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EDUCATION ACT, 1988
(ACT XXIV OF 1988)

Regulations for the Degree of Doctor of Medicine and Surgery (M.D.).

IN exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section 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 Doctor of Medicine and Surgery (M.D.) and shall apply only to the courses commencing before 1988.

Admission

1. To be eligible for admission to the degree of Doctor of Medicine and Surgery (M.D.) a candidate must:

(i) satisfy the Entry Requirements in accordance with Regulation 3 below; and

(ii) complete the course of studies as laid down in these Regulations and qualify in the Examinations.

Duration of Course

2. The course of studies leading to the degree of Doctor of Medicine and Surgery extends over a period of five years and is divided into two parts: the Intermediate Course of two years duration; and the Final Course, of three years duration.

Entry Requirements

3. A candidate may apply for admission to the Course of Medicine and Surgery if in possession of:

I. Three Advanced Level passes, or equivalent, in:
(a) (i) Physics *or* (ii) Physics-with-Mathematics *or* (iii) Mathematics
(b) Chemistry
(c) (i) Biology *or* (ii) Zoology
with at least a Grade B, or better, in one of these subjects, and a Grade C or better in the other two subjects.

II. Five passes at Ordinary Level, or equivalent.

The subjects offered must include:
(a) Maltese (Malta Matriculation)
(b) English Language
(c) Mathematics
(d) At least one from Arabic, French, German, Italian
(e) Any other subject from the approved list.

N.B. No subject may be offered at both 'A' and 'O' Levels.

Subjects of the Courses

4. The main subjects of the Intermediate Course are the following:
   Anatomy
   Physiology and Biochemistry

5. (a) The principal subjects of the Final Course are the following:
   Pathology
   Medicine
   Surgery
   Obstetrics and Gynaecology
   (b) The special subjects of the Final Course are the following:

   Clinical Pharmacology
   Community Medicine
   Psychological Medicine
   Dermatology and Sexually Transmitted Diseases
   Ophthalmology
   Forensic Medicine

Progress Tests

6. During the course, progress tests will be held in subjects the teaching of which extends over more than one year.

7. A candidate will only be allowed to proceed to the following year of the course if the Faculty Board assess his/her performance in Progress Tests as being of a pass standard.

THE INTERMEDIATE COURSE

The Intermediate Examination

8. The subjects of the Intermediate Examination are:
   Anatomy
   Physiology and Biochemistry

9. The Intermediate Examination will be held at the end of the second year of the Intermediate Course.

10. Before being admitted to the Intermediate Examination a candidate must present to the Chairman of the Faculty Board certificates, signed by the Heads of Departments concerned, showing that the candidate has completed satisfactorily the schedules of practical work prescribed for the two subjects concerned.

Result of the Intermediate Examination

11. In each subject of the Intermediate Examination the names of candidates who have passed the examination will 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 will be considered to have failed the examination in the subject concerned.

12. The published result of the examination in each subject will take into account all parts of the examination in that subject as well as the work carried out during the course.

THE FINAL COURSE

Admission to the Final Course

13. Before being admitted to the Final Course a candidate must pass, or be exempted from, the Intermediate Examination.

Subject Tests in the Final Course

14. During the Final Course students will be required to pass in each of the following subjects:

Clinical Pharmacology
Community Medicine
Psychological Medicine
Dermatology and Sexually Transmitted Diseases
Ophtalmology
Forensic Medicine

Result

15. In each of these subjects the names of candidates who have passed the tests will be published in alphabetical order in a Pass List.

16. The result in each subject will also take into account the work of the candidate in that subject during the course.

Examination in Pathology

17. There will be an examination in Pathology at the end of the second year of the Final Course.

18. Before being admitted to the examination a candidate must present to the Chairman of the Faculty Board a certificate signed by the Head of Department of Pathology showing that the candidate has completed satisfactorily the schedule of practical work prescribed for that subject.

Result

19. The names of candidates who have passed the examination in Pathology will be published in alphabetical order. Exceptional performance will also be indicated on the list.

The published result will take into account all parts of the examination in the subject.

The Final Examination

20. (a) The subjects of the Final Examination are:
Medicine

Surgery
Obstetrics and Gynaecology

(b) The examination in each of these subjects will consist of a written part and a clinical part.

21. (a) The Final Examination will be held at the end of the third year of the Final Course.

(b) Unless he/she has been referred in one subject, a candidate will be required to take all the subjects of the Final Examination in one session unless he/she takes the Examination as provided for in Regulation 24.

22. Before being admitted to the Final Examination a candidate must present to the Chairman of the Faculty Board certificates signed by the Heads of the Departments concerned showing that the candidate has completed satisfactorily the Schedule of clinical work prescribed for the course.

Result of the Final Examination

23. (a) The names of candidates who have passed the Final Examination at the first session will be published in alphabetical order in two categories: 'Passed with Distinction' and 'Passed'. Exceptional performance in a subject will also be indicated on the list.

In the other session the names of successful candidates will be published in alphabetical order in a Pass List.

(b) The published result of the Final Examination will take into account all parts of the examinations in the four main subjects, as well as the work done by the candidate during the Final Course.

24. A candidate will not be allowed to re-sit the Examination, in whole or in part:

(i) later than twelve months after the end of his/her final academic semester;

(ii) unless he/she has followed satisfactorily such course of studies as the Faculty Board may in each case require.

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