

# Recent Activities at the University of Malta - Gozo Campus

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## Courses at the Gozo Campus

In October 2018, three new courses opened at the University Gozo Campus. The Faculty for Social Wellbeing, for the second time, offered the 5-year course leading to the Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Criminology. This multidisciplinary course covers various areas of study related to crime, such as policing, corrections, forensics, terrorism, psychology, psychiatry, cybercrime criminal investigations, and others.

The Faculty of Education opened a three-year top-up course leading to the Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Facilitating Inclusive Education. This course aims to build professional skills required by Learning Support Educators to assist and support the teacher in the general classroom.

The Islands and Small States Institute once again opened a course leading to the Diploma in Lace Studies. This two-year course covers a variety of topics related to lace making, including its history, its business aspects and various technical methods utilised in this practice. Six students are attending.

In November 2018, the Institute for Tourism, Travel and Culture at the University of Malta, with the support of other entities, offered, for the first time, a programme of studies aimed for all those working in the tourism sector in Gozo. The course, 'It-Turiżmu f'Għawdex', consisted of two study units, which aim to introduce participants to the concepts of tourism, hospitality, vacationing and how they are nuanced by the specificities of islandness and smallness. The course was sponsored by the Ministry for Gozo, enabling participants to attend free of charge. It is also being supported by the Gozo Tourism Association (GTA).

In February 2019, the Faculty of Education opened another course, this time leading to a Postgraduate Certificate in Teaching of Maltese as a Foreign Language. This programme, which is spread over three years, is intended for qualified teachers who would like to enhance their professional training. Lectures are being offered at the Gozo Campus via video-conferencing facilities.

Other courses running at the Gozo Campus during this academic year are those leading to the Diploma in Creativity, Innovation and Entrepreneurship, the Diploma in Facilitating Inclusive Education, Bachelor of Psychology (Hons), the Bachelor of Commerce, the Executive Master of Business Administration, and a Masters in Educational Leadership and Management.

A total of 102 students are at present attending courses at the Gozo Campus.

## 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. Prof Joe Friggieri delivered a number of lectures on philosophical aspects of Maltese





The four proofreaders (from left) Josmarie Buttigieg, Antonella Grima, Kylie Grech and Stanley Portelli (far right), after the graduation ceremony. Also visible Prof Manwel Mifsud (fourth from left), Dr Olvin Vella (fifth from left) and Mr Thomas Pace (sixth from left).

proverbs, while Mr Anthony Caruana gave a series of eight sessions on understanding works of art. In February, Rev. Dr Joseph Bezzina, initiated another series of lectures on the history of Gozo.

## Graduations

In December 2018, four Gozitans were awarded the University's Certificate of Proofreading in Maltese (MQF 5) and the Proofreading Warrant, after completing the one-year course in proofreading Maltese at the University Gozo Campus. The Awards were presented by the National Council for the Maltese Language. The four Gozitan proofreaders had attended the fourth course held in Gozo between February 2017 and January 2018.

During the graduation ceremonies held at the University of Malta in November and December, two students were awarded the Postgraduate Certificate in the Teaching of Ethics in Schools.

Both graduants have successfully completed the course at the University Gozo Campus, through the video-conferencing system.

## Examinations

The Gozo Campus once more contributed in the organisation of the end-of-semester examinations for Gozitan students. During the January/February 2019 session of examinations, around 620 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.

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