L.N. 406 of 2010

EDUCATION ACT
(CAP. 327)

Bye-Laws of 2010 in terms of the General Regulations for University Postgraduate Awards, 2008 for the Degree of Executive Master of Business Administration – Executive M.B.A. - under the auspices of the Faculty of Economics, Management and Accountancy

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 Economics, Management and Accountancy 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 General Regulations for University Postgraduate Awards, 2008 for the degree of - Executive Master of Business Administration – Executive M.B.A. - under the auspices of the Faculty of Economics, Management and Accountancy.

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

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

"the Course" means the programme of study leading to the degree of Executive Master of Business Administration – Executive M.B.A.;

"the Degree" means the degree of Executive Master of Business Administration – Executive M.B.A.;

“the Postgraduate Diploma” means the Postgraduate Diploma in Business Administration; 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 2010 or later.

Requirements for Admission

3. Applicants seeking admission to the Course shall have a minimum of three years appropriate work experience and shall be:

(a) in possession of a Bachelor's degree in a business studies related area with at least Second Class Honours from this University or a university recognised for the purpose by the Senate; or

(b) in possession of a degree or a professional qualification recognised for the purpose by the Senate; or

(c) persons over the age of twenty-six years in possession of a diploma in a related area with at least a Merit classification from this University or equivalent qualifications, provided they are considered able to follow the Course with profit by the University Admissions Board, on the recommendation of the Faculty Admissions Committee and the Board.

Preparatory Programme

4. (1) Applicants seeking admission under sub-paragraphs (b) and (c) of bye-law 3 shall, before admission to the Course, be required to successfully complete a Preparatory Programme consisting of study-units to which 30 credits are assigned.

(2) The Preparatory Programme shall be designed so as to ensure that students reach the required standard for admission to the Course.

(3) The Board may grant students full or partial exemption from the requirement of the Preparatory Programme provided that it is satisfied that study-units covered in another course are similar in content and standard, and have been successfully completed with a grade B or better.

(4) Students who after re-assessment fail in any study-unit of the Preparatory Programme shall not be allowed to commence the Course.

Course Duration

5. The Course shall extend over five semesters of part-time study.

Programme of Study

6. The programme of study shall comprise study-units to which a total of 90 credits are assigned, of which 60 credits are assigned to taught study-units and 30 credits assigned to the dissertation study-unit.

7. Students who obtain the 60 credits assigned to the taught study-units with an average mark of at least 50% and do not proceed with the Course, or having proceeded do not successfully complete the dissertation, shall be eligible for the award of a Postgraduate Diploma.

8. 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

9. (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 two study-units shall be given the opportunity to re-sit the failed assessment during the September supplementary examination session.

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

Dissertation

10. (1) Students shall be required to submit a dissertation of 25,000 words in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Board.

(2) Work on the dissertation shall be undertaken during the last year of the Course. Each student shall be assigned a supervisor who shall provide guidance and advice on a regular basis during the period of study.

(3) A provisional title of the dissertation and a detailed research proposal shall be submitted to the Board for approval at the beginning of the fourth semester of the Course.

11. (1) Students shall be required to have regular contact with their supervisor.

(2) Where appropriate, supervisors shall submit to the Board progress reports for students under their supervision. Such reports may include recommendation to either (a) extend the period of study in order to enable the

student to complete the dissertation; or (b) terminate studies if the supervisor deems this to be proper in the circumstances, provided that:

(i) the extension of the study period referred to in (a) shall be in accordance with the provisions of the Principal Regulations; and

(ii) the Board may not terminate studies according to (b) until it has first given the student a chance to be heard.

Classification of the Awards

12. The Final Weighted Average Mark for the purpose of the classification of the Postgraduate Diploma and of the Degree shall be based on the results obtained in all the components of the Course, all credits being weighted equally.

Repeal

13. The Master of Business Administration Degree - M.B.A. - Executive Master of Business Administration Degree - Executive M.B.A. – and Executive Master of Business Administration (e-Business) – Executive M.B.A. (e-Business) Degree Course Regulations, 2001, published as Legal Notice 304 of 2001, shall be deemed to cease to be in force as from 30th September 2010, provided that students registered for these courses before 1st October 2010 shall continue to be governed by the regulations that were in force at the time of their joining the course.

Ippubblikat mid-Dipartiment tal-Informazzjoni (doi.gov.mt) — Valletta — ***Published by the Department of Information (doi.gov.mt) — Valletta***
Mitbugħ fl-Istamperija tal-Gvern fuq karta riċiklata — ***Printed at the Government Printing Press on recycled paper***

Prezz/*Price*
€0.37