L.N. 166 of 1996

EDUCATION ACT
(CAP. 327)

Bachelor of Science (Honours) — B.Sc. (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 Science (Honours) – B.Sc.(Hons.) – Degree Course Regulations, 1996.

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

"the Board" means the Board of the Institute of Health Care;

"the Course" means the Course leading to the Degree;

"the Degree" means the Degree of Bachelor of Science (Honours) – B.Sc.(Hons.).

Applicability

2. These regulations shall apply to courses starting in 1991 or later.

Eligibility

3. To be eligible for the award of the Degree candidates must:

(a) be registered as regular students in terms of the Admission Regulations of the University;

(b) satisfy the requirements of regulation 4 below;

(c) complete the course of studies, qualify in the examinations and comply with the other requirements prescribed in these regulations; and

(d) comply with any other requirements prescribed in any other relevant statutes and regulations of the University.

Registration

4. (1) In order to be able to register for the Course, candidates must, in addition to complying with the conditions for admission in terms of the Admission Regulations of the University, satisfy the Board that they have the aptitudes required for the exercise of the duties related to the proposed studies. For this purpose they may be required to attend an interview and be certified physically fit for the aforesaid dutiés.

(2) Overseas candidates shall also be required to demonstrate proficiency in both written and oral English.

Course of studies

5. (1) The Course shall extend over a period of four years. Candidates may not take the Final Comprehensive Examination later than five years from first admission to the Course except with the permission of Senate.

(2) The Course shall consist of a number of study-units to each of which a specified number of credits shall be assigned.

(3) The Course shall have two distinct, although interdependent components, one theoretical, the other practical.

(4) Candidates shall opt to take one of the following areas of study:

(a) Communication Therapy
(b) Environmental Health
(c) Medical Laboratory Science
(d) Physiotherapy
(e) Radiography.

(5) To complete the Course candidates must obtain the following number of credits:

(a) Communication Therapy Option

(i) 84 credits in Communication Therapy Theory and subjects supportive to Communication Therapy Science; and

(ii) 12 credits in Clinical Communication Therapy Practice.

(b) Environmental Health Option

(i) 87 credits in Environmental Health Theory and subjects supportive to Environmental Health Science; and

(ii) 20 credits in Environmental Health Practice.

(c) Medical Laboratory Science Option

(i) 60 credits in Medical Laboratory Science Theory and subjects supportive to Medical Laboratory Science; and

(ii) 48 credits in Medical Laboratory Practice.

(d) Physiotherapy Option

(i) 85 credits in Physiotherapy and subjects supportive to Physiotherapy; and

(ii) 35 credits in Clinical Physiotherapy Practice.

(e) Radiography Option

(i) 83 credits in Theoretical Radiography and subjects supportive to Radiography; and

(ii) 37 credits in Clinical Radiography Practice.

(6) The Board may exempt candidates from the requirement of obtaining a credit certificate for a particular study-unit if they have obtained from the University, or an institution recognised by Senate for the purpose, a qualification of study which, in the opinion of the Board, is equivalent in content and standard to that required for the credit certificate concerned.

(7) Registered practitioners with three years practical experience may be exempted by the Board from up to:

(a) one-third of the theoretical modules; and

(b) three-quarters of the credits related to practical experience for admission to the Final Comprehensive Examination.

Theoretical component

6. (1) The theoretical component of the Course shall consist of study-units for which not less than the following credits are assigned:

(a)	Communication Therapy	84 credits
(b)	Environmental Health	87 credit
(c)	Medical Laboratory Science	60 credit
(d)	Physiotherapy	85 credit
(e)	Radiography	83 credit.

(2) A credit certificate shall be issued to candidates on the successful completion of a study-unit. This certificate shall show a grade indicating the standard attained by the candidates in the word undertaken throughout the study-unit and in a test held at the end of it. The grades shall be as follows:

A Excellent
B Very Good
C Good
D Pass
F Fail

No credit shall be given for an uncompleted study-unit.

(3) Candidates shall be allowed one resit if they fail a credit. If successful in the resit, the grade to be given shall be D. If unsuccessful, candidates shall be required to repeat the study-unit and be eligible, on successful completion, only to a Grade D.

