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L.N. 323 of 2015

EDUCATION ACT
(CAP. 327)

Bye-Laws of 2015 to amend the Bye-Laws of 2011 in terms of the General Regulations for University Postgraduate Awards, 2008 for the Postgraduate Diploma in Educational Leadership under the auspices of 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 Board of the Faculty of Education in virtue of the powers conferred upon it by 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

1. These bye-laws may be cited as the Bye-Laws of 2015 to amend the Bye-Laws of 2011 in terms of the General Regulations for University Postgraduate Awards, 2008 for the Postgraduate Diploma in Educational Leadership and shall be read and construed as one with the Bye-Laws of 2011 in terms of the General Regulations for University Postgraduate Awards, 2008 for the Postgraduate Diploma in Educational Leadership, under the auspices of the Faculty of Education, published as Legal Notice 473 of 2011, hereinafter referred to as 'the principal bye-laws'.

Applicability

2. These bye-laws shall apply to courses commencing in October 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 Master of Arts in Educational Leadership and Management – M.A. – under the auspices of the Faculty of Education"

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

4. For 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 Master of Arts in Educational Leadership and Management – M.A. - under the auspices of the Faculty of Education.

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

"the Board" means the Board of the Faculty of Education;

"the Course" means the programme of study leading to the degree of Master of Arts in Educational Leadership and Management – M.A.;

"the Degree" means the Degree of Master of Arts in Educational Leadership and Management – M.A.;

"the Postgraduate Diploma" means the Postgraduate Diploma in Educational Leadership and Management – P.G. Dip.; and

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

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

5. The following paragraph (2) shall be added after paragraph (1) of bye-law 3 of the principal bye-laws:

"(2) Applicants in possession of the Postgraduate Diploma in Educational Leadership may be allowed to join Part Two of the Course, if they have completed successfully this Postgraduate Diploma with a minimum average mark of 65%."

6. Paragraphs (2) to (4) of bye-law 3 shall be renumbered as paragraphs (3) to (5).

Amendment to bye-law 4 of the principal bye-laws

7. For bye-law 4 of the principal bye-laws there shall be substituted the following:

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"Course Duration

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

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

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

"5. (1) 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.

(2) 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.

(3) In cases where students lack essential knowledge in the area of research methodology, the Board may require students admitted to the Course to follow and pass supplementary study-unit/s in the said area to which a maximum of 12 ECTS credits are assigned in addition to the programme specified in paragraph (1) of this bye-law."

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

9. The following paragraph (4) shall be added after paragraph (3) of bye-law 7 of the principal bye-laws:

"(4) 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%."

Addition of bye-laws 8 and 9 to the principal bye-laws

10. Bye-laws 8 and 9 shall be added after bye-law 7 of the principal bye-laws:

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"Dissertation

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

(2) 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.

(3) A provisional title for the dissertation and a research proposal shall be submitted to the Board for approval by the end of the second semester.

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

(2) Supervisors shall submit to the Board progress reports for each student under their supervision at the end of each semester. 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 may not terminate studies prematurely according to (b) until it has first given the student a chance to defend his case."

Renumbering of bye-laws 8 and 9 of the principal bye-laws

11. Bye-laws 8 and 9 of the principal bye-laws shall be renumbered as bye-laws 10 and 11.

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

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

"Classification of the Awards

10. 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."

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