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**EDUCATION ACT  
(CAP. 327)**

**Bye-Laws of 2010 in terms of the  
Doctor of Philosophy - Ph.D. - Degree Regulations, 2008  
for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy  
under the auspices of the Institute of Linguistics**

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 of Linguistics in virtue of the powers conferred upon it by article 81 (1) 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 2010 in terms of the Doctor of Philosophy - Ph.D. - Degree Regulations, 2008 for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy under the auspices of the Institute of Linguistics.

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

“the Board” means the Board of the Institute of Linguistics;

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

“the Institute” means the Institute of Linguistics; and

“the Principal Regulations” means the Doctor of Philosophy - Ph.D. - Degree Regulations, 2008.

**Applicability**

2. These bye-laws shall be applicable from October 2009 onwards.

## **Requirements for Admission**

3. Applicants for the Degree offered by the Institute shall be in possession of a Master's degree which includes a substantial research component in linguistics or in a linguistics related discipline.

4. (1) Applicants may submit their application form at any time of the year. The application form should be accompanied by a research proposal of not more than 1000 words, clearly delineating the proposed research project and the main questions to be addressed. The proposal should have been discussed with a potential Principal Supervisor.

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

### **Applicable from October 2021 onwards:**

#### **Requirements for Admission**

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

(a) a Master's degree in any area of study related to the proposed area of research;

(b) a Bachelor Honours degree with First Class Honours, in an area of study deemed by the Board as strongly related to the proposed area of research;

(c) qualifications which the Board deems to be appropriate and comparable to the degrees mentioned in paragraphs (a) or (b).

4. When the Board deems it necessary, it may require students to successfully complete a number of study-units during the first part of their studies, as recommended by the Board, after approval from Senate.

## **Institute Doctoral Committee**

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

The Chairman of the Institute or delegate (chairman)  
3 members of the Institute.

## **Supervision and Students' Progress**

6. Principal Supervisors shall be required to submit a written report to the Board, through the Institute Doctoral Committee, every June for all students under their supervision.

7. Students shall only be allowed to proceed with their studies subject to satisfactory progress reports from their Principal Supervisor. If the report is negative, the Board shall make recommendations to Senate on the student's continuing registration for the Degree.

8. (1) After 12 months of full-time study, students are required to submit a report which (a) describes research undertaken up to that point; (b) clearly describes a plan for research for the next 24 months of full-time study, identifying the significant contribution envisaged. This report shall be submitted for consideration by an *ad hoc* board appointed by the Board. The *ad hoc* board shall be composed of a chairman, who shall be the chairman of the Institute or his delegate, and two examiners, one of whom shall be the Principal Supervisor and the other a member of the Institute or of another faculty with expertise in the area.

**Applicable from October 2021 onwards:**

8. (1) After 12 months, and no more than 24 months of full-time study or the equivalent in part-time study have elapsed, and after successful completion of any taught component or tasks assigned to the students under provisions of bye-law 4 of these bye-laws, students are required to submit a report which (a) describes research undertaken up to that point; (b) clearly describes a plan for research for the next 24 months of full-time study or the equivalent in part-time study, identifying the significant contribution envisaged. This report shall be submitted for consideration by an *ad hoc* board appointed by the Board. The *ad hoc* board shall be composed of a chairperson, who shall be the chairperson of the Institute or their delegate, and two examiners, one of whom shall be the Principal Supervisor and the other a member of the Institute or of another faculty with expertise in the area.

(2) The *ad hoc* board shall examine the student orally and shall submit a written report for consideration by the Institute Doctoral Committee in the first instance. The report shall contain recommendations according to the provisions of the Principal Regulations.

9. Students registered at the Institute may be required to participate in the Institute's research and teaching programmes.

**Thesis Presentation and Format**

10. Six months before the submission deadline students shall be reminded that they are required to inform the Institute that they will be submitting their thesis for examination not less than three months before the submission deadline.

11. The Board shall recommend to Senate the appointment of the Board of Examiners in accordance with the Principal Regulations.

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

13. (1) Students shall be required to submit a loose bound copy of their thesis for each member of the Board of Examiners, together with a copy in digital format. The officer in charge of the Institute shall issue a dated receipt.

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13. (1) Students shall be required to submit an electronic copy of their thesis, which will be distributed to each member of the Board of Examiners. The officer in charge shall issue a dated receipt. A loose-bound, printed copy of the thesis shall be made available to members of the Board of Examiners should they specifically request such a copy.

(2) On successful completion of their studies, students shall be required to submit to the Institute three hard bound copies of the thesis and one copy in digital format within six weeks from the publication of their result. One copy of the thesis shall be kept in the Library of the Institute and another at the University Library. Students who do not comply with this bye-law shall not be awarded the Degree.

**Repeal**

14. The Bye-Laws of 1999 for the degrees of Master of Philosophy – M.Phil. – and Doctor of Philosophy – Ph.D. - under the auspices of the Institute of Linguistics, published as Legal Notice 154 of 1999, under the auspices of the Institute of Linguistics, shall be deemed to cease to be in force as from 1st October 2009, provided that students registered for these degrees before 1st October 2009 shall continue to be governed by the regulations that were in force at the time of their registration for the degree.