L.N. 38 of 1996

EDUCATION ACT
(CAP. 327)

The Master of Science – M.Sc. – in Agricultural Sciences, Degree Course Regulations, 1996

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 Science – M.Sc. – in Agricultural Sciences, Degree Course Regulations, 1996.

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

"the Board" means the Board of the Institute of Agriculture;

"the Course" means the course leading to the Degree of Master of Science – M.Sc. – in Agricultural Sciences;

"the Degree" means the Degree of Master of Science – M.Sc. – in Agricultural Sciences;

"the Institute" means the Institute of Agriculture.

Applicability

2. These regulations shall apply to the courses starting in the academic year 1994/95 or later.

Eligibility for the Degree

3. To be eligible for the award of the Degree, a candidate must have:

(a) been approved by the Board and registered as a regular student of the University;

(b) completed the Course, obtained the required credits and have been successful in the final examinations in accordance with these regulations;

(c) completed a dissertation on an approved topic to the satisfaction of the Examining Board; and

(d) satisfied all other requirements prescribed in these regulations and in any other relevant regulations and statutes of the University.

Registration

4. (1) In order to be admitted to the Course a candidate shall be in possession of the degree of Bachelor of Science in Chemistry and Biology (normally at least Category IIB) from this University or a degree in Chemistry and Biology from another University recognised by Senate to be equivalent to the degree of Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry and Biology (Category IIB) of this University, or a degree in Biology or Chemistry or Biochemistry of this or another University recognised by Senate to be equivalent to the Bachelor of Science degree (Category IIB) of this University. If the degree is in either Chemistry or Biology, the candidate may be required to complete a course in Biology or Chemistry as the case may require.

(2) A candidate in possession of a degree from another University as indicated in the foregoing paragraph shall, in addition to satisfying the requirements of that paragraph, demonstrate proficiency in both written and oral English.

Duration

5. (1) The Course shall extend over a period of two years of full-time studies or, with the permission of the Board, three years of part-time studies.

(2) A candidate who has been given permission by the Board to register on a part-time basis shall be required to satisfy the course-work in the first and second year and to devote the third year to the dissertation.

(3) Extensions of up to one year may be approved by the Board after a written request has been submitted to the Director of the Institute.

(4) A candidate shall be required to register at the beginning of each academic year.

Course of studies

6. (1) The course of studies shall consist of study-units to which not less than 14 credits shall be assigned, and the dissertation.

(2) A catalogue of study-units in each module, with the credits assigned to each, shall be published by the Board before the start of each Course.

Progress

7. (1) Credits shall be assigned according to the following grades in descending order of merit: A, B, C, D and F where F indicates Fail.

(2) A candidate who fails to obtain a credit for a study-unit shall be allowed to be re-tested once. In the re-assessment, the candidate's credit shall be graded either D or F.

Final examinations

8. (1) The final examinations shall normally be held in June/July of the second year and shall consist of five written papers.

(2) Examination papers shall be graded in descending order of merit A, B, C, D and F, where F indicates Fail.

(3) A candidate who fails in not more than three of the examination papers shall be allowed to re-take the examination/s during the supplementary session normally held in September, provided that the grade awarded in a supplementary examination shall be either D or F.

(4) To satisfy the final examinations requirements a candidate must be successful in each paper.

Dissertation

9. (1) Within three months of first registration a candidate shall submit to the Director of the Institute a title and an outline proposal of a dissertation and the name of a member of the Institute's academic staff who has accepted to act as a supervisor, for approval of the Board.

(2) Every dissertation presented for the Degree shall be work of an original nature or an original appraisal of existing published data and shall represent knowledge in an agricultural area, preferably relating to local conditions.

(3) The dissertation shall be of such length as directed by the Board but shall not normally be less than 30,000 words or more than 35,000 words.

(4) The dissertation shall be presented in such a format and be submitted in such number of copies as the Board may direct.

Examining Board

10. (1) There shall be an Examining Board composed of an external examiner from another University and another four members of the academic staff. The Examining Board shall be appointed by Senate on the recommendation of the Board.

(2) The Examining Board shall be responsible for the assessment of the dissertation and the final examinations.

(3) The Examining Board shall require each candidate to attend a *viva voce* examination.

(4) A candidate whose dissertation is found inadequate may be required by the Examining Board to rewrite the dissertation in whole or in part and re-submit it for examination after at least three months.

Results

11. (1) The final result of each candidate shall take into consideration the credits obtained, the results of the written examinations and the merits of the dissertation.

(2) The names of the candidates who qualify for the Degree shall be published in alphabetical order and classified as follows:

Passed with Distinction, or
Passed.

Ippubblikat mid-Dipartiment ta' l-Informazzjoni – Kastilja — *Published by the Department of Information – Kastilja*
Mitbugħ fl-Istamperija tal-Gvern — *Printed at the Government Printing Press*

Prezz 4c — *Price 4c*