



TERMS YOU SHOULD KNOW

Add/drop period	one week in each semester during which you can add or delete a study-unit
Assessment	can take various forms and can be held during and/or at the end of a semester; students may be stopped from taking an assessment if they fail to attend lectures or other teaching sessions
Attendance	at lectures, seminars, practical, laboratory sessions etc. is obligatory for all students; student may only be allowed to attend lectures etc. if registered on the study-unit
Class Average Mark	is calculated on the marks obtained by all the students on a study-unit
Compensatable study-unit	a unit in which you failed with a mark of between 35% and 44% but which you may pass by compensation (CP) under certain conditions
Component	a unit may comprise more than one method of assessment referred to as component, e.g. the method of assessment of a unit comprises two components: an assignment 20% and an exam 80%.
Compulsory study-unit	a unit which must be followed and passed to progress to the next year or for successful completion of your course
Conditional Progression	progression to the next year with referred unit/s up to 10 ECTS credits, after academic counselling
ECTS credits	a number of credits are awarded on the successful completion of a unit – ECTS is a widely used system in universities in the European Higher Education area; students are required to follow units to which 60 ECTS credits are assigned to each full-time academic year; students should not follow less or more than 60 credits (besides any referred

units); 1 credit nominally represents 25 hours of learning, of which 5 to 7 hours are normally direct teaching

Elective study-unit	a unit which must be chosen from a specific list of units in your area of study
eSIMS	the students' portal giving you access 24/7 to your registrations, results and on-line processes
Level	each unit is assigned a level of study indicated by the first digit in the code, e.g. MAL1000 denotes that this is a level 1 unit
Non-compensatable unit	a unit which cannot be passed by compensation – the pass mark for such a unit is 45%
Optional study-unit	a unit which may be chosen from almost all study-units offered by the University; 2 credits for each year of a course but not necessarily 2 credits in each year
Reading time	a five minutes reading time to enable students to READ the examination questions; no writing is to take place during this period and if any students are reported to have written anything disciplinary action will be taken
Referred Study-Unit	a failed unit which you are allowed to carry forward to the next year and in which you will be re-assessed – maximum marks 45%; units assigned up to 10 ECTS credits may be referred
Study-Unit / unit	a part of a course carried out upon a syllabus to which a number of ECTS credits are assigned
Supplementary assessment	held in September when students are able to re-sit failed assessments of semesters 1 and 2 units up to 20 ECTS credits; maximum marks 45%
Transcript	the official record of your studies at the University obtained from the Admissions and Records Office

Withdrawal

resignation from a course – inform the University by letter or email; OR an approved withdrawal from a study-unit

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<http://www.um.edu.mt/registrar/regulations/general/harmonisedregs-09>

To access the University Postgraduate Awards Regulations, 2008 go to:

http://www.um.edu.mt/__data/assets/pdf_file/0013/10831/Postgraduate_Harmonised_Regulations.pdf

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<http://www.um.edu.mt/registrar/regulations/faculties>

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