

Recent Activities at the University of Malta - Gozo Campus

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Courses at the Gozo Campus

This year the University of Malta continued with the offering of a number of courses at its campus in Xewkija. The courses running at the Gozo Campus during academic year 2018-2019 are:

- Bachelor of Commerce (Yr 3)
- Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Facilitating Inclusive Education (top-up) (Yr 1)
- Bachelor of Psychology (Honours) (Yr 4)
- Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Criminology (Yr 1)
- Diploma in Creativity, Innovation and Entrepreneurship (Yr 2)
- Diploma in Lace Studies (Yr 1)

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

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

The courses offered via video-conferencing are:

- Diploma in Facilitating Inclusive Education (Yr 2)
- Executive Master of Business Administration in Public Management (Yr 2)
- Postgraduate Certificate in Teaching Maltese as a Foreign Language (Yr 2)
- Master of Arts in Educational Leadership and Management (Yr 2)
- Higher Diploma in Community Access for Disabled People (Yr 3)

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

University of the Third Age

The University of the Third Age continued with the offering of its programme for elderly people in Gozo. Rev. Dr Joseph Bezzina, delivered a series of interesting lectures on the history of Gozo while Ms Borg Debrincat held a course on 'Mindfulness-Based



Students following the BA (Hons) in Facilitating Inclusive Education top-up degree course at the University Gozo Campus, with Dr Barbara Baschiera (front row - 3rd from left).



A lecture of the U3A in progress.

Cognitive Therapy'. Attendance for these course was very good.

The main aim of the U3A is knowledge and learning for its own sake — as an end in itself rather than as a means to improving one's academic credentials. There are no admission requirements and the U3A is open to everyone above the age of sixty, irrespective of any educational or academic qualifications.



The participants of the course in Toursim after the presentation of certificates ceremony. Also present in the photo are the Hon. Minister for Gozo, Dr Justyne Caruana (8th from left), Prof Godfrey Baldacchino, Pro-Rector (1st from right), Dr Marie Avellino (10th from left), and Ms Joyce Farrugia, Director at the Ministry for Gozo, (9th from left).

It-Turizmu f'Ghawdex — Certificate Presentation

On 24th May 2019, fifteen practitioners from the tourism and hospitality sector in Gozo were presented with certificates after the successful completion of two study-units offered by the University of Malta from its campus in Xewkija.

The study-units — Tourism in Gozo and The Gozo Experience — were delivered and coordinated by the University's Institute for Tourism, Travel and Culture (ITTC). The innovative programme of study, which was endorsed by the Gozo Tourism Association, was delivered in the Maltese language in back-to-back sessions on Monday evenings and Tuesday mornings over a number of weeks, and financially supported by the Ministry for Gozo.

Present for this occasion were Dr Marie Avellino, Director of the ITTC, Pro-Rector Professor Godfrey Baldacchino and the Hon. Minister for Gozo, Dr Justyne Caruana.

Examinations

Gozitan students following courses at the Msida Campus of the University of Malta, were offered once again the opportunity to sit for their end-of-semester exams in Gozo. In fact, during the June 2019 session

of examinations more than 700 exams were held, partly at the University Gozo Campus in Xewkija and partly at the Examination Centre in Vicotria. During the September 2019 session around 140 examinations were similarly held at the University Gozo Campus.

Gozo Lace Day 2019

On 28th April the Lace Making Programme organised its annual event 'The Gozo Lace Day'. As in previous years, this event included a number of talks on matters relating to lace making, as well as a good number of exhibits and demonstrations on Gozo lace. The event was attended by many, especially by foreigners and Maltese.



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Errata Corrige

With reference to Geoffrey G Attard's article *The Ciantar Family of Gozo: The Ghajnsielem-Xewkija Connection* (The Gozo Observer (No. 39) – Winter 2019, page 30), the dates in the last paragraph on the left hand side, the 24th of May 1879 and the 4th of October 1879 are the dates of birth of the two priests mentioned and not the date of their ordination to the priesthood.