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Regulations for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)

IN exercise of the powers conferred upon him by sections 28(5) and 29(6) of the Education Act, 1988, the Chancellor of the University of Malta has promulgated the following regulations made by the Senate of the University of Malta in virtue of the powers conferred upon it by section 33 of the said Act.

Citation

These regulations may be cited as the Regulations for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)

REGULATIONS FOR THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (Ph.D.)

1. The degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) may be conferred upon a candidate who is a matriculated student of this University and who submits an original and distinct contribution to knowledge in one of the disciplines studied at the University and which, in the opinion of the examining board set up under regulation 9 hereof is worthy of publication.

2. The degree will be awarded on the result of the examination of a thesis containing this original contribution and an oral examination on the field of research of the candidate.

3. Applications for registration for the degree should be submitted to a Committee appointed every three years for this purpose by the Senate, and made up of the Rector (or his delegate) as Chairman, three members elected from and by the Senate, and the Registrar, as Secretary. The Dean of the Faculty concerned shall be co-opted on the Committee.

4.1 The Committee will consider applications from students who:

(a) are graduates of this or another University recognized for this purpose by the Senate; and

(b) possess such qualifications and satisfy such other conditions as the Faculty Board of the Faculty concerned may from time to time establish for the purpose and which are approved by Senate in the form of bye-laws.

4.2 Applications should be supported by the Board of the Faculty in which the work is to be carried out, and include:

(a) the proposed title for the thesis;

(b) the candidate's research proposal;

(c) the name of the member of staff of the University who has agreed to act as supervisor, and in special cases, the name of a member of staff of another University, who has agreed to act as joint-supervisor;

(d) a recommendation from the Head of Department concerned that the topic of research should be accepted; and

(e) the period within which it is anticipated that the thesis will be submitted, which period shall not exceed six calendar years.

5. The Committee will submit to the Senate for its consideration all the applications that satisfy the requirements under regulation 4 hereof.

6. The Senate may accept applications, but may impose such conditions as it thinks fit.

7.1 Not less than three months before the intended date of submission, the candidate shall apply to the Faculty Board for permission to present the thesis stating its exact title. Before giving permission, the Faculty Board will consult the student's supervisor. The Faculty Board will not give such permission before the equivalent of three calendar years of full-time study have expired from the date of first registration for the degree.

7.2 Nevertheless, in exceptional circumstances, the Senate, on the recommendation of the Faculty Board, may give permission for the submission of the thesis after the equivalent of two calendar years of full-time study have expired from the date of first registration.

7.3 A candidate may, with the approval of the Head of Department concerned and with the support of the Faculty Board, apply to the Committee to take the degree by part-time study. Where the Senate accepts such an application, a candidate would still be required to spend one calendar year in full-time study. In the case of such a candidate, a minimum period of four calendar years in all shall be required but the Faculty Board may recommend a longer period not exceeding six calendar years.

7.4 A candidate shall be required to re-register every twelve months.

7.5 In no case will a thesis be considered if submitted later than six calendar years from the date of first registration.

8.1 A candidate, when submitting his thesis shall sign a declaration stating that it is his own personal work.

8.2 If a part of the thesis has already been submitted or is currently being submitted for another degree or qualification or the thesis has been independently published, a statement to this effect shall be included with the thesis, and the examining board set up under regulation 9 hereof shall recommend to the Senate whether the thesis should be accepted for examination or not.

9. The thesis will be examined by a board appointed for the purpose by Council on the recommendation of the Faculty Board and the Senate. The board shall normally consist of three examiners made up of a Chairman, the supervisor and an external examiner. The oral examination will be conducted by the same board who will thereafter submit a final report to the Senate stating whether the candidate should be admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.).

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