

# Recent Activities at the University of Malta - Gozo Campus

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## Examinations

During the May/June session of examinations, more than 730 examinations were held in Gozo, partly at the Examination Centre in Victoria and partly at the University Gozo Campus in Xewkija. Moreover, during the Supplementary Examinations Session, held in September, around 160 examinations were organised at the Gozo Campus. In this way all Gozitan students following courses at the Msida Campus were again given the possibility to sit for their written examinations in Gozo.

## Go Go Gozo 2017

Thirty-five students from five different universities, namely Warwick (UK), Manchester (UK), Utrecht (NL), Olomouc (CZ) and Malta, followed the Go Go Gozo course at the University Gozo Campus between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> May. The students came from various disciplines: digital, geography, media studies, geographic information systems and games studies.

The aim of this course was to bring together students from different disciplines, through blended mobility, to develop novel, digital, mobile and map-based research methods and skills. The course also aimed to assess the potential of playful, experiential



Professor Christopher Perkins (left) delivering a lecture.

and participatory learning in this context as well as to provide a course structure that facilitates interdisciplinary and multinational encounters in the real world beyond university.

During the two-week course the students had the opportunity to create a number of artefacts which were displayed at an exhibition open to the public. The exhibits included maps of various locations in Gozo which were presented in a fun way. Mapping methodologies included a technique called kite-mapping which consists of aerial photography through the use of kites. Maps that document the soundscape and the smellscape of Gozo were also on display during this exhibition.

This was the third year that this course was organised in Gozo thanks to a successful Erasmus Plus grant application.

## Students Advisory Services

Advisors from the Students Advisory Services at the University of Malta, were available at the Gozo Campus on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> July. Prospective Gozitan students were provided with the necessary information and advice in order to make informed and sensible choices. This is another service which the University of Malta offers to the Gozitan public in Gozo.

## Gozo Lace Day 2017

On 30<sup>th</sup> April, the Lace-Making Programme organised its annual event, the “Gozo Lace Day”. This event was held at the Gozo Campus for the twentieth year, and as in previous years it included a number of exhibits and demonstrations related to Gozo lace. The event also included a number of talks on matters related to lace making. Lace makers were invited to bring their own pillow and join others in lace making.



Some of the exhibits at the Gozo Lace Day.

Present for the event were Prof Louis Cassar, Rector's Delegate for the Gozo Campus, and Dr Consiglia Azzopardi, coordinator of the Lace-Making Programme.

Dr Azzopardi delivered an interesting speech about the courses offered and the work carried out by the Lace-Making Programme during the past academic year. She also gave information about a diploma course in Lace-Making which the University of Malta will be offering in 2018.

In his address, Dr Louis Cassar congratulated Dr Azzopardi for her important work in lace-making. He also gave a short overview of the courses and activities held at the University Gozo Campus. Later he was shown round the exhibition by Dr Azzopardi. Here he had the opportunity to meet and talk to a number of lace makers and visitors.



Professor Louis F. Cassar being shown around the exhibition by Dr Consiglia Azzopardi.

## Courses

The courses running at the Gozo Campus during academic year 2017-2018 are:

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

The lectures of these courses are held every week on Friday evenings and Saturday mornings.

A number of other courses were offered during week days via the video-conferencing system. This facility allows Gozitan students to follow all the lectures held at the Msida Campus, without having to cross over to Malta.

The courses offered via video-conferencing were:

- Diploma in Facilitating Inclusive Education (Yr 2)
- Executive Master of Business Administration in Public Management (Yr 2)
- Executive Master of Business Administration in Public Management (Prep. Yr)
- Postgraduate Certificate in the Teaching of Ethics in Schools (Yr 1)

Four of these courses came to an end and the successful students are awaiting their graduation later this year.

The University of the Third Age continued with the offering of its programme for elderly people. Dr Michael Refalo delivered a course entitled 'L-Ewropa fis-Seklu Dsatax', while Professor Joe Troisi delivered a study-unit on 'Aging in a Sociological Perspective'. Over fifty elderly people attended these courses.

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