L.N. 221 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 Education

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 Education 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 Education.

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

"the Board" means the Board of the Faculty of Education;

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

"the Faculty" means the Faculty of Education; 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.

Types of Ph.D. Degrees Offered

3. The Faculty offers the following Doctor of Philosophy degrees:

Doctor of Philosophy degree; and
Doctor of Philosophy degree by Practice as Research.

4. The Board shall approve the research areas in which the Degrees may be offered. The specific practice component of the Degree by Practice as Research shall be considered on a case-by-case basis at the time of application by the applicant.

Requirements for Admission

5. Applicants for the Degrees offered by the Faculty shall be in possession of one of the following degrees:

(a) a Master's degree or equivalent in an area of study related to the proposed area of research; or

(b) a Bachelor's degree obtained with First Class Honours or Second Class Honours (Upper Division) or equivalent in Education, in an area of study related to the proposed area of research.

6. Applicants may submit their application form, C.V. and a 2000-3000-word research proposal outlining the proposed study or project, including research sources and materials, at any time of the year.

Taught Study-Units

7. 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

8. The Board shall approve and publish guidelines on the format and presentation of the theses and practice component (as applicable) for the Degrees.

9. The thesis for the Degree shall consist of not less than 80,000 words and not more than 100,000 words, excluding the list of references, footnotes, endnotes, appendices, abstract, and extended summary, if applicable.

10. (1) For the Degree by Practice as Research only, the presentation of formally examinable practice shall take place at least 3 months in advance of the final written submission, or 6 months in the case of part-time studies.

(2) The thesis for the Degree by Practice as Research shall consist of between 30,000 and 50,000 words, excluding the list of references, endnotes, footnotes, appendices, abstract and, extended summary, if applicable, and shall normally constitute around 50% of the project.

(3) Students registered on the Degree by Practice as Research are also required to provide a permanent record of the research practice in an appropriate format, as indicated in guidelines approved by the Board, and which shall be included in the copies presented to the Faculty and the University Library.

Repeal

11. The Bye-Laws of 2008 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 Education, published as Legal Notice 213 of 2010, shall be deemed to cease to be in force as from 1 October 2024.

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