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**EDUCATION ACT
(CAP. 327)**

**Bye-Laws of 2016 in terms of the
General Regulations for University Postgraduate Awards, 2021
for the Degree of Master of Arts in Archaeological Practice - M.A. -
under the auspices of 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 Faculty of Arts in virtue of the powers conferred upon it by article 81 (1) (c) of the said Act and which have been approved by the Senate of the University of Malta as required by article 81 (2) of the said Act:

Citation and Interpretation

1. (1) These bye-laws may be cited as the Bye-Laws of 2016 in terms of the General Regulations for University Postgraduate Awards, 2021 for the degree of Master of Arts in Archaeological Practice - M.A. - under the auspices of the Faculty of Arts.

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

"the Board" means the Board of the Faculty of Arts;

"the Course" means the programme of study leading to the degree of Master of Arts in Archaeological Practice - M.A.;

"the Degree" means the degree of Master of Arts in Archaeological Practice - M.A.;

"the Postgraduate Certificate" means the Postgraduate Certificate in Archaeological Practice - P.G.Cert.;

"the Postgraduate Diploma" means the Postgraduate Diploma in Archaeological Practice - P.G.Dip.; and

"the Principal Regulations" means the General Regulations for University Postgraduate Awards, 2021.

Applicability

2. These bye-laws shall be applicable for courses commencing in October 2016 or later.

Requirements for Admission

3. (1) The Course shall be open to applicants who are in possession of the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Archaeology classified with at least Third Class Honours or Category III, or a degree from this or from another university which the Board considers as comparable.

Applicable from October 2022 or later:

3. (1) The Course shall be open to applicants in possession of a first cycle degree in Archaeology, obtained with a Second Class Honours or Category II classification, provided that applicants in possession of a degree with Third Class Honours or Category III shall satisfy the Board through an interview that they are in possession of other qualifications, including relevant experience, obtained following the first cycle degree or a degree from this or from other University, which the Board considers as comparable.

(2) The Board shall recommend to Senate the number of applicants that may be allowed to register for the Course, depending on the availability of resources. The Board shall announce the number of available places at the time of the call for applications.

(3) When the number of places is so limited and the number of eligible applicants exceeds the number of places available, applicants shall be selected using the following criteria, the weighting of which shall be published at the time of the call for applications:

- (a) degree type and class;
- (b) experience in the area of the proposed study; and
- (c) performance during an interview.

(4) The interviewing board appointed by the Board shall be composed of at least three members.

(5) For the purpose of selection, applicants whose qualifications as stipulated in paragraph (1) of this bye-law were obtained by 31 August preceding the commencement of the Course shall be considered first.

Course Duration

4. The Course shall extend over three semesters of full-time study, or the equivalent in part-time study, and shall also include a professional practice placement to be undertaken during the summer period.

Programme of Study

5. The programme of study shall comprise study-units to which a total of 90 ECTS credits shall be assigned, of which 55 ECTS credits are assigned to taught study-units, 5 ECTS credits are assigned to a professional practice placement study-unit and 30 ECTS credits are assigned to the dissertation study-unit.

6. All students shall be required to undertake a compulsory professional practice placement at an institution approved by the Board, as indicated in the programme of study.

7. (1) Students who obtain at least 30 ECTS credits with an average mark of at least 50% and do not proceed with the Course shall be eligible for the award of the Postgraduate Certificate.

(2) Students who obtain the 60 ECTS credits assigned to the taught and the professional practice study-units, with an average mark of at least 50% for those study-units for which a mark/grade is awarded, and do not proceed with the Course, or having proceeded do not successfully complete the dissertation, shall be eligible for the award of the Postgraduate Diploma.

8. 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

9. (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 in any academic year fail in the assessment of not more than 20 ECTS credits for taught study-units, if following the full-time Course, or not more than 10 ECTS credits for taught study-units if following the part-time Course, shall be given the opportunity to re-sit the failed assessment during the September supplementary examination session.

(3) Students who fail more than the number of credits permitted under paragraph (2) of this bye-law or students who after re-assessment fail to obtain credit for any study-unit, shall be required to withdraw from the Course.

(4) The professional practice placement study-unit shall be assessed on a Pass/Fail basis. Students who do not complete, or fail in the assessment of, the

professional practice placement study-unit shall not have the right to a supplementary assessment and shall be required to withdraw from the Course.

Dissertation

10. (1) Students shall be required to submit an individual dissertation of approximately 25,000 words in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Board.

(2) Work on the dissertation shall be undertaken during the third semester of the Course. Each student shall be assigned a supervisor who shall provide guidance and advice on a regular basis during the period of study.

(3) A provisional title for the dissertation and a detailed research proposal shall be submitted to the Board for approval not later than six weeks before the end of the second semester.

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

(2) Supervisors shall submit to the Board 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 may not terminate studies prematurely according to (b) until it has first given the student a chance to be heard.

Classification of the Awards

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

Special Provisions for Part-Time Courses

13. 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 relevant Board as necessary due to the part-time nature of the Course.