

**EDUCATION ACT  
(CAP. 327)**

**Bye-Laws of 2011 in terms of the General Regulations for University  
Postgraduate Awards, 2008 for the  
Degree of Master of Arts in Anglo-Italian Studies  
under the auspices of the Institute of Anglo-Italian Studies  
in collaboration with the Faculty of Arts**

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred upon him by articles 74 (5) and 75 (6) of the Education Act (Cap. 327), the Chancellor of the University of Malta has promulgated the following bye-laws made by the Board of the Institute of Anglo-Italian Studies in virtue of the powers conferred upon it by article 5 (b) (v) of the Statute for the Institute, which bye-laws have been approved by the Senate of the University of Malta:

**Citation and Interpretation**

1. (1) These bye-laws may be cited as the Bye-Laws of 2011 in terms of the General Regulations for University Postgraduate Awards, 2008 for the degree of Master of Arts in Anglo-Italian Studies under the auspices of the Institute of Anglo-Italian Studies in collaboration with the Faculty of Arts.

(2) In these bye-laws, unless the context otherwise requires -

"the Board of Studies" means the Board of Studies appointed by Senate for the Course, on the recommendations of the Boards of the Institute of Anglo-Italian Studies and of the Faculty of Arts;

"the Course" means the programme of study leading to the degree of Master of Arts in Anglo-Italian Studies;

"the Degree" means the degree of Master of Arts in Anglo-Italian Studies; and

"the Principal Regulations" means the General Regulations for University Postgraduate Awards, 2008.

**Applicability**

2. These bye-laws shall be applicable for courses commencing in October 2010 or later.

## **Requirements for Admission**

3. The Course shall be open to applicants in possession of one of the following qualifications:

(a) a Bachelor degree with at least Second Class Honours in English or Italian of the University of Malta; or

(b) a Bachelor degree with at least Category II in English or Italian, provided that applicants may be required to complete a preparatory programme as specified in bye-law 4.

## **Preparatory Programme**

4. Applicants not in possession of an Honours degree admitted under paragraph (b) of bye-law 3 shall be required to complete a preparatory programme, comprising not less than 30 and not more than 60 credits as directed by the Board of Studies, depending on the number of credits already obtained in that area of study, with an overall average mark of 55% or better, prior to their registration as regular students on the Course.

## **Course Duration**

5. The Course shall extend over three semesters of full-time study or the equivalent in part-time study.

## **Programme of Study**

6. (1) The programme of study shall comprise study-units to which 90 credits are assigned, of which 30 credits are assigned to taught study-units and 60 credits are assigned to a dissertation study-unit.

(2) The programme of study shall be published after approval by Senate normally not less than eight months prior to the commencement of the Course.

## **Assessment and Progress**

7. (1) The assessment of each taught study-unit shall be completed by the end of the semester in which the teaching of the study-unit is held.

(2) Students who fail in the assessment of not more than 10 credits for taught study-units shall be given the opportunity to re-sit the failed assessments during the September supplementary examination session.

(3) Students who fail in more than 10 credits or students who after re-assessment fail to obtain credit for any study-unit, shall be deemed to have failed the Course.

## **Dissertation**

8. (1) Students shall be required to submit an individual dissertation of approximately 50,000 words in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Board of Studies.

(2) Work on the dissertation may be undertaken after approval of the proposal. Each student shall be assigned a supervisor who shall provide guidance and advice on a regular basis during the period of study.

(3) The provisional title of the dissertation and a detailed research proposal shall be submitted to the Board of Studies for approval at the time of application.

9. (1) Students shall be required to have regular contact with their supervisor.

(2) Supervisors shall submit to the Board of Studies progress reports for each student under their supervision at the end of each semester of studies, whether the student is following the Course on a full-time or a part-time basis. Such reports may include a recommendation to either (a) extend the period of study in order to enable the student to complete the dissertation; or (b) terminate studies prematurely if the supervisor deems this to be proper in the circumstances, provided that:

(i) the extension of the study period referred to in (a) shall be in accordance with the provisions of the Principal Regulations; and

(ii) the Board of Studies may not terminate studies prematurely according to (b) until it has first given the student a chance to be heard.

## **Classification of the Award**

10. The Final Weighted Average Mark for the purpose of the classification of the Degree shall be based on the results obtained in all components of the programme of study, all credits being weighted equally.

## **Special Provisions for Part-Time Courses**

11. The provisions of the foregoing bye-laws shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to courses followed on a part-time basis, and subject to such changes as may reasonably be deemed by the Board of Studies as necessary due to the part-time nature of the Course.