EDUCATION ACT
(CAP. 327)

Admission Regulations, 1997

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred upon him by articles 30(5) and 31(6) of the Education Act (Cap. 327), the Chancellor of the University of Malta has promulgated the following regulations made by the Senate of the University of Malta by virtue of the powers conferred upon it by sections 31 and 35 of the said Act:

Citation and interpretation

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Admission Regulations, 1997 of the University of Malta and shall substitute R01 - Admission Regulations of the University of Malta included in Schedule III of the Education Act (Cap. 327) and subsequent amendments which are hereby repealed.

Provided that the repeal of these regulations shall in no manner affect the admission of students made hereunder.

Applicability

2. These Regulations shall apply for admission to the University as from October 1997 onwards, except for Regulations 1.3.2 and 3.1 which shall apply for admission to the University as from October 1995 onwards.

1. Admission to a Course of Studies

1.1 Degree Courses. To be admitted to a course of studies leading to a degree a candidate must:

(a) be eligible for admission to the University as a regular student in terms of regulation 2; and

(b) satisfy such other requirements as may be set out in the regulations and bye-laws for that course.

1.2 Diploma Courses. To be admitted to a course of studies leading to a diploma a candidate must:
(a) be eligible for admission to the University as a regular student in terms of regulation 2:
Provided that, where a diploma course extends over two years or more, and the regulations for the course expressly permit it, a candidate may be allowed to follow the first year of the course as a probationary student (see regulation 3.2);

and

(b) satisfy such other requirements as may be set out in the regulations and bye-laws for that course.

1.3 Certificate Courses

1.3.1 Foundation Courses. To be admitted to a course of studies leading to a certificate which qualifies the holder for admission as a regular student of the University a candidate must:

(a) be eligible for admission to the University as a probationary student in terms of regulation 3.2; and

(b) satisfy such other requirements as may be set out in the regulations and bye-laws for that course.

1.3.2 Junior College Course. To be admitted to the Junior College of the University, a candidate must satisfy the requirements for admission as a Junior Student in terms of regulation 3.1.

1.3.3 Other Certificate Courses. To be admitted to a certificate course which is not a foundation course, a candidate must satisfy such requirements as may be set out in the regulations and bye-laws for that course (see also regulation 3.3).

2. Regular Students of the University

2.1 A candidate may be admitted to the University as a regular student if he:

(i) satisfies the General Entry Requirement as defined in regulation 6.1; or
(ii) is a graduate of a university recognised by the Senate for this purpose; or
(iii) has been awarded an approved diploma by an institution of tertiary education recognised by the Senate for this purpose; or
(iv) has obtained the Certificate in Foundation Studies of the University; or
(v) has successfully completed a specified part or all of a course after having been admitted to the University as a probationary student in accordance with regulation 3.2.

2.2 A candidate may also be admitted as a regular student of the University if he:
(a) (i) has been registered as a student at another university recognised by the Senate for this purpose; or  
(ii) has qualifications of similar academic standard to those specified in regulation 2.1; or  
(iii) will have reached the age of 23 by the beginning of the course for which he applied, or  
(iv) has at any time satisfied the general entry requirements prescribed at that time; or  
(v) suffers from some severe physical disability which would have made it difficult for him to obtain the required entry qualification;

and

(b) has been judged eligible for admission as a regular student by the Admissions Board established in terms of regulation 5.

3. Junior, Probationary and Provisional Students of the University

3.1 Junior Students. A candidate may be admitted to the University as a Junior Student at the Junior College of the University if he is in possession of six passes in the Secondary Education Certificate examination at Grade 5 or better.

The subjects offered must include:

Maltese, English Language, Mathematics and one of Physics, Chemistry or Biology.

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The subjects offered must include:

Maltese, English Language, Mathematics,  
one of Physics, Chemistry or Biology  
and as from October 2014, out of the remaining two subjects, one may be offered from:  
BTEC Level 2 Extended Certificate in Engineering  
BTEC Level 2 Extended Certificate in Health and Social Care  
BTEC Level 2 Extended Certificate in Hospitality  
BTEC Level 2 Extended Certificate in Information Technology. |
3.2 **Probationary Students.** A candidate may be admitted to the University as a probationary student if he:

(a) has applied for admission in accordance with regulation 1.2 and satisfies the requirements for entry into a preparatory course stipulated by the regulations of the Diploma Course to which the candidate seeks admission, when such a preparatory course is provided for by those regulations; *or*

(b) has applied for admission in accordance with regulation 1.3.1 and satisfies the Entry Requirements as defined in regulations for a Foundation Course.

