

L.N. 185 of 2016

**EDUCATION ACT
(CAP. 327)**

**Certificate in Foundation Studies Course
(Amendment) Regulations, 2016**

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 Certificate in Foundation Studies Course (Amendment) Regulations, 2016 and shall be read and construed as one with the Certificate in Foundation Studies Course Regulations, 2014, published as Legal Notice 352 of 2014, hereinafter referred to as “the principal regulations”.

Applicability

2. These regulations shall be applicable for courses commencing in October 2016 or later.

Amendment to regulation 1 of the principal regulations

3. For paragraph (2) of regulation 1 of the principal regulations there shall be substituted the following:

“(2) In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires –

“the Board” means the Board of the International School for Foundation Studies;

“the Board of Studies” means the Board of Studies appointed for the Course by Senate on the recommendation of the Board;

“the Certificate” means the Certificate in Foundation Studies;

“the Course” means the programmes of study leading to the Certificate in Foundation Studies; and

“the School” means the International School for Foundation Studies.”

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Amendment to regulation 3 of the principal regulations

4. For sub-paragraph (d) of paragraph (1) of regulation 3 of the principal regulations there shall be substituted the following:

“(d) are deemed to require further study to be admitted to undergraduate degree courses at the University of Malta, provided that the Medical, Dental and Health Sciences programme referred to in paragraph (1) of regulation 6 shall be open to qualified applicants from non-EU/EEA countries in terms of agreements signed by the University with the State of Kuwait, the Sultanate of Oman, and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and to qualified nationals from other non-EU/EEA countries.”

Amendment to regulation 4 of the principal regulations

5. For paragraph (2) of regulation 4 of the principal regulations there shall be substituted the following:

“(2) The Board of Studies may allow students who do not qualify for the Certificate to repeat the Course once only.”

Amendment to regulation 5 of the principal regulations

6. For regulation 5 of the principal regulations there shall be substituted the following:

“Board of Studies

5. (1) The monitoring and evaluation of the programmes of study of the Course shall be entrusted to the Board of Studies in terms of paragraph (2) of regulation 6.

(2) The Board of Studies shall be composed as follows:

A Chairman, appointed by Senate
 The Director of the School
 The Area Coordinators in the School
 Three Academic Members appointed by Senate
 Student representatives elected from each subject area of the School.

School Officer (Secretary).”

Amendment to regulation 6 of the principal regulations

7. For regulation 6 of the principal regulations there shall be substituted the following:

“Programmes of Study

6. (1) The programmes of study aim to bridge differences between the Maltese educational system and other systems. They shall consist of a number of study-units to which up to 65 ECTS credits are assigned and shall be offered in the following subject areas:

Humanities and Commerce;

Science, Engineering and ICT; and

Medical, Dental and Health Sciences.

(2) The Board of Studies shall draw up programmes of study indicating the code, title, type of each study-unit, and the credits assigned to each study-unit, as well as study-unit descriptions including the methods of teaching and assessment. The Board of Studies shall propose to the Board of the School the programmes of study and study-units descriptions prior to the commencement of each Course. These shall be published following the approval of Senate. Subject to the approval of Senate, the Board of Studies may make any necessary changes to the programmes of study and to the study-units descriptions as required.”

Addition of regulation 8 to the principal regulations

8. The following regulation 8 shall be added after regulation 7 of the principal regulations:

“8. (1) Results for the assessment of study-units shall be published as a percentage mark and grade as indicated in the table below:

Mark Range	Grade
95% - 100%	A+
80% - 94%	A
75% - 79%	B+
70% - 74%	B
65% - 69%	C+
55% - 64%	C
50% - 54%	D+
45% - 49%	D
0% - 44%	F

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(2) Both the percentage mark and the letter grade shall be recorded in the student's academic record. The pass mark for all study-units shall be grade D 45%."

Renumbering of regulations 8 to 13 of the principal regulations

9. Regulations 8 to 13 of the principal regulations shall be renumbered as regulations 9 to 14.

Amendment to regulation 12 of the principal regulations

10. Paragraph (1) of regulation 12 of the principal regulations shall be renumbered as regulation 12.

11. Paragraph (2) of regulation 12 of the principal regulations shall be deleted.

