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L.N. 203 of 2013

EDUCATION ACT
(CAP. 327)

Bye-Laws of 2013 in terms of the General Regulations for University Postgraduate Awards, 2008 for the Degree of Master of Arts in Cultural Heritage Management under the auspices of the Faculty for the Built Environment

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 bye-laws made by the Board of the Faculty for the Built Environment in virtue of the powers conferred upon it by article 81 (1) (c) of the said Act and which have been approved by the Senate of the University of Malta as required by article 81 (2) of the said Act:

Citation and Interpretation

1. (1) These bye-laws may be cited as the Bye-Laws of 2013 in terms of the General Regulations for University Postgraduate Awards, 2008 for the degree of Master of Arts in Cultural Heritage Management under the auspices of the Faculty for the Built Environment.

(2) In these bye-laws, unless the context otherwise requires -

"the Board" means the Board of the Faculty for the Built Environment;

"the Course" means the programme of study leading to the degree of Master of Arts in Cultural Heritage Management;

"the Degree" means the degree of Master of Arts in Cultural Heritage Management;

"the Postgraduate Diploma" means the Postgraduate Diploma in Cultural Heritage Management; and

"the Principal Regulations" means the General Regulations for University Postgraduate Awards, 2008.

Applicability

2. These bye-laws shall be applicable for courses commencing in October 2012 or later.

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Requirements for Admission

3. (1) The Course shall be open to applicants in possession of a Bachelor's degree classified at least at Second Class Honours or Category II, in a discipline related to Archaeology, Conservation, Education, History, History of Art or in any other area deemed relevant by the Board.

(2) In exceptional cases the Admissions Board, on the recommendation of the Board, may admit into the Course applicants not in possession of a Bachelor's degree, provided that it is satisfied that such applicants are in possession of other academic or professional qualifications and experience that together are deemed to be comparable to the qualifications listed in paragraph (1) of this bye-law.

Course Duration

4. The Course shall extend over three semesters of full-time study, or the equivalent in part-time study, and shall also include a stage to be undertaken during the summer period.

Programme of Study

5. (1) The programme of study shall comprise study-units to which a total of 90 ECTS credits shall be assigned, of which 55 ECTS credits are assigned to taught study-units, 5 ECTS credits are assigned to a summer stage and 30 ECTS credits are assigned to the dissertation study-unit.

(2) All students shall be required to undertake a compulsory summer stage at an institution approved by the Board, as indicated in the programme of study.

(3) Students who obtain the 60 ECTS credits assigned to the taught study-units and the summer stage, with an average mark of at least 50% for those study-units for which a mark/grade is awarded, and do not proceed with the Course, or having proceeded do not successfully complete the dissertation, shall be eligible for the award of the Postgraduate Diploma.

(4) The programme of study shall be published after approval by Senate, normally not less than eight months prior to the commencement of the Course.

Assessment and Progress

6. (1) The assessment of each taught study-unit shall be held by the end of the semester in which the teaching of the study-unit is held.

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(2) Students who in any academic year fail in the assessment of not more than 20 ECTS credits for taught study-units, if following the full-time Course, or not more than 10 ECTS credits for taught study-units if following the part-time Course, shall be given the opportunity to re-sit the failed assessment during the September supplementary examination session.

(3) Students who fail in more than the number of credits permitted under paragraph (2) of this bye-law, or students who after re-assessment fail to obtain credit for any taught study-unit, shall be required to withdraw from the Course.

(4) The study-unit involving a summer stage shall be assessed on a Pass/Fail basis. Students who do not complete, or fail in the assessment of, the summer stage shall not have the right to a supplementary assessment and shall be required to withdraw from the Course.

(5) Students who obtain the 60 ECTS credits assigned to the taught study-units and the summer stage with an average mark of at least 65% for those study-units for which a mark/grade is awarded, shall be allowed to proceed to the dissertation study-unit.

Dissertation

7. (1) Students shall be required to submit an individual dissertation of up to 25,000 words in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Board.

(2) Work on the dissertation may be undertaken during the third semester of the Course. Each student shall be assigned a supervisor who shall provide guidance and advice on a regular basis during the period of study.

(3) A provisional title for the dissertation and a detailed research proposal shall be submitted to the Board for approval by the end of the second semester.

8. (1) Students shall be required to have regular contact with their supervisor, at least once a month.

(2) Supervisors shall submit to the Board progress reports for each student under their supervision at the end of each semester of studies, whether the student is following the Course on a full-time or part-time basis. Such reports may include a recommendation to either (a) extend the period of study in order to enable the student to complete the dissertation; or (b) terminate studies prematurely if the supervisor deems this to be proper in the circumstances, provided that:

(i) the extension of the study period referred to in (a) shall be in accordance with the provisions of the Principal Regulations; and

(ii) the Board may not terminate studies prematurely according to (b) until it has first given the student a chance to be heard.

Classification of the Awards

9. The Final Weighted Average Mark for the purpose of the classification of the Postgraduate Diploma and of the Degree shall be based on the results obtained in all the taught study-units, all credits being weighted equally.

Special Provision for Part-Time Courses

10. The provisions of the foregoing bye-laws shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to courses followed on a part-time basis, and subject to such changes as may reasonably be deemed by the Board as necessary due to the part-time nature of the Course.

Repeal

11. The Master of Arts in Cultural Heritage Management (M.A.) Degree Course Regulations, published as Legal Notice 303 of 2006 shall be deemed to cease to be in force as from 1st October 2012.

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