3.3 **Provisional Students.** In the case of a certificate course for which eligibility for admission as a regular or probationary student is not a requirement, a candidate shall be admitted as a provisional student of the University for the duration of the course:

Provided that the candidate may request admission as a regular student if he has the necessary qualifications.

4. **Registration as a Matriculated Student**

4.1 A candidate who has been admitted to a course of studies as a regular student shall be registered as a matriculated student of the University.

4.2 A candidate who qualifies for admission as a regular student through having satisfied the General Entry Requirement (see regulation 2.1(i)), may apply to be registered as a matriculated student even if he may not be seeking admission to a course of studies.

4.2.1 A certificate of registration may be issued to a candidate who applies in terms of regulation 4.2, on payment of the prescribed fee.

5. **The Admissions Board**

5.1 The Admissions Board shall be composed of the following members:

- The Rector or his nominated delegate, *ex officio* Chairman
- Three members appointed by Senate
- The Registrar.

5.2 The Admissions Board shall have the power:

(a) to decide on the eligibility of any candidate for admission to the University as a regular, probationary or provisional student and for admission to a course of studies;
(b) to decide on the eligibility of any candidate for admission as a regular student of the University in terms of regulation 2.2, and, where it deems it appropriate:

(i) to require such a candidate to satisfy additional conditions before being admitted as a regular student; and/or
(ii) to restrict the choice of course, or of options within a course, to which such a candidate may be admitted;

(c) to decide on who is admitted to a course, to which admission is limited, in accordance with the provisions of the regulations and bye-laws for that course and any other criteria established by resolution of the Senate;

(d) to seek the advice of a faculty admissions committee (consisting of the Dean or his delegate and at least two other academic members appointed by the Board of the Faculty concerned) on any matter concerning eligibility for admission to a course of studies in that faculty, and in particular on whether any candidate seeking admission as a regular student in terms of regulation 2.2 (a)(iii) has the necessary academic background to follow the course of studies with profit, normally after having assessed the candidate through an interview or some other form of assessment;

(e) to advise the Senate on all matters regarding admission to the University and to courses of studies.

5.3 The quorum for meetings of the Admissions Board shall be three.

6. Entry Requirements

6.1 General Entry Requirements (see regulation 2.1) Subject to any other provision of these regulations, the General Entry Requirements are the following:

(a) the Matriculation Certificate; and

(b) passes in the Secondary Education Certificate at Grade 5 or better in Maltese, English Language and Mathematics, provided that if a pass in Maltese, and/or English, and/or Mathematics is obtained within the Matriculation Certificate, either at Advanced or at Intermediate Level, a pass in the Secondary Education Certificate Examination is not required.

6.2 Corresponding Examinations. The Admissions Board may recommend to Senate the acceptance of passes at corresponding levels of other examinations as equivalent to the Matriculation Certificate and the Secondary Education Certificate for the purpose of admittance.
6.3.1 *Special Course Requirements.* The regulations and bye-laws for a course of studies may specify other requirements for admission to that course. In particular they may limit the choice of subjects that may be offered at Advanced and Intermediate Levels, or specify alternative qualifications for admission which would be acceptable, in whole or in part, as 'qualifications of similar academic standard' for the purpose of regulation 2.2.

6.3.2 Where a faculty indicates Special Course Requirements for a particular area of study which it offers, those Special Course Requirements shall always apply irrespective of the course in which the area of studies is being taken, provided that a faculty may indicate additional requirements for that area of studies taken in courses which it offers.

6.4.1 A candidate who is a graduate of a university or has other qualifications considered to be sufficient may, on the advice of the faculty admissions committee concerned, be exempted by the Admissions Board from any subject a pass in which is required for admission to a course in that Faculty.

6.4.2 When an aptitude test is required for admission to a course, Senate shall appoint an Examining Board normally composed of:

- The Head of the relevant Department or the Director of the relevant Institute or the nominee of such Head or Director;
- The Head of Department of Psychology or his nominee; and
- The Registrar or his nominee.