(4) Candidates who in any one academic year fail to obtain 80% of the total number of credits assigned to the study-units prescribed for that year shall not be allowed to continue the Course or to take the Final Comprehensive Examination except in special circumstances and with the permission of Senate, provided that:

(i) In the Physiotherapy option, the same will apply if candidates fail to obtain at least 80% of credits in:

Physiotherapy Theory
Physiotherapy Skills
Applied Sciences
Clinical Sciences;

(ii) In the Radiography option, the same will apply if candidates fail to obtain at least 80% of credits in:

Radiographic Technology
Biomedical Sciences
Behavioural Sciences
Physical and Computing Sciences.

(5) The Board shall specify which study-units candidates may take, and in what order, so as to complete the Course.

(6) A catalogue of study-units, with the credits assigned to each, shall be published before the start of each academic year.

Practical component

7. (1) The practical component of the Course shall consist of study-units in the form of placements or guided fieldwork or any other analogous exercise, for which credits shall be assigned as follows:

(a)	Communication Therapy	12 credits
(b)	Environmental Health	20 credits
(c)	Medical Laboratory Science	48 credits
(d)	Physiotherapy	35 credits
(e)	Radiography	37 credits.

(2) Candidates shall be required to undergo practical placements in areas specified by the Board in the sequence established by it.

(3) A list of practical placements with the credits assigned to each shall be published before the start of each academic year.

(4) Candidates shall not be allowed to sit their Final Comprehensive Examination unless they have obtained at least the following practical credits.

(a)	Communication Therapy	12 credits
(b)	Environmental Health	20 credits
(c)	Medical Laboratory Science	48 credits
(d)	Physiotherapy	35 credits
(e)	Radiography	37 credits.

(5) Candidates shall be assessed during placements. An overall grade shall be awarded at the end of each practical year. Candidates who are unsuccessful may be reassessed during the assigned period provided that as least one week has passed since the first assessment.

(6) A credit certificate shall be issued to candidates on the successful completion of a practical placement. The certificate shall state the number of credits awarded.

(7) Candidates who fail to achieve a pass grade in any one year shall not be allowed to continue the Course or to take the Final Comprehensive Examination, except in special circumstances and with the permission of Senate.

Final Comprehensive Examination

8. (1) At the end of the Course candidates shall be required to take a Final Comprehensive Examination as follows:

(a) Communication Therapy

Paper I	Language Pathology and Communication Therapy I
Paper II	Language Pathology and Communication Therapy II
Paper III	Clinical Linguistics
Paper IV	Applied Neurology
Paper V	Applied Psychology
Special Project	A dissertation of not less than 10,000 words on an approved subject (6 credits)

Practical examination

(b) Environmental Health

Paper I	Occupational Health
Paper II	Food Science, Technology and Hygiene
Paper III	Public Health
Special Project	A dissertation of not less than 10,000 words on an approved subject

(c) Medical Laboratory Science

Paper I	Theory of Medical Laboratory Science
Paper II	Practical Assessment
Paper III	Special Paper
Special Projects	A dissertation of not less than 10,000 words on an approved subject

(d) Physiotherapy

Paper I	Theory of Physiotherapy
Paper II	Patient Management and Total Care
Practical Examinations	Patient Assessment, Treatment and *viva voce* examination
Special Project	A dissertation of not less than 10,000 words on an approved subject

(e) Radiography

Paper I	Principles and Practice of Radiography I
Paper II	Principles and Practice of Radiography II
Paper III	Radiography Professional Development I
Paper IV	Radiography Professional Development II
Special Project	A dissertation of not less than 10,000 words on an approved subject

Clinical examination

(2) Candidates may also be required to take a *viva voce* examination.

(3) In each year there shall be one session of the Final Comprehensive Examination normally held in June and a supplementary session normally held in September.

(4) The overall evaluation of candidates for the Degree shall take into account their performance at the Final Comprehensive Examination as well as the credit certificates and grades obtained during the Course.

(5) Candidates who fail in only one paper shall be allowed a resit in that paper. Candidates who fail in more than one paper shall be required to resit the whole examination on only one other occasion normally in September of the same year. Candidates may be allowed to repeat the final year before resitting the Final Comprehensive Examination in its entirety, in special circumstances and with the permission of Senate.

Results

10. (1) The result shall show the names of successful candidates in alphabetical order under the following categories: First Class Honours, Second Class Honours (Upper Division), Second Class Honours (Lower Division), Third Class Honours and Pass.

(2) A Pass degree shall be awarded to such candidates who, though not judged as being worthy of Honours, are considered by the Degree Classification Board, acting on the advice of the examiners, to be of sufficient merit to be awarded the degree of Bachelor of Science – B.Sc.

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