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L.N. 309 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 in Knowledge-Based Entrepreneurship under the auspices of the Centre for Entrepreneurship and Business Incubation

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 Centre for Entrepreneurship and Business Incubation in virtue of the powers conferred upon it by article 7 (b)(v) of the Statute for the Centre, which bye-laws have been approved by the Senate of the University of Malta:

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 in Knowledge-Based Entrepreneurship under the auspices of the Centre for Entrepreneurship and Business Incubation.

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

"the Board" means the Board of the Centre for Entrepreneurship and Business Incubation;

"the Course" means the programme of study leading to the degree of Master in Knowledge-Based Entrepreneurship;

"the Degree" means the degree of Master in Knowledge-Based Entrepreneurship;

"the Postgraduate Certificate" means the Postgraduate Certificate in Knowledge-Based Entrepreneurship;

"the Postgraduate Diploma" means the Postgraduate Diploma in Knowledge-Based Entrepreneurship; and

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

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Applicability

2. These bye-laws shall be applicable for courses commencing in September 2013 or later.

Requirements for Admission

3. (1) The Course shall be open to applicants in possession of a Bachelor degree from this University with at least Second Class (Honours) or Category II in the areas of Science, Information Technology, Engineering, Media, Communications, and the Humanities, or in any other area which the Board deems as appropriate.

(2) Applicants in possession of a Bachelor degree from this University with Third Class Honours or Category III in the disciplines highlighted in paragraph (1) of this bye-law may apply if they are also in possession of other qualifications or at least five years of relevant work experience, obtained following the first cycle degree. The admission of applicants under this bye-law may be made conditional on the results of an assessment as the Board may deem appropriate.

(3) Eligible applicants may register as visiting students for individual study-units and obtain credit for them. Should they be accepted to join the Course within five years from following the first study-unit, the Board may allow the transfer of these credits to the student's academic record for the Course.

Course Duration

4. The Course shall extend over three semesters of full-time study or the equivalent in part-time study.

Programme of Study

5. (1) The programme of study shall comprise study-units to which a total of 90 ECTS credits are assigned, of which 60 ECTS credits are assigned to taught study-units and 30 ECTS credits assigned to a Project Report involving a detailed business plan.

(2) Students who obtain 30 ECTS credits assigned to 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 Course, shall be eligible for the award of the Postgraduate Certificate, provided that the students pass all compulsory study-units as determined by the Board.

(3) Students who obtain the 60 ECTS 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 the Postgraduate Diploma.

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(4) The programme of study shall be published by the Board 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 completed by the end of the semester in which the teaching of the study-unit is held.

(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 if following the part-time Course, shall be given the opportunity to re-sit the failed assessments 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 study-unit shall be deemed to have failed the Course.

Project Report

7. (1) Students shall be required to submit a Project Report detailing a Business Plan of their own in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Board.

(2) Work on the Business Plan shall be undertaken during the final 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) An outline of the Business Plan shall be submitted to the Board for approval by the date indicated by the Board.

8. (1) Students shall be required to have regular contact with their supervisor.

(2) Supervisors shall submit to the Board progress reports for students under their supervision at the end of each semester of studies. Such reports may include recommendations to either (a) extend the period of study in order to enable the student to complete the Project Report; 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 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.

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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 components of the programme of study, all credits being weighted equally.

Special Provisions 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.

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