L.N. 211 of 2010

EDUCATION ACT
(CAP. 327)

Bye-Laws of 2010 in terms of the Doctor of Philosophy - Ph.D. - Degree Regulations, 2008 for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy under the auspices of the Faculty of Dental Surgery

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred upon him by articles 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 Faculty of Dental Surgery in virtue of the powers conferred upon it by article 81 (1) of the said Act and which have been approved by the Senate of the University of Malta as required by article 81 (2) of the said Act:

Citation and Interpretation

1. (1) These bye-laws may be cited as the Bye-Laws of 2010 in terms of the Doctor of Philosophy - Ph.D. - Degree Regulations, 2008 for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy under the auspices of the Faculty of Dental Surgery.

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

"the Board" means the Board of the Faculty of Dental Surgery;

"the Degree" means the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy – Ph.D.;

"the Faculty" means the Faculty of Dental Surgery; and

"the Principal Regulations" means the Doctor of Philosophy - Ph.D. - Degree Regulations, 2008.

Applicability

2. These bye-laws shall be applicable from October 2009 onwards.

Requirements for Admission

3. Applicants for the Degree offered by the Faculty shall be in possession of one of the following degrees:

(a) a Master's degree in a related area of Dental Surgery of this or another University or qualifications of comparable standard recognised for this purpose by the Senate; or

(b) a Bachelor's degree obtained at First Class Honours or Second Class Honours (Upper Division), provided that the Faculty Doctoral Committee ascertains that the applicant has a very strong background in the area of study related to the proposed area of research. This being the case, the Faculty Doctoral Committee shall submit a clearly motivated recommendation for acceptance to the Board for eventual consideration by the Ph.D. Committee and Senate.

4. (1) Applicants may submit their application form as required by the Principal Regulations.

(2) Applicants may also be asked to demonstrate competence in those skills required by the nature of the proposed research.

Faculty Doctoral Committee

5. The Board shall recommend to Senate the appointment of a Faculty Doctoral Committee composed as follows:

The Dean of the Faculty or his delegate (chairman)
3 senior members of staff.

Supervision and Students' Progress

6. (1) Principal Supervisors shall be required to submit a written report to the Board, through the Faculty Doctoral Committee, by the end of June and January of every year of study for all students under their supervision.

(2) Students are required to submit a report on their research work every six months for consideration by the Faculty Doctoral Committee.

7. Students shall only be allowed to proceed with their studies subject to satisfactory progress reports from their Principal Supervisor. If the report is negative, the Board shall make recommendations to Senate on the student's continuing registration for the Degree.

8. (1) After twelve months of full-time study, students are required to submit a report on their research work for consideration by an *ad hoc* board appointed by the Board. The *ad hoc* board shall be composed of a chairman, who shall be the head of the department concerned or his delegate, and two examiners, one of whom shall be the Principal Supervisor and the other a senior academic with expertise in the area.

(2) The *ad hoc* board shall examine the student orally and shall submit a written report for consideration by the Faculty Doctoral Committee in the first instance. The report shall contain recommendations according to the provisions of the Principal Regulations.

9. Students registered at the Faculty may be required to participate in the Faculty's research and teaching programmes.

Thesis Presentation and Format

10. Six months before the submission deadline students shall be informed that they are required to inform the Faculty that they will be submitting their thesis for examination not less than three months before the submission deadline.

11. The Board shall recommend to Senate the appointment of a Board of Examiners in accordance with the Principal Regulations.

12. The Board shall approve and publish guidelines on the format and presentation of the thesis for the Degree.

13. (1) Students shall be required to submit a loose bound copy of their thesis for each member of the Board of Examiners, together with a copy in digital format. The officer in charge of the Faculty shall issue a dated receipt.

(2) On successful completion of their studies, students shall be required to submit to the Faculty three hard bound copies of the thesis and one copy in digital format within six weeks from the publication of their result. One copy of the thesis shall be kept in the Library of the department and another at the University Library. Students who do not comply with this bye-law shall not be awarded the Degree.

Repeal

14. The Bye Laws of 1998 for the degree of Master of Philosophy – M.Phil. - under the auspices of the Faculty of Dental Surgery published as Legal Notice 234 of 1998, shall be deemed to cease to be in force as from 1st October 2009, provided that students registered for this degree before 1st October 2009 shall continue to be governed by the regulations that were in force at the time of their registering for the degree.

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