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L.N. 187 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 in Counselling – M.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:

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 in Counselling – M.Couns. – 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 in Counselling – M.Couns. – under the auspices of the Faculty for Social Wellbeing, published as Legal Notice 482 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 bye-law 1 of the principal bye-laws

3. For paragraph (2) of bye-law 1 of the principal bye-laws there shall be substituted the following:

"(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 on the recommendation of the Board;

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"the Course" means the programme of study leading to the degree of Master in Counselling – M.Couns.;

"the Degree" means the degree of Master in Counselling – M.Couns.;

"the Postgraduate Diploma" means the Postgraduate Diploma in Counselling Studies P.G.Dip. (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

4. 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, or a related area subject to the approval of the Board, together with a minimum of one year's experience working directly in a formal human or psycho-social setting."

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

"(3) (a) Professional aptitude and disposition shall be measured by means of exercises involving an extended personal interview and personality test.

(b) Applicants who obtain less than 60% for the professional aptitude and the disposition criterion shall automatically not be admitted into the Course."

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

6. For paragraph (2) of bye-law 5 of the principal bye-laws there shall be substituted the following:

"(2) Students who obtain 60 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."

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

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

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8. Paragraph (3) 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

9. 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 in the case of the full-time Course shall be given the opportunity to re-sit the failed assessments during the September supplementary examination session."

10. The following paragraphs (4) and (5) shall be added after paragraph (3) of bye-law 6 of the principal bye-laws:

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

(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 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

11. For paragraph (1) of bye-law 7 of the principal bye-laws there shall be substituted the following:

"7. (1) Students shall be required to submit an individual dissertation of approximately 20,000 words in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Board of Studies."

12. For paragraph (3) of bye-law 7 of the principal bye-laws there shall be substituted the following:

"(3) A provisional title of the dissertation and a detailed research proposal shall be submitted to the Board of Studies for approval by not later than the end of the third semester."

Amendment to bye-law 8 of the principal bye-laws

13. For paragraph (2) of bye-law 8 of the principal bye-laws there shall be substituted the following:

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"(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 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 or Principal Regulations; and

(ii) the Board may not terminate the studies prematurely according to (b) until it has first given the student a second chance to be heard."

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