SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION 327.428

BYE-LAWS FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER IN FAMILY STUDIES UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE CENTRE FOR FAMILY STUDIES

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Citation and interpretation.

1. (1) The title of these bye-laws is the Bye-Laws for the Degree of Master in Family Studies - under the auspices of the Centre for Family Studies.

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

"the Board of Studies" means the Board of Studies appointed by Senate for the course;

"the Centre" means the Centre for Family Studies;

"the course" means the programme of study leading to the degree of Master in Family Studies;

"the Degree" means the degree of Master in Family Studies; and

"the Principal Regulations" means the General Regulations for University Postgraduate Awards. S.L. 327.328

Applicability.

2. These bye-laws shall be applicable for courses commencing in October 2011 or later.

Requirements for admission.

3. The course shall be open to applicants in possession of a Bachelor's degree with at least Second Class Honours or Category IIin the Psychology, Social Work and/or Education areas or in any other area related to Social Sciences, deemed relevant by the Board of Studies.

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 shall be assigned, of which 30 credits are assigned to the taught study-units and 60 credits are assigned to the dissertation study-unit.

Publication of programme of study.

6. The programme of study shall be published by the Board of Studies after approval by Senate, normally not less than eight months prior to the commencement of the course.

Assessment and progress.

7. The assessment of the taught study-units shall be held by the end of the semester in which the teaching of the study-units is held.

Re-assessment.

8. Students who fail in the assessment of not more than one of the taught study-units shall be given the opportunity to re-sit the failed assessment during the September supplementary examination session.

Students deemed to have failed the course.

9. Students who fail in more than the one study-unit as permitted under bye-law 8 or students who after re-assessment fail

to obtain credit for the study-unit, shall be deemed to have failed the course.

Dissertation.

10. (1) Students shall be required to submit an individual dissertation of approximately 40,000 words in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Board of Studies.

(2) Work on the dissertation may be undertaken at any time during the course after approval of the research proposal. Each student shall be assigned a supervisor who shall provide guidance and advice on a regular basis during the period of study.

(3) The provisional title of the dissertation and a detailed research proposal shall be submitted to the Board of Studies for approval at the time of application.

Panel of Supervision.

11. (1) The Board of Studies shall appoint a Panel of Supervision for each student, normally composed of three members as follows: the Director of the Centre as Chairman, or his or her delegate, and two other members, one of whom being the research supervisor, provided that when the Director of the Centre is the supervisor, he or she shall not chair the Panel.

(2) The Panel of Supervision shall follow, as it deems fit, the progress of students throughout the course, provided that it meets at least twice a year to review such progress.

(3) Students shall be required to report to their supervisors at least once every two months, and in addition as often as the supervisor deems necessary.

(4) At the end of each semester of studies supervisors shall be required to submit to the Panel of Supervision reports for the students under their supervision. Students shall seek approval from said Panel for any substantial modification in the title or content of the dissertation.

(5) The Panel of Supervision shall periodically inform the Board of Studies, in writing, on the general performance of each student. Such advice 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 Award.

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

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

of Studies as necessary due to the part-time nature of the course.