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## EDUCATION ACT, 1988

(ACT NO. XXIV of 1988)

**Regulations for the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Socio-Legal Studies — B.A. (Socio-Legal Studies) and for the Diploma of Legal Procurator (L.P.)**

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 B.A. (Socio-Legal Studies) and for the diploma of L.P., and are applicable to courses starting in January 1987 or later:

## REGULATIONS FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS IN SOCIO-LEGAL STUDIES B.A.(Socio-Legal Studies)

**Eligibility for Degree**

1. To be eligible for the award of the Degree of Bachelor of Arts in Socio-Legal Studies — B.A. (Socio-Legal Studies) — 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 as prescribed in these Regulations;

(d) satisfy any other requirements prescribed in any other relevant Statutes and Regulations of the University.

**Duration of Course**

2. The Course of studies leading to the Degree of Bachelor of Arts in Socio-Legal Studies extends over a period of three years as specified in Regulation 4 below.

**Special Course Requirements**

3. To apply for admission to the course leading to the Degree of Bachelor of Arts in Socio-Legal Studies 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:

(i) English
(ii) Maltese
(iii) at least one of: Italian, French, Latin, Economics and Philosophy

and, if not already offered at Advanced level, passes at Ordinary level in:

(i) Italian
(ii) French or Latin

in the Matriculation Examination of the University or at corresponding levels of other examinations recognized 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.

**Course Curriculum**

4.1 The programme of studies shall extend over three years, and shall be divided into two Parts: Part One and Part Two.

4.2 Each part shall consist of a number of study-units to each of which a specified number of credits shall be assigned.

4.3 The Faculty Board shall draw up a Schedule of study-units and of the credits assigned to each. The Faculty Board may amend such Schedule from time to time as it may deem advisable, provided this is done before the beginning of the academic year.

4.4 A credit certificate, indicating the number of credits assigned, will be issued to a student on the successful completion of a study-unit. The certificate will also show a grade indicating the standard attained by the student in the work done throughout the study-unit. No credit will be given for an uncompleted study-unit.

4.5 The maximum and the minimum number of credits which a student may attempt to acquire in any one academic year, and the minimum number of credits required before admission to the Examinations held in the Course are established in Regulations 5 and 6 below.

4.6 The study-units shall consist of a group of compulsory and/or elective units, forming streams of studies. The list of streams on offer will be approved by the Faculty Baord and shall be as defined in the syllabus.

4.7 The Faculty Board may exempt a student from the requirement of obtaining a credit certificate for a particular study-unit 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.

**Part One**

5.1 Part One will extend over the first year of the Course. Candidates will register in this year for a number of study-units for which a minimum of 20 and a maximum of 25 credits are assigned.

The Faculty Board may require students to register during the First year for those study-units indicated by it.

**Part Two**

6.1 Part Two will extend over the second and third years of the Course.

6.2 Candidates will register in each year for a number of study-units for which a minimum of 25 and a maximum of 30 credits are assigned.

6.3 A student shall be required to sit for final examinations at the end of Part Two of the Course.

6.4 Before being awarded the Degree a student must satisfy all the examinations sat in accordance with these Regulations and present and have approved by the Faculty Board a short dissertation of not more than forty and not less than twenty-five typed double-spaced A4 pages on a subject submitted for the approval of the Faculty Board not later than the end of January of the final year.

**Credits, Grades, Examinations and Assessments**

7.1 A student shall be nornally required to sit for his examinations after obtaining at least the number of credits hereunder specified:

25 credits in Part One
55 credits in Part Two

This notwithstanding, the Faculty Board may require candidates to sit for such part of the Examinations as the Board may determine before all the credits above mentioned are assigned.

7.2 The Faculty Board shall award students grades on the basis of their general performance throughout the year in the subjects taught in that year.

7.3 The said grades shall take into account the assessments, and the results of written and oral examinations as provided in Regulation 7.6 below. Examinations shall be held in every subject unless otherwise provided for in the Syllabus.

7.4 Assessments shall be made in each subject taught and shall take into consideration the course work and performance of each student during the year. The assessment shall be made by the Head of Department, or, in the event that he is debarred by the Regulations of the University from being a member of the Board of Examiners, by the Chairman of such Board.

7.5 There shall be a Committee of the Boards of Examiners composed of all the members of the Boards of Examiners examining in a particular year. The Committee shall be chaired by the Dean of the Faculty and, in his absence, by a Head of Department elected to chair the meeting by the Committee meeting. The quorum of the Committee meetings shall consist of one more than a third of the members thereof.

7.6 It shall be the function of the Committee of the Boards of Examiners to consolidate the results obtained by each student and to make recommendations to the Faculty Board regarding the grading and/or the referral of students in the written and/or oral examinations of any subject, and this in accordance with guidelines laid down by the Faculty Board.

7.7 A student who is graded Failed in a particular year, and remains so graded even after the referral referred to above, shall not be allowed to proceed to the next year of the course. Such student may, however, be allowed by the Faculty Board to rejoin the Course once only in terms of Regulation 10 below.

**Concurrent Courses**

8. A student may follow concurrently the Courses leading to the Degree of Bachelor of Arts in Socio-Legal Studies — B.A. (Socio-Legal Studies) — and the Diploma of Legal Procurator (L.P.).

**Non-Attendance**

9. A student who, after due warning given in writing, persistently fails to attend lectures and/or tutorials without adequate justification may be debarred by the Faculty Board from sitting for any or all of the examinations.

**Rejoining of Course**

10. A student who has interrupted his course of studies or who has failed in a particular year may be allowed by the Faculty Board to rejoin the Course in such year as the Faculty Board may deem appropriate, and in so doing the Faculty Board may require such student to sit for such further examinations, besides those specified in the syllabus, as it may deem necessary:

Provided that in no case shall a student complete his course of studies in a period longer than five years except with the special permission of Senate for a good and sufficient cause.

**Application**

11. These regulations shall apply to students admitted to Courses starting in January 1987 or later.

## REGULATIONS FOR THE DIPLOMA OF LEGAL PROCURATOR (L.P.)

**Applicable Regulations**

1. The Regulations applicable for the Degree of Bachelor of Arts in Socio-Legal Studies — B.A. (Socio-Legal Studies) — shall apply to students who take the Course leading to the Diploma of Legal Procurator (L.P.) with the following exceptions and variations:

i. The study units for which the students shall register for the purpose of regulation 6.2 of the aforementioned regulations shall have assigned to them a minimum of twenty and a maximum of twenty five credits per year. Among the said study-units the students shall register and obtain credits in those study-units which shall be indicated to them by the Faculty Board.

ii. The student following the Course for the Diploma of Legal Procurator (L.P.) shall be exempted from submitting a dissertation as required in regulation 6.4 of the aforementioned regulations.

iii. For the purposes of regulation 7.1 of the aforementioned regulations the students following the Course for the Diploma of Legal Procurator (L.P.) shall normally be required to obtain fifty credits in Part Two of the Diploma Course before being allowed to sit for their examinations.

**Concurrent Courses**

2. A student may follow concurrently the Courses leading to the Degree of Bachelor of Arts in Socio-Legal Studies — B.A. (Socio-Legal Studies) — and the Diploma of Legal Procurator (L.P.).

**Application**

3. These regulations shall apply to students admitted to Courses starting in January 1987 or later.

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