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L.N. 292 of 2013

EDUCATION ACT
(CAP. 327)

Bye-Laws of 2013 to amend the Bye-Laws of 2009 in terms of the General Regulations for University Postgraduate Awards, 2008 for the Degree of Master of Education under the auspices of the Faculty of Education

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 of Education 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

1. These bye-laws may be cited as the Bye-Laws of 2013 to amend the Bye-Laws of 2009 in terms of the General Regulations for the University Postgraduate Awards, 2008 for the degree of Master of Education, and shall be read and construed as one with the Bye-Laws of 2009 in terms of the General Regulations for University Postgraduate Awards, 2008 for the Degree of Master of Education under the auspices of the Faculty of Education, published as Legal Notice 75 of 2009, hereinafter referred to as "the principal bye-laws".

Applicability

2. These bye-laws shall apply to courses commencing in October 2013 or later.

Amendment to bye-law 8 of the principal bye-laws

3. For bye-law 8 of the principal bye-laws there shall be substituted the following**:**

"8. The programme of study for any area of study offered in the Course may be either mainly taught or mainly by research.

9. (1) Mainly taught programmes of study shall comprise taught study-units to which a total of 60 credits are assigned and a dissertation study-unit to which 30 credits are assigned.

(2) Students who obtain the 60 credits assigned to the taught study-units with an average mark of at least 50% and do not proceed with the Course, or having proceeded do not successfully complete the dissertation, shall be eligible for the award of a Postgraduate Diploma in the relevant area of study.

10. (1) Programmes of study mainly by research shall be of two types and shall comprise:

(a) taught study-units to which 30 credits are assigned and a dissertation study-unit to which 60 credits are assigned; or

(b) taught study-units to which 10 credits are assigned and a dissertation study-unit to which 80 credits are assigned.

(2) Only one of the above two types can be offered in a particular study area in any one intake.

11. (1) Programmes of study for the Degree as detailed in paragraph (1) of bye-law 9 and in sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph (1) of bye-law 10 shall be published by the Board after approval by Senate normally not less than eight months prior to the commencement of the Course and shall indicate clearly the bye-law in terms of which they are being offered.

(2) Programmes of study for the Degree as detailed in sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph (1) of bye-law 10 shall be drawn up by the Board for each individual study area."

Renumbering of bye-laws 9 to 15 of the principal bye-laws

4. Bye-laws 9 to 15 of the principal bye-laws shall be re-numbered as bye-laws 12 to 18.

Amendment to bye-law 13 of the principal bye-laws

5. For bye-law 13 of the principal bye-laws there shall be substituted the following**:**

"Dissertations in Taught Programmes of Study

13. (1) In mainly taught programmes of study, students shall be required to submit an individual dissertation (30 credits) of not more than 25,000 words in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Board. The dissertation must also satisfy the Board as regards content and presentation.

(2) Work on the dissertation shall 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) Students shall be allowed to proceed to the third semester of the Course only if they achieve a 55% average by the end of the second semester.

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

Amendment to bye-law 14 of the principal bye-laws

6. For bye-law 14 of the principal bye-laws there shall be substituted the following:

"Dissertations in Programmes of Study by Research

14. (1) In programmes of study mainly by research, structured as detailed in sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph (1) of bye-law 10, students shall be required to submit an individual dissertation (60 credits) of approximately 35,000 words in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Board. The dissertation must also satisfy the Board as regards content and presentation.

(2) Work on the dissertation may be undertaken throughout the Course after approval of a detailed proposal which will also include a provisional title for the dissertation. This detailed research proposal shall be submitted to the Board for approval by the beginning of the second semester. Each student shall be assigned a supervisor who shall provide guidance and advice on a regular basis during the period of study."

Addition of bye-law 15 to the principal bye-laws

7. The following bye-law 15 shall be added after bye-law 14 of the principal bye-laws:

"Dissertations in Programmes of Study by Research

15. (1) (a) In programmes of study mainly by research, structured as detailed in sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph (1) of bye-law 10, students shall be required to submit an individual dissertation (80 credits) of approximately 50,000 words in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Board. The dissertation must also satisfy the Board as regards content and presentation.

(b) In the case of a dissertation in Art Education, the Board shall accept proposals for dissertations that incorporate artistic practice within the conceptual framework of a written dissertation. In such cases, the Board shall consider proposals for dissertations that are less than 50,000 words, to a minimum of 35,000 words.

(2) Applications for this type of research Master shall be approved by the Board and shall include the following details:

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(a) a provisional title; and

(b) a provisional research proposal, of approximately 300 words.

(3) Each student shall be assigned a supervisor by the Board who shall provide guidance and advice during the period of study, starting from the formulation of a detailed written proposal.

(4) A title for the dissertation and a detailed research proposal shall be submitted to the Board for approval by not later than the end of the first semester. Work on the dissertation may be undertaken throughout the Course after the Board's approval of the proposal."

Renumbering of bye-laws 15 to 18 of the principal bye-laws

8. Bye-laws 15 to 18 of the principal bye-laws shall be renumbered as bye-laws 16 to 19.

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