L.N. 220 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 for European Studies

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 for European Studies in virtue of the powers conferred upon it by article 5(b)(v) of the said Act and which 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 for European Studies.

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

"the Board" means the Board of the Institute for European Studies;

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

"the Institute" means the Institute for European Studies; 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 qualifications:

(a) a Pass with Merit (or equivalent) in a Master's degree in European Studies or in an area of studies deemed relevant by the Board, together with a pass at Second Class Honours (Upper Division) or equivalent in the first cycle degree; or

(b) a Bachelor's degree obtained at First Class Honours in European Studies or in an area deemed relevant by the Board.

(2) The Board may also consider applications from applicants in possession of a Master's degree or higher in any other discipline and who also

possess experience or knowledge which, in the opinion of the Board, enables them to successfully pursue doctoral studies in European Studies. In such cases, a clearly motivated recommendation for acceptance must be submitted to the Board for eventual consideration by the Doctoral Academic Committee and Senate.

4. Applicants may also be asked to demonstrate competence in those skills required by 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 as Chair and
Four resident academics, two of whom shall be from the Institute and the other two shall be from another Faculty, Institute, or Centre,
provided that when the Director of the Institute is being proposed as Principal Supervisor, co-supervisor or advisor, the Director shall not chair the meeting.

Taught Study-Units

6. In the period leading up to the upgrade to the Ph.D. degree, the Board may require students to successfully complete a number of study-units, 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.

8. The thesis shall not be less than 80,000 words and not more than 100,000 words excluding the list of references (bibliography), footnotes, endnotes, appendices and abstract.

Repeal

9. 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 Institute for European Studies, published as Legal Notice 311 of 2009, shall be deemed to cease to be in force as from 1 October 2024.

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