L.N. 225 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 Space Sciences and Astronomy

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 Space Sciences and Astronomy in virtue of the powers conferred upon it by article 8(b)(v) of the Statute for the Institute 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 under the auspices of the Institute of Space Sciences and Astronomy.

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

"the Board" means the Board of the Institute of Space Sciences and Astronomy;

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

"the Institute" means the Institute of Space Sciences and Astronomy; 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, obtained in the last ten years prior to registration:

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

(b) Bachelor degree obtained with at least Second Class Honours (Upper Division) in an area of study related to the proposed area of research, provided that the Board ascertains that the applicant has a very strong background in the area of study related to the proposed area of research; or

(c) qualifications which the Board deems comparable to the degrees indicated in sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) of this bye-law.

(2) Applicants in possession of one of the degrees indicated in paragraph (1) of this bye-law obtained more than ten years prior to their application may apply and are required to produce sufficient proof of their competence to carry out the proposed research at the required level.

4. Applicants may also be asked to demonstrate competence in 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 of between three and four members possessing academic doctoral qualifications, chaired by the Director of the Institute or delegate.

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 study, 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 2014 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 Space Sciences and Astronomy, published as Legal Notice 379 of 2014, shall be deemed to cease to be in force as from 1 October 2024.

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