

Recent Activities at the University of Malta - Gozo Campus

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Examinations at the Gozo Campus

Almost all Gozitan students following courses at the Msida Campus of the University of Malta were again given the opportunity to sit for their end-of-semester examinations in Gozo. During the January/February 2016 session, around 650 examinations were organised both at the University Campus in Xewkija and at the Examination Centre in Victoria. More than 700 examinations were similarly held during the June session. Gozitan students are finding this service very convenient and from year to year it is becoming more popular.

As in past years, the Faculty of Education at the University of Malta, organised the Maltese and English Proficiency Tests for prospective Gozitan applicants. The tests were held at the Gozo Campus in April and in June.

GoGoGozo 2016

During the month of May the University Gozo Campus hosted a number of activities as part of GoGoGozo 2016, an intensive 10-day course combining digital theory and technology with the practices associated with cultural geography. A strong contingent of students and staff from five different universities (Manchester, Warwick, Utrecht, Olomouc and Malta) engaged themselves in a series of lectures, projects and outdoor games. This was the second year that this course was organised in Gozo thanks to a successful Erasmus Plus grant application.

Students Advisory Services

On 16th and 17th July, the Students Advisory Services of the University of Malta were available at the Gozo Campus to provide prospective



The students and staff from five universities after the completion of a 10-day field experience in Gozo.

students with the necessary information and advice on University courses. This service, which is offered every year at the Gozo Campus, is of great benefit to Gozitans, saving them from crossing over to Malta.

Team Building Activity

On 20th July, the Office for Human Resources, Management and Development, at the University of Malta, organised a one-day activity at the Gozo Campus, for its staff. This activity served as a learning session as well as a team building occasion.

Courses at the Gozo Campus

The courses running at the Gozo Campus during academic year 2015-2016 were:

- Pre-tertiary Certificate in Baroque Architecture (Yr 1)
- Certificate in Proof Reading: Maltese (Yr 1)
- Diploma in Commerce (Yr 1 and 2)
- Bachelor of Commerce (Yr 3)
- Bachelor of Psychology (Honours) (Yr 1)
- Master of Arts in Islands and Small States (Yr 1)

A number of courses were offered via the video-conferencing system. Through this technology Gozitan students could follow from Gozo all lectures delivered at the Msida Campus. The video-conferencing system offers a number of technological features which allows geographically distant users to see and talk to each other in real-time. It also incorporates the real-time sharing of data from computer based presentations and videos.

The video-conferenced courses were:

- Certificate in Clinical Practice (Yr 1)
- Diploma in Facilitating Inclusive Education (Yr 1)
- Higher Diploma in Public Accounting and Finance (Yr 3)
- Executive Master of Business Administration in Business Administration (Yr 3)
- Executive Master of Business Administration in Public Management (Yr 1)

A number of short courses were also offered at the Gozo Campus. The Lace Making Programme organised two courses entitled 'Introduction to the Art of Making Lace' and 'Making a Lace Jacket'.



The students following the MA in Islands and Small States Studies visited Dwejra as part of their fieldwork in Ecology and Biogeography of Islands. During this fieldwork students drew a report on the geological formation of the area and on its ecological aspects.

The courses, which were spread over one academic year, were well attended.

Another short course offered at the Gozo Campus was that in e-Marketing. This course was organised for the second consecutive year by the Malta University Holding Company Ltd. It was held during the months of January, February and March 2016.

The University of the Third Age, which forms part of the University of Malta, organised a number of lectures as part of its programme for this academic year. Mgr Joseph Farrugia delivered a number of lectures on Mediterranean Civilizations, while Ms Sina Bugeja delivered a study-unit on Healthy Aging. Professor Joe Friggieri, delivered a series of lectures relating to Philosophy. Over fifty elderly people attended these lectures.

Other Activities

The facilities of the Gozo Campus were also used by various other entities for their activities.

The Matriculation and Secondary Education Certificate (MATSEC) Examinations Board made use of the video-conferencing facilities to organise a number of interviews with students who sat for MATSEC exams. In this way Gozitan students could be interviewed directly in Gozo without the need to cross over to Malta.

In March the Gozo Social Work Unit within the Ministry for Gozo, organised a two-day course as part of an in-service training to social workers working within the Unit, while in August the Measures and Support Division within Ministry for European Affairs and Implementation of the Electoral Manifesto organised an information session about the launch of two calls for project proposals under the Business Enhance ERDF Grant Schemes.

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GOZO CAMPUS

The University of Malta will be offering a number of courses at the University Gozo Campus at both Undergraduate and Postgraduate level as from October 2016. The courses on offer are the following:

- ▶ Diploma in Gozo Studies
- ▶ Diploma in Lace Studies
- ▶ Diploma in Commerce
- ▶ Bachelor of Commerce in Economics and Management (for holders of the Diploma in Commerce)
- ▶ Bachelor of Commerce (Honours) in Economics or Management
- ▶ Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Criminology
- ▶ Executive Master of Business Administration in Business Administration (via videoconferencing)
- ▶ Master of Arts in Hospitalier Studies
- ▶ Master of Arts in Islands and Small States Studies

All courses listed above will commence subject to there being a sufficient number of qualified applicants.

Further information about these courses may be obtained from the University of Malta website at: www.um.edu.mt/courses or from the main office of the University of Malta - Gozo Campus, Mgarr Road, Xewkija, Gozo.

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Application forms can be filled by accessing: www.um.edu.mt/apply
Applications Deadline: 21 July 2016

The flyer issued by the University Gozo Campus publicising the courses offered in Gozo for academic year 2016/17.

Other entities which used the Gozo Campus facilities were the Gozo Youth Council, which organised a number of conferences and MEUSAC, which held a number of information sessions to the general public. The Environment and Planning Review Tribunal held a number of sittings at the Gozo Campus, while Jobsplus held a number of lectures as part of their programmes.

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