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**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 Tourism
under the auspices of the Institute for Tourism, Travel and Culture**

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 for Tourism, Travel and Culture in virtue of the powers conferred upon it by article 6 (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 Tourism under the auspices of the Institute for Tourism, Travel and Culture.

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

"the Board" means the Board of the Institute for Tourism, Travel and Culture;

"the Course" means the programme of study leading to the degree of Master of Arts in Tourism;

"the Degree" means the degree of Master of Arts in Tourism;

"the Postgraduate Certificate" means the Postgraduate Certificate in Tourism; and

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

Applicable for courses commencing in October 2017 or later:

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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 Tourism – M.A. - under the auspices of the Institute for Tourism, Travel and Culture.

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

"the Board" means the Board of the Institute for Tourism, Travel and Culture;

"the Course" means the programme of study leading to the degree of Master of Arts in Tourism – M.A.;

"the Degree" means the degree of Master of Arts in Tourism - M.A.; 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:

(a) a Bachelor degree obtained with at least Second Class Honours in Anthropology, Geography, History, Management, Marketing, Tourism Studies, or in other related areas deemed suitable by the Board; or

(b) a Bachelor degree in Tourism Studies obtained with Third Class Honours, provided that they have obtained other qualifications, including relevant experience, following their first cycle degree.

Applicable for courses commencing in October 2017 or later:

3. The Course shall be open to applicants in possession of a Bachelor degree obtained with at least Second Class Honours in Anthropology, Business, Events, Geography, History, Leisure, Management, Marketing, Sport Management, Tourism Management, Tourism Studies, or in other related areas deemed suitable by the Board.

Course Duration

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

Programme of Study

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

Applicable for courses commencing in October 2017 or later:

5. The programme of study shall comprise study-units to which a total of 90 credits are assigned, of which 10 credits are assigned to taught study-units and 80 credits assigned to a dissertation study-unit.

Bye-law 6 shall be deleted for courses commencing in October 2017 or later:

6. Students who obtain the 30 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 Certificate.

Bye-laws 7 to 9 shall be renumbered as bye-laws 6 to 8 for courses commencing in October 2017 or later.

6. 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 one of the taught study-units shall be given the opportunity to re-sit the failed assessment during the September supplementary examination session.

(3) Students who fail in more than the one study-unit as permitted under paragraph (2) of this bye-law or students who after re-assessment fail to obtain credit for the study-unit, shall be deemed to have failed the Course.

Applicable for courses commencing in October 2017 or later:

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

(2) Students who fail in the assessment of the taught study-unit/s shall be given the opportunity to re-sit the failed assessment/s during the September supplementary examination session.

(3) Students who after re-assessment fail to obtain credit for any study-unit, shall be deemed to have failed the Course.

Bye-law 8 shall be deleted for courses commencing in October 2017 or later:

8. Students shall be allowed to proceed to the dissertation study-unit subject to obtaining the 30 credits assigned to the taught study-units with a minimum average mark of 65%.

Bye-laws 10 to 13 shall be renumbered as bye-laws 8 to 11 for courses commencing in October 2017 or later.

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.

Applicable for courses commencing in October 2017 or later:

8. (1) Students shall be required to submit an individual dissertation of approximately 40,000 words in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Board.

(2) Work on the dissertation may be undertaken throughout the Course 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.

9. (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 recommendations 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 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 as necessary due to the part-time nature of the Course.