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EDUCATION ACT, 1988

(ACT XXIV OF 1988)

The Postgraduate Diploma and Degree of Master of Gerontology and Geriatrics – Dip.Ger. – M.Ger. Regulations, 1992.

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 1992 for the Postgraduate Diploma and Degree of Master of Gerontology and Geriatrics – Dip.Ger. – M.Ger.

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Citation and Interpretation

1. (1) These regulations may be cited as the Course leading to the Postgraduate Diploma and Degree of Master of Gerontology and Geriatrics – Dip.Ger. – M.Ger. – Regulations, 1992.

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

"the Board" means the Board of the Institute of Gerontology;

"the Course" means the Course leading to the Postgraduate Diploma or Degree of Master of Gerontology and Geriatrics – Dip.Ger. – M.Ger.;

"the Degree" means the Degree of Master of Gerontology and Geriatrics;

"the Diploma" means the Postgraduate Diploma in Gerontology and Geriatrics.

Applicability

2. These regulations shall be applicable to courses starting in October 1990 or later.

Qualifications for Admission

3. (1) A candidate shall be eligible to apply for registration in the Course if he has one of the following qualifications:

(a) a degree or professional qualification in a discipline or science pertaining to one of the caring professions obtained from this University or one of its Institutes or from a foreign University or Institute or from another appropriate authority, whether local or foreign, recognised by this University; or

(b) any other professional qualification deemed acceptable by Senate if it is accompanied with such working experience in the care of the elderly as may be approved by the Board.

(2) A candidate who does not have the qualifications referred to in paragraph (1) of this regulation may be admitted to the Course by the Board as a mature student if he shows to its satisfaction that he has an exceptional degree of experience in the care of the elderly and that he has the necessary background to follow the Course with profit.

(3) No candidate shall be admitted to the Course unless he is fluent in the English language.

Course of Studies

4. (1) The Course shall consist of study-units and practice placements for which 18 credits shall be assigned. A credit shall be awarded on the basis of the assessment of progress achieved on completion of the required study and assignments. Normally each study-unit shall include 14 lectures, accompanied by a number of tutorials and course assignments.

(2) A catalogue of study-units with the number of credits assigned to each unit shall be published by the Board before the commencement of the Course.

(3) The Course shall be composed of:

(a) Module 1:— 8 study-units comprising a common core of subjects including Social Gerontology and Medical Geriatrics, to be followed by all students.

(b) Module 2:— 5 study-units in either Social Gerontology or Medical Geriatrics made up of three compulsory study-units with two optional study-units. A candidate follows one of these two streams according to his entry qualifications.

(c) Module 3:— Practical placements to which five credits shall be assigned.

(4) The Board shall appoint a Course coordinator for study-units in Social Gerontology and a course coordinator for study-units in Medical Geriatrics.

Assessments

5. (1) Assessment of progress shall be carried out in the form of examinations at the end of Modules 1 and 2 by the two Course coordinators and the Director of the Institute of Gerontology in consultation with the respective lecturers involved in teaching and, when appropriate, with other lecturers, as may be established by the Board. Evaluation of the practice placements shall be made by supervisors appointed to guide the students through the placements at the assigned place of work.

(2) In the assessments of modules marks will be awarded on a scale from "A" to "D", "A" being the highest mark. "F" indicates a Fail.

(3) A student who obtains "F" in Module 1 or Module 2 may be allowed to present himself a second time for assessment. The assessment procedure for such re-sit shall be determined by the Course coordinators and the Director of the Institute of Gerontology. If the candidate fails in the re-sit, he will be required to follow any instructions issued at the discretion of the Board.

Postgraduate Diploma/Master's Degree Option

6. Students who obtain an overall grade "A" or "B" in the assessment of Module 1 will be given the option to proceed to the Course leading to the Degree in accordance with regulation 8 hereunder or to continue in the Course leading to the Diploma.

Postgraduate Diploma Course

7. (1) Students proceeding with the Course leading to the Diploma shall, in addition to completing Modules 2 and 3, be required to submit a long essay of 5,000 – 10,000 words on an approved area of study.

(2) If, on assessment such essay fails to reach the required standard the candidate will be allowed a maximum of 3 calendar months to re-submit the work.

(3) The Course shall be completed within 9 months of full-time study. Normally a course shall extend from October to June.

(4) A Final Comprehensive Examination shall be held towards the end of the Course and shall consist of two written papers. Students may be required to attend a viva voce examination.

(5) The final results shall be published after the Final Comprehensive Examination, the presentation of the long essay and the completion of all the practice placements. The final marks shall be allocated as follows:

Final Comprehensive Examination	40%
Course work including practice placements	40%
Long Essay	20%

(6) The final grades for successful candidates shall be awarded on a scale from "A" to "D", "A" being the highest grade and designated as "Passed with Distinction". "F" indicates Failed.

(7) A candidate who fails shall be given permission to re-sit the examination.

Master's Degree

8. (1) A student shall be eligible for registering for the Course leading to the Degree instead of continuing with the Course leading to the Diploma if he has obtained an overall grade "A" or "B" in the assessment of Module 1.

(2) A student shall also be eligible for registration for the Course leading to the Degree in accordance with paragraph (9) of this regulation after completion of the Course leading to the Diploma if he has obtained grade "A" or "B" in the final result. In such case the student shall be required to register for the Course leading to the Degree within the three months following the publication of the final results of the Course leading to the Diploma, subject to paragraph (10) of this regulation.

(3) Students admitted to the Course leading to the Degree under paragraph (1) of this regulation shall be required to —

(a) complete Modules 2 and 3 successfully;

(b) pass the final examination for the Degree; and

(c) write a thesis on an original research project.

(4) On registration for the Course leading to the Degree students shall submit the proposed title of their thesis and an outline of a research project to be performed for the purpose of the thesis. The project shall be subject to approval by the Board which shall also nominate a supervisor for each student.

(5) The thesis shall contain the results of the research project, a critical review of the relevant literature and a critical discussion of the results. The thesis shall be not less than 10,000 words long and shall be submitted not later than eighteen months from the date of acceptance of its title. The students may perform or complete the research project and writing of the thesis in their respective countries.

(6) The thesis shall be examined by an examining board appointed by Senate.

(7) If the thesis does not reach the required standard the student may be required to amend and re-submit it within a period not exceeding one year. A student may be required to defend his thesis.

(8) The final results of students admitted under paragraph (1) of this regulation shall be published after the completion of the Degree examination, the completion of the practice placement and the submission of the thesis. The final marks will be allocated as follows:

Final Comprehensive Examination 40%

Thesis 60%

(9) Students who register for the Course leading to the Degree under paragraph (2) of this regulation shall be required to submit a thesis as provided in paragraphs (4), (5), (6) and (7) of this regulation.

(10) Students who obtained the grade "A" or "B" in the Course leading to the Diploma which ended in 1991 may apply for registration for the Course leading to the Degree within 6 months of the publication of these regulations.

(11) The final result of students admitted to the Course leading to the Degree under paragraph (2) or (10) of this regulation shall be based on the assessment of the thesis.

(12) The final grade for successful candidates shall be amended on a scale from "A" to "B", "A" being the highest grade and designated as "Passed with Distinction (Cum Laude)" and "B" indicating a "Pass", "F" indicates Failed.

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