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# 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 Faculty of Media and Knowledge Sciences

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 Faculty of Media and Knowledge Sciences in virtue of the powers conferred upon it by article 81 (1) of the said Act and which have been approved by the Senate of the University of Malta as required by article on 81 (2) of the said Act:

### 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 Faculty of Media and Knowledge Sciences.

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

"the Board" means the Board of the Faculty of Media and Knowledge Sciences;

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

"the Faculty" means the Faculty of Media and Knowledge Sciences; and

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

### Applicability

2. These bye-laws shall be applicable from February 2011 onwards.

### Requirements for Admission

3. Applicants for the Degree offered by the Faculty shall be in possession of a degree as prescribed in regulation 6 of the Principal Regulations, in the area of study applied for, or in any other area that the Board may deem relevant to the pursuit of studies under the auspices of the Faculty.

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4. (1) 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.

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

**Faculty Doctoral Committee**

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

The Dean of the Faculty or delegate (chairman)
3 – 4 senior members of the Faculty, normally Heads of Departments

The Faculty Doctoral Committee may co-opt other members if deemed necessary.

**Supervision and Students' Progress**

6. Principal Supervisors shall be required to submit a written report to the Board, through the Faculty's Doctoral Committee, every June 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 appointed by the Board. The *ad hoc* board shall be composed of a chairman, who shall be the Dean of the Faculty or his delegate, and two examiners. The Principal Supervisor shall be invited for the meeting with no right to vote.

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

9. Students registered at the Faculty may be required to participate in the Faculty's research and teaching programmes.

**Thesis Presentation and Format**

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

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

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

13. (1) Students shall be required to submit a loose bound copy of their thesis for each member of the Board of Examiners, together with a copy in digital format. The officer in charge of the Faculty shall issue a dated receipt.

(2) On successful completion of their studies, students shall be required to submit to the Faculty 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 Faculty 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 2010 in terms of the Doctor of Philosophy – Ph.D. – Degree Regulations, 2008 for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy under the auspices of the Centre for Communication Technology, published as Legal Notice 300 of 2010, shall be deemed to cease to be in force as from 31st January 2011, provided that students registered for this degree before 31st January 2011 shall continue to be governed by the bye-laws that were in force at the time of their registration for the degree.

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