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L.N. 173 of 2023

EDUCATION ACT
(CAP. 327)

Bye-Laws of 2023 to amend the Bye-Laws of 2008 in terms of the General Regulations for University Undergraduate Awards, 2019 for the Degrees of Bachelor of Science – B.Sc. – and Bachelor of Science (Honours) – B.Sc. (Hons) – under the auspices of the Faculty of Science

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred upon him by articles 75(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 Science 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 2023 to amend the Bye-Laws of 2008 in terms of the General Regulations for University Undergraduate Awards, 2019 for the Degrees of Bachelor of Science – B.Sc. – and Bachelor of Science (Honours) – B.Sc. (Hons) – and shall be read and construed as one with the Bye-Laws of 2008 in terms of the General Regulations for University Undergraduate Awards, 2019 for the Degrees of Bachelor of Science – B.Sc. – and Bachelor of Science (Honours) – B.Sc. (Hons) – under the auspices of the Faculty of Science, published as Legal Notice 213 of 2008, hereinafter referred to as "the principal bye-laws."

Applicability

2. These bye-laws shall be applicable for courses commencing in October 2023 or later.

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

3. For bye-law 4 of the principal bye-laws there shall be subsituted the following:

"Course Duration

4. (1) The Course leading to the degree of Bachelor of Science (Honours) in one main area of study, which may be taken with one subsidiary area, shall extend

over a period of three years of full-time study or the equivalent in part-time study.

(2) The Course leading to the degree of Bachelor of Science (Honours) in two subjects as main areas of study shall extend over a period of four years of full-time study or the equivalent in part-time study."

Addition of bye-laws 14 and 15 to the principal bye-laws

4. The following bye-laws 14 and 15 shall be added after bye-law 13 of the principal bye-laws:

"Provisions for Part-Time Courses

14. The provisions of the foregoing bye-laws shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to courses followed on a part-time basis, and subject to such changes as may reasonably be deemed by the Board as necessary due to the part-time nature of the Course.

15. The Course may be offered on a flexible part-time basis with the following special provisions in terms of the provisions outlined in the Principal Regulations, applicable with the necessary changes needed (*mutatis mutandis*) owing to the part-time nature of the Course:

(a) During each academic year, students shall be allowed to register for a number of study-units as agreed with the Course Coordinator, to which not less than 12 ECTS credits are assigned, provided that registration for the study-units included in the programme of study for each Course year (60 ECTS credits) is spread over not more than 3 academic years;

(b) In order to progress regularly from one Course year to the next, the 60 ECTS credits of each Course year must be completed in not more than 3 academic years;

(c) Students who are absent for the assessment of a study-unit, or fail in the assessment of a study-unit, shall, if eligible, be required to take the assessment of any number of such incomplete study-units at the September assessment session or at the next available opportunity;

(d) If necessary, students may be allowed to refer the assessment of a study-unit to the next academic year, provided that not more than 12 ECTS credits may be referred from one Course year to the next;

(e) The assessment of study-units that may be referred to the next academic year shall be considered as additional to the minimum number of 12 ECTS credits that students are obliged to register for during any academic year;

(f) Students who, after having registered for all the study-units comprising the programme of a Course year, and who after the September session lack more than 12 ECTS credits to complete the programme for the Course year, may be allowed, if eligible and after academic advice, to refer them to the next academic year during which they shall not be allowed to register for any other study-units. If such an academic year is needed in addition to the maximum period of three years referred to in paragraph (b), it shall be considered as an additional year;

(g) Students who, after having registered for all the study-units comprising the programme of the final year, may, if necessary and if eligible, refer any incomplete study-units to an additional academic year;

(h) An additional year, whether required in terms of paragraphs (f) or (g) may be granted once only throughout the Course, unless in special circumstances and with the approval of Senate;

(i) Students registered on the flexible part-time programme must obtain the approval of the Course Coordinator before they are registered on the study-units they wish to follow in any academic year;

(g) Subject to approval by the Board, students registered on the Course may be allowed to change the mode of attendance from full-time to flexible part-time or *vice versa* at the beginning of the second year of the regular programme of study. Changes in the mode of attendance in any subsequent year of the Course may be considered by the Board, if the course programme permits; and

(k) Notwithstanding the provisions in the Principal Regulations, owing to the nature of the course when offered on a flexible part-time basis that allows for a longer duration than normal, students registered on such a flexible part-time Course programme shall not be entitled to ever repeat a Course year in its entirety, nor to an extension year after each Course year."

Renumbering of bye-law 14 of the principal bye-laws

5. Bye-law 14 of the principal bye-laws shall be renumbered as bye-law 16.

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