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L.N. 333 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 Science in Digital Games – M.Sc. – under the auspices of the Institute of Digital Games

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 Institute of Digital Games in virtue of the powers conferred upon it by article 7 (b) (v) of the Statute for the Institute, which have been approved by the Senate of the University of Malta:

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 Science in Digital Games – M.Sc. – 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 Science in Digital Games – M.Sc. – under the auspices of the Institute of Digital Games, published as Legal Notice 329 of 2014, 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 10 of the principal bye-laws

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

"**Dissertations**

10. (1) In mainly taught programmes of study, students shall be required to submit an individual dissertation in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Board.

(2) In the case of a mainly theoretical dissertation that pursues its goals through conceptual analysis or a dissertation that is based on empirical research and hypothesis testing, the student is expected to deliver a dissertation of approximately 30,000 words.

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(3) In the case of a dissertation that pursues its goals 'through design', the student is expected to deliver, present and discuss an artifact (or set of artifacts) and related reflections. In this case, the student is also asked to deliver a textual dissertation that can take a number of concurrent forms including qualitative research, quantitative research, annotated portfolios, reflections on strong concepts, the formulation of guidelines, etc. In this case, the text accompanying the design work would be of approximately 20,000 words.

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

(5) Work on the dissertation shall be undertaken during the third and fourth semesters of the Course. Each student shall be assigned a principal supervisor who shall provide guidance and advice on a regular basis during the period of study."

Amendment to bye-law 11 of the principal bye-laws

4. For bye-law 11 of the principal bye-laws there shall be substituted the following:

"11. (1) In mainly by research programMES of study, students shall be required to submit an individual dissertation in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Board.

(2) In the case of a theoretical dissertation that pursues its goals through conceptual analysis or a dissertation that is based on empirical research and hypothesis testing, the student is expected to deliver a dissertation of approximately 50,000 words.

(3) In the case of a dissertation that pursues its goals 'through design', the student is expected to deliver, present and discuss an artifact (or set of artifacts) and related reflections. In this case, the student is also asked to deliver a textual dissertation that can take a number of concurrent forms including qualitative research, quantitative research, annotated portfolios, reflections on strong concepts, the formulation of guidelines, etc. In this case, the text accompanying the design work would be of approximately 30,000 words.

(4) A provisional title for the dissertation and a detailed research proposal shall be submitted to the Board for approval at the time of the call for applications.

(5) Work on the dissertation shall be undertaken at any time during the Course after approval of the proposal. Each student shall be assigned a principal supervisor who shall provide guidance and advice on a regular basis during the period of study."

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