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L.N. 316 of 2015

EDUCATION ACT
(CAP. 327)

Bye-Laws of 2015 in terms of the General Regulations for University Undergraduate Awards, 2004 for the degree of Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Public Administration B.A. (Hons) Pub.Admin. – under the auspices of the Institute of Public Administration and Management

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 Public Administration and Management in virtue of the powers conferred upon it by article 7 (b) (v) of the Statute for the Institute which bye-laws have been approved by the Senate of the University of Malta:

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 Undergraduate Awards, 2004 for the degree of Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Public Administration – B.A. (Hons) Pub.Admin. - under the auspices of the Institute of Public Administration and Management.

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

"the Board" means the Board of the Institute of Public Administration and Management;

"the Board of Studies" means the Board of Studies appointed by Senate for the Course;

"the Course" means the programme of study leading to the degree of Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Public Administration – B.A. (Hons) Pub.Admin.;

"the Degree" means the degree of Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Public Administration – B.A. (Hons) Pub.Admin.;

"the Diploma" means the Diploma in Public Administration - D.P.A.; and

"the Higher Diploma" means the Higher Diploma in Public Administration – H.Dip. P.A.; and

"the Principal Regulations" means the General Regulations for University Undergraduate Awards, 2004.

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Applicability

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

Requirements for Admission

3. (1) Admission to the Course may, with the approval of Senate, be restricted to applicants who are eligible for admission as regular students in terms of the Admission Regulations of the University and are nominated by an organisation that commissions the Course.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (1) of this bye-law, the Board may recommend to Senate the number of students that may be admitted to the Course, depending on the resources available. If any such recommendation is made and approved, the number of available places shall be announced at the time of the call for applications.

(3) If there are more eligible applicants than the number of places available, applicants shall be selected after they have undertaken a written test, conducted by the Board of Studies, which shall make its recommendations taking the following criteria and weightings into consideration:

(a) academic qualifications – 30%;
(b) performance in the written test – 50%; and
(c) experience of, and interest in, public administration -20%.

(4) For the purpose of selection, applicants who fully satisfy the general entry requirements by 31st August preceding the commencement of the Course shall be placed in rank order and those for whom places are available shall be accepted and informed accordingly.

(5) Applicants in possession of the Diploma in Public Administration (D.P.A.) of this University, or a comparable qualification, may also be admitted to the Course. Subject to the provisions of the Principal Regulations, such applicants may be allowed by the Board of Studies to transfer these credits to the Course. The number of credits so transferred shall not exceed 60 ECTS credits.

Course Duration

4. The Course shall extend over five years of part-time study.

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Programme of Study

5. (1) The Course shall consist of a number of taught study-units to which 180 ECTS credits shall be assigned.

(2) Students who successfully complete taught study-units to which 60 ECTS credits are assigned and opt not to proceed with the Course, or having proceeded do not successfully complete the Course, shall be entitled to the Diploma.

(3) Students who successfully complete taught study-units to which a total of 90 ECTS credits are assigned and opt not to proceed with the Course, or having proceeded do not successfully complete the Course, shall be entitled to the Higher Diploma.

6. The programme of study shall be published after approval by Senate, normally not less than eight months prior to the commencement of the Course.

Classification of the Awards

7. The Final Weighted Average Mark for the purpose of the classification of the Degree, the Higher Diploma and the Diploma shall be based on the results obtained in all components of the programme of study, all credits being weighted equally.

Repeal

8. The Bye-Laws of 2005 in terms of the General Regulations for University Undergraduate Awards, 2004 for the Diploma in Public Administration - D.P.A. - under the auspices of the Institute of Public Administration and Management, published as Legal Notice 183 of 2005, shall be deemed to cease to be in force as from 1 October 2015, provided that students registered for this course before the 1 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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