

Recent Activities at the University of Malta – Gozo Campus

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Courses at the Gozo Campus

The new academic year 2022/23 saw the commencement of a number of University courses in Gozo. The Faculty of Economics, Management and Accountancy opened the three-year programme leading to the Bachelor of Commerce. This course was made available to those who had successfully completed the Diploma in Commerce. The Bachelor of Commerce is spread over a period of three years and covers a range of topics related to Economics, Management, Marketing and Public Policy. Similar to other part-time courses offered at the campus, the lectures of this course are held on Friday evenings and Saturday mornings.

A number of other courses were opened in which lectures are being held online. These courses are: Bachelor of Arts in Theology (Hons), Executive Master of Business Administration, Executive Master of Business Administration in Public Management, and Master of Arts in Disability Studies.

Centre for Liberal Arts and Sciences Courses

The Centre for Liberal Arts and Sciences at the University of Malta, opened, for the first time, a set of three courses specifically designed for Gozo. These are ‘Wild Plants: Identification, Appreciation and Uses’, ‘The Art of Maltese Bobbin Lace I’ and ‘Appreciating Antiques: An Introduction to Art and Antique Collecting in Malta and Gozo’. Each course consisted of 28 hours of lectures, practical sessions and site visits. The courses were followed by an encouraging number of participants. Through its PLAS programme the Centre for Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS) offers a broad range of ‘stand alone’ study-units, to the general public, in areas such as archaeology, history, literature, culture, conservation, philosophy, economics, public policy, migration, music, biology, medicine, earth systems, marketing, art, astronomy, sociology, politics, winemaking, chemistry, architecture,



Dr Consiglia Azzopardi during the delivery of one of the lectures in Maltese Bobbin Lace.



A practical session in progress during the course ‘The Art of Maltese Bobbin Lace I’.



Students during a site visit at the Obelisk Auction Gallery, to view a collection of works by some of the best Maltese 20th century artists. The course was delivered by Mr Mario Cassar (right). Renowned actioneer Mr Pierre Grech Pillow (second from right) provided useful information about the collection at the gallery and about art collecting in general.

law, photography, and more. Both the CLAS and the Gozo Campus are planning that these type of courses continue to be offered in the future.

University of the Third Age

The University of the Third Age opened once again its academic year at the Gozo Campus. The opening ceremony, held on 7th October 2023, included an introductory speech by Ms Simone Ellul,

administrator at the University of the Third Age, and a Holy mass celebrated by Rev. Dr Joseph Bezzina. The Minister for Gozo, Hon. Clint Camilleri, who was also present for the event, delivered a short speech to the numerous participants. He stressed the importance of life-long learning and encouraged those present to continue attending similar courses in the future. The courses offered during this academic year are: ‘Dokumenti Storiċi relatati ma’ Għawdex’, ‘The Maltese Neolithic



Hon. Clint Camilleri addressing the participants during the opening ceremony.



The graduates in the Diploma in Commerce.



Part of the back of the campus after restoration.

Temples – Ritual and Drama’, ‘Xjenza u Religjon’ and ‘The psychology of aging: A practical approach to understanding its process’.

Graduations

During the graduation ceremonies held in November and December 2022, five students who successfully completed the Diploma in Commerce course at the Gozo Campus were awarded their degree. The graduants were: Jeanette Grima, Sarah Inguanez, Jennifer Mifsud, Mariya Said and Michelle Sciberras.

Restoration Works

The restoration works on the external facade of the old building of the Gozo Campus continued during the past months. The project, which is planned to be completed in June 2023, is being financed by the Ministry for Gozo.

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