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L.N. 167 of 2015**EDUCATION ACT
(CAP. 327)****University Undergraduate Awards (Amendment) Regulations, 2015**

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 (3) and 79 (b) of the said Act:

Citation

1. These regulations may be cited as the University Undergraduate Awards (Amendment) Regulations, 2015, and shall be read and construed as one with the General Regulations for University Undergraduate Awards, published as Legal Notice 127 of 2004, hereinafter referred to as “the principal regulations”.

Applicability

2. These regulations shall be applicable from 23rd January, 2015 onwards.

Amendment to regulation 10 of the principal regulations

3. For regulation 10 of the principal regulations there shall be substituted the following:

“Suspension of Studies

10. (1) The Board may allow students, for a good and sufficient reason, to suspend their studies for a maximum period of twelve months, irrespective of whether the student is registered on a full-time or part-time basis. In such cases, the period of suspension of studies shall not be taken into consideration for calculating the period of registration in the Course in terms of the duration requirement.

(2) A student who is on suspension of studies shall not follow any study-unit, sit for any assessment, or work on the dissertation.”

Addition of regulations 84 to 87 to the principal regulations

4. The following regulations 84 to 87 shall be added after regulation 83 of the principal regulations:

“Dissertation Copies

84. Before graduating, and where applicable, students shall present two hard bound copies of the dissertation to the Faculty, and one electronic version for the University Library, which shall include a signed declaration of authenticity. The electronic version must conform to the standards set by the University of Malta Library.

Copyright and Intellectual Property

85. Students must abide by the University of Malta Intellectual Property Policy.

Confidentiality Agreements

86. (1) Confidential information includes, but is not limited to, training know-how, information, methodologies and manuals; workbooks; statements of operating practice; specifications; drawings; designs; formulae; discoveries; inventions; technical information; know-how generally; lab notebooks; manuscript papers; software; information about the methods, concepts and techniques on which software is based; samples; finances; financial models; pricing and other commercial information; business plans; marketing plans; and any information considered to be sensitive by the University Research Ethics Committee.

(2) Students are bound not to disclose any confidential information which may come into their possession and/or which they are exposed to and/or which they have access to. Furthermore, students may be asked by the University to sign specific confidentiality agreements should it be deemed necessary.

(3) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (1) of this regulation, information shall not be considered as confidential information if:

(a) it was already known to the student and it was not subject to any obligation of confidentiality by the student to the University;

(b) it is or becomes publicly known without the act or omission of the student;

(c) it is obtained by the student from a third party with a valid right to disclose such confidential information, provided that said third party is not under a confidentiality obligation to the University;

(d) it is approved for release in writing by an authorised representative of the University; or

(e) the student is specifically required to disclose pursuant to a law or order of any Court of competent jurisdiction.

Confidentiality of Assessable Student Work

87. (1) Where the student considers that assessable student work should remain confidential during or after completion of the programme of study or research, a request for it to be embargoed must be made to the Library Committee. The Library Committee shall consult with the Faculty concerned before taking a decision. The period of confidentiality approved shall not normally exceed two years from final submission of such work to the University. However, in cases where publication of the assessable student work would prove detrimental to the student or the University or the sponsor or the funding body or the persons referred to in such work, a further period may be approved.

(2) In any case and without prejudice to paragraph (1) of this regulation, the University retains the right to request the embargo of assessable student work. In the event that assessable student work is embargoed, the student shall be bound to treat the contents of such work as confidential. Prior to any publication, the provisions about publication and exploitation, as detailed in the University of Malta Intellectual Property Policy shall apply in every case.”

