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**EDUCATION ACT
(CAP. 327)**

**Bye-Laws of 2017 in terms of the
General Regulations for University Undergraduate Awards, 2004
for the Degree of Bachelor of Communications (Honours)
- B. Comms (Hons) -
under the auspices of the Faculty of Media and Knowledge Sciences**

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 Media and Knowledge Sciences in virtue of the powers conferred upon it by section 81 (1) (c) of the said Act and which have been approved by the Senate of the University of Malta as required by section 81 (2) of the said Act:

Citation and Interpretation

1. (1) These bye-laws may be cited as the Bye-Laws of 2017 in terms of the General Regulations for University Undergraduate Awards, 2019 for the Degree of Bachelor of Communications (Honours) – B.Comms (Hons) – under the auspices of the Faculty of Media and Knowledge Sciences.

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

"the Board" means the Board of the Faculty of Media and Knowledge Sciences;

"the Course" means the programme of study leading to the degree of Bachelor of Communications (Honours) – B.Comms (Hons);

"the Degree" means the degree of Bachelor of Communications (Honours) – B.Comms (Hons);

"the Higher Diploma" means the Higher Diploma in Communications – H.Dip.; and

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

Applicable for courses commencing in October 2025 or later:

Citation and Interpretation

1. (1) These bye-laws may be cited as the Bye-Laws of 2023 in terms of the General Regulations for University Undergraduate Awards, 2019 for the Degree of Bachelor of Communications (Honours) - B. Comms (Hons) - under the auspices of the Faculty of Media and Knowledge Sciences.

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

"the Board" means the Board of the Faculty of Media and Knowledge Sciences;

"the Course" means the programme of study leading to the degree of Bachelor of Communications (Honours) - B. Comms (Hons);

"the Degree" means the degree of Bachelor of Communications (Honours) in the relevant area of specialisation, if applicable - B.Comms (Hons);

"the Higher Diploma" means the Higher Diploma in Communications in the relevant area of specialisation - H.Dip.; 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 2017 or later.

Applicable for courses commencing in October 2025 or later:

Areas of Study

3. (1) The Degree is awarded in Communications either as a single main honours area of study, or in one of the following areas of specialisation:

Film and Screen Arts; or
Marketing Communication; or
Media Studies and Journalism

(2) The areas of specialisation offered in any particular year shall be published by the Board before the commencement of each Course.

Requirements for Admission

4. To be registered as regular students in the Course, applicants shall, apart from satisfying the general requirements for admission as specified in the Admissions Regulations, be in possession of a pass at Intermediate Matriculation Level in English, or its equivalent.

Course Duration

5. The Course shall extend over a period of three years of full-time study.

Programme of Study

6. The Board shall publish the programme of study before the commencement of the Course. Subject to changes that the Board 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 they are following for the Degree, provided that the programme of study shall be drawn up in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Principal Regulations.

Applicable for courses commencing in October 2025 or later:

6. (1) The Board shall publish the programme of study before the commencement of the Course. Subject to changes that the Board 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 they are following for the Degree, provided that the programme of study shall be drawn up in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Principal Regulations.

(2) During the first year of the Course, students shall be required to choose their area of specialisation from those specified in paragraph (1) of bye-law 3 as indicated in the programme of study for the Course.

7. Students shall be required to register for and pass in study-units to which a total of 180 ECTS credits are assigned.

8. Students who successfully complete study-units to which 120 ECTS credits are assigned, and who either opt not to proceed with the Course, or having proceeded do not successfully complete the Course shall be entitled to the award of the Higher Diploma.

Classification of the Award

9. The Final Weighted Average Mark for the classification of the Degree shall be based on the results obtained in each year of the Course, each of which shall be weighted equally.

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

Repeal

11. The Bye-Laws of 2012 for the degrees of Bachelor of Communications (Honours) - B.Comms (Hons) - and Bachelor of Communications - B.Comms - under the auspices of the Faculty of Media and Knowledge Sciences, published as Legal Notice 280 of 2012, shall be deemed to cease to be in force as from 1 October 2017, provided that students registered for these Courses before 1 October 2017 shall continue to be governed by the regulations that were in force at the time of their joining the course.