L.N. 175 of 1997

EDUCATION ACT
(CAP. 327)

Master of Arts in Creativity and Innovation – M.A. – Degree Course Regulations, 1997

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 Master of Arts in Creativity and Innovation – M.A. – Degree Course Regulations, 1997.

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

"the Board of Studies" means the Board of Studies for the Degree appointed by Senate to implement these regulations, on the recommendation of the Board of the Centre for Communication Technology;

"the Course" means the course of studies and research, leading to the Degree of Master of Arts in Creativity and Innovation;

"the Degree" means the Degree of Master of Arts in Creativity and Innovation – M.A.

Board of Studies

2. The administration of the Course shall be entrusted to a Board of Studies appointed by Senate in terms of the Board of Studies Regulations of the University.

Applicability

3. These regulations shall apply to courses starting in October 1996 or later.

Qualifications for Admission

4. (1) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (2) of this regulation, to be registered in the Course, students must:

(a) be in possession of a university degree with First or Second Class Honours in any related subject approved by the Board of Studies for this purpose; or

(b) be in possession of a professional qualification recognized by the University of Malta for the purpose of admittance to the Course together with a minimum of three years work experience at senior level.

(2) In exceptional cases students who have other qualifications together with extensive work or academic experience which renders them suitable students for the Course may be admitted with the approval of Senate acting on the advice of the Board of Studies.

Registration

5. A student must register on the prescribed form within the time specified by the Office of the Registrar.

Course Duration

6. (1) The duration of the Course shall be of three semesters of full-time study.

(2) In exceptional circumstances a student may be allowed by the Board of studies to complete the Course within a maximum period of twenty four months after registration.

(3) Students may, with the permission of the Board of Studies, register as part-time students. Each period of part-time study shall be equivalent to half the same period of full-time study.

Course of Studies

7. The Course shall consist of three parts: Part One, Part Two and Part Three as follows:

(a) Part One shall extend over one academic semester. It shall consist of study-units for which not less than ten credits shall be assigned. A catalogue of study-units and the credits assigned to each study-unit shall be published before the start of the first semester. Some study-units may be indicated as compulsory and others as optional. The study-units may involve supervised practical work. Students shall be considered to have successfully completed Part One if they obtain not less than ten credits including credits for compulsory units.

(b) Part Two shall extend over one academic semester. It shall consist of study-units consisting entirely of research and practical work. Supervisors shall be allocated to students in this respect. A minimum of twelve study-units should be completed by each student in Part Two.

(c) Part Three shall extend over one academic semester and shall consist of a supervised research project or a dissertation on a subject approved by the Board of Studies.

Continuous assessment

8. (1) Students shall be assessed in the study-units covered in accordance with the criteria established by the Board of Studies.

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

(3) A student who fails in a study-unit may be allowed to be re-assessed once. In the case of re-assessment, the maximum grade a student can obtain is grade D.

Attendance

9. 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 justification may be debarred by Senate, following a recommendation of the Board of Studies, from sitting for any or all of the examinations.

Examinations

10. (1) At the end of Part Two, after having successfully completed both Part One and Part Two of the course, a student shall be required to sit for the Final Written Examination. This shall consist of two papers. In order to satisfy the Final Written Examination requirement the student must obtain a pass grade in each of the two papers.

(2) Students who fail the Final Written Examination shall be allowed to sit for a Supplementary Examination in the paper/s which they fail on a date to be decided by the Board of Studies after the publication of the results. Students can re-sit the Final Written Examination only once and the maximum grade obtained in the re-sit examination shall be Grade D. Written Supplementary Examination shall be held not later than six months after the date of the publication of results.

Project/Dissertation

11. (1) During Part Three of the Course students shall be required to complete a research project or a dissertation.

(2) A supervisor shall be appointed by the Board of Studies for every project or dissertation. The supervisor shall require the student to report to him as often as he deems necessary and shall report to the Board of Studies a student whose progress he considers unsatisfactory.

(3) Students must submit the proposed title and an outline of the project or dissertation for approval by the Board of Studies by not later than the end of Part Two of the Course.

(4) The project or the dissertation must satisfy the Board of Studies as regards format and presentation.

(5) The project or dissertation shall be 20,000 to 25,000 words in length (excluding headings, tables, references and appendices). The Board of Studies may extend the length of the project or dissertation on the recommendation of the supervisor.

(6) The project or the dissertation must be submitted in its final form not later than the eighteenth month from the commencement of the Course, unless an extension is granted by the Board of Studies.

(7) A *viva voce* examination on the project or the dissertation may also be held.

(8) Failure in the project or dissertation may require re-submission or constitute an outright failure depending on the extent of the failure. The decision in this regard shall be taken by the Board of Studies.

Final Grading

12. (1) The final grading for the Course shall be based on :

(a) the study-units – 20%
(b) the practical study-units – 20%
(c) the Final Written Examination – 25%
(d) the project/dissertation – 35%

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

Passed with Distinction
Passed.

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