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L.N. 120 of 2024

EDUCATION ACT
(CAP. 327)

Bye-Laws of 2024 in terms of the General Regulations for University Postgraduate Awards, 2021 for the Degree of Master of Conservation - M.Cons. - under the auspices of the Faculty for the Built Environment

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 the Built Environment 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 and Interpretation

1. (1) These bye-laws may be cited as the Bye-Laws of 2024 in terms of the General Regulations for University Postgraduate Awards, 2021 for the degree of Master of Conservation - M.Cons. - under the auspices of the Faculty for the Built Environment.

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

"the Board" means the Board of the Faculty for the Built Environment;

"the Course" means the programme of study leading to the degree of Master of Conservation - M.Cons.;

"the Degree" means the degree of Master of Conservation - M.Cons.;

"the Postgraduate Diploma" means the Postgraduate Diploma in Heritage Studies - P.G.Dip.; and

"the Principal Regulations" means the General Regulations for University Postgraduate Awards, 2021.

Applicability

These bye-laws shall be applicable for courses commencing in October 2024 or later.

Areas of Specialisation

3. Subject to approval by Senate and to the availability of resources, the Course shall be offered in any area of specialisation in Conservation that falls within the academic responsibility of the Board. The Board shall announce the areas of specialisation at the time of the call for applications.

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Requirements for Admission

4. (1) The Course shall be open to applicants in possession of:

(a) a Bachelor's degree in Conservation Studies from this University obtained with at least Second Class (Honours); or

(b) a Bachelor's degree comprising not less than 180 ECTS credits and obtained with at least Second Class (Honours) or Category II in a discipline related to Archaeology, Architecture, Biology, Chemistry, Conservation and Restoration, Engineering, Fine Arts, History of Art or Physics; or

(c) qualifications deemed by Senate, on the recommendation of the Board, to be comparable to the qualification listed in paragraph (a) of this bye-law.

(2) Applicants admitted under paragraph (b) and, if necessary, (c) of paragraph (1) of this bye-law shall be required to successfully complete a preparatory programme comprising 60 ECTS credits, with an overall average mark of 65% or better, prior to their registration as regular students on the Course. Prior to their acceptance on the preparatory programme such applicants must also obtain a mark of at least 60% in a test or tests as established by the Board. The test/s shall be held not later than one month before the start of the Course.

Course Duration

5. The Course shall extend over four semesters of full-time study, or the equivalent in part-time studies, including two conservation placements to be undertaken during the two summer periods.

Programme of Study

6. (1) The programme of study shall comprise study-units to which a total of 120 ECTS credits are assigned, of which 80 ECTS credits are assigned to taught and practical study-units, 10 ECTS credits are assigned to two conservation placements and 30 ECTS credits are assigned to the dissertation study-unit.

(2) Students who obtain a minimum of 60 ECTS credits assigned to taught and practical 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.

(3) The programme of study shall be published after approval by Senate, normally not less than eight months prior to the commencement of the Course.

Dissertation

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

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(2) Work on the dissertation shall be undertaken during the third and fourth semesters of the Course. Each student shall be assigned a supervisor, and a co-supervisor if the topic of the research requires it, who shall provide guidance and advice on a regular basis during the period of study.

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

8. (1) Students shall be required to have regular contact with their supervisor/s, not less than once a month.

(2) Supervisors shall submit to the Board 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 a recommendation 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 this 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 of the Principal Regulations; and

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

Classification of the Awards

9. 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 the graded components of the programme of study, all graded credits being weighted equally.

Special Provisions for Part-Time Courses

10. (1) The Board may, from time to time, offer students the opportunity to follow the Course on a part-time basis.

(2) 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.

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