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**EDUCATION ACT
(CAP. 327)**

**Bye-Laws of 2009 in terms of the General Regulations for University
Postgraduate Awards, 2008 for the Degree of
International Joint Master of Science in Strategic Innovation
and Future Creation
under the auspices of the Edward de Bono Institute for the Design and
Development of Thinking**

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 Edward de Bono Institute for the Design and Development of Thinking in virtue of the powers conferred upon it by article 81(1) 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 2009 in terms of the General Regulations for University Postgraduate Awards, 2008 for the degree of Master of Science in Strategic Innovation and Future Creation.

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

“the Board” means the Board of Studies, which should include members from the Partner Institutions, appointed by Senate, on the recommendation of the Board responsible for the academic administration and organisation of the Course;

“the Course” means the programme of study leading to the degree of International Joint Master of Science in Strategic Innovation and Future Creation;

"the Degree" means the degree of Master of Science in Strategic Innovation and Future Creation;

“the Partner Institutions” means the institutions taking part in the EU-funded project 74922-IC-1-2005-1-MT-ERASMUS-PROGUC-5 2006-2305/001 – 001 SO2, namely:

University of Teesside, England
Turku School of Economics, Finland
University of Potsdam, Germany
University of Malta, Malta

For courses commencing in October 2011 or later:

“the Partner Institutions” means the institutions collaborating in the delivery of the programme, namely:

University of Teesside, England
Turku School of Economics, Finland
University of Potsdam, Germany
University of Malta, Malta;

“the Postgraduate Diploma” means the Postgraduate Diploma in Strategic Innovation and Future Creation;

“the Principal Regulations” means the General Regulations for University Postgraduate Awards, 2008; and

“the University” means the University of Malta.

Applicability

2. These bye-laws shall apply for courses commencing in October 2009 or later.

Requirements for Admission

3. To be admitted to the Course, applicants shall be in possession of a Bachelor degree from this University, or an equivalent qualification obtained from any other recognized university.

Course Duration

4. The Course shall extend over four semesters of full-time study or the equivalent in part-time study.

Programme of Study

5. (1) The programme of study shall comprise study-units to which a total of 120 credits are assigned, of which 90 credits are assigned to taught study-units and 30 credits are assigned to the dissertation study-unit.

(2) Students who obtain a minimum of 60 credits assigned to taught study-units with an average mark of at least 50% and do not proceed with the Course, or having proceeded do not successfully complete the Course, shall be eligible for the award of the Postgraduate Diploma.

(3) The programme of study shall be published after approval by Senate, normally not less than eight months prior to the commencement of the Course.

(4) All students shall be required to spend a compulsory study period at each of the Partner Institutions, as indicated in the programme of study.

Assessment and Progress

6. (1) The assessment of each taught study-unit shall be held on completion of the study-unit, during the period of attendance at one of the Partner Institutions at a time to be specified by the Board.

(2) Students who in any academic year fail in the assessment of not more than 20 credits for taught study-units, if following the full-time Course, or not more than 10 credits if following the part-time Course, shall be given the opportunity to re-sit the failed assessments at the first practicable opportunity, as determined by the Board.

(3) Students who fail in more than the number of credits permitted under paragraph (2) of this bye-law, or students who after re-assessment fail to obtain credit for any study-unit, shall be deemed to have failed the Course.

7. Students shall be allowed to proceed to the dissertation study-unit subject to successful completion of all the taught study-units with a minimum average mark of 65%.

For courses commencing in October 2011 or later:

7. Students shall be allowed to proceed to the dissertation study-unit subject to successful completion of the taught study-units in Year 1 of the approved programme with a minimum average mark of 65%.

Dissertation

8. (1) Students shall be required to submit an individual dissertation of between 25,000 – 30,000 words on a topic related to creativity, innovation management, foresight and/or entrepreneurship. The dissertation must satisfy the Board of Examiners as regards content and presentation.

(2) Work on the dissertation shall be undertaken during the fourth semester of the Course. Each student shall be assigned a supervisor who shall provide guidance and advice on a regular basis during the period of study.

(3) A provisional title of the dissertation and a detailed research proposal shall be submitted to the Board for approval by the beginning of the third semester.

9. (1) Students shall be required to have regular contact with their supervisor.

(2) Supervisors shall submit to the Board progress reports for each student under their supervision at the end of each semester of studies, whether the student is following the Course on a full-time or a part-time basis. Such reports may include a recommendation to either (a) extend the period of study in order to enable the student to complete the dissertation; or (b) terminate studies prematurely if the supervisor deems this to be proper in the circumstances, provided that:

(i) the extension of the study period referred to in (a) shall be in accordance with the provisions of Principal Regulations; and

(ii) the Board may not terminate studies prematurely according to (b) until it has first given the student a chance to be heard.

10. (1) Each dissertation shall be examined by a Board of Examiners composed of at least four examiners. At least one of the examiners shall normally be a local examiner from one of the Partner Institutions, while the external examiner shall be selected from an institution external to the Partner Institutions.

(2) Students shall normally be required to take a *viva voce* examination to defend their dissertation.

Classification of the Awards

11. The Final Weighted Average Mark for the purpose of the classification of the Postgraduate Diploma and the Degree shall be based on the results obtained in all the components of the programme of study, all credits being weighted equally.

For courses commencing in October 2011 or later:

Award of the Postgraduate Diploma and the Degree

11. (1) The Final Weighted Average Mark for the purpose of the classification of the Postgraduate Diploma and the Degree shall be based on the results obtained in the components of the programme of study, as appropriate, all credits being weighted equally.

(2) The Postgraduate Diploma shall be awarded by the University of Malta only.

(3) The Degree may be awarded jointly with any or all of the Partner Institutions following agreement between the University and the universities concerned.

Special Provisions for Part-Time Courses

12. The provisions of the foregoing bye-laws shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to courses followed on a part-time basis, and subject to such changes as may reasonably be deemed by the Board as necessary due to the part-time nature of the Course.