L.N. 161 of 2024

EDUCATION ACT
(CAP. 327)

Bye-Laws of 2024 in terms of the Doctor of Philosophy - Ph.D. - Degree Regulations, 2023 for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy - Ph.D. - under the auspices of the Faculty of Laws

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 Laws 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 Doctor of Philosophy - Ph.D. - Degree Regulations, 2023 for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy - Ph.D. - under the auspices of the Faculty of Laws.

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

"the Board" means the Board of the Faculty of Laws;

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

"the Faculty" means the Faculty of Laws; and

"the Principal Regulations" means the Doctor of Philosophy - Ph.D. - Degree Regulations, 2023.

Applicability

2. These bye-laws shall be applicable from 1 October 2024 onwards.

Requirements for Admission

3. Applicants for the Degree offered by the Faculty must be in possession of one of the following degrees:

(a) a Master's degree in Law, including a research component of at least 30 ECTS credits or a degree which the Board considers as equivalent awarded by another university recognised for this purpose by the Senate; or

(b) an LL.D. degree; applicants are also required to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Faculty Doctoral Committee that they are capable of conducting original research of the highest quality; the Board may also require applicants to submit for its perusal copies of their previous work and/or publications.

Taught Study-Units

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

Faculty Doctoral Committee

5. The Board shall recommend to Senate the appointment of a Faculty Doctoral Committee composed as follows:

The Dean of the Faculty or delegate (Chair)
3 – 5 Heads of Department

Thesis Presentation and Format

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

7. Theses shall consist of between 80,000 and 100,000 words, excluding the list of references, footnotes, endnotes, appendices, abstract, and extended summary.

Repeal

8. The Bye-Laws of 2009 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 Faculty of Laws, published as Legal Notice 298 of 2008, shall be deemed to cease to be in force as from 1 October 2024.

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