L.N. 173 of 2021

EDUCATION ACT
(CAP. 327)

Bye-Laws of 2021 to amend the Bye-Laws of 2018 in terms of the General Regulations for University Postgraduate Awards, 2008 for the Degree of Master in Theology - M.Th. - under the auspices of the Faculty of Theology

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 of Theology in virtue of the powers conferred upon them 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 2021 to amend the Bye-Laws of 2018 in terms of the General Regulations for University Postgraduate Awards, 2008 for the Degree of Master in Theology – M.Th. – and shall be read and construed as one with the Bye-Laws of 2018 in terms of the General Regulations for University Postgraduate Awards, 2008 for the Degree of Master in Theology – M.Th. – under the auspices of the Faculty of Theology, published as Legal Notice 361 of 2018, hereinafter referred to as "the principal bye-laws".

Applicability

2. These bye-laws shall be applicable from 1st February, 2021 and onwards.

Amendment to bye-law 4 of the principal bye-laws

3. The following paragraph (2) shall be added after paragraph (1) of bye-law 4 of the principal bye-laws:

"(2) Applicants in possession of the degree of Bachelor of Sacred Theology with at least Second Class Honours shall also be eligible to apply."

4. Paragraphs (2) to (5) of bye-law 4 of the principal bye-laws shall be renumbered as paragraphs (3) to (6).

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

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

"Course Duration

6. (1) The Course for applicants in terms of paragraph (1) of bye-law 4 shall extend over four semesters of full-time study.

(2) The Course for applicants in terms of paragraph (2) of bye-law 4 shall extend over a period of two consecutive semesters of part-time study."

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

6. For bye-law 7 of the principal bye-laws there shall be substituted the following:

"7. (1) The programme of study for applicants in terms of paragraph (1) of bye-law 4 shall comprise study-units to which a total of 120 ECTS credits are assigned, of which 90 ECTS credits are assigned to taught study-units and 30 ECTS credits are assigned to a dissertation study-unit.

(2) The programme of study for applicants in terms of paragraph (2) of bye-law 4 shall comprise a total of 30 ECTS credits assigned to a research component."

Amendment to bye-law 13 of the principal bye-laws

7. For paragraph (1) of bye-law 13 there shall be substituted the following:

"13. (1) Students shall be required to submit an individual dissertation of approximately 15,000 words in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Board**:**

provided that students registered on the 30 ECTS credits programme may be allowed by the Board to submit three research papers of 10 ECTS credits each in lieu of the dissertation."

Amendment to bye-law 15 of the principal bye-laws

8. For bye-law 15 of the principal bye-laws there shall be substituted the following:

"Classification of the Awards

"15. (1) 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 components of the programme of study, all credits being weighted equally.

(2) The Final Weighted Average Mark for the purpose of the classification of the Degree for students who follow the 30 ECTS credit programme of study shall take into account the results obtained in the study-units of the fifth year (60 ECTS credits) of the Bachelor of Sacred Theology course as well as the results obtained in the 30 ECTS credit programme of study all credits being weighted equally."

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