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EDUCATION ACT, 1988
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Regulations for the Degree of Bachelor of Pharmacy (Honours)
B.Pharm. (Hons)

IN exercise of the powers conferred upon him by sections 28 and 29 of the Education Act, 1988, the Pro-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 Pharmacy (Honours) — B.Pharm. (Hons), and shall be applicable to courses starting in October 1988 or later.

REGULATIONS FOR THE DEGREE OF
BACHELOR OF PHARMACY (HONOURS) — B.Pharm. (Hons)
(Applicable to courses starting in October 1988 or later)

Eligibility for Degree

1. To be eligible for the award of the Degree of Bachelor of Pharmacy (Honours) B. Pharm. (Hons.), 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 regulation 3 below;

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

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

Duration of Course

2. The Course of Pharmacy leading to the Degree of B.Pharm. (Hons.) extends over a period of four years.

Special Course Requirements

3. To apply for admission to the Course of Pharmacy a candidate must, besides satisfying the conditions for admission as a regular student in terms of the Admission Regulations of the University, satisfy the following Special Course Requirements:

passes at Advanced Level (two of which at Grade C or better and the other at Grade D or better) in:

(a) (i) Physics *or* (ii) Physics - with - Mathematics *or* (iii) Mathematics;
(b) Chemistry;
(c) (i) Biology *or* (ii) Zoology

in the Matriculation Examination of the University, or at corresponding levels of other examinations recognised by the Senate for the purposes of the Admission Regulations:

Provided that a candidate who is a graduate of a university, or has other qualifications considered to be sufficient, may be exempted by the Admissions Board, on the advice of the Faculty Admissions Committee, from the whole or part of these Special Course Requirements.

Subjects of the Course

4. The subjects of the Course of Pharmacy are the following:

Part I
First Year

Pharmaceutical Chemistry
Physiology, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
Pharmacy Practice
Pharmaceutics
Mathematical Methods.

Second Year
Semester I

Pharmaceutical Chemistry
Pharmaceutics
Pharmacy Practice
Physiology, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology.

Semester II

General Pathology
Microbiology
General Pharmacology
Behavioural Sciences
Pharmacy Practice.

Part II
Third Year

Pharmaceutical Chemistry
Pharmaceutics
Pharmacology
Pharmacy Practice
Pharmacognosy.

Fourth Year

Pharmaceutical Chemistry
Pharmaceutics
Pharmacology
Pharmacy Practice
Clinical Pharmacy.

Progress Tests

5. (a) At the end of the First Year of the Course Progress Tests will be held in:

Pharmaceutical Chemistry
Pharmaceutics
Pharmacy Practice
Mathematical Methods.

At the end of the Second Year in:

General Pathology
Microbiology
Pharmacology
Behavioural Sciences.

At the end of the Third Year in:

Pharmaceutical Chemistry
Pharmaceutics
Pharmacology
Pharmacy Practice.

(b) These tests shall consist of at least one written paper in each of the subjects.

(c) There shall be two sessions of these tests: one in May and one in September.

(d) The Faculty Board may accept passes in tests/assessments carried out by other departments in other Faculties in lieu of passes in Progress Tests indicated in 5 (a).

6. (a) The result of the First Year Progress Tests shall take into account all parts of the tests in the various subjects and the various assessments during the year.

(b) The result shall be published in the form of a pass list for each subject, showing in alphabetical order the names of those candidates who have passed the tests in that subject.

(c) A candidate shall not be allowed to proceed to the following year of the Course if the Faculty Board is not satisfied as a result of the tests that the candidate has followed the previous year of the Course with profit.

7. A candidate who fails the First Year Tests may apply to the Faculty Board for re-admission to the First Year of the Course.

The Part I Examination

8. An examination will be held at the beginning of the second semester of the Second Year of the Course and will consist of:

Pharmaceutical Chemistry
Physiology, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
Pharmaceutics.

An examination in Pharmacy Practice will be held at the end of the second semester of the Second Year.

