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L.N. 424 of 2018

EDUCATION ACT
(CAP. 327)

Bye-Laws of 2018 in terms of the Doctor of Philosophy – Ph.D. – Degree Regulations, 2008 for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy – Ph.D. - under the auspices of the Centre for Environmental Education and Research

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 Centre for Environmental Education and Research in virtue of the powers conferred upon it by article 9 (b) (v) of the Statute for the Centre, which bye-laws have been approved by the Senate of the University of Malta:

Citation and Interpretation

1. (1) These bye-laws may be cited as the Bye-Laws of 2018 in terms of the Doctor of Philosophy – Ph.D. – Degree Regulations, 2008 for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy under the auspices of the Centre for Environmental Education and Research.

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

"the Board" means the Board of the Centre for Environmental Education and Research;

"the Centre" means the Centre for Environmental Education and Research;

"the Degree" means the degree of Doctor of Philosophy – Ph.D.; and

"the Principal Regulations" means the Doctor of Philosophy – Ph.D. – Degree Regulations, 2008.

Applicability

2. These bye-laws shall be applicable from 1 February 2019 onwards.

Requirements for Admission

3. The Degree shall be open to applicants in possession of a Pass with Merit (or equivalent) in a Master's degree in Education for Sustainable Development or in any area deemed relevant by the Board. In the case of applicants who hold a

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Master's degree from this or another university, where it is not possible to determine the equivalence of a Pass with Merit, the Board may determine *ad hoc* procedures in order to establish such equivalence.

4. When the Board deems it necessary, it may require students to successfully complete a number of study-units during their studies, and/or to satisfactorily undertake tasks recommended by the Board, under those conditions that it may impose, after approval by Senate.

5. (1) Applicants may submit their application form, together with a comprehensive research proposal outlining the proposed project, including research sources and materials, at any time of the year.

(2) Applicants may also be asked to demonstrate competence in those skills required by the nature of the proposed research.

Centre's Doctoral Committee

6. The Board shall recommend to Senate the appointment of a Centre Doctoral Committee, composed as follows:

The Chairman of the Centre or delegate
The Director of the Centre, or delegate, and
A member of the Academic Staff.

The Centre Doctoral Committee may co-opt other members from other University entities, possessing academic doctoral qualifications, if deemed necessary.

Supervision and Students' Progress

7. Principal Supervisors and Co-Supervisors, where applicable, shall be required to submit a written report to the Board, through the Centre's Doctoral Committee, every June for all students under their supervision.

8. Students shall only be allowed to proceed with their studies subject to satisfactory progress reports from their Supervisory Team. If the report is negative, the Board shall make recommendations to Senate on the student's continuing registration for the Degree.

9. The *ad hoc* board, which shall consider the students` request to transfer from M.Phil. to Ph.D., shall be appointed by the Board in accordance with the Principal Regulations.

10. Students registered at the Centre may be required to participate in the Centre's research and teaching programmes.

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Thesis Presentation and Format

11. Six months before the submission deadline students shall be informed that they are required to inform the Centre that they will be submitting their thesis for examination not less than three months before the submission deadline.

12. The Board shall recommend to Senate the appointment of the Board of Examiners in accordance with the Principal Regulations.

13. The Board shall approve and publish guidelines on the format and presentation of the thesis for the Degree.

14. (1) Students shall be required to submit a loose bound copy of their thesis for each member of the Board of Examiners, together with a copy in digital format. The officer in charge of the Centre shall issue a dated receipt.

(2) Students may publish the whole or part of their thesis before submitting it for examination. Such published work may later be included in the thesis submitted for examination, provided that a statement to this effect is included.

(3) On successful completion of their studies, students shall be required to submit to the Centre one hard bound copy and one electronic version of the thesis, which shall include a signed declaration of authenticity, within six weeks from the publication of their result. The hard copy of the thesis shall be kept in the Library of the Centre. The electronic version must conform to the standards set up by the University of Malta Library. Students who do not comply with this bye-law shall not be awarded the Degree.

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