7. **Alternative Compulsory Subjects in Special Circumstances**

7.1 The Admissions Board may, in the special circumstances and subject to the conditions set out hereunder, allow a candidate to offer another subject instead of Maltese as follows:

(a) It may allow a non-Maltese candidate to offer instead of Maltese his own language.

(b) It may allow a Maltese candidate who for reasons of residence or education abroad over a significant period during the previous four years, has not received adequate teaching in Maltese, to offer instead of that subject another language or another subject.

8. **Further Provisions**

8.1 *Admission to a Course after its Commencement.* A candidate who is qualified for admission to the University as a regular student may be allowed by the Admissions Board, subject to any conditions it may impose, to join a course of studies in its second year, provided that the Faculty Board concerned is satisfied that the candidate has completed, at a recognised institution of higher education, a sufficient
proportion of the syllabus of that course as to make it possible for the candidate to complete the first two years of the course in one year.

8.1.1 The Senate may, on the advice of the Board of the relevant Faculty or Institute, allow a candidate to be considered by the Admissions Board for admission to any year of the course. The provisions of regulation 8.1 shall apply mutatis mutandis.

8.2 *Concurrent Courses.* Unless with the special permission of the Senate, a student may not register concurrently for more than one course of studies leading to a degree, diploma or certificate except in the cases listed in regulation 8.2.1.

8.2.1 The following courses may be followed concurrently:

(a) the courses leading to the Degree of LL.D. and to the Diploma of Notary Public;

(b) the courses leading to the degree of B.A. in Legal and Humanistic Studies and to the Diploma of Legal Procurator;

(c) a course (part-time or full-time) leading to a degree, diploma or certificate, and a part-time course leading to a certificate.

8.3 *Occasional Students.* The Rector may allow a person to attend a course of lectures or a practical class as an occasional student provided that any teacher concerned is willing to accept the student and is satisfied that the student has the necessary academic background to follow the lectures or practical classes with profit. The Rector may, at his discretion, withdraw such permission at any time.

8.3.1 Occasional students shall not be entitled to the rights and privileges accorded to regular students and may not sit for any examinations of the University. Such students shall nevertheless be bound by the disciplinary regulations of the University.

8.4 *Curricular Students.* The Rector, on the advice of the Board of a Faculty or Institute, may allow any person to register as a curricular student, for the whole or parts of a course given in that Faculty or Institute. Such students shall not have the right to sit for any examinations but may make use of all the other facilities accorded to regular students.

8.5 A student who discontinues a course or is not permitted by regulations to continue a course, may not be allowed to re-register as a student in any course before the lapse of one year from withdrawal, unless with the permission of Senate acting on the advice of the Admissions Board.

9. **Suspended Students**

9.1 A student who after due warning given in writing, persistently fails to attend lectures and / or tutorials, or otherwise does not carry out his academic duties without
adequate justification, shall be suspended for such periods not exceeding six months, as the Rector, after considering the recommendation of the Board of the relevant Faculty or Institute may decide.

9.1.1 A suspended student may, on the recommendation of the Dean of his Faculty or Director of his Institute, be allowed to attend lectures and / or tutorials and participate in other academic activities under such conditions as the Rector may approve.

10. Applications for Admission

10. Candidates wishing to join courses in terms of the Admission Regulations shall apply on the prescribed forms by the date established by Senate, unless in special circumstances and with the permission of Senate.

1. Regulations published as Legal Notice 183 of 1997 (14th November 1997) applicable to courses starting in October 1997 or later, except for Regulations 1.3.2 and 3.1 which are applicable from October 1995 onwards.

2. Regulation 5.2 (c) amended by Legal Notice 202 of 1997 (28th November 1997) applicable to courses starting in October 1988 or later.

3. Regulation 3.2 (c) included by Legal Notice 9 of 1998 (20th January 1998) applicable to courses starting in October 1997 or later.

4. Regulation 6.1 amended by Legal Notice 172 of 1998 (14th July 1998) applicable to courses starting in October 1999 or later.

5. Regulations 5.1 and 5.3 amended by Legal Notice 41 of 1999 (9th February 1999) applicable from January 1999 onwards.

6. Regulations 6.3.2 and 10 included by Legal Notice 41 of 1999 (9th February 1999) applicable from January 1999 onwards.

7. Regulation 3.2 (c) deleted by Legal Notice 144 of 2004 (2nd April 2004) applicable from October 2005 onwards.
