

Recent Activities at the University of Malta - Gozo Campus

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Summer Activity

The central courtyard of the University of Malta Gozo Campus was the venue for a cultural evening organised as part of the Campus' summer activities. The event, which was organised by Professor Manwel Mifsud, took place on Friday 31st July 2015. An audience of about two hundred people attended.

This year's event was entitled '*Lejla għall-Qamar Kwinta*' (Songs Under a Full Moon), as it coincided with the month's blue moon. The programme consisted mainly of a performance of original Maltese songs by established artists Corazón and Walter Micallef.

Traditional Maltese songs were also sung by Ruth Portelli, accompanied by Tal-Fuklar Folk Band, while Manwel Mifsud and Mario Debono interpreted their own compositions. Joe Friggieri read one of his short stories while Chev. Joe M. Attard read one of his poems. The evening was compered by Manwel Mifsud, who also recited a number of poems relating to Gozo. The concert was followed by drinks in the Campus' beautifully lit olive grove.

The Hon. Evarist Bartolo, Minister for Education and Employment, and former Speaker Anton Tabone were among the guests.



Ruth Portelli accompanied by Tal-Fuklar Folk Band.



Manwel Mifsud and Mario Debono performing live.



Corazón and Walter Micallef performing a Maltese song.

Gozo Lace Day 2015

On Sunday 29th March, the Lace-Making Programme of the University Gozo Campus organised the “Gozo Lace Day”. The event, which was held for the nineteenth consecutive year, included a number of exhibits and demonstrations of Gozo lace and talks on matters related to lace making. Lace makers were invited to bring their own pillow and join others in lace making.

Present for the event were Professor Joe Friggieri, Pro-Rector for Gozo, and Dr Consiglia Azzopardi, coordinator of the Lace-Making Programme.

In her address Dr Consiglia Azzopardi gave an overview of the courses offered and the work carried out by the Lace-Making Programme at the Gozo Campus during the past academic year. She also gave information on two new short courses on lace making entitled ‘Introduction to the Art of Making Maltese Lace’ and ‘Making a Lace Jacket/Conversion of Pattern to Table Runner’. Both courses will commence in October 2015. Dr Azzopardi delivered a talk on her visit to Australia and described her experiences during the visit.



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One of the exhibits at the Gozo Lace Day.

In his speech, Professor Joe Friggieri congratulated Dr Azzopardi for her sterling work in the lace-making area. He then presented certificates to a number of participants who successfully completed lace-making courses. Later he was shown round the exhibition by Dr Azzopardi where he had the opportunity to meet and talk to a number of lace makers and visitors.

Examinations at the Gozo Campus

Once again the University of Malta offered the facility to almost all Gozitan students following courses at the Msida Campus to sit for their end-of-semester examinations in Gozo, without the need to cross over to Malta. More than 700 examinations were held, both at the University Gozo Campus in Xewkija and at the Examination Centre in Victoria.



Professor Joe Friggieri presenting a certificate to a successful student.



An examination in progress.

GoGoGozo 2015

The courtyard of the University of Malta's Gozo Campus hosted one of the many activities of GoGoGozo 2015: an intensive 10-day course that explored the intersection of playfulness and geography. A multidisciplinary team of eleven members of staff – including Professor Godfrey Baldacchino and Dr Antonios Liapis from the University of Malta – guided twenty five students from the Czech Republic, Malta, the Netherlands and the UK in a series of lectures, projects and outdoor games that led to a different Gozo experience. The course, which was held during the month of March, was led by Dr Chris Perkins from the University of Manchester.



Professor Godfrey Baldacchino (right) delivering a lecture in the main courtyard of the Gozo Campus.

Courses at the Gozo Campus

The main courses offered at the Gozo Campus during academic year 2014-2015 were:

- Diploma in Commerce
- Bachelor of Commerce
- Diploma in Facilitating Inclusive Education
- Executive Master of Business Administration
- Higher Diploma in Public Accounting & Finance
- Post Graduate Diploma in Educational Leadership

In February the University of Malta opened for the second time in Gozo, the course leading to the Certificate in Proof Reading: Maltese. This course, which is becoming increasingly popular, is being attended by fifteen participants.

For the first time the Centre for the Liberal Arts and Sciences at the University of Malta, extended their Programme in the Liberal Arts and Sciences to Gozo, by the offering of a short course entitled 'A Taste of Spain and Latin America'. This course, which was spread over one semester, was offered at the Gozo Campus through the video-conferencing facility.

Another short course offered at the Gozo Campus is that in e-Marketing. This course was organised by Malta University Holding Company Ltd, during the months of February, March and April 2015. Twenty eight participants attended the course.

The University Gozo Campus in collaboration with the Faculty of Economics, Management and Accountancy at the University of Malta, organised a Foundation course in Economics and Accounting.

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Courses at the University of Malta - Gozo Campus
October 2015

The University of Malta will be offering the following courses at the University Gozo Campus as from October 2015:

- **Pre-tertiary Certificate in Baroque Architecture**
- **Diploma in Commerce**
- **Bachelor of Commerce** (for holders of the Diploma in Commerce)
- **Bachelor of Commerce (Honours) in Economics & Management**
- **Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Criminology**
- **Bachelor of Psychology (Honours)**
- **Executive Master of Business Administration** (via videoconferencing)
- **Master of Arts in Hospitaller Studies**
- **Master of Arts in Islands and Small States**
- **Programme for the Liberal Arts and Sciences (PLAS)**

LAS1011 The Environment: Issues and Challenges
LAS1027 War, Trade and Exploration: An Archaeology of the Sea
LAS1047 Foundations of Online Teaching & Learning (online)

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

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The flyer issued by the University Gozo Campus publicising the courses offered in Gozo.

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