

**EDUCATION ACT
(CAP. 327)**

**Bye-Laws of 2006 in terms of the
General Regulations for University Undergraduate Awards, 2004
for the Degree of Bachelor in Conservation and Restoration Studies (Honours)
– B.Cons. (Hons) –
under the auspices of the Institute of Conservation and Management of
Cultural Heritage**

IN exercise of the powers conferred upon him by sections 30(5) and 31(6) of the Education Act (Cap. 327), the Chancellor of the University of Malta has promulgated the following bye-laws made by the Senate on the recommendation of the Institute of Conservation and Management of Cultural Heritage in virtue of the powers conferred upon it by section 37 (1) of the said Act and which have been approved by the Senate of the University of Malta as required by section 37 (2) of the said Act:

Citation and Interpretation

1. (1) These bye-laws may be cited as the Bye-Laws of 2006 in terms of the General Regulations for University Undergraduate Awards, 2004 for the degree of Bachelor in Conservation and Restoration Studies (Honours) – B.Cons. (Hons) – under the auspices of the Institute of Conservation and Management of Cultural Heritage.

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

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

“the Course” means the programme of studies leading to the degree of Bachelor in Conservation and Restoration Studies (Honours) - B.Cons. (Hons);

“the Degree” means the degree of Bachelor in Conservation and Restoration Studies (Honours) - B.Cons. (Hons);

“the Institute” means the Institute of Conservation and Management of Cultural Heritage; and

“the Principal Regulations” means the General Regulations for University Undergraduate Awards, 2004.

Applicability

2. These bye-laws shall be apply to courses starting in October 2004 or later.

Areas of Study

3. In terms of these bye-laws, the following areas of study are normally offered in the Course:

Area of Study A – Paintings and Polychrome Sculpture

Area of Study B – Ceramics, Glass, Metals and Stone

Area of Study C – Textiles

Area of Study D – Books and Paper.

4. Applicants shall be required to choose one area of study.

5. The Board of Studies shall recommend to Senate the area/s of study to be offered each year and the number of applicants that may be allowed to register for each area of study, depending on the availability of resources. The number of available places shall be announced at the time of the call for applications. Areas of study shall be offered if there are a sufficient number of qualified applicants.

6. If there are more eligible applicants than the number of places available, applicants shall be selected on their performance in the Entrance Examination.

Admission and Special Course Requirements

7. (1) To be registered as regular students in the Course applicants shall, apart from satisfying the general requirements for admission as specified in the Admission Regulations, be in possession of the following special course requirements:

(a) up to October 2006, a pass at Advanced Level in Chemistry at grade D or better; as from October 2007, a pass at Intermediate Level in Chemistry at grade C or better; and

(b) a pass in the Entrance Examination organized by the Institute, which shall be designed to test the manual and intellectual aptitude of applicants and, in particular, their ability to pursue the area of study of their choice with profit.

(2) Applicants who possess a pass at Advanced Level in Chemistry at grade E or, as from October 2007, a pass at Intermediate Level in Chemistry at grade D, shall be admitted under those conditions as the Board of Studies may impose to compensate for the qualification deficiency. If, by the end of the first year, such students do not successfully complete all the requirements to progress regularly to the second year of the Course, they shall neither be entitled to repeat the year nor to progress conditionally as normally permitted under the Principal Regulations.

Entrance Examination

8. All applicants shall be required to sit for the Entrance Examination which shall be held annually or on such dates as may be determined by the Board of Studies.

9. The Entrance Examination shall normally consist of a line drawing test, and a manual dexterity test and an academic aptitude test consisting of written and oral examinations. In order to be successful, applicants are expected to pass in all the components of the Entrance Examination, which shall be assigned equal weighting. Questions shall be set and must be answered in English.

10. The Entrance Examination papers shall be set by examiners appointed by the Board of Studies.

Course Duration

11. The Course shall extend over a period of four years of full-time study.

Course Programme

12. The Course shall consist of study-units to which a total of 240 credits are assigned, including 20 credits assigned to a dissertation.

13. The Board of Studies shall publish the programme of study, drawn up in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Principal Regulations, and approved by Senate. Subject to changes that the Board of Studies 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.

Dissertation

14. In Year Four of the Course, students shall be required to submit a dissertation, which shall include a practical part, of between 10,000 and 12,000 words on a subject approved by the Board of Studies.

Progress and Assessment

15. There shall be no supplementary assessment for practical study-units. Students who fail in practical study-units shall be required to re-do such study-units in an additional year of studies in terms of the Principal Regulations.

16. In Years Two and Three students shall be required to undertake fieldwork in their area of study during July and September. Ten credits shall be assigned per fieldwork session.

Classification of the Award

17. The Final Weighted Average Mark for the classification of the Degree shall be based on the results obtained in the four years of the Course, which shall be weighted as follows:

First, Second and Third Year study-units	20% each year
Fourth Year study-units, including dissertation	40%.

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