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EDUCATION ACT (CAP. 327)

The title of these bye-laws have been changed from
“Master in Youth and Community Studies –
under the auspices of the Faculty of Education” to
“Master in Youth and Community Studies – M. YCS –
under the auspices of the Faculty **for Social Wellbeing**”
for courses commencing in October 2017 or later

Bye-Laws of 2017 in terms of the General Regulations for University Postgraduate Awards, 2008 for the Degree of Master in Youth and Community Studies under the auspices of the Faculty for Social Wellbeing

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 for Social Wellbeing 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 articles 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 in Youth and Community Studies under the auspices of the Faculty of Education.

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

“the Board” means the Board of the Faculty of Education;

“the Course” means the programme of study leading to the degree of Master in Youth and Community Studies;

“the Degree” means the Master in Youth and Community Studies;

“the Postgraduate Diploma” means the Postgraduate Diploma in Youth and Community Studies; and

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

Applicable for courses commencing in October 2017 or later:

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“the Board” means the Board of the Faculty for Social Wellbeing;

“the Course” means the programme of study leading to the degree of Master in Youth and Community Studies;

“the Degree” means the degree of Master in Youth and Community Studies;

“the Postgraduate Certificate” means the Postgraduate Certificate in Youth and Community Studies;

“the Postgraduate Diploma” means the Postgraduate Diploma in Youth and Community Studies; and

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

Applicability

2. These bye-laws shall apply to courses starting in October 2009 or later.

Requirements for Admission

3. (1) The Course shall be open to applicants in possession of one of the following qualifications:

(a) the B.A. (Hons) degree in Youth and Community Studies; or

(b) the B.A. degree in Youth and Community Studies obtained prior to 2004;
or

(c) an honours degree from this or another university in an area of study that is deemed relevant by the Board, together with a minimum of two years' experience in a youth or community setting.

(2) Applicants applying for admission in terms of paragraph (1) (c) of this bye-law will need to satisfy the interviewing board appointed by the Board and which is composed of at least three members, through an interview, that they have the necessary academic background, professional aptitude and disposition to follow the Course with profit.

Course Duration

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

Programme of Study

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

Applicable for courses commencing in October 2017 or later:

6. Students who obtain a total of 30 credits assigned to 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 Course, shall be eligible for the award of the Postgraduate Certificate.

Bye-laws 6 to 14 shall be renumbered as bye-laws 7 to 15.

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 full-time Course, or not more than 10 credits if following the part-time Course, 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.

10. Students shall be allowed to proceed to the dissertation study-unit subject to obtaining the 60 credits assigned to the taught study-units with a minimum average mark of 65%.

Dissertation

11. (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 for the dissertation and a detailed research proposal shall be submitted to the Board for approval by the beginning of the second semester.

12. (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

13. 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 the components of the programme of study, all credits being weighted equally.

Special Provisions for Part-Time Courses

14. 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

15. The Regulations of 2005 for the Degree of Master in Youth and Community Studies, published as Legal Notice 269 of 2005, shall be deemed to cease to be in force as from 1st October 2009, provided that students registered for the course before 1st October 2009 shall continue to be governed by the regulations that were in force at the time of their joining the course.