L.N. 164 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 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 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 Theology.

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

"the Board" means the Board of the Faculty of Theology;

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

"the Faculty" means the Faculty of Theology; 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. (1) Applicants for the Degree offered by the Faculty shall be in possession of one of the following degrees:

(a) a Licentiate classified with at least *Magna cum Laude* or a Master's degree obtained with at least Pass with Merit, in an area of study offered by the Faculty; or

(b) degrees comparable to those indicated in sub-paragraph (a) of this bye-law awarded by a university recognised by Senate for this purpose.

(2) The Board may also consider applications from applicants with qualifications at Master's level or higher in another discipline and possessing experience or knowledge which in the opinion of the Board enables them to pursue research in the Faculty.

4. Applicants are normally required to have a thorough reading knowledge of languages of primary and secondary sources.

Areas of Study

5. The areas of study offered for the Degree shall be in an area of Theology, Religious Studies, Ethics, or other areas related to Theology.

Taught Study-Units

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

Thesis Presentation and Format

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

Repeal

8. The Bye Laws of 2010 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 Theology, published as Legal Notice 214 of 2010, shall be deemed to cease to be in force as from 1 October 2024.

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