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L.N. 137 of 2013**EDUCATION ACT
(CAP. 327)****University Undergraduate Awards (Amendment) Regulations, 2013**

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 regulations made by the Senate of the University of Malta by virtue of the powers conferred upon it by articles 75 (3) and 79 (b) of the said Act:

Citation

1. These regulations may be cited as the University Undergraduate Awards (Amendment) Regulations, 2013 and shall be read and construed as one with the General Regulations for University Undergraduate Awards, published as Legal Notice 127 of 2004, hereinafter referred to as “the principal regulations”.

Applicability

2. These regulations shall be applicable for courses commencing in October 2012 or later.

Amendment to regulation 3 of the principal regulations

3. For paragraph (4) of regulation 3 of the principal regulations there shall be substituted the following:

“(4) obtain not less than the number of credits at not below the level as indicated hereunder, including all credits for compulsory and elective study-units as specified in the Programme/s of Study and/or bye-laws relevant to the Course on which the student is registered and subject to regulations 20, 21 and 22 below:

University Undergraduate Award	Requirements
University Certificate	30 credits of which not less than 26 credits not below Level 1.
University Diploma	60 or 90 credits, as specified in the bye-laws for the Course, of which not more than 10 Level 0 and not less than 56 Level 1.
University Higher Diploma	90 or 120 credits, as specified in the bye-laws for the Course, of which not more than 10 Level 0 and not less than 56 Level 2.
Bachelor	180 credits of which not more than 4 Level 0, not less than 56 and not more than 68 Level 1, and not less than 108 more or less divided equally between Levels 2 and 3.
Bachelor (Honours in one Area of Study) (three year full-time Course or three year full-time professional Course)	180 credits of which not more than 4 Level 0, not less than 56 and not more than 68 Level 1, and not less than 108 more or less divided equally between Levels 2 and 3 of which not less than 56 Level 3 credits assigned to the area taken at honours.
Bachelor (Honours in two Areas of Study) (4 year full-time Course)	240 credits of which not more than 4 Level 0, not less than 56 and not more than 68 Level 1, and not less than 168 more or less divided equally between Levels 2 and 3 of which not less than 50 Level 3 credits in each of the two areas taken at honours.
Bachelor (Honours) (4 year full-time professional Course)	240 credits of which not more than 4 Level 0, not less than 56 and not more than 68 Level 1, and not less than 168 Levels 2, 3 and 4 of which not less than 100 at Levels 3 and 4.
Bachelor (Honours) and any other undergraduate award following a 5 year professional Course	300 credits of which not more than 4 Level 0, not less than 56 Level 1, 56 Level 2 and a further 168 at Levels 3 and 4.

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Provided that:

(i) students may be allowed to offer higher level credits in substitution of the required credits at a specific level;

(ii) an unclassified pass degree may, at the discretion of the Award Classification Board, be awarded to a student registered in a degree Course, who at the end of the Course lacks not more than 10 credits to complete the credit requirement for the award of the degree. The student shall however have the option to refuse the award and opt to refer the missing units to the following year or repeat the year if so eligible in terms of these regulations; and

(iii) in the case of the award of a University Higher Diploma, Senate may exceptionally approve programmes to which 60 credits are assigned, provided that such programmes build upon studies at tertiary level.”

