L.N. 194 of 1997

EDUCATION ACT
(CAP. 327)

Regulations for the Award of Extracurricular Credits, 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

1. These regulations may be cited as the Regulations for the Award of Extracurricular Credits, 1997.

Applicability

2. These regulations shall apply from January 1995 onwards.

REGULATIONS FOR THE AWARD OF EXTRACURRICULAR CREDITS, 1997

1. All undergraduate students are eligible for credits (hereafter referred to as extracurricular credits) for activities done over and above the curricular requirements of the diploma or degree course they are following and satisfying the criteria stated below.

2. (a) Not more than three extracurricular credits shall be taken into consideration for the award of a degree, and not more than one extracurricular credit shall be taken into consideration for the award of a diploma.

(b) Extracurricular credit may be awarded in fulfilment of the optional credit requirements of a degree or diploma course.

(c) In those courses that are not structured on the Study Unit-Credit system, each credit awarded for extracurricular activities shall be weighted as 0.5% of the final global mark that is considered for degree classification purposes.

(d) a student may not be awarded more than one extracurricular credit in any one academic year.

3. (a) Students following a degree course, who are awarded more than three extracurricular credits may have the fourth and any subsequent credit gained recorded in the transcript of their academic record, although such credits are not taken into consideration for the award of the degree.

(b) Regulation 2.1 above shall apply *mutatis mutandis* in the case of students following a diploma course, who are awarded more than one extracurricular credit.

4. The Senate shall appoint an Extracurricular Board, hereinafter referred to as the Board, with the function and powers to consider which work is acceptable for the award of extracurricular credit, to assess such work and to award credit for it.

5. The Board shall be composed of the Rector or his nominee as chairman, the Registrar or his nominee, an academic member nominated by each Faculty and each Institute where there are students following a degree or diploma course, and two students nominated by the K.S.U. *(Kunsill ta' l-Istudenti Universitarji)*. Provided that the students' representatives on the Board shall not participate in the assessment of work submitted for the award of extracurricular credit.

6. The Board may appoint, and work through, sub-committees whose quorum shall be three members, one of whom a student, not necessarily a member of the Board.

7. An extracurricular activity (including activities organised by Bodies outside the University) may be considered for the award of extracurricular credit, if the activity:

(a) involves not less than 50 hours of work on the part of the student, and

(b) requires the student to show such qualities as initiative, perseverance, leadership or organisational skills,

(c) is of a cultural, philanthropic, political, sporting or research nature.

8. An extracurricular activity may not be considered for an award on more than one occasion.

9. On accepting an extracurricular activity for consideration for the award of credit, the Board may impose on the student such conditions as the Board may deem necessary, in order to ensure that credit is only awarded where it is merited.

10. Students may ask for an activity to be considered for the award of an extracurricular credit by applying to the Registrar by not later than:

(a) mid-October if the activity is to be undertaken during the first semester; or

(b) mid-January if the activity is to be undertaken during the second semester.

11. The application shall include a detailed description of the activity and the name of a proposed competent supervisor (not necessarily a member of the academic staff) who has agreed to monitor the work, give advice to the student when necessary, and report to the Board at the end of the activity.

12. The Board shall consider the application in terms of Regulation 6 above and assign a supervisor who shall not necessarily be the person proposed by the student.

13. At the end of the activity, or the part thereof which is being considered for the award of extracurricular credit for the current academic year, the student shall be required to present to the Board a report on the activity, including his contribution to it, and the supervisor shall be required to present to the Board a confidential assessment of the student's participation in the activity.

14. The Board shall consider the supervisor's assessment report and award a grade A, B, C, D, or Fail in descending order of merit depending on the degree and quality of the student's participation in the project/activity.

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