L.N. 294 of 2024

EDUCATION ACT
(CAP. 327)

Bye-Laws of 2024 in terms of the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy - Ph.D. - Degree Regulations, 2023 for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy - Ph.D. - under the auspices of the Institute of Digital Games

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 Digital Games in virtue of the powers conferred upon it by article 7(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 Degree of Doctor of Philosophy - Ph.D.- Degree Regulations, 2023 for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy under the auspices of the Institute of Digital Games.

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

"the Board" means the Board of the Institute of Digital Games;

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

"the Institute" means the Institute of Digital Games; 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 Master's degree, or a Bachelor's degree obtained with a First Class Honours classification, in an area of study which is deemed as appropriate by the Board. Key areas include: game analysis, game design and game technology.

(2) The Board may also consider applications from applicants with qualifications at Master's level or higher in another discipline and who possess experience or knowledge which, in the opinion of the Board, will enable them to pursue doctoral studies successfully.

4. (1) Applicants may submit their application form, together with a detailed *Curriculum Vitae* including three reference letters, transcripts of qualifications, and a comprehensive research proposal outlining the proposed project, at any time of the year.

(2) Applicants may also be asked to demonstrate competence in skills required by the nature of the proposed research.

Taught Study-Units

5. When the Board deems it necessary, it may require students to successfully complete a number of taught study-units during the course of their study, under those conditions that it may impose, after approval by Senate.

Thesis Presentation and Format

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

Repeal

7. 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 Digital Games, published as Legal Notice 129 of 2014, shall be deemed to cease to be in force as from 1 October 2024.

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