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EDUCATION ACT, 1988
(ACT XXIV of 1988)

Regulations for the Degree of Bachelor in Sacred Theology (S.Th.B.)

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 Bachelor in Sacred Theology (S.Th.B.) and shall apply only to courses which commenced in 1982 and 1984.

Admission

1. To be eligible for admission to the degree of Bachelor of Sacred Theology (S.Th.B.) a candidate must:

(i) comply with the regulations for Admission of Students; and

(ii) complete the Course of Studies, qualify in the examinations, and satisfy any other requirements prescribed in these Regulations.

Duration of Course

2. The course of Theology leading to the Degree of S.Th.B. extends over a period of five academic years.

Candidates who reach the necessary standard in the Degree Examination for the S.Th.B. may proceed to a two-year course of studies for the further degree of Licentiate in Sacred Theology (S.Th.L.).

Course of Studies

3. Candidates are required to follow studies in the following:

Philosophy and associated subjects;
General exposition of basic subjects of Theology: Holy Scripture, Dogmatic Theology, Moral Theology, Patrology, Liturgy, Canon Law, History of the Church, and Palaeochristian Archaeology;

Ecumenical Theology and Spiritual Theology; Hebrew and Biblical Greek.

Course Curriculum

4. The distribution of subjects during the five years of the Course will be as follows:

First Year
The Mystery of Christ and the History of Salvation
Philosophy
Hebrew
Biblical Greek
Introduction to Scientific Method

Second Year
Philosophy
Hebrew
Biblical Greek

Third Year
Theme: *God revealed in Christ*
Holy Scripture
Dogmatic Theology
Moral Theology
History of the Church
Patrology
Liturgy
Spiritual Theology

Fourth Year

Theme: *The Church as a Sacrament of Christ*
Holy Scripture
Dogmatic Theology
Moral Theology
History of the Church
Patrology
Liturgy
Canon Law
Palaeochristian Archaeology

Fifth Year

Theme: *Man in Christ*
Holy Scripture
Dogmatic Theology
Moral Theology
History of the Church
Patrology
Liturgy
Canon Law
Ecumenical Theology

Course Structure

5. The entire course shall be structured on the credit system and the teaching shall be imparted on the basis of study-units.

(a) A study-unit of one weekly hour for one semester shall be known as a credit.

(b) A study-unit can comprise one or more credits.

(c) A study-unit shall consist of lectures, seminars, tutorials or projects as detailed in the Syllabus or Bye-Laws.

(d) The number of study-units and credits shall be indicated for each year in the Syllabus.

Examinations

6. (a) There shall be an examination (or some other form of assessment) at the end of every study-unit.

(b) There shall be two sessions of these examinations, one in January or June and one in September.

(c) There shall be a written comprehensive examination in Philosophy at the end of the Philosophy programme and another written comprehensive examination in Theology at the end of the Course.

(d) The names of candidates who have passed the examinations will be published in a list in alphabetical order.

(e) Unless he passes all the examinations of a particular year, a candidate shall not be allowed to proceed to the following year of the Course.

(f) If a candidate fails an examination, or is unable to report for it for reasons beyond his control, he may be allowed one other session in the former case, and two other sessions in the latter, on dates to be established by the Administration in terms of (b) above.

Degree Award

7. Students who successfully complete the entire five-year course and satisfy all the requirements of the Statutes, Regulations and Bye-Laws, shall be entitled to the award of the Degree of Bachelor in Sacred Theology (S.Th.B.).

8. (a) There shall be a comprehensive mark for the entire five-year course, based on three grades or classes of Honours: First, Second and Third Class Honours. A Pass Degree may also be awarded.

(b) The final grade, assessed on the basis of the student's merit as well as on the study-units and comprehensive examinations, shall be determined by the Faculty Board for each individual student on the following basis:

Study Units 50%
Comprehensive Examination in Philogophy 10%
Comprehensive Examination in Theology 40%

Re-Admission to the Course

9. A candidate who, either because he has failed to satisfy the requirements to proceed to the next year of the course, or because he has been given permission to do so by the Administration, interrupts his studies, may be allowed by the Administration to re-join the course under such conditions as it may in each case see fit to impose.

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