L.N. 94 of 1996

EDUCATION ACT
(CAP. 327)

Bachelor of Communications (Honours) – B. Communications (Hons.) – 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 Bachelor of Communications (Honours) – B. Communications (Hons.) – Degree Course Regulations, 1996.

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

"the Board" means the Board of the Faculty of Education;

"the Course" means the Course leading to the Degree of Bachelor of Communications (Honours);

"the Degree" means the Degree of Bachelor of Communications (Honours).

Applicability

2. These regulations shall be applicable to courses starting in 1995 or later.

Eligibility

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

(a) completed the appropriate course of studies;

(b) been successful in the relevant examinations; and

(c) satisfied all the other requirements laid down in these regulations and any other relevant statutes and regulations of the University.

Registration and special course requirements

4. (1) A candidate may be registered for a course of studies leading to the Degree if he has fulfilled the conditions set out in either sub-paragraph (a) or sub-paragraph (b) or sub-paragraph (c) of this paragraph:

(a) (i) successfully completed Part I of the B. Communications course; and

(ii) obtained an average of grade B or better in the overall assessment of the 16 credits in Communication Studies of Part I of the B. Communications Course; and

(iii) obtained an average of grade C or better in the overall assessment of the 45 credits of Part I of the B. Communications course;

(b) (i) successfully completed Part I of the B.A. in the Faculty of Arts at the University of Malta with Communication Studies as one of the principal areas of study; and

(ii) obtained an average of Grade B or better in the overall assessment of the 16 credits in Communication Studies of Part I of the B.A. course; and

(iii) obtained an average Grade C or better in the 45 credits of Part I of the B.A. course;

(c) (i) graduated with a Bachelor's degree, second class or category or better, from this University or an equivalent qualification from another University recognised for the purpose by Senate; and

(ii) successfully completed the 45 credits or equivalent listed under paragraph (5) of regulation 5 of the regulations governing the B. Communications course; and

(iii) obtained an average of Grade B or better in the overall assessment of the credits in Communication Studies.

(2) A candidate shall normally be required to proceed to the Course leading to the Degree immediately from Part I of the B. Communications or B.A. course to the Course leading to the Degree but in any case the candidate shall not be admitted to the Course leading to the Degree if more than one year has elapsed after the completion of Part I of the course he has followed, except by the permission of Senate.

Course of studies

5. (1) The course of studies leading to the Degree shall normally extend over a period of two academic years.

(2) A candidate may not take the Final Examinations earlier than two academic years or later than three academic years from the first admission to the Course except with the permission of Senate.

(3) To complete the course of studies for the Degree a candidate must obtain a minimum of 44 credits to include:

(a) 27 credits in communication studies which may include supervised practicums;

(b) a total of 8 credits in the main area or in two subsidiary areas chosen in Part I;

(c) the 6 credits assigned to a dissertation; and

(d) 3 optional credits which may be chosen from areas of study already chosen as main or subsidiary.

(4) A catalogue of study-units and of the credits assigned to each unit shall be published by the Board before the start of each academic year.

Examinations

6. (1) A candidate shall be required to sit for the Final Examinations at the end of the course of studies on obtaining not less than forty-one credits within the prescribed time.

(2) Final Examinations shall be held once annually, normally in May-June, and shall consist of four sessions in Communication Studies. A *viva voce* examination may also be held.

(3) A main or subsidiary area examination shall consist of two sessions in the main area or one session in each subsidiary area of study. These sessions shall be held at the end of the first year.

(4) To satisfy the Final Examinations requirements a candidate must be successful in each session of the Final Examinations and the main or subsidiary area examinations.

(5) A candidate who fails in any of the six sessions may be allowed a supplementary session in the failed session or sessions once.

(6) The grade or mark obtained through a supplementary session of the Final Examinations shall carry the minimum pass grade or Fail.

Final results

7. (1) The overall evaluation of a candidate for the Degree shall take into

account the candidate's performance at the Final Examinations, the main or subsidiary area examinations, the dissertation, as well as the grades obtained for the credits specified in paragraph (3) of regulation 5.

(2) The weighting for the grading of the final result shall be as follows:

(a) Final Examinations shall carry forty per centum;

(b) Main or subsidiary area examinations shall carry ten per centum;

(c) The dissertation shall carry 15 per centum;

(d) The other thirty five per centum shall be calculated on the basis of the overall average obtained for the credits specified in paragraph (3) of regulation 5.

(3) In the final results, the names of candidates who qualify for the award of the Degree shall be published in alphabetical order in a list divided into First Class, Second Class (Upper Division), Second Class (Lower Division) and Third Class.

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