

Schedule II of the Education Act (Cap. 327)

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**EDUCATION ACT
(CAP. 327)**

Statute 3 – Courses of Studies, Degrees and Distinctions

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 statute made by the Council of the University of Malta by virtue of the powers conferred upon it by sections 31, 33 and 48(3) of the said Act:

Applicability

2. This statute shall be applicable from October 2004 onwards.

3.1 Courses of Studies, Degrees and Distinctions

1. The University shall have the power to award degrees, diplomas and certificates to candidates who fulfil the prescribed conditions after following the requisite courses of studies, and this in accordance with regulations and bye-laws made by Senate.

2. Courses of studies shall start as the Council shall determine.

3.2 Provision for the Award of a Joint or Double Degree with another University or Higher Education Institution

1. Where the University, with the approval of Senate, enters into an agreement with other universities or higher education institutions which in terms of their national

legislation are so empowered (hereinafter referred to as institutions) for the granting of a joint or double degree, then the necessary requirement to qualify for the degree may be obtained either partly at the University and partly at the other university/universities/institution/s, or wholly at one of the partner universities or institutions as provided for in such agreement.

2. The degree may be awarded:

(a) in the case of a joint degree, jointly on one certificate by all the universities/institutions and shall be conferred at one of the partner universities/institutions as agreed between them; or

(b) in the case of a double degree, separately by each of the two partner universities/institutions.

3. The programme of study, including the catalogue of study-units, for the joint or double degree shall be approved by the University and as required by the other partner universities/institutions.

4. The Boards of Examiners and the Degree Classification Boards shall be constituted in terms of decisions taken by the appropriate bodies of the partner universities/institutions and as provided for in the agreement between them.

5. Students may register for a joint or double degree if accepted by the partner universities/institutions in terms of the admission regulations of each of the universities/institutions and in terms of the provisions regarding registration in the degree programme as specified in the agreement between the universities.

6. Council may approve that the provisions of any statute shall not apply to joint and double degrees whenever provisions on the same subject matter are included in the regulations or bye-laws for a course leading to a joint or double degree.

7. Senate may approve that the provisions of any regulation shall not apply to joint and double degrees whenever provisions on the same subject matter are included in the regulations or bye-laws for a course leading to a joint or double degree.

8. The agreement for the award of a joint or double degree by the University and the other universities/institutions may provide that the certificate includes an equivalent title, normally as awarded by the other universities/institutions, in conjunction with the title of the University degree. In the case of the award of a double degree, a statement to this effect will be made on the certificate.

3.3 Award of Degrees and Diplomas

1. Degrees and diplomas shall be awarded at a public ceremony or, with the consent of the Senate, privately or *in absentia*.

2. A candidate shall be eligible for the award of a degree or diploma only after certification by the Rector that all the conditions prescribed by statutes, regulations and bye-laws relevant to that degree or diploma have been fulfilled and provided that all other obligations and responsibilities of the candidate to the University have been satisfied.

3. No person may be described as holding a degree or diploma of the University unless such degree or diploma has been conferred as prescribed in paragraph 1 of this section.

3.4 Degrees *Honoris Causa*

1. The University shall also have the power to confer degrees *honoris causa* as stipulated in the Award of *Honoris Causa* Degrees Regulations.