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L.N. 27 of 2012

EDUCATION ACT
(CAP. 327)

Bye-Laws of 2012 in terms of the General Regulations for University Postgraduate Awards, 2008 for the Degree of Master of Pharmacy – M.Pharm. - under the auspices of the Faculty of Medicine and Surgery

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 Medicine and Surgery 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 81 (2) of the said Act:

Citation and Interpretation

1. (1) These bye-laws may be cited as the Bye-Laws of 2012 in terms of the General Regulations for University Postgraduate Awards, 2008 for the degree of Master of Pharmacy - M.Pharm. - under the auspices of the Faculty of Medicine and Surgery.

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

"the Board" means the Board of the Faculty of Medicine and Surgery;

"the Course" means the programme of study leading to the degree of Master of Pharmacy – M.Pharm.;

"the Degree" means the degree of Master of Pharmacy – M.Pharm.; and

"the Principal Regulations" means the General Regulations for University Postgraduate Awards, 2008.

Applicability

2. These bye-laws shall be applicable for courses commencing in October 2011 or later.

Requirements for Admission

3. (1) The Course shall be open to applicants in possession of the degree of Bachelor of Science (Honours) (Pharmaceutical Science) obtained with at least Second Class Honours.

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(2) Applicants in possession of the degree of Bachelor of Science (Honours) (Pharmaceutical Science) obtained with Third Class Honours shall be eligible to apply if they submit a portfolio covering three years' practice in an area related to pharmacy.

Course Duration

4. The Course shall extend over three semesters of full-time study.

Programme of Study

5. (1) The programme of study shall comprise study-units to which a total of 90 credits are assigned, of which 60 credits are assigned to taught and practical study-units and 30 credits are assigned to the dissertation study-unit.

(2) The programme of study shall be published after approval by Senate, normally not less than eight months prior to the commencement of the Course and shall include:

(a) theoretical and practical training in the following subjects:
Pharmacy Practice
Clinical Pharmacy
Community Health Care
Legislation and Professional Ethics;

(b) at least six months of in-service training in a pharmacy open to the public or in a hospital under the supervision of the pharmaceutical department of that hospital; and

(c) a dissertation study-unit.

Assessment and Progress

6. The assessment of the taught study-units shall be held by the end of the semester in which the teaching of the study-units is held.

Dissertation

7. (1) Students shall be required to submit an individual dissertation of approximately 25,000 words. The title of the dissertation and a detailed research proposal shall be submitted at the time of application.

(2) Each student shall be assigned a supervisor who shall provide guidance and advice on a continuous basis during the period of study.

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8. (1) Students shall be required to have regular contact with their supervisor.

(2) Supervisors shall submit to the Board progress reports for each student under their supervision at the end of each semester of study. Such reports may include a recommendation to either (a) extend the period of study in order to enable the student to complete the dissertation; or (b) terminate studies prematurely if the supervisor deems this to be proper in the circumstances, provided that:

(i) the extension of the study period referred to in (a) shall be in accordance with the provisions of the Principal Regulations; and

(ii) the Board may not terminate studies prematurely according to (b) until it has first given the student a chance to be heard.

Classification of the Award

9. The Final Weighted Average Mark for the purpose of the classification of the Degree shall be based on the results obtained in all the components of the programme of study, all credits being weighted equally.

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