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EDUCATION ACT (CAP. 327)

For courses commencing in October 2015 or later title of course bye-laws shall change as follows:

FROM:

Bye-Laws of 2009 in terms of the General Regulations for University Postgraduate Awards, 2008 for the Degree of Master of Arts in Diplomatic Studies under the auspices of the Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies

IN exercise of the powers conferred upon him by sections 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 Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies in virtue of the powers conferred upon it by section 81 (1) 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:

TO:

Bye-Laws of 2015 in terms of the General Regulations for University Postgraduate Awards, 2008 for the Degree of Master of Arts in Diplomatic Studies – M.A. (Dip. St.) - under the auspices of the Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies

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 Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies in virtue of the powers conferred upon it 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 2009 in terms of the General Regulations for University Postgraduate Awards, 2008 for the degree of Master of Arts in Diplomatic Studies under the auspices of the Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies.

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

"the Board" means the Board of the Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies;

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

"the Degree" means the degree of Master of Arts in Diplomatic Studies;

"the Postgraduate Diploma" means the Postgraduate Diploma in Diplomatic Studies; and

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

Applicable for courses commencing in October 2015 or later:

Citation and Interpretation

1. (1) These bye-laws may be cited as the Bye-Laws of 2015 in terms of the General Regulations for University Postgraduate Awards, 2008 for the degree of Master of Arts in Diplomatic Studies – M.A. (Dip.St.) - under the auspices of the Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies.

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

“the Board” means the Board of the Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies;

“the Course” means the programme of study leading to the degree of Master Arts in Diplomatic Studies – M.A. (Dip.St.);

“the Degree” means the degree of Master of Arts in Diplomatic Studies – M.A. (Dip.St.);

“the Postgraduate Diploma” means the Postgraduate Diploma in Diplomatic Studies – P.G.Dip. (Dip.St.); 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 2008 or later.

Requirements for Admission

3. (1) The Course shall be open to applicants in possession of a Bachelor degree obtained with at least Second Class Honours from the University of Malta or of a degree recognized by Senate as comparable.

For courses commencing in October 2013 or later:

3. (1) The Course shall be open to applicants in possession of a Bachelor degree obtained with at least Second Class Honours from the University of Malta or of a degree recognized by Senate as equivalent in any of the following fields of International Relations, Law, History, Economics, Political Science, European Studies and Diplomacy.

Applicable for courses commencing in October 2015 or later:

3. (1) The Course shall be open to applicants in possession of a Bachelor degree obtained with at least Second Class Honours from the University of Malta or of a degree recognized by Senate as equivalent in any of the following fields of International Relations, Law, History, Economics, Political Science, European Studies and Diplomacy, or any other related disciplines as approved by the University Admissions Board on the recommendation of the Board.

Applicable for courses commencing in October 2018 or later:

3. (1) The Course shall be open to applicants in possession of a Bachelor degree obtained with at least Second Class Honours or Category II from the University of Malta or a degree recognized by Senate as equivalent in any of the following fields: International Relations, Law, History, Economics, Political Science, European Studies and Diplomacy, or any other related disciplines as approved by the University Admissions Board on the recommendation of the Board: provided that applicants with a Bachelor degree obtained with at least Category II shall be required to follow a preparatory programme as specified in bye-law 4.

(2) Applicants whose mother tongue is not English must be in possession of a certificate of proficiency in English at the level required by the University

Applicable for courses commencing in October 2018 or later:

Preparatory Programme

4. (1) The preparatory programme shall comprise study-units to which not less than 30 credits and not more than 60 credits are assigned, as directed by the Board.

(2) Students shall be required to successfully complete the preparatory programme with an overall average mark of 55% or better, prior to their registration as regular students on the Course.

Course Duration

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

Programme of Study

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

7. Students who obtain the 60 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 Diploma.

8. 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

9. (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 in any academic year fail in the assessment of not more than 20 credits for taught study-units, if following the Course full-time, or not more than 10 credits if following the Course part-time, shall be given the opportunity to re-sit the failed assessments during the September supplementary examination session.

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

Dissertation

10. (1) Students shall be required to submit an individual dissertation of approximately 25,000 words in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Board.

(2) Work on the dissertation shall be undertaken during the third semester of the Course. Each student shall be assigned a supervisor who shall provide guidance and advice on a regular basis during the period of study.

(3) A provisional title of the dissertation and a detailed research proposal shall be submitted to the Board for approval by the beginning of the second semester.

11. (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 a recommendation 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 Awards

12. The Final Weighted Average Mark for the purpose of the classification of the Postgraduate Diploma and 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

13. 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.

Repeal

14. The Master of Arts in Diplomatic Studies – M.A. (Dip. St.) - Degree Course Regulations, 2005, published as Legal Notice 150 of 2005, shall be deemed to cease to be in force as from 1 October 2008, provided that students registered for

this course before 1 October 2008 shall continue to be governed by the regulations that were in force at the time of their joining the course.