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Regulations for the Degree of Bachelor of Commerce (B. Com.)

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 Bachelor of Commerce.

REGULATIONS FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF COMMERCE — B. Com.
(Applicable to courses starting in October 1988 or later)

1. Admission

1.1 To be eligible for the award of the degree of Bachelor of Commerce (B. Com.) a candidate must:

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

(b) satisfy the Special Course Requirements in accordance with regulations 3 below;

(c) complete the course of studies, qualify in the examinations, and satisfy any other requirements prescribed in these regulations; and

(d) satisfy any other requirements prescribed in any other relevant statutes and regulations of the University.

2. Duration of Course

2.1.The course of studies leading to the degree of Bachelor of Commerce — B. Com. shall extend over a minimum period of three years. A candidate may not take the Final Examinations earlier than three academic years or later than four years from first admission to the course of studies, except with the permission of the Senate.

3. Special Course Requirements

3.1 A candidate may proceed to the Course of B. Com. with Economics, Management, Public Policy and Banking and Finance as major areas of study provided he is in possession of the University Entry Requirements.

3.2 A candidate admitted to the B. Com. degree course and who desires to proceed to a Major in Accountancy must be in possession of a pass at Advanced Level or equivalent in Accounting and Economics at Grade C or better on admission to the B. Com. course. Students admitted to the B. Com. degree course in or after October 1990 who desire to proceed to a Major in Accountancy must be in possession of a pass at Advanced Level or equivalent in Accounting at Grade C or better on admission to the B. Com. course.

4. **Course of Studies**

4.1 The course of studies consists of a number of study units to each of which a specified number of credits is assigned.

4.2 A catalogue of study units, with the credits assigned to each, will be published before the start of each academic year.

4.3 The catalogue shall specify the core study units and any prerequisites for Part I of the course and for each major and minor areas of study in Part II of the course mentioned in regulation 4.4.

4.4 The study units shall be in the following areas of study: Accountancy, Management, Economics, Public Policy, Banking and Finance and any other areas approved by the Senate, following the recommendations of the Faculty Board.

4.5 In order to complete the course of studies leading to the B. Com. degree a candidate must obtain not less than sixty four credits.

4.6 Credits are awarded to candidates who successfully complete study units. (One credit is normally gained for a successfully completed study unit of about 14 teaching hours.)

4.7 (i) Credits will be graded A to D: A being the highest and D the lowest pass grade, indicating the standard attained by the candidate in the work done throughout the study unit and in the test held at the end of it. The test may consist of a written part and/or an oral part and/or an assignment prepared during the study unit.

(ii) A candidate who fails to obtain the credits assigned to a study unit will be given a Grade F and may be allowed to repeat the study unit when offered.

4.8 The course of studies consists of a minimum number of study units with the following number of credits:

Part One — Twenty four credits to be awarded on passing the Part One Examination as provided in regulation 5.4

Part Two — (i) Twenty credits in a major area of study; and (ii) either twenty credits in another major area of study or ten credits in each of two minor areas of study.

4.9 In each year of Part Two of the course, a candidate must register for a number of study units for which not less than sixteen and not more than twenty eight credits are assigned.

4.10 The number of required study units, the choice of study units and the order in which they are to be taken by the candidate, must have the approval of the Faculty Board. (Some study units are sequential, and admission to them may require the previous successful completion of other specified study units and/or other qualifications indicated in the catalogue of study units.)

4.11 The Faculty Board may exempt a candidate from the requirements of obtaining a credit certificate for a particular study unit and/or the Part One Examination if he has obtained from the University or an institution recognised by the Senate for the purpose, a qualification the study for which is, in the opinion of the Faculty Board, equivalent in content and standard to that required for the credit certificate concerned or for Part One Examinations.

5. Examinations

5.1 There shall be examinations held at the end of Part One and Part Two of the course of studies.

5.2 A candidate is deemed to have passed an examination if he has obtained one of the following grades: A, B, C or D in each of the papers.

5.3 There shall be two sessions of examinations in each year: one session is normally held in May/June and a supplementary session is normally held in September/October.

5.4 ***Examination at the end of Part One***

(i) A candidate will be required to sit for the Part One Examination after having pursued a number of study units for which a total of twenty four credits are assigned.

(ii) In the Examination held at the end of Part One, six papers will be set in the areas of study covered in the Part One of the course. In the case of students admitted to the B. Com. degree course before October 1990, the examination held at the end of Part One will consist of four papers in the areas of studies covered in Part One of the course.

(iii) A candidate who has passed the Part One Examination is deemed to have obtained the twenty four credits of the Part One of the course of studies. A candidate will not be allowed to proceed beyond the Part One level of the B. Com. unless he:

(a) has passed Part One examinations or has been exempted therefrom in terms of regulation 4.11; or

(b) has been referred in not more than one paper of the Part One examination as detailed in regulation 5.7 (iii).

(iv) The names of candidates who pass the examinations at the end of Part One shall be published in alphabetical order.

5.5 ***Final Examination***

(i) At the end of the course of studies and after obtaining the stipulated minimum sixty four credits a candidate will be required to sit for the Final Examination in either two major areas of study or in one major and two minor areas of study.

(ii) In the Final Examinations, four papers will be set in each of the major areas of study, and two papers in each of the minor areas of study. A *viva voce* examination may also be held.

5.6 ***Evaluation of Candidates***

(i) The overall evaluation of a candidate for the degree of B. Com. will take into account his performance at the Part One and Final Examinations, as well as the credit certificates and grades obtained during his course of studies.

(ii) The names of candidates who qualify for the award of the B. Com. degree shall be published in alphabetical order in a list divided into the categories I, IIA, IIB and III.

5.7 ***Supplementary Examinations and Termination of Courses***

(i) A candidate who fails the Part One or Final Examination may be allowed to sit for the Supplementary Examination in the following session in the papers failed.

(ii) Where a candidate fails in more than one paper in both sessions of the Part One Examination as detailed in regulation 5.3 he will be required to repeat Part One of the course of studies.

(iii) A candidate who fails in only one paper of the Supplementary Session of the Part One Examination will be referred in that paper.

Such a candidate will be considered as a provisional student in Part Two of the course of studies and will be expected to pass the failed paper in the following Examination Session (i.e. no supplementary session).

(iv) A candidate may only be allowed to repeat the Part One or Part Two Examination once.

6. **Applicability**

6.1 These Regulations shall apply to courses starting in October 1988 or later.

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