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L.N. 186 of 2016

EDUCATION ACT
(CAP. 327)

Bye-Laws of 2016 to amend the Bye-Laws of 2014 in terms of the General Regulations for University Postgraduate Awards, 2008 for the Degree of Master of Arts in Transcultural Counselling – M.A. – under the auspices of the Faculty for Social Wellbeing

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 2014 in terms of the General Regulations for University Postgraduate Awards, 2008 for the degree of Master of Arts in Transcultural Counselling – M.A. – and shall be read and construed as one with the Bye-Laws of 2014 in terms of the General Regulations for University Postgraduate Awards, 2008 for the degree of Master of Arts in Transcultural Counselling – M.A. – under the auspices of the Faculty for Social Wellbeing, published as Legal Notice 25 of 2012, 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 Arts in Transcultural Counselling – M.A. (T.Couns.) – under the auspices of the Faculty for Social Wellbeing

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:"

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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 Arts in Transcultural Counselling – M.A (T.Couns.) – 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 for the Course by of the Board of the Faculty for Social Wellbeing;

"the Course" means the programme of study leading to the degree of Master of Arts in Transcultural Counselling – M.A. (T.Couns.);

"the Degree" means the degree of Master of Arts in Transcultural Counselling – M.A. (T.Couns.);

"the Postgraduate Diploma" means the Postgraduate Diploma in Transcultural Counselling Studies P.G.Dip. (T.Couns. Stud.); 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 (1) of bye-law 3 of the principal bye-laws there shall be substituted the following:

"3. (1) The Course shall be open to applicants in possession of a Bachelor's degree with at least Second Class Honours or Category II in one of the human and/or social sciences, subject to the approval of the Board."

6. For paragraph (4) of bye-law 3 of the principal bye-laws there shall be substituted the following:

"(4) Senate, on the advice of the Board, may limit the number of students to be admitted to the Course. When the number is so limited and the number of eligible applicants exceeds the number of places available, applicants shall be selected during an interview, according to the following criteria which shall be published at the time of the call for applications:

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(a) degree type and classification – 30%
(b) experience in the area – 15%; and
(c) professional aptitude and disposition – 55%."

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:

"**Course Duration**

4. The Course shall extend over a period of four semesters of full-time study."

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

8. For paragraph (1) of bye-law 5 of the principal bye-laws there shall be substituted the following:

"5. (1) The programme of study shall comprise study-units to which a total of 120 ECTS credits are assigned, of which 90 ECTS credits are assigned to taught and practicum study-units and 30 ECTS credits to the dissertation study-unit."

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

"(2) Throughout the Course, students are required to complete 20 hours of personal counselling with a counsellor of their choice from an approved list.

(3) Students who obtain 60 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 Diploma."

10. Paragraph (2) of bye-law 5 of the principal bye-laws shall be renumbered as paragraph (4).

Amendment to bye-law 6 of the principal bye-laws

11. For paragraph (2) of bye-law 6 of the principal bye-laws there shall be substituted the following:

"(2) Students who in any academic year fail in the assessment of not more than four taught study-units shall be given the opportunity to re-sit the failed assessments at the next scheduled examination session (May or September)."

12. For paragraph (4) of bye-law 6 of the principal bye-laws there shall be substituted the following:

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"(4) Students must maintain a good level of performance in the study-unit/s involving supervised practicum for which the minimum pass mark shall be grade C - 55%."

13. For paragraph (5) of bye-law 6 of the principal bye-laws there shall be substituted the following:

"(5) Students who fail to pass in the supervised practicum shall not have the right to a supplementary assessment in the same academic year but shall be required to re-do the supervised practicum during an additional year of studies. Such an additional year shall not be counted for the purpose of Course duration."

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

14. For paragraphs (2) and (3) of bye-law 7 of the principal bye-laws there shall be substituted the following:

"(2) Work on the dissertation shall be undertaken during the third and fourth 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 of the dissertation and a detailed research proposal shall be approved by the Board of Studies not later than the end of the second semester."

Deletion of bye-law 9 of the principal bye-laws

15. Bye-law 9 of the principal bye-laws shall be deleted.

Renumbering of bye-law 10 of the principal bye-laws

16. Bye-law 10 of the principal bye-laws shall be renumbered as bye-law 9.

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

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

"**Classification of the Awards**

9. 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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