EDUCATION ACT
(CAP. 327)

Bye-Laws of 2013 in terms of the General Regulations for University Undergraduate Awards, 2004 for the Degree of Bachelor of Arts (Honours) – B.A. (Hons) - under the auspices of the Institute of Criminology

IN exercise of the powers conferred upon him by sections 30(5) and 31(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 Forensic Studies in virtue of the powers conferred upon it by section 37 (1) of the said Act and which have been approved by the Senate of the University of Malta as required by section 37 (2) of the said Act:

Citation and Interpretation

1. (1) These bye-laws may be cited as the Bye-Laws of 2012 in terms of the General Regulations for University Undergraduate Awards, 2004 for the degree of Bachelor of Arts (Honours) – B.A. (Hons) – under the auspices of the Institute of Criminology.

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

“the Board” means the Board of the Institute of Criminology;

“the Course” means the programme of studies leading to the degree of Bachelor of Arts (Honours) - B.A. (Hons);

“the Degree” means degree of Bachelor of Arts (Honours) - B.A. (Hons);

“the Diploma” means the Diploma in a relevant area of study; and

"the Principal Regulations" means the General Regulations for University Undergraduate Awards, 2004.

Applicability

2. These bye-laws shall be applicable for courses commencing in October 2003 or later.
For courses commencing in October 2011 or later:

Areas of Study

3. The Degree may be offered in any one of the following areas of study:

Policing, Corrections and Criminology.

Requirements for Admission

4. (1) To be registered as regular students in the Course, applicants shall satisfy the general requirements for admission as specified in the Admission Regulations of the University.

(2) Students may be registered for the course of studies leading to the Degree if they obtain the Diploma and renounce to the award of the Diploma.

Course Duration

5. The Course shall extend over a period of three years of full-time study or five years of part-time study.

Course Programme

5. (1) The Course shall consist of three levels assigned 60 credits each.

(2) 90 credits (60 credits at Level 1 and 30 credits at Level 2) shall be assigned for the first three years of part-time study. When the course is offered on a full-time basis, 60 credits (at Level 1) shall be assigned for the first year.

(3) 90 credits (30 credits at Level 2 and 60 credits at Level 3) shall be assigned for the following two years of part-time study. When the Course is offered on a full-time basis, 60 credits (at Level 2) shall be assigned for the second year and 60 credits (at Level 3) shall be assigned for the third year.”

For courses commencing in October 2011 or later:

Course Programme

6. (1) The Course shall consist of study-units to which 180 credits are assigned.

(2) The Board shall publish the programme of study for the Degree, drawn up in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Principal Regulations, and approved by Senate, at the commencement of each Course. Subject to changes that the Board may, with the approval of Senate, be constrained to make, students are bound to follow the study-units and obtain the credits as indicated in the programme of study.

(3) The programme of study shall include elective study-units in areas of study as deemed relevant by the Board.
Interim Award

6. Students who successfully complete the programme of study for the first two years of part-time study (or for the first year of full-time study) and who either opt not to proceed with the Course, or having proceeded do not successfully complete the following three years of part-time study (or two years of full-time study) shall be entitled to the award of the Diploma in Criminology.

For courses commencing in October 2011 or later:

Award of Diplomas

7. (1) Students who successfully complete study-units to which 60 credits are assigned and who either opt not to proceed with the Course, or having proceeded do not successfully complete the Course shall be entitled to the award of the Diploma in Criminology.

(2) If at least 24 credits of the 60 credits are obtained in the Policing elective study-units, the Diploma in Policing shall be awarded; if at least 24 credits of the 60 credits are obtained in the Corrections elective study-units, the Diploma in Corrections shall be awarded.

(3) Students who successfully complete study-units to which 30 credits are assigned and who either opt not to proceed with the Course, or having proceeded do not successfully complete the Course shall be entitled to the award of the Certificate in Criminology.

(4) If at least 20 credits of the 30 credits are obtained in the Policing elective study-units, the Certificate in Policing shall be awarded; if at least 20 credits of the 30 credits are obtained in the Corrections elective study-units, the Certificate in Corrections shall be awarded.

Classification of the Awards

8. (1) The Final Weighted Average Mark for the classification of the Diploma and the Degree shall be based on the results obtained in each year of the Course, which shall be weighted according to the number of credits assigned to the study-units.

(2) The names of students who qualify for the award of the Diploma shall be published in a list in alphabetical order classified as follows:

Passed with Distinction
Passed.

For courses commencing in October 2011 or later:

(2) The names of students who qualify for the award of the Diploma shall be published in a list in alphabetical order classified as follows:

Passed with Distinction
Passed with Merit
Passed.
(3) The names of students who qualify for the award of the Degree shall be published in a list in alphabetical order classified as follows:

First Class Honours
Upper Second Class Honours
Lower Second Class Honours
Third Class Honours.

Repeal
