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L.N. 104 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 International Master of Science in Sustainable Environmental Resources Management – M.Sc. (SERM) - under the auspices of the Institute of Earth Systems

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 Institute of Earth Systems in virtue of the powers conferred upon it by article 8 (b) (v) of the Statute of the Institute 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 International Master of Science in Sustainable Environmental Resources Management – M.Sc. (SERM) - 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 International Master of Science in Sustainable Environmental Resources Management – M.Sc. (SERM) - under the auspices of the Institute of Earth Systems, published as Legal Notice 548 of 2010, hereinafter referred to as "the principal bye-laws".

Applicability

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

Amendment to the title of the principal bye-laws

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

"Bye-Laws of 2015 in terms of the General Regulations for University Postgraduate Awards, 2008 for the Degree of International Master of Science in Environmental Management and Sustainability – M.Sc. (EMS) - under the auspices of the Institute of Earth Systems"

Amendment to bye-law 1 of the principal bye-laws

4. For paragraphs (1) and (2) of bye-law 1 of the principal bye-laws there shall be substituted the following:

"Citation and Interpretation

1. (1) These bye-laws may be cited as the Bye-Laws of 2015 in terms of the General Regulations for University Postgraduate Awards, 2008 for the degree of International Master of Science in Environmental Management and Sustainability – MSc. (EMS) - under the auspices of the Institute of Earth Systems.

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

"the Board" means the Board of Studies as appointed by the Senate on the recommendation of the Institute of Earth Systems after consultation with the Partner University;

"the Course" means the programme of study leading to the degree of International Master of Science in Environmental Management and Sustainability - MSc. (EMS);

"the Degree" means the double degree of Master of Science in Environmental Management and Sustainability - MSc. (EMS) – of the University and the Partner University;

"the Partner University" means James Madison University, Virginia, USA;

"the Postgraduate Diploma" means the Postgraduate Diploma in Environmental Management and Sustainability – P.G.Dip. (EMS);

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

"the Senate" means the Senate of the University of Malta; and

"the University" means the University of Malta."

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

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

"3. The Course shall be open to applicants in possession of a first cycle degree in Earth Systems, Science or Engineering or in another area of study which the Board considers as appropriate, provided that the first cycle degree is obtained with a second class honours or better classification, or an equivalent classification."

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Amendment to bye-law 5 of the principal bye-laws

6. For paragraph (1) of bye-law 5 of the principal bye-laws there shall be substituted the following:

"5. (1) The programme of study shall comprise study-units to which a total of 90 credits are assigned, of which at least 60 credits are assigned to taught study-units and 30 credits are assigned to the research project study-unit."

Amendment to bye-law 7 of the principal bye-laws

7. For bye-law 7 of the principal bye-laws there shall be substituted the following:

"Research Project

7. (1) Work on the research project 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) The title of the research project and a detailed research proposal shall be approved by the Board not later than two months after the start of the second semester."

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

8. For paragraph (2) of bye-law 8 of the principal bye-laws there shall be substituted the following:

"(2) Supervisors shall submit to the Board progress reports for students under their supervision. Such reports may include a recommendation to either (a) extend the period of study in order to enable the student to complete the research project; 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."

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

9. For bye-law 9 of the principal bye-laws there shall be substituted the following:

"9. (1) For the examination of the research project, the Board of Examiners shall be composed of three examiners from the University and the Partner University, and shall normally include the supervisor and the co-supervisor when one is appointed.

(2) Students shall normally be required to take a *viva voce* examination to defend their research project and this may be conducted using electronic means of communication if so approved by the Board."

Amendment to bye-law 10 of the principal bye-laws

10. For bye-law 10 of the principal bye-laws there shall be substituted the following:

"10. Students whose research project is found unsatisfactory may either fail or may be required by the Board of Examiners to rewrite the document in whole or in part and to re-submit it for examination. Students may re-submit the research project not later than four months from notification of the decision by the Board of Examiners."

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