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L.N. 157 of 2016

EDUCATION ACT
(CAP. 327)

Bye-Laws of 2016 to amend the Bye-Laws of 2010 in terms of the General Regulations for University Postgraduate Awards, 2008 for the Degree of Master of Gerontology and Geriatrics - M.Ger. - under the auspices of the European Centre for Gerontology

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 for Social Wellbeing 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 2016 to amend the Bye-Laws of 2010 in terms of the General Regulations for University Postgraduate Awards, 2008 for the degree of Master of Gerontology and Geriatrics - M.Ger. - 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 Master of Gerontology and Geriatrics - M.Ger. - under the auspices of the European Centre for Gerontology, published as Legal Notice 547 of 2010, hereinafter referred to as "the principal bye-laws".

Applicability

2. These bye-laws shall be applicable for courses commencing in October 2016 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 2016 in terms of the General Regulations for University Postgraduate Awards, 2008 for the Degree of Master of Gerontology and Geriatrics - M.Ger. - under the auspices of the Faculty for Social Wellbeing

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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 2016 in terms of the General Regulations for University Postgraduate Awards, 2008 for the degree of Master of Gerontology and Geriatrics - M.Ger. - under the auspices of the Faculty for Social Wellbeing.

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

"the Board" means the Board of the Faculty for Social Wellbeing;

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

"the Course" means the programme of study leading to the degree of Master of Gerontology and Geriatrics - M.Ger.;

"the Degree" means the degree of Master of Gerontology and Geriatrics – M.Ger.;

"the Postgraduate Diploma" means the Postgraduate Diploma in Gerontology and Geriatrics – P.G.Dip. Ger.; and

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

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

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

"(b) a Bachelor degree obtained with at least Second Class Honours or Category II, or a professional qualification considered by the Board to be comparable to a degree deemed by the Board as relevant and adequate for the applicant to follow the Course with profit; or"

6. For paragraph (d) of bye-law 3 of the principal bye-laws there shall be substituted the following:

"(d) in exceptional cases, a professional qualification in one of the caring professions, together with at least five years' experience, which together are deemed by the Admissions Board, on the advice of the Faculty Admissions Committee, to be comparable to the level of a first degree."

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

"(e) Applicants in possession of the Postgraduate Diploma in Gerontology and Geriatrics may be allowed to join the research component of the Course, if they have successfully completed the Postgraduate Diploma programme with a minimum average mark of 65%."

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

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

"4. The duration of the Course shall extend over three semesters. The taught study-units shall be offered on a full-time basis over the first two semesters of the Course. The research component may be followed on a full-time basis over a further period of one semester or on a part-time basis over a period of two semesters."

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

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

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

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

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

"9. (1) Students shall be required to submit an individual dissertation of approximately 20,000 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) In the case of students not residing in Malta, the Board of Studies shall allow them to perform their research-based dissertation in their respective country.

(4) A provisional title of the dissertation and a detailed research proposal shall be submitted to the Board of Studies for approval at the end of the second semester."

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

11. For paragraph (2) of bye-law 10 of the principal bye-laws there shall be substituted the following:

"(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, whether the student is following the Course on a full-time or a part-time basis. 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:

(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 be heard."

Amendment to bye-law 12 of the principal bye-laws

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

"12.The provisions of the foregoing bye-laws shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to courses followed on a part-time basis, and subject to such changes as may reasonably be deemed by the Board of Studies as necessary due to the part-time nature of the Course."

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