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EDUCATION ACT (CAP. 327)

Bye-Laws of 2019 in terms of the General Regulations for University Undergraduate Awards, 2019 for the Degree of Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Physics, Medical Physics and Radiation Protection - B.Sc. (Hons) - under the auspices of the Faculty of Health Sciences and the Faculty of Science

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 Boards of the Faculty of Health Sciences and the Faculty of Science in virtue of the powers conferred upon them 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 2019 in terms of the General Regulations for University Undergraduate Awards, 2019 for the Degree of Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Physics, Medical Physics and Radiation Protection - B.Sc. (Hons) - under the auspices of the Faculty of Health Sciences and the Faculty of Science.

(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 Faculty of Health Sciences and of the Faculty of Science;

“the Course” means the programme of study leading to the degree of Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Physics, Medical Physics and Radiation Protection - B.Sc. (Hons);

“the Degree” means the degree of Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Physics, Medical Physics and Radiation Protection - B.Sc. (Hons); and

“the Principal Regulations” means the General Regulations for University Undergraduate Awards, 2019.

Applicability

2. These bye-laws shall be applicable for courses commencing in October 2019 or later.

Special Course Requirements for Admission

3. To be registered as regular students in the Course, applicants shall:

(a) satisfy the general requirements for admission as specified in the Admissions Regulations; and

(b) be in possession of:

either (i) a pass at Advanced Level at Grade C or better in Physics, together with a pass at Intermediate Level at Grade C or better in Pure Mathematics;

or (ii) a pass at Advanced Level at Grade C or better in Pure Mathematics, together with a pass at Intermediate Level at Grade C or better in Physics.

The following bye-law 4 shall be deleted for courses commencing in October 2022 or later:

4. Applicants who possess a grade D when the minimum specified grade is C in only one of the required subjects, whether at Advanced or Intermediate Level, of the special course requirements indicated above, shall be admitted under those conditions as the Board may impose to compensate for the qualification deficiency. If, by the end of the first year, such students do not successfully complete all the requirements to progress regularly to the second year of the Course, they shall be required to withdraw from the Course, and shall neither be entitled to repeat the year nor to progress conditionally as normally permitted under the Principal Regulations.

4. The Board of Studies shall recommend to Senate the number of applicants that may be allowed to register on the Course, depending on the availability of resources. The number of available places shall be announced at the time of the call for applications. Senate shall approve bye-laws for the selection of applicants into the Course.

5. During the first year of the Course, students are required to undergo an occupational health assessment so as to ascertain that they are fit for the duties related to their proposed studies. Students who do not fulfil this requirement may be barred from progressing with their studies. Failure to disclose information about a physical or mental health problem that could affect patient safety is considered to be a serious breach of the University Suitability to Practise Regulations.

Course Duration

6. The Course shall extend over a period of four years of full-time study.

Applicable for courses commencing in October 2023 or later:

Course Duration

6. The Course shall extend over a period of four years of full-time study or the equivalent in part-time study.

Programme of Study

7. The Board of Studies shall publish the programme of study before the commencement of each Course. Subject to changes that the Board of Studies may, with the approval of Senate, be constrained to make, students are bound to follow the study-units and obtain the credits as indicated in the programme of study for the Degree, provided that the programme shall be drawn up in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Principal Regulations.

8. Students shall be required to register and pass in study-units to which a total of 240 ECTS credits are assigned.

Classification of the Degree

9. The Final Weighted Average Mark for the classification of the Degree shall be based on the results obtained in the four years of the Course, all study-units being weighted equally.

10. The Degree classification shall be published according to the provisions of the Principal Regulations.

Applicable for courses commencing in October 2023 or later:

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.

12. The Course may be offered on a flexible part-time basis with the following special provisions in terms of the provisions outlined in the Principal Regulations, applicable with the necessary changes needed (*mutatis mutandis*) owing to the part-time nature of the Course:

(a) During each academic year, students shall be allowed to register for a number of study-units as agreed with the Course Coordinator, to which not less than 12 ECTS credits are assigned, provided that registration for the study-units included in the programme of study for each Course year (60 ECTS credits) is spread over not more than three academic years;

(b) In order to progress regularly from one Course year to the next, the 60 ECTS credits of each Course year must be completed in not more than three academic years;

(c) Students who are absent for the assessment of a study-unit, or fail in the assessment of a study-unit, shall, if eligible, be required to take the assessment of any number of such incomplete study-units at the September assessment session or at the next available opportunity;

(d) If necessary, students may be allowed to refer the assessment of a study-unit to the next academic year, provided that not more than 12 ECTS credits may be referred from one Course year to the next;

(e) The assessment of study-units that may be referred to the next academic year shall be considered as additional to the minimum number of 12 ECTS credits that students are obliged to register for during any academic year;

(f) Students who, after having registered for all the study-units comprising the programme of a Course year, and who after the September session lack more than 12 ECTS credits to complete the programme for the Course year, may be allowed, if eligible and after academic advice, to refer them to the next academic year during which they shall not be allowed to register for any other study-units. If such an academic year is needed in addition to the maximum period of three years referred to in paragraph (b), it shall be considered as an additional year;

(g) Students who, after having registered for all the study-units comprising the programme of the final year, may, if necessary and if eligible, refer any incomplete study-units to an additional academic year;

(h) An additional year, whether required in terms of paragraphs (f) or (g) may be granted once only throughout the Course, unless in special circumstances and with the approval of Senate;

(i) Students registered on the flexible part-time programme must obtain the approval of the Course Coordinator before they are registered on the study-units they wish to follow in any academic year;

(j) Subject to approval by the Board, students registered on the Course may be allowed to change the mode of attendance from full-time to flexible part-time or *vice versa* at the beginning of the second year of the regular programme of study. Changes in the mode of attendance in any subsequent year of the Course may be considered by the Board, if the course programme permits; and

(k) Notwithstanding the provisions in the Principal Regulations, owing to the nature of the course when offered on a flexible part-time basis that allows for a longer duration than normal, students registered on such a flexible part-time Course programme shall not be entitled to ever repeat a Course year in its entirety, nor to an extension year after each Course year.