shall be applicable to courses starting in 1992 or later.

Eligibility for Diploma

3. To be eligible for the award for the Diploma a candidate must:

(a) be registered as a matriculated student in terms of the Admission Regulations of the University;

(b) satisfy any Special Course Requirements;

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

(d) comply with any other requirements prescribed in any other relevant statutes and regulations of the University.

Registration

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

(2) A student 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.

Course of Studies

5. (1) The Course shall be structured in such a way that it can be completed within a minimum period of two years and a maximum period of five years of part-time studies.

(2) The Course shall consist of:

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

(b) a supervised individual project.

(3) (a) A catalogue of study-units, with the credits assigned to each unit, shall be approved by the Board and published before the start of each semester.

(b) Some study-units may be indicated as compulsory and others as optional.

(c) Some study-units may also involve guided field-work. Students may be required to submit written reports on their field-work and these shall be considered as an essential component of the Course for which credits shall be assigned.

Assessment

6. (1) In each semester of the Course students shall be tested in the study-units covered during that semester in accordance with the criteria established by the Board.

(2) The following grades shall be used in the assessment of study-units: A, B, C, D and F, in descending order of merit, with F indicating failure.

(3) A student who fails in any study-unit may be allowed to re-take the test or to repeat the entire study-unit. A student may be allowed to repeat any one of the study-units only once. In such cases the maximum grade a student can obtain is a D.

Individual Project

7. (1) Each student shall be required to write an Essay of approximately 10,000 words on an approved topic intended to illustrate his ability to integrate the various aspects of the course of studies.

(2) The Essay must be submitted two calendar months prior to the end of the Final Examinations.

Final Examinations

8. (1) Written, comprehensive examinations shall be held at the end of the Course. Only students who have obtained at least 20 credits shall be admitted to the examinations.

(2) Students may also be required to sit for a *viva voce* examination

Final Grading

9. (1) The final grading shall be based on the study-units, the Essay and the Final Examinations.

(2) The names of students who have qualified for the Diploma shall be published in alphabetical order in the categories:

Passed with Distinction
Passed.

(3) A student shall not be awarded the Diploma unless he obtains a pass in each part of the course of studies (that is, the tests, the Essay and the Final Examinations).