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General Description of the University of Malta

THE UNIVERSITY OF MALTA traces its origins to the founding of the Collegium Melitense by the Jesuits in 1592. The College was raised to University status by Grandmaster Manoel Pinto de Fonseca in 1769.

Situated at Tal-Qroqq, it is the highest teaching institution of the State by which it is mainly financed and is open to all those who have the requisite qualifications. The supreme governing bodies of the University are the Council and the Senate. There are some 8,500 students including over 750 foreign/exchange students from nearly 80 different countries, following full-time or part-time degree and diploma courses, many of them run on the modular or credit system. A basic Foundation Studies Course enables international high school students who have completed their secondary or high school education overseas but who do not have the necessary entry requirements, to qualify for admission to an undergraduate degree course at the University of Malta.

The University is geared towards the infrastructural and industrial needs of the country so as to provide expertise in crucial fields. Some 2,000 students graduate in various disciplines annually. The degree courses at the University are designed to produce highly qualified professionals, with experience of research, who will play key roles in industry, commerce and public affairs in general. There are a further nearly 3,000 pre-tertiary students at the Junior College which is also managed by the University.

The University today has ten faculties: Architecture & Civil Engineering; Arts; Dental Surgery; Economics, Management & Accountancy; Education; Engineering; Laws; Medicine & Surgery; Science and Theology. A number of interdisciplinary institutes and centres have been set up in various fields. These include Agriculture, Anglo-Italian Studies, Baroque Studies, Energy Technology, Forensic Studies, Health Care, Linguistics, Maltese Studies, Masonry and Construction Research, Public Administration and Management, Physical Education & Sport, Mediterranean Institute and Edward de Bono Institute for the Design & Development of Thinking while the Centres comprise: Centre for Communication Technology, European Centre for Gerontology, Euro-Mediterranean Centre for Educational Research, Workers’ Participation Development Centre and the European Documentation and Research Centre (EDRC) which incorporates the European Documentation Centre established to serve as a repository of European Community documents as well as a resource centre for students and the general public. A Board of Studies for Information Technology regulates courses in IT.

Under the auspices of the University, the Institute for Conservation and Restoration Studies of the Malta Centre for Restoration, conducts a Bachelors degree in Conservation and Restoration Studies at Honours level while the Institute for Water Technology runs a course leading to the Diploma in Operational Island Hydrology.

A centre on Malta’s sister-island, Gozo, offers part-time evening degree courses in Arts and Commerce and facilitates short courses and seminars. Associated with the University is the Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies which was established by special agreement
with the Graduate Institute of International Studies in Geneva. The campus is also home to
the IMO International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI) and the International Ocean Institute
Malta Operational Centre (IOI-MOC). The public response to the University of the Third
Age has been very encouraging with membership constantly on the increase and all activities
being well attended.

There are a number of fields which the University has identified as priority areas. Chief
among these, are relations with industry and the strengthening of the Engineering
departments; the further development of information technology, computer science and
artificial intelligence; the University’s contribution to the improvement of primary and
secondary education and the forging of inter-university links to stimulate international
educational exchange. A Link Campus has been opened in Rome in recent years. Initially,
three B.A.(Hons.) degree courses are being offered in the areas of international legal affairs,
international studies and international management.

International affairs, including conferences and seminars, are run from the Foundation for
International Studies, the seat of the University's International Office which is situated in the
original University building in Valletta. In recent years, a number of ‘Summer Schools’ and
short courses for both overseas and local participants have been conducted under its
umbrella. These have included English Language Courses, Summer Schools in Archaeology and Near
Eastern Studies, an Overview of the Mediterranean Environment and a
Summer School in European Contract and Banking Law organised in conjunction with “La
Sapienza” University, Rome. A number of programmes has also been organised jointly with Luther College, Iowa;
James Madison University, Virginia; Bradley University, Illinois and South Texas College of
Law (in collaboration with California Western School of Law, New England School of Law
and William Mitchell College of Law) in the USA and in Australia, Australians Studying
Abroad (The Sicilian Channel Programme).

