

**EDUCATION ACT
(CAP. 327)**

**Bye-Laws of 2024 in terms of the
Doctor of Philosophy - Ph.D. - Degree Regulations, 2023
for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy – Ph.D. –
under the auspices of the Faculty of Dental Surgery**

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 Dental Surgery 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 2024 in terms of the Doctor of Philosophy - Ph.D. - Degree Regulations, 2023 for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy - Ph.D. - under the auspices of the Faculty of Dental Surgery.

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

“the Board” means the Board of the Faculty of Dental Surgery;

“the Degree” means the degree of Doctor of Philosophy – Ph.D.;

“the Faculty” means the Faculty of Dental Surgery; and

“the Principal Regulations” means the Doctor of Philosophy - Ph.D. - Degree Regulations, 2023.

Applicability

2. These bye-laws shall be applicable from 1 February 2024 onwards.

Requirements for Admission

3. Applicants for the Degree offered by the Faculty shall be in possession of one of the following degrees:

(a) a Master's degree in a related area of Dental Surgery of this or another University or qualifications of comparable standard recognised for this purpose by the Senate; or

(b) a Bachelor's degree obtained at First Class Honours or Second Class Honours (Upper Division), provided that the Faculty Doctoral Committee ascertains that the applicant has a very strong background in the area of study related to the proposed area of research. This being the case, the Faculty Doctoral Committee shall submit a clearly motivated recommendation for acceptance to the Board for eventual consideration by the Doctoral Academic Committee and Senate.

4. Applicants may also be asked to demonstrate competence in those skills required by the nature of the proposed research.

Faculty Doctoral Committee

5. The Board shall recommend to Senate the appointment of a Faculty Doctoral Committee composed as follows:

The Dean of the Faculty or delegate (Chair)

3 senior members of staff, representative of every department within the Faculty

2 additional members of staff, who may be co-opted from the resident academics of the Faculty.

Taught Study-Units

6. Where the Senate, on the recommendation of the Board, deems it necessary, it may require applicants to successfully complete a number of study-units under those conditions it may impose.

Thesis Presentation and Format

7. The Board shall approve and publish guidelines on the format and presentation of the thesis for the Degree.

Repeal

8. The Bye Laws of 2010 in terms of the Doctor of Philosophy – Ph.D. – Degree Regulations, 2008, for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy – Ph.D. - under the auspices of the Faculty of Dental Surgery, published as Legal Notice 211 of 2010, shall be deemed to cease to be in force as from 1st February 2024.