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L.N. 365 of 2011

EDUCATION ACT
(CAP. 327)

Bye-Laws of 2011 in terms of the Doctor of Philosophy - Ph.D. - Degree Regulations, 2008 for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy under the auspices of the International Institute for Baroque Studies

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred upon him by articles 74 (5) and 75 (6) of the Education Act (Cap. 327), the Chancellor of the University of Malta has promulgated the following bye-laws made by the Board of the International Institute for Baroque Studies in virtue of the powers conferred upon it by article 5 (b) (v) of the Statute for the Institute, which bye-laws have been approved by the Senate of the University of Malta:

Citation and Interpretation

1. (1) These bye-laws may be cited as the Bye-Laws of 2011 in terms of the Doctor of Philosophy - Ph.D. - Degree Regulations, 2008 for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy under the auspices of the International Institute for Baroque Studies.

(2) In these bye-laws, unless the context otherwise requires –

"the Board" means the Board of the International Institute for Baroque Studies;

"the Degree" means the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy – Ph.D.;

"the Institute" means the International Institute for Baroque Studies; and

"the Principal Regulations" means the Doctor of Philosophy - Ph.D. - Degree Regulations, 2008.

Applicability

2. These bye-laws shall be applicable from October 2010 onwards.

Requirements for Admission

3. (1) Applicants for the Degree offered by the Institute shall be in possession of one of the following degrees:

(a) a Bachelor Honours degree obtained with at least Second Class Upper in an area of study related to the proposed area of research provided that the Institute Doctoral Committee:

(i) ascertains that the applicant has a very strong background in the area of study related to the proposed area of research; and

(ii) submits a clearly motivated recommendation for acceptance to the Board for eventual consideration by the Ph.D Committee and Senate; or

(b) a Master of Arts degree or a degree which the Board considers as equivalent in an area of study related to the proposed area of research.

(2) Applicants may also be asked to demonstrate competence in those skills required by the nature of the proposed research.

4. Applicants may submit their application form, together with a comprehensive research proposal outlining the proposed project, including research sources and materials, at any time of the year.

Institute Doctoral Committee

5. The Board shall recommend to Senate the appointment of an Institute Doctoral Committee composed as follows:

The Director of the Institute or delegate (chairman);
1 member of the Institute possessing academic doctoral qualifications; and
1 member of the Board possessing academic doctoral qualifications.

Supervision and Students' Progress

6. Principal Supervisors shall be required to submit a written report to the Board, through the Institute Doctoral Committee, annually for all students under their supervision.

7. Students shall only be allowed to proceed with their studies subject to satisfactory progress reports from their Principal Supervisor. If the report is negative, the Board shall make recommendations to Senate on the student's continuing registration for the Degree.

8. (1) After at least 12 months of full-time study, students are required to submit a report on their research work for consideration by an *ad hoc* board. The *ad hoc* board shall be appointed by the Board on the advice of the Institute Doctoral Committee and shall be composed of a chairman, the Principal Supervisor and an academic with expertise in the area of research.

(2) The *ad hoc* board shall examine the student orally and shall submit a written report for consideration by the Institute Doctoral Committee in the first instance. The report shall contain recommendations according to the provisions of the Principal Regulations.

Thesis Presentation and Format

9. Six months before the submission deadline students shall be informed that they are required to inform the Institute that they will be submitting their thesis for examination not less than three months before the submission deadline.

10. The Board shall recommend to Senate the appointment of the Board of Examiners in accordance with the Principal Regulations.

11. The Board shall approve and publish guidelines on the format and presentation of the thesis for the Degree.

12. Students shall be required to defend their thesis orally. They are expected to present a synopsis of the thesis of about 30 minutes and then answer questions posed by members of the Board of Examiners.

13. (1) Students shall be required to submit a soft-bound copy of their thesis for each member of the Board of Examiners, according to the format indicated in the published guidelines, together with a copy in digital format. The officer in charge of the Institute shall issue a dated receipt.

(2) On successful completion of their studies, students shall be required to submit to the Institute three hard bound copies of the thesis and one copy in digital format within six weeks from the publication of their result. One copy of the thesis shall be kept in the Library of the Institute and another at the University Library. Students who do not comply with this bye-law shall not be awarded the Degree.

Repeal

14. The Bye-Laws of 2003 for the degrees of Master of Philosophy – M.Phil. – and Doctor of Philosophy – Ph.D. in the International Institute for Baroque Studies, published as Legal Notices 174 and 175 of 2003, shall be deemed to cease to be in

force as from 1st October 2010, provided that students registered for these degrees before 1st October 2010 shall continue to be governed by the regulations that were in force at the time of their registering for the degree.

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