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EDUCATION ACT

(CAP. 327)

THE BACHELOR OF ARTS IN THEOLOGY AND HUMAN STUDIES — B.A. — 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 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 Arts in Theology and Human Studies — B.A. — Degree Course Regulations, 1994.

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

"the Course" means the Course leading to the Degree of Bachelor of Arts in Theology and Human Studies — B.A.;

"the Degree" means the Degree of Bachelor of Arts in Theology and Human Studies — B.A.

Applicability

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

Eligibility for the Degree

3. In order to be eligible for the Degree a candidate shall have:

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

(b) registered for and successfully completed the full Course of studies in accordance with these regulations;

(c) passed the Final Examination of the Course; and

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

Board of Studies and Coordinator

4. (1) A Board of Studies consisting of the Dean of the Faculty and three other members shall be appointed by the Faculty Board for a period of three years to manage and supervise the Course in accordance with these regulations. The Dean shall be the Chairman of the Board of Studies.

(2) The Faculty Board shall appoint a Course coordinator for a period of three years from among the members of the Board of Studies.

Duration of Course

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

(2) The Faculty 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 student may not complete the Course earlier than three or later than four years from the date of admission to the Course, except in special circumstances with the permission of Senate.

Course of Studies

6. (1) To complete the Course a student shall obtain a minimum of 64 credits in the following areas of study and according to the following proportion:

(a) 26 credits in Theology;

(b) 4 credits in Mediterranean Religions;

(c) 10 credits in Philosophy and Phenomenology of Religion;

(d) 20 credits in an approved area or 10 credits in each one of two approved areas of study;

(e) 4 other credits in any area of study, subject to the approval of the Board of Studies.

(2) The approved areas of study shall be Philosophy, Theology and any other area which the Faculty Board approves after consulting the Department, Institute or Faculty concerned.

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

(4) The Faculty Board may limit the available options or possible combination of areas of study which can be chosen as approved areas of study.

(5) The Faculty Board may allow a student to change the approved area or areas of study before beginning the second year of the Course, provided that this change is compatible with the 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 Dean may exempt a student, on the recommendation of the Head of the Department concerned, from the requirement of obtaining a credit certificate for a particular unit if he has obtained from the University, or an institution recognized by Senate for the purpose, a substantially equivalent qualification. A student may not be exempted for more than one-third of the whole Course.

Progress

7. (1) Study-units shall be arranged in such a way that the Course can be completed in three years.

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

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

(4) A student who fails to obtain a credit for a study-unit shall normally be allowed to take one resit only and, if necessary, follow the study-unit again only once, in which case his assessment shall be graded either as 'D' or as 'F'.

(5) A student who obtains fewer than 14 credits in each of two years of the Course shall not be allowed to continue the Course or to take the Final Examinations, except in special circumstances and with the approval of Senate.

Final Examination

8. (1) On obtaining all the necessary number of credits students shall be required to sit for the Final Examination.

(2) The Final Examinations shall be held normally in May/June and shall consist of eight papers, three in Theology and Mediterranean Religions, one in Philosophy and Phenomenology of Religion and four in the approved area or areas of study. A *viva-voce* examination may also be held.

(3) To pass the Final Examination a student must pass in each paper.

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

(5) A student who fails in any of the papers may resit the paper or papers in which he has failed only once and within six months.

(6) In the resit the grade obtained shall be either 'D' or 'F'.

Final Result

9. (1) The Final Result shall take into account the performance in the Final Examinations as well of the grades obtained during the Course.

(2) The Final Examination shall carry 50% of the weighting in the classification of the Final Result. The remaining 50% shall be calculated on the basis of the average grade of the credits obtained during the Course. If more than 64 credits are obtained the best 64 credits which satisfy paragraph (1) of regulation 6 shall be taken into account.

(3) In the Final Result the names of candidates who qualify for the Degree shall be published in alphabetical order according to the following categories: I, II A, II B, III and Pass.

Award of the Degree

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

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