The University of Malta is a member of the Association of Commonwealth Universities, the
European University Association (EUA), the Utrecht Network, the International Student
Exchange Program (ISEP), the European Access Network (EAN) as well as the Santander
Network and the Compostela Group. Through its Socrates Office, University of Malta
students participate in programmes such as Erasmus, Leonardo and Comenius. The
University of Malta meets fully accessibility requirements for people with special needs.
The European Unit

The European Unit and the Socrates Office organise a wide range of activities during the academic year. Activities are also jointly organised with the University Students Council (KSU), other student organisations, embassies or corporate partners. Certain events are purely informational in nature, where information about the Erasmus programme is transmitted to other students and members of the public. Public debates and other evaluation sessions are also organised twice yearly. Here, students following an Erasmus period in Malta are invited to share their experiences with the aim of constantly improving the management structure that has been implemented locally. It is compulsory for all Erasmus students to attend these activities. Erasmus students will also be called upon to participate in student seminars and conferences being held on the university campus. Other socio-cultural events are held throughout the year, including Traditional Maltese nights, adventure trips, visits to historical sites.

Through these activities, exchange students gain further understanding of the local culture and customs, thus easily integrating into the local lifestyle patterns.

The Socrates Office forms part of a larger complex titled the European Unit of the University of Malta. The Socrates office is responsible for the running of the Erasmus Programme locally. All affairs of Erasmus concern (including all incoming students) are therefore handled by the Socrates office located in the Administration Building.

The European Unit is involved in the building of a European dimension at the University. It has a strong policy towards the following objectives:

- Increase the number of students spending a period of time in another European country;
- Facilitate teaching staff mobility in Europe
- European modules
- Intensive programmes
- Curriculum development
- Double degrees
- Integrated language courses
- Liaise with NARIC
- Making preparatory visits to partner institutions
- Promote the development and use of open and distance learning in connection with the European effort
- Strengthen chosen institutional links
- Support LEONARDO da VINCI programme proposals
- Strategic planning in connection with networks (including membership of the Compostela Group)
- Strengthening internal lines of communication
- Information gathering from EU sources
- Research Directorate General
- Information Society Directorate General
- Information dissemination through NOC MAIL and World Wide Web
Enrolment and Registration Procedures

Students should initially enquire at their own University as to whether a Socrates-Erasmus bilateral agreement for mobility exists between their home institution and the University of Malta. Students should then follow the Erasmus selection procedures of their home university. Once the selection is finalised the home institutions communicate the selections to the Socrates Office at the University of Malta.

The Incoming student will be notified with an acceptance email and will be given instructions on Enrolment procedures. Enrolment and Health forms and all University Information maybe found at this website http://socrates.um.edu.mt/erasmus.html.

An Orientation programme is organised at the start of every semester. The Orientation programme is aimed at giving the students enough information in order to facilitate their Erasmus exchange period at the University of Malta. Students are given an Erasmus Registration card, Credit registration forms and Computer access forms and are instructed about the registration procedure. Students need to choose the Computer access forms and are instructed about the registration procedure. Students need to choose the credits and plan their own timetable but if they are not sure they are advised to seek out the Faculty Officer or the Head of Department for advice if in need of consultation. Course information may be found at www.um.edu.mt/faculties.html, timetables are to found at the appropriate Faculty Notice Boards.

Once the choice of credits is made the forms are handed in to the Socrates Office by a specific deadline and the programme co-ordinators will take care of the student's registration of credits. Students have the opportunity to add or drop classes to their timetable by asking for an Add-Drop form from the Socrates Office.

Checklist – what to do before and after coming to Malta

Before coming to Malta

≈ Book your flight and accommodation;
≈ Make the necessary insurance arrangements.

Submit the following