

L.N. 352 of 2014

**EDUCATION ACT
(CAP. 327)**

Certificate in Foundation Studies Course Regulations, 2014

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 regulations made by the Senate of the University of Malta by virtue of the powers conferred upon it by articles 75 and 79 of the said Act:

Citation and Interpretation

1. (1) These regulations may be cited as the Certificate in Foundation Studies Course Regulations, 2014.

(2) In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires –

“the Board of Studies” means the Board of Studies appointed for the Course by Senate;

“the Certificate” means the Certificate in Foundation Studies; and

“the Course” means the programmes of study leading to the Certificate in Foundation Studies.

Applicability

2. These regulations shall be applicable for courses commencing in October 2014 or later.

Registration for the Course

3. The Course shall be open to all applicants who:

(a) present a secondary and/or high school certificate issued abroad and who studied within an educational system that is not comparable to the Maltese educational system (in terms of curriculum, years of study, etc.); and

(b) are in possession of one of the following qualifications in English at the required level:

(i) Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) Internet-Based Test (iBT) with an overall score of 61, and a minimum score of 17 in the reading and writing components; or

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(ii) International English Language Testing System (IELTS) with an overall band score of 5.5, with a reading and writing score of at least 5.0; or
 (iii) Cambridge First Certificate at grade C or better; or
 (iv) any other equivalent qualification approved by the Admissions Board; and

(c) are in possession of qualifications allowing access to an undergraduate course in the selected discipline in the country where such qualifications originate; but

(d) are deemed to require further study to be admitted to undergraduate degree courses at the University of Malta,

provided that the Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy and Allied Health Sciences programme referred to in paragraph (1) of regulation 6 shall be open only to qualified applicants from non-EU countries in terms of agreements signed by the University with the State of Kuwait, the Sultanate of Oman, and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Duration of Course

4. The Course extends over a period of one academic year of full-time study. The Board of Studies may allow students to repeat the Course once only.

Board of Studies

5. (1) The general administration of the Course shall be entrusted to the Board of Studies.

(2) The Board of Studies shall be composed as follows:

A Chairman, appointed by Senate
 Director/Coordinator of the 3 programmes
 Three Academic Members appointed by Senate
 Three student representatives, elected one from each programme.

Director, International and EU Office (Secretary)

Programmes of Study

6. (1) The programmes of study aim to bridge differences between the Maltese educational system and other systems. They shall consist of a number of study-units to which up to 65 ECTS credits are assigned and shall be offered in the following subject areas:

Humanities and Commerce;

Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy and Allied Health Sciences; and
Science.

(2) The Board of Studies shall draw up programmes of study indicating the code, title, type of each study-unit, and the credits assigned to each study-unit, as well as study-unit descriptions including the methods of teaching and assessment. The Board of Studies shall publish the programmes of study and study-units descriptions prior to the commencement of each Course, following the approval of Senate. Subject to the approval of Senate, the Board of Studies may make any necessary changes to the programmes of study and to the study-units descriptions as required.

Attendance and Assessment

7. Attendance to all teaching sessions in whatever mode is obligatory. Students must attend at least 80% of all teaching sessions in a study-unit before being allowed to sit for the assessment, except with the permission of the Board of Studies which, in exceptional circumstances, may approve that the student be allowed to sit for the assessment/s. In cases where the student is not allowed to sit for the assessment a 0 mark and an F grade shall be assigned and recorded.

8. Students shall be re-assessed in any number of study-units during an examination session as directed by the Board of Studies. Such re-assessments shall be allowed in both passed and failed study-units. Any mark may be obtained in the reassessment session.

9. Practical work constituting the whole or part of a study-unit or work that is assessed periodically throughout a semester shall not be re-assessed.

Award of the Certificate

10. (1) The Certificate, indicating the subject area followed, shall be awarded to students who successfully complete the full programme of study in one academic year.

(2) The best marks obtained in each study-unit during the same academic year shall be recorded in the students' academic record and transcript.

Access and Admission to University Undergraduate Courses

11. Students who obtain the Certificate in a particular programme are required to complete the University admissions procedure as it pertains to the undergraduate degree course being applied for. Students may only apply for undergraduate degree courses relevant to the subject area they followed in the Course.

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General Provision

12. In matters not provided for by these regulations, the Board of Studies shall be guided by the provisions of the General Regulations for University Undergraduate Awards, 2004, published as Legal Notice 127 of 2004, as applicable.

Repeal

13. The Certificate in Foundation Studies Course Regulations, 2000, published as Legal Notice 192 of 2000, and the Certificate in Medical Foundation Studies (Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy and Allied Health Sciences) Course Regulations 2013, published as Legal Notice 239 of 2010 shall be deemed to cease to be in force as from 1 October 2014.

