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L.N. 398 of 2012

EDUCATION ACT
(CAP. 327)

Bye-Laws of 2012 to amend the Bye-Laws of 2011 in terms of the General Regulations for University Postgraduate Awards, 2008 for the Postgraduate Diploma in Mediation under the auspices of the Faculty of Laws

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 Laws in virtue of the powers conferred upon it by article 81 (1) (c) 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

1. These bye-laws may be cited as the Bye-Laws of 2012 to amend the Bye-Laws of 2011 in terms of the General Regulations for University Postgraduate Awards, 2008 for the Postgraduate Diploma in Mediation, and shall be read and construed as one with the Bye-Laws of 2011 in terms of the General Regulations for University Postgraduate Awards, 2008 for the Postgraduate Diploma in Mediation under the auspices of the Faculty of Laws, published as Legal Notice 146 of 2011, hereinafter referred to as 'the principal bye-laws'.

Applicability

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

Amendment to the title of the principal bye-laws

3. The title of the principal bye-laws shall be substituted as follows:

"Bye-Laws of 2012 in terms of the General Regulations for University Postgraduate Awards, 2008 for the Master of Arts in Mediation under the auspices of the Faculty of Laws"

Amendment to bye-law 1 of the principal bye-laws

4. For bye-law 1 of the principal bye-laws there shall be substituted the following:

"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 Arts in Mediation under the auspices of the Faculty of Laws.

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

"the Board" means the Board of the Faculty of Laws;

"the Board of Studies" means the Board of Studies appointed by Senate for the Course, on the recommendation of the Board;

"the Course" means the programme of study leading to the degree of Master of Arts in Mediation;

"the Degree" means the degree of Master of Arts in Mediation;

"the Postgraduate Diploma" means the Postgraduate Diploma in Mediation; and

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

Amendment to bye-law 4 of the principal bye-laws

5. For bye-law 4 of the principal bye-laws there shall be substituted the following:

"Course Duration

4. The Course shall extend over a period of six semesters of part-time study."

Amendment to bye-law 5 of the principal bye-laws

6. For bye-law 5 of the principal bye-laws there shall be substituted the following:

"Programme of Study

5. (1) The programme of study shall comprise study-units to which a total of 120 credits are assigned, of which 80 credits are assigned to taught study-units and 40 credits are assigned to a dissertation study-unit.

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(2) Students who obtain 60 credits assigned to taught study-units with an average mark of at least 50% and do not proceed with the Course, or having proceeded do not successfully complete the dissertation, shall be eligible for the award of the Postgraduate Diploma.

(3) The programme of study shall be published after approval by Senate, normally not less than eight months prior to the commencement of the Course."

Addition of bye-laws 7 and 8 to the principal bye-laws

7. Bye-laws 7 and 8 shall be added after bye-law 6 of the principal bye-laws:

"**Dissertation**

7. (1) Students shall be required to submit an individual dissertation of not less than 34,000 words and not more than 35,000 words in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Board.

(2) Work on the dissertation shall be undertaken during the final two semesters of the Course. Each student shall be assigned a supervisor who shall provide guidance and advice on a regular basis during the period of study.

(3) A provisional title for the dissertation and a detailed research proposal shall be submitted to the Board for approval at the beginning of the third semester.

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. 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 defend his case."

Renumbering of bye-law 7 of the principal bye-laws

8. Bye-law 7 of the principal bye-laws shall be renumbered as bye-law 9.

Amendment to bye-law 9 of the principal bye-laws

9. For bye-law 9 of the principal bye-laws there shall be substituted the following:

"Classification of the Awards

9. The Final Weighted Average Mark for the purpose of the classification of the Postgraduate Diploma and 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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