

EDUCATION ACT (CAP. 327)

Certificate in ICT Foundation Studies Course Regulations, 2021

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 regulations made by the Senate of the University of Malta by virtue of the powers conferred upon it by articles 75 (3) and 79 (b) of the said Act:

Citation and Interpretation

1. (1) These regulations may be cited as the Certificate in ICT Foundation Studies Course Regulations, 2021.

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

“the Board” means the Board of the Faculty of Information and Communication Technology;

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

“the Certificate” means the Certificate in ICT Foundation Studies; and

“the Course” means the programme of study leading to the Certificate in ICT Foundation Studies.

Applicability

2. These regulations shall be applicable for courses commencing in October 2022 or later.

Requirements for Admission

3. (1) To be registered as regular students in the Course, applicants shall be required to be aged not less than 18 years within three calendar months from the date on which the Courses commences, and shall:

either (a) have obtained a minimum of 36 points in examinations taken as part of the Matriculation Certificate and be in possession of passes in the Secondary Education Certificate Examination at Grade 5 or better in English Language, Maltese and Mathematics;

or (b) be in possession of a qualification at MQF Level 4 in an ICT domain, as well as passes in the Secondary Education Certificate Examination at Grade 5 or better in English Language, Maltese and Mathematics.

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or (b) be in possession of a diploma in an ICT domain which the Board deems as appropriate, classified at MQF Level 4, as well as passes in the Secondary Education Certificate Examination at Grade 5 or better in English Language, Maltese and Mathematics.

(2) Applicants may be required to attend for an interview to assess whether they have the necessary aptitude to follow the Course with profit.

(3) The interviewing board, which shall be appointed for the purpose by the Board, shall be composed of at least three members.

Course Duration

4. (1) The Course shall extend over a period of two semesters of full-time study or four semesters of part-time study.

(2) The Board of Studies may allow students who do not qualify for the Certificate to repeat the Course once only.

Board of Studies

5. The general administration of the Course shall be entrusted to a Board of Studies, approved by Senate.

Programme of Study

6. (1) The Course shall consist of a number of taught study-units to which a total of 60 ECTS credits are assigned.

(2) The programme of study shall be drawn up by the Board of Studies and published by the Board, after approval by Senate, normally not less than eight months prior to the commencement of the Course.

Attendance and Assessment

7. (1) Unless otherwise specified in the description of a study-unit, attendance is obligatory for lectures, tutorials, seminars, practicals, and any other teaching session in whatever mode. On the basis of documented evidence, a lecturer may bar a student whose attendance in a study-unit is not satisfactory from being assessed in that study-unit.

(2) 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.

(3) Students who fail in a study-unit declared to be compensatable in the programme of study with a mark of not less than 35% shall be awarded the grade CP (Compensated Pass) if their Weighted Year Average Mark is at least 50%. Study-units passed by compensation shall not be re-assessed.

(4) Students may not be awarded more than 12 ECTS credits through compensated passes.

(5) Results for the assessment of study-units shall be published as a percentage mark and grade as indicated in the table below:

Mark Range	Grade
90% - 100%	A+
80% - 89%	A
75% - 79%	B+
70% - 74%	B
60% - 69%	C+
55% - 59%	C
50% - 54%	D+
45% - 49%	D
0% - 44%	F.

Both the percentage mark and the grade shall be recorded in the students' academic record.

Award of the Certificate

8. (1) The Certificate shall be awarded to students who obtain all the credits indicated in regulation 6.

(2) The names of students who qualify for the award of the Certificate shall be published in a list in alphabetical order.

Special Provision for Part-Time Courses

9. The provisions of the foregoing regulations 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 of Studies as necessary due to the part-time nature of the Course.

General Provision

10. In matters not provided for by these regulations, the Board shall be guided by the provisions of the General Regulations for University Undergraduate Awards, 2019, published as Legal Notice 248 of 2019, as applicable.