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EDUCATION ACT
(CAP. 327)

Bye-Laws of 2016 in terms of the General Regulations for University Postgraduate Awards, 2008 for the Degree of Master of Arts in Catholic School Leadership – M.A. - under the auspices of the Faculty of Theology and 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 Boards of the Faculty of Theology and the Faculty of Education in virtue of the powers conferred upon them 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 and Interpretation

1. (1) These bye-laws may be cited as the Bye-Laws of 2016 in terms of the General Regulations for University Postgraduate Awards, 2008 for the degree of Master of Arts in Catholic School Leadership – M.A. - under the auspices of the Faculty of Theology and the Faculty of Education.

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

"the Board of Studies" means the Board of Studies appointed by Senate for the Course, on the recommendations of the Boards of the Faculty of Theology and of the Faculty of Education;

"the Course" means the programme of study leading to the degree of Master of Arts in Catholic School Leadership – M.A.;

"the Degree" means the degree of Master of Arts in Catholic School Leadership – M.A.;

"the Postgraduate Certificate" means the Postgraduate Certificate in Catholic School Leadership – P.G. Cert.;

"the Postgraduate Diploma" means the Postgraduate Diploma in Catholic School Leadership – P.G. Dip.; and

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

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Applicability

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

Requirements for Admission

3. The Course shall be open to applicants in possession of:

(a) a degree in education with at least Second Class Honours from this University or a degree from another university recognised as equivalent for the purpose, together with a minimum of five years' teaching experience; or

(b) any other degree with at least Second Class Honours together with a recognised teaching or education qualification and a minimum of five years' teaching experience; or

(c) a degree in education or a Teacher's Certificate, together with at least five years' teaching experience and other suitable qualifications obtained following the degree or after the Teacher's Certificate; or

(d) any first cycle degree with either the Postgraduate Certificate in Education or a recognised teaching qualification, together with five years' experience in an education setting; or

(e) a qualification deemed by Senate, on the recommendation of the Board of Studies, to be equivalent to the qualifications listed in sub-paragraphs (a) to (d) of this bye-law, together with at least five years' teaching experience.

Course Duration

4. The Course shall extend over six semesters of part-time study.

Programme of Study

5. The programme of study shall comprise study-units to which a total of 90 ECTS credits are assigned, of which 60 ECTS credits are assigned to taught study-units and 30 ECTS credits are assigned to the dissertation study-unit.

6. Students who obtain 30 ECTS credits assigned to 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 Course, shall be eligible for the award of the Postgraduate Certificate.

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7. 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.

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

Assessment and Progress

9. (1) The assessment of each taught study-unit shall be completed by the end of the semester in which the teaching of the study-unit is held.

(2) Students who in any academic year fail in the assessment of not more than 10 ECTS credits shall be given the opportunity to re-sit the failed assessment during the September supplementary examination session.

(3) Students who fail more than the number of credits permitted under paragraph (2) of this bye-law or students who after re-assessment fail to obtain credit for any study-unit, shall be deemed to have failed the Course.

Dissertation

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

(2) Work on the dissertation shall be undertaken during the last two semesters 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 of Studies for approval not later than six weeks before the end of the fourth semester.

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

(2) Supervisors shall submit to the Board of Studies progress reports for each student under their supervision at the end of each semester of studies. Such reports may include recommendations 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:

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(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 of Studies may not terminate studies prematurely according to (b) until it has first given the student a chance to be heard.

Classification of the Awards

12. (1) 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 course programme, all credits being weighted equally.

(2) The Postgraduate Certificate shall be awarded unclassified.

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