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L.N. 411 of 2013

EDUCATION ACT
(CAP. 327)

Bye-Laws of 2013 in terms of the General Regulations for University Undergraduate Awards, 2004 for the Degree of Bachelor of Laws (Honours) – LL.B. (Hons), the Degree of Bachelor of Laws – LL.B. and the Diploma of Legal Procurator – Dip. L.P. – under the auspices of the Faculty of Laws

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 Laws 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 Undergraduate Awards, 2004 for the degree of Bachelor of Laws (Honours) – LL.B. (Hons), the degree of Bachelor of Laws – LL.B., and the Diploma of Legal Procurator – Dip. L.P. – under the auspices of the Faculty of Laws.

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

"the Board" means the Board of the Faculty of Laws;

"the Course" means the programme of study leading to the degree of Bachelor of Laws (Honours) - LL.B. (Hons), the degree of Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) and to the Diploma of Legal Procurator - Dip. L.P. - as the case may be;

"the Honours Degree" means the degree of Bachelor of Laws (Honours) - LL.B. (Hons);

"the Degree" means the degree of Bachelor of Laws – LL.B.;

"the Diploma" means the Diploma of Legal Procurator - Dip. L.P.; and

"the Principal Regulations" means the General Regulations for University Undergraduate Awards, 2004.

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Applicability

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

Special Course Requirements

3. Apart from satisfying the general requirements for admission as specified in the Admission Regulations of the University of Malta, applicants for the Honours Degree, the Degree and the Diploma shall also satisfy the following requirements:

(a) for ***courses commencing in 2012 and 2013,*** be in possession of passes at Grade C or better at Advanced Matriculation Level or equivalent in two subjects chosen from Computing, Information Technology and all the subjects in Groups 1, 2 and 3 of the Matriculation Examination;

(b) for ***courses commencing in 2014,*** be in possession of*:*

(i) two passes at Grade C or better at Advanced Matriculation Level or equivalent (if applicable) in either English and Maltese; or in either English or Maltese, and another subject chosen from Group 1 or Group 2 of the Matriculation Examination; and

(ii) a pass at Grade C or better at Intermediate Matriculation Level or equivalent in either English or Maltese (if any one of these languages is not offered at Advanced Matriculation Level), together with two passes at Intermediate Matriculation Level or equivalent in subjects chosen as follows: one subject chosen from Group 2 and one subject chosen from Group 3. If both English and Maltese are offered at Advanced Matriculation Level, students will need to present three passes at Intermediate Matriculation Level or equivalent, one of which at Grade C or better, in subjects chosen as follows: one subject chosen from Group 2, one subject chosen from Group 3 and one subject (except English and Maltese) chosen from any Group,

provided that students who have obtained qualifications comparable to the Intermediate and Advanced Matriculation Levels from a foreign examining board shall be allowed to enter the Course without the Maltese requirement indicated in this bye-law but shall be required to offer another subject at Grade C or better instead and shall also be required to obtain a pass at Intermediate Level or higher in Maltese before proceeding to the Doctor of Laws course.

(c) for ***courses commencing in 2015 or later*****,** be in possession of:

(i) two passes at Grade C or better at Advanced Matriculation Level or equivalent in English and Maltese; and

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(ii) three passes at Intermediate Matriculation Level or equivalent, one of which at grade C or better, in subjects chosen as follows: one subject from Group 2, one subject from Group 3, and one subject (except English and Maltese) from any group.

Duration of Courses

4. (1) The Honours Degree course shall extend over a period of four years of full-time study.

(2) The Degree course shall extend over a period of three years of full-time study, which shall be the first three years of the Honours Degree.

(3) The Diploma course when followed concurrently with the Degree course shall extend over a period of three years of full-time study.

Programmes of Study

5. (1) The Honours Degree may be awarded in Laws following the successful completion of study-units to which 240 ECTS credits are assigned as set out in the programme of study.

(2) The Degree may be awarded in Laws following the successful completion of study-units to which 180 ECTS credits are assigned as set out in the programme of study.

(3) When followed concurrently with the Degree course, the Diploma may be awarded following the successful completion of study-units to which 180 ECTS credits as set out in the programme of study, which will include study-units in substantive and procedural law.

(4) Students shall not register for more than 60 ECTS credits per academic year.

(5) The Board shall publish the programme of study for the Honours Degree course, the Degree course and the Diploma course drawn up in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Principal Regulations, and approved by Senate.

(6) Subject to changes that the Board may, with the approval of Senate, be constrained to make, students shall be bound to follow the study-units and obtain the credits as indicated in the programme of study they are following for the Honours Degree, the Degree and the Diploma course.

Diploma Course Programme

6. (1) The course leading to the Diploma may be followed either concurrently with the course leading to the Degree or following successful completion of the course leading to the Degree or the Honours Degree.

(2) For courses commencing in October 2014 or later, the programme of study for the Diploma shall consist of study-units to which 60 ECTS credits are assigned, comprising also study-units dealing with both substantive and procedural law and which, when followed concurrently with the programme of study leading to the Degree, shall be followed in lieu of, or together with, other Law study-units, as directed by the Board. For courses commencing in October 2012 and 2013, the programme of study for the Diploma shall consist of study-units to which 30 ECTS credits are assigned.

(3) Students who take up the option to follow the course leading to the Diploma concurrently with the course leading to the Degree shall indicate their option at the end of the first year of the Course and prior to registering in the second year and shall only qualify for the Diploma if they also satisfy all the requirements for the Degree.

(4) Students who do not opt to follow the Diploma programme of study concurrently with the course leading to the Degree may register for the study-units in the Diploma programme in an additional year of study following their obtaining the Degree or the Honours Degree. In these instances, successful completion of the Degree or the Honours Degree programme is a prerequisite for registration in the Diploma.

Classification of the Awards

7. The final weighted average mark for the classification of the Honours Degree and Degree shall be based on the results obtained in all the components of the programme of study, all years being weighted equally.

Repeal

8. The Bye-Laws of 2005 in terms of the General Regulations for University Undergraduate Awards, 2004 for the Degree of Bachelor of Laws – LL.B. – and the Diploma of Legal Procurator – Dip. L.P., published as Legal Notice 168 of 2005, shall be deemed to cease to be in force as from the 30 September 2012, provided that students registered for this course before the 1 October 2012 shall continue to be governed by the bye-laws that were in force at the time of their joining the course.

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