L.N. 73 of 1994

EDUCATION ACT
(CAP. 327)

THE BACHELOR OF PSYCHOLOGY — B. PSYCH. — DEGREE COURSE REGULATIONS 1994

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 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 Psychology — B.Psych. Degree Course Regulations, 1994.

(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 Psychology — B.Psych.;

"the Degree" means the Degree of Bachelor of Psychology — B.Psych.

Applicability

2. These regulations shall apply to courses starting in October 1992 or later.

Eligibility for the Degree

3. To be eligible for the Degree a candidate shall —

(a) be registered as a matriculated student in terms of the Admissions Regulations of the University;

(b) have registered for and successfuly completed the full course of studies as provided in these regulations;

(c) have passed the Final Examinations for the Degree; and

(d) have satisfied all the other requirements laid down in these regulations and any other relevant statutes, regulations and bye-laws of the University.

Duration of Course

4. (1) The Course shall normally extend over a period of three years.

(2) The Board may allow a student who for good and sufficient reason cannot complete the Course within three years to extend it by another year.

(3) A candidate may not complete the Course earlier than three years or later than four years from the date of his first admission to the Course, except in special circumstances with the permission of Senate.

Structure of Course

5. (1) The Course shall consist of two parts as follows:

(a) Part One shall normally extend over a period of two years and shall be common to both the B.Psych. and the B.Psych. (Hons.) courses;

(b) Part Two shall normally extend over a period of one year.

(2) The following shall be the areas of study and study-units of the Course:

(a) Areas of study

(i) Psychology;

(ii) Major or minor: Communication Studies, Philosophy, Social Studies;

(iii) Minor only: Education, Management Studies; and

(iv) Any other major or minor area of study approved by the Department of Psychology;

(v) Completion of compulsory units as specified in the next following sub-paragraph;

(b) Study-units in:

Biology/Physiology.

(3) To complete Part One of the Course and proceed to Part Two a student shall obtain a minimum of 45 credits to include:

(a) 16 credits in Psychology;

(b) 3 credits in each of the following:

Communication Studies,
Philosophy,
Social Studies,
Biology/Physiology;

(c) a total of 12 credits in the major area or in the two minor areas combined;

(d) 5 optional credits offered by other Departments or Faculties and approved by the Department of Psychology.

(4) A student who by the end of Part One of the Course satisfies the relevant requirements may opt to register for the course leading to the B.Psych. (Hons.) degree, before the commencement of the third year.

Course of Studies

6. (1) The Course shall consist of study-units to which not less than 64 credits are assigned.

(2) In order to complete the Course a student shall obtain:

(a) at least 24 credits in Psychology;

(b) 3 credits in each of the following:

Communication Studies,
Philosophy,
Social Studies,
Biology/Physiology;

(c) either 20 credits in the major area or 10 credits in each of the two minor areas; and

(d) 8 credits in study-units in areas offered by other Departments or Faculties and approved by the Department of Psychology.

(3) On registration for the Course a student shall be required to register for one major area or two minor areas of study.

(4) The Board may limit the available options or possible combinations of areas of study which can be chosen as major or minor areas of study.

(5) The Board may allow a student to change the major area or the minor areas of study before beginning the second year of the Course, provided that such change is compatible with these regulations.

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

(7) The Board may exempt a candidate from the requirement of obtaining a credit certificate for a particular unit if he has obtained from the University, or an institution recognised by Senate for the purpose, a qualification which, in the opinion of the Board, is equivalent to that required for the credit concerned. A candidate may not be exempted under this paragraph from more than one third of the whole Course. Exemptions are allowed only in Part One of the Course.

Progress

7. (1) The study-units shall be arranged so that the Course can be completed in two years for Part One and one year for Part Two.

(2) During each year of Part One of the Course a student shall be required to register for a number of study-units for which a total of not less than 19 and not more than 26 credits are assigned. During Part Two the minimum number of credits shall be 16 and the maximum 26.

(3) Credits shall be assigned according to the following grades in descending order of merit: A, B, C, D and F, where F indicates Fail.

(4) A student who fails to obtain a credit for a study-unit shall be allowed to take a re-sit once. In the re-sit, the student's credit shall be graded either D or F.

(5) Saving the provision of paragraph (3) of regulation 5 and of regulation 6, a student who fails to obtain 19 credits during any of the first two years or 16 credits during the third year of the Course shall be required to repeate that year, except in special circumstances and with the permission of the Senate. A student shall not be allowed to continue the Course if he has to repeat any year more than once and he shall not be allowed to repeat more than one year in the whole Course.

Final Examinations

8. (1) In order to complete the Course a student shall be required to sit for the Final Examinations in Psychology and in the major or in the two minor areas of study taken.

(2) Final Examinations for the Course at the end of Part Two shall be held once annually, normally in May-June, and shall consist of four papers: two papers in Psychology and two papers in the major area or one paper in each minor area of study. A *viva-voce* examination may also be held.

(3) To satisfy the Final Examination requirements, a student must be successful in each paper.

(4) Papers in the Final Examinations shall be marked according to the following grades in descending order of merit: A, B, C, D and F, where F indicates Fail.

(5) A student who fails in any of the four papers may have a re-sit in the failed paper or papers once only.

(6) The grade or mark obtained in any re-sit of the Final Examinations shall carry the minimum pass grade or mark D, or F indicating Fail.

Final Result

9. (1) The Final Results of a candidate shall take into account his performance in the Final Examinations as well as the credits and grades obtained during the Course.

(2) The Final Examinations shall carry forty per cent of the weighting for the grading of the Final Result. The other sixty per cent shall be calculated on the basis of the overall average of the credits obtained. If more than 64 credits are obtained by a student, the best 64 credits satisfying regulation 6 shall be taken into account.

(3) In the Final Results the names of candidates who qualify for the Degree shall be published in alphabetical order in categories I, IIA, IIB, and III.

Award of Degree

On successful completion of the Course, candidates shall be awarded the Degree.

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