L.N. 217 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 Institute of Earth Systems

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 Institute of Earth Systems in virtue of the powers conferred upon it by article 8(b)(v) of the Statute for the Institute, which bye-laws have been approved by the Senate of the University of Malta:

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 Institute of Earth Systems.

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

"the Board" means the Board of the Institute of Earth Systems;

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

"the Institute" means the Institute of Earth Systems; 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 Institute shall be in possession of one of the following degrees:

(a) a Master's degree in Earth, Rural, Life and/or Natural Sciences or Geography, or Humanities, or Environmental Planning and/or Environmental Management; and/or

(b) a Bachelor's degree obtained with First Class Honours in the same areas of study mentioned in sub-paragraph (a) of this bye-law.

(2) Under exceptional circumstances, the Board may favourably consider an applicant with a Second Class Honours (Upper Division) classification in the event that such applicant has authored relevant research papers in reputable journals.

4. Applicants may also be asked to demonstrate competence in those skills required by the nature of the proposed research.

Institute Doctoral Committee

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

The Director of the Institute or delegate as Chair
The Coordinator of the Division not represented by the Director
Another two members selected from among the members of the Board of the Institute or from the Institute's resident academics.

Taught Study-Units

6. When the Board deems it necessary, it may require students to successfully complete a number of study-units during the course 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 Institute of Earth Systems, published as Legal Notice 298 of 2010, shall be deemed to cease to be in force as from 1 October 2024.

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