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L.N. 457 of 2014

EDUCATION ACT
(CAP. 327)

Bye-Laws of 2014 in terms of the General Regulations for University Postgraduate Awards, 2008 for the Degree of Master in Lifelong Career Guidance and Development under the auspices of the Centre for Labour Studies and 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 Boards of the Centre for Labour Studies and the Faculty of Education in virtue of the powers conferred upon them by article 6 (b) (v) of the Statute for the Centre and 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 2014 in terms of the General Regulations for University Postgraduate Awards, 2008 for the degree of Master in Lifelong Career Guidance and Development under the auspices of the Centre for Labour Studies and the Faculty of Education.

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

"the Board of Studies" means the Board of Studies appointed by Senate for the Course, on the recommendations of the Boards of the Centre for Labour Studies and of the Faculty of Education;

"the Course" means the programme of study leading to the degree of Master in Lifelong Career Guidance and Development;

"the Degree" means the degree of Master in Lifelong Career Guidance and Development;

"the Postgraduate Certificate" means the Postgraduate Certificate in Lifelong Career Guidance and Development – P.G.Cert.;

"the Postgraduate Diploma" means the Postgraduate Diploma in Lifelong Career Guidance and Development – P.G.Dip.; 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 2015 or later.

Requirements for Admission

3. (1) The Course shall be open to applicants in possession a first cycle degree with at least Category IIB in an area of study deemed relevant by the Board of Studies.

(2) Applicants in possession of the Postgraduate Diploma in Lifelong Career Guidance may be allowed to join Part Two of the Course, if they have completed sucessfully the Postgraduate Diploma programme with a minimum average mark of 65%.

(3) All applicants shall be required to demonstrate that they have the necessary aptitude and disposition to follow the Course with profit.

(4) Professional aptitude and disposition shall be measured by means of a personal interview conducted by a board appointed for the purpose.

(5) The Board of Studies shall recommend to Senate the number of applicants that may be allowed to register on the Course, depending on the availability of resources. The number of available places shall be announced at the time of the call for applications.

(6) If the number of applicants exceeds the number of available places, applicants shall be selected according, to the following criteria, the weighting for which shall be published at the time of the call for applications:

(a) degree type and classification;
(b) professional aptitude and disposition (based on the result of the interview referred to in paragraph (4) of this bye-law); and
(c) work experience in the area or a related field.

(7) For the purpose of selection, applicants whose qualifications, as stipulated in paragraph (1) of this bye-law were obtained by 31 August preceding the commencement of the Course shall be considered first.

(8) The interviewing board appointed by the Board of Studies shall be composed of at least three members.

Course Duration

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

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Programme of Study

5. The programme of study shall consist of two parts, namely:

(a) Part One which shall comprise a number of taught study-units to which 60 ECTS credits are assigned; and

(b) Part Two consisting of research work and the writing of a dissertation to which 30 ECTS credits are assigned.

6. 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.

7. 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.

8. 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

9. (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.

10. Students shall be allowed to proceed to the dissertation study-unit subject to obtaining the 60 ECTS credits assigned to the taught study-units with a minimum average mark of 65%.

Dissertation

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

(2) Work on the dissertation shall be undertaken during the third semester of the Course. Each student shall be assigned one or more supervisors 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 of Studies for approval by the date indicated by the Board of Studies.

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

(2) Supervisors shall submit to the Board of Studies 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 a 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 of Studies may not terminate studies prematurely according to (b) until it has first given the student a chance to be heard.

Classification of the Awards

13. 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

14. 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 of Studies as necessary due to the part-time nature of the Course.

Repeal

15. The Bye-Laws of 2009 for the Postgraduate Diploma in Lifelong Career Guidance and Development, published as Legal Notice 113 of 2009, shall be deemed to cease to be in force as from 1st October 2015, provided that students registered for the Course before 1st October 2015 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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