

Recent Activities at the University of Malta - Gozo Campus

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Courses at the Gozo Campus

In October 2017 a new course leading to a Diploma in Creativity, Innovation and Entrepreneurship was opened at the Gozo Campus by the Edward de Bono Institute of the University of Malta. This course is being offered in Gozo for the first time. The Faculty of Education again opened the course leading to the Diploma in Inclusive Education. Both courses are on a part-time basis and the latter is being offered via video-conferencing.

Four other courses started in February 2018. The Maltese Department opened, for the fifth consecutive year, the popular course leading to the Certificate in Proof Reading: Maltese. During the same month, the Faculty of Education opened two other courses, namely the course leading to the Masters in Educational Leadership and the Postgraduate Certificate in the Teaching of Ethics in Schools. Both courses are being offered to Gozitan students through the video-conferencing system. In March, the Institute for Physical Education and Sport, commenced a Foundation Course in Coaching.

Other courses running at the Gozo Campus during this academic year are those leading to the Bachelor of Psychology (Hons), the Bachelor of Commerce and the Executive Master of Business Administration.

University of the Third Age

The University of the Third Age in Gozo also started the current academic year at the Gozo Campus. This year's curriculum includes various informative sessions regarding different subjects such as medicine, literature, history and also geographical information.

During this year's inauguration, Minister for Gozo, Justyne Caruana, said that the U3A concept can be developed through the continued collaboration with the University of Malta in order that it may be further strengthened by the introduction of new subjects and classes. These sessions are not only providing useful academic information, but they also serve as a valid active ageing exercise for the adult group of persons who attend them, since



A lecture of the Certificate in Proof Reading: Maltese course in progress.



A Holy Mass was celebrated during the inauguration of the U3A academic year.

they give them the opportunity to keep contact and actively participate within society outside their homes. She explained how the Ministry for Gozo is committed to offer the best opportunities on a regional level in order that the elderly in Gozo may benefit through an active ageing experience within the holistic concept of the national strategy on active ageing. It is within Government's remit to support and ensure the implementation of this strategy for the benefit of the elderly and the University of the Third Age is an important tool for its accomplishment.

Whilst thanking the Ministry for Gozo for its continued support, Professor Marvin Formosa, Head of Department at the Faculty for Social Wellbeing of the University of Malta and Director of the U3A, urged for more participation by elderly persons in this initiative so that they could also benefit from the advantages it gives them to keep themselves active within society.

Graduations

During the graduation ceremonies held at the University of Malta in November and December, a number of students were awarded their degree after having successfully completed courses at the University Gozo Campus.

Five students obtained the Diploma in Commerce, while four others were awarded the Master of Art



The students who followed the Diploma in Commerce.

in Islands and Small Studies. Certificates were also awarded to a group of eight students who successfully completed a course leading to the Certificate in Proof Reading: Maltese. Seven other students were awarded the Postgraduate Certificate in the Teaching of Ethics in Schools and a student was awarded an Executive Masters in Business Administration in Public Management. A group

of ten students were awarded the Diploma in Facilitating Inclusive Education.

Examinations

The Gozo Campus once more contributed in the organisation of the end-of-semester examinations for Gozitan students. During the January/February 2018 session of examinations, around 650 examinations were held, partly at the Examination Centre in Victoria and partly at the University Gozo Campus in Xewkija. The majority of Gozitan students following courses at the University of Malta are opting to sit for their written exams in Gozo.



The four students who successfully completed the Master of Arts in Islands and Small States Studies, together with Dr Stefano Moncada, lecturer at the University of Malta.



The group of students who were awarded the University's Certificate in Proof Reading: Maltese and the proof reading warrant from the National Council for the Maltese Language.

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