

Recent Activities at the University of Malta - Gozo Campus

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Courses at the Gozo Campus

In October 2019, three new courses opened at the University Gozo Campus. The Faculty of Economics, Management and Accountancy opened two courses, one leading to a Diploma in Commerce and the other to the Bachelor of Commerce. The Diploma in Commerce is a two-year course and is aimed at introducing students to Economics, Management and Accountancy, Tourism Studies and IT and to prepare them for further studies leading to the B.Com degree.

The Bachelor of Commerce programme is spread over a period of three years. The overall objectives of this programme is to provide participants with a high-quality and a career-oriented education for a diverse student population. This programme covers a range of topics in Economics and Management and aims to provide participants with a broad understanding of the complexity and dynamics present in contemporary business and public organisations. It trains the participants to gain the conceptual skills and an analytical approach necessary to tackle the problems facing organisations in today's environment.

The same faculty also opened the course leading to the Executive Master of Business Administration. This programme aims to develop mid-to-upper level managers for organisations of all sizes and types both in the private and public sector of the economy. The lectures of this course are being held at the Msida Campus, but are being transmitted live to the Gozo Campus via video-conferencing facilities.

In February 2020, the course leading to the Certificate in Proof Reading: Maltese was opened at the Gozo Campus for the sixth time. This course, which is spread over two semesters from February 2020 to January 2021, is offered by the Department of Maltese of the Faculty of Arts in collaboration with the National Council for the Maltese Language.

Other courses running at the Gozo Campus during this academic year are those leading to the Diploma in

Lace Studies, Bachelor of Arts in Facilitating Inclusive Education, Bachelor of Psychology (Hons), and the Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Criminology. The lectures of these courses are being held every week on Friday evenings and Saturday mornings.

Two other courses are being offered during week days through the video-conferencing system. These are the Postgraduate Certificate in Teaching Maltese as a Foreign Language and the Certificate in Community Access for Disabled People.

University of the Third Age

In October, the University of the Third Age opened its academic year at the Gozo Campus. The opening ceremony was held on 11th October, during which the Hon. Justyne Caruana, then Minister for Gozo, delivered a short speech. A Holy mass was also celebrated for this occasion. This year's programme includes a series of lectures by Dr Olvin Vella on 'Kif kienu jitkellmu Ghawdex fl-antik', and other lectures by Rev. Dr Marcello Ghirlando on 'Christianity, Cults and Religions'.



Participants during one of the U3A lectures.

Graduations

During the graduation ceremonies held at the University of Malta in November and December, a number of students were awarded their degree after having successfully completed courses at the University Gozo Campus. Two students obtained the Diploma in Creativity, Innovation and Entrepreneurship, while six others were awarded the Bachelor of



The six proofreaders, together with lecturers and course coordinators, after the certificate award ceremony.



The six students, who successfully completed the Bachelor of Commerce, after the graduation ceremony.



The five students, who successfully completed the Executive Master of Business Administration, after the graduation ceremony.

Commerce. The Diploma in Facilitating Inclusive Education was awarded to two students, while five students were awarded the Executive Master of Business Administration. The latter two groups have successfully completed the course at the Gozo Campus through the video-conferencing system.

The University's Certificate of Proofreading in Maltese (MQF 5) and the Proofreading Warrant, was awarded to a group of six students, after completing the one-year course in proofreading Maltese at the University Gozo Campus. The Awards were presented by the National Council for the Maltese Language. The six Gozitan proofreaders had attended the fifth course held in Gozo between February 2018 and January 2019.

Examinations

Once more the Gozo Campus was instrumental in the organisation of the end-of-semester examinations for Gozitan students. During the January/February 2020 session of examinations around 650 exams were held, partly at the University Gozo Campus in Xewkija and partly at the Examination Centre in Victoria. This allowed Gozitan University students to sit for their exams directly in Gozo without the need to commute to the Msida campus.

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