

**EDUCATION ACT  
(CAP. 327)**

**Bye-Laws of 2021 in terms of the  
General Regulations for University Postgraduate Awards, 2021  
for the Degree of Master of Arts in Transdisciplinary Childhood Studies - M.A. -  
under the auspices of the Centre for Resilience and Socio-Emotional Health**

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 Centre for Resilience and Socio-Emotional Health in virtue of the powers conferred upon it by article 5 (v) of the Statute for the Centre, 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 2021 in terms of the General Regulations for University Postgraduate Awards, 2021 for the degree of Master of Arts in Transdisciplinary Childhood Studies - M.A. - under the auspices of the Centre for Resilience and Socio-Emotional Health.

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

“the Board” means the Board of the Centre for Resilience and Socio-Emotional Health,

“the Board of Studies” means the Board of Studies appointed by Senate for the Course, on the recommendation of the Board;

“the Course” means the programme of study leading to the degree of Master of Arts in Transdisciplinary Childhood Studies – M.A.;

“the Degree” means the degree of Master of Arts in Transdisciplinary Childhood Studies - M.A.;

“the Postgraduate Certificate” means the Postgraduate Certificate in Transdisciplinary Childhood Studies - P.G. Cert.;

“the Postgraduate Diploma” means the Postgraduate Diploma in Transdisciplinary Childhood Studies - 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 2021 or later.

### **Requirements for Admission**

3. The Course shall be open to applicants in possession of a Bachelor’s degree pegged at least at Level 6 on the Malta Qualifications Framework, in an area of study related to childhood studies or any other area deemed suitable by the Board, awarded by this University or any other higher education institution recognized by Senate; provided that applicants in possession of a degree classified with Third Class Honours or Category III shall be allowed to proceed to the research component subject to the attainment of an average mark of at least 55% in the taught component.

### **Course Duration**

4. The Course shall extend over six semesters of part-time study.

### **Programme of Study**

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

(2) Students who successfully complete a prescribed set of study-units totalling 30 ECTS credits for taught study-units with an average mark of at least 50% and do not proceed with the Course, or having proceeded do not successfully complete the Course, shall be eligible for the award of the Postgraduate Certificate

(3) Students who obtain the 60 ECTS credits assigned to the taught study-units with an average mark of at least 50% 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.

(4) Students shall be eligible for the award of the Degree if they obtain the 90 ECTS credits as outlined in the programme of study for the Course with an average mark of at least 50%.

(5) 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**

6. (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 10 ECTS credits, shall be given the opportunity to re-sit the failed assessments during the September supplementary examination session.

(3) Students who fail in 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.

## **Dissertation**

7. (1) Students shall be required to submit an individual dissertation of approximately 15,000-20,000 words in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Board of Studies.

(2) Work on the dissertation shall be undertaken during the fifth and sixth semesters 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 of the dissertation and a detailed research proposal shall be submitted to the Board of Studies for approval by the beginning of the fourth semester.

8. (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. 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**

9. 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 components of the programme of study, all credits being weighted equally.