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L.N. 42 of 2015

EDUCATION ACT
(CAP. 327)

Bye-Laws of 2015 to amend the Bye-Laws of 2010 in terms of the General Regulations for University Postgraduate Awards, 2008 for the Degree of Master of Arts in Comparative Euro-Mediterranean Education Studies under the auspices of the Euro-Mediterranean Centre for Educational Research

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 Euro-Mediterranean Centre for Educational Research in virtue of the powers conferred upon it by article 5 (b) (v) of the Statute for the Centre, which bye-laws have been approved by the Senate of the University of Malta:

Citation

1. These bye-laws may be cited as the Bye-Laws of 2015 to amend the Bye-Laws of 2010 in terms of the General Regulations for University Postgraduate Awards, 2008 for the degree of Master of Arts in Comparative Euro-Mediterranean Education Studies and shall be read and construed as one with the Bye-Laws of 2010 in terms of the General Regulations for University Postgraduate Awards, 2008 for the Degree of Master of Arts in Comparative Euro-Mediterranean Education Studies, under the auspices of the Euro-Mediterranean Centre for Educational Research, published as Legal Notice 480 of 2010, hereinafter referred to as "the principal bye-laws".

Applicability

2. These bye-laws shall be applicable for courses commencing in February 2015 or later.

Amendment to bye-law 3 of the principal bye-laws

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

"Requirements for Admission

3. (1) The mainly taught programme shall be open to applicants in possession of one of the following qualifications:

(a) a Bachelor degree with at least Second Class Honours in an area of study deemed relevant by the Board; or

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(b) a Bachelor degree with at least Category IIA and an average grade B in a main area of study deemed relevant by the Board; or

(c) a degree from this or another university which the Board considers comparable to the degrees indicated in sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) of this bye-law.

(2) The mainly research programme shall be open to applicants in possession of one of the following qualifications:

(a) a Bachelor degree in Education with at least Second Class Honours from this University or a degree from another university recognised as equivalent for the purpose; or

(b) any other degree with at least Second Class Honours or Category II together with a recognised teaching or education qualification.

(3) Admission to the mainly research programme is subject to approval of a preliminary proposal to be submitted by the applicant, with approval being conditioned by: (i) adequate foundational background of the applicant in relation to the dissertation proposal; and (ii) availability of a supervisor with expertise in the area identified in the dissertation proposal.

(4) Senate, on the advice of the Board, may limit the number of students that may be admitted to both programmes of the Course. The number of places available shall be announced at the time of the call for applications.

(5) If there are more eligible applicants than the number of places available for each programme, applicants shall be selected after an interview by an interviewing board appointed by the Board and which shall be composed of at least three members. Preference shall normally be given to graduates in Education, including those who have obtained the Postgraduate Certificate in Education or those who have furthered their studies at postgraduate level in education.

(6) The interviewing board shall select applicants according to the following criteria, the weighting of which shall be published at the time of the call for applications:

(a) degree type and classification;
(b) work experience in the area or a related field;
(c) performance during the interview; and
(d) professional aptitude and disposition.

(7) Applicants must provide proof of adequate English proficiency to the satisfaction of the Board, as applicable.

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(8) Students eligible for registration may be required to follow supplementary study-units laid down by the Board up to a maximum of 12 credits, after taking into consideration the relation of their previous studies to the Course."

Amendment to bye-laws 5 and 6 of the principal bye-laws

4. For bye-laws 5 and 6 of the principal bye-laws there shall be substituted the following:

"Programme of Study

5. The programmes of study shall comprise study-units to which a total of 90 credits shall be assigned.

6. (1) The programme of study may be either mainly taught or mainly by research.

(2) (a) The mainly taught programme shall include a taught component which shall comprise study-units to which 60 credits are assigned and a research component which shall comprise a dissertation study-unit to which 30 credits are assigned.

(b) The taught component of the Course shall comprise a compulsory common programme including study-units to which 40 credits shall be assigned, and a specialist programme relevant to the students' dissertation research to which 20 credits shall be assigned. This component shall be designed so as to have a special focus on education issues in Europe and the Mediterranean areas.

(c) Students who obtain the 60 credits assigned to the taught component 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.

(3) The mainly research programme of study shall include a taught component which shall comprise study-units to which 30 credits are assigned and a research component which shall comprise a dissertation study-unit to which 60 credits are assigned.

(4) Programmes 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."

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

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

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"Dissertations

8. (1) (a) In mainly taught programmes of study, students shall submit a provisional title and a detailed research proposal for the dissertation within six months of their registration for the Course, in the format specified in the guidelines which the Board sets out for the purpose.

(b) Students shall be required to submit a dissertation of approximately 25,000 and 30,000 words.

(c) 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.

(2) (a) In mainly research programmes of study, students shall submit a provisional title and a detailed research proposal for the dissertation by the beginning of the second semester, in the format specified in the guidelines which the Board sets out for the purpose.

(b) Students shall be required to submit a dissertation of approximately 50,000 words.

(c) Work on the dissertation shall be undertaken at any time during the Course after approval of the research proposal. Each student shall be assigned a supervisor who shall provide guidance and advice on a regular basis during the period of study.

(3) All dissertations shall be either a record of original work or an ordered and critical expression of existing data with regard to a particular subject, and must satisfy the Centre as regards language and presentation."

Amendment to bye-law 9 of the principal bye-laws

6. For paragraph (1) of bye-law 9 of the principal bye-laws there shall be substituted the following:

"9. (1) In all cases, students shall be required to have regular contact with their supervisor."

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