Candidates may be required to take an oral test in any of these subjects.

9. There shall be a second session of the Part I Examination in September.

10. In each subject of the Part I Examination the names of candidates who have passed the examination shall be published in alphabetical order in each of four groups: A, B, C and D, according to their standard of merit.

A candidate whose name does not appear in any of the four groups shall be considered to have failed the examination in the subject concerned.

The published result of the examination in each subject shall take into account all parts of the examination in that subject.

11. A candidate who does not complete the Part I Examination in the prescribed sessions shall be deemed to have failed the Examination as a whole.

12. A candidate who fails the Part I Examination may be allowed by the Faculty Board to repeat the Second Year of the Course at the next occasion.

No candidate shall be allowed to repeat the Course more than once.

13. (a) A student shall not be allowed to proceed to the Third Year of the Course if he has not passed the Part I Examination and satisfied the Faculty Board in the Progress Tests held at the end of the Second Year as indicated in regulation 5.

(b) An examination in Pharmacognosy shall be held at the end of the Third Year of the Course.

14. A student will not be allowed to proceed to the Fourth Year of the Course if he has not satisfied the Faculty Board in the Progress Tests held at the end of the Third Year as indicated in regulation 5.

Re-admission to Course

15. (a) A candidate who is not allowed to proceed to the Third Year of the Course in terms of regulation 13 may apply to the Faculty Board for re-admission to the Second Year of the Course at the next occasion only. If the candidate is re-admitted, he will be expected also to satisfy such other conditions as the Faculty Board may impose.

(b) A candidate who is not allowed to proceed to the Fourth Year of the Course in terms of regulation 14 may apply to the Faculty Board for re-admission to the

Third Year of the Course at the next occasion only. If the candidate is re-admitted, he will be expected also to satisfy such other conditions as the Faculty Board may impose.

Training at an approved Pharmacy

16. During the Course, each candidate must:

(i) attend regularly for a period of four months the Pharmacy of the teaching hospital; *and*

(ii) attend a minimum of 200 hours at a Community Pharmacy approved for this purpose by the Faculty Board.

17. A candidate must:

(a) keep a daybook, certified by the supervising pharmacist, in which suitable accounts of the work carried out at the Hospital Pharmacy and the Community Pharmacy are entered. The daybook duly certified by the supervising pharmacist must be presented to the Head of the Department by the end of January of the Fourth Year;

(b) write a short report on an aspect of practical pharmacy approved by the Head of Department. A summary of the report must be presented to the Head of the Department not later than the end of February of the Fourth Year of the Course and the whole report by May of the Fourth Year.

The Final Examination

18. The Final Examination for the Degree of B.Pharm. (Hons.) consists of examinations in:

Pharmaceutical Chemistry
Pharmaceutics
Pharmacology
Pharmacy Practice
Clinical Pharmacy
A dissertation on an approved topic.

19. The Final Examination will be held at the end of the Fourth Year of the Course. There will be two sessions of this examination, one in May/June and one in January. A candidate may also be required to take an oral examination in any of the subjects.

20. The result of the Final Examination shall also take into account assessments, class tests and progress tests, practical evaluations and the project report.

21. The names of candidates who are judged by the examiners to have obtained Honours shall be published, in alphabetical order, in each of the categories.

'First Class Honours', 'Second Class Honours (Upper Division)', 'Second Class Honours (Lower Division)', and 'Third Class Honours'.

22. A list will also be published of such candidates who, though not judged as being worthy of Honours, are considered by the examiners of sufficient merit to be awarded a Pass degree.

No candidate may obtain Honours if he does not pass the Final Examination at his first attempt, and within four years of first joining the Course of Pharmacy.

Re-admission and Re-examination

23. A candidate who has failed the Final Examination taken at the end of the Fourth Year may apply to the Faculty Board for permission to sit the Examination again the following year. If he is given permission, he must follow such courses, attend an approved Pharmacy for such periods, and satisfy any other conditions as the Faculty Board may impose, before he sits the Final Examination again.

Applicability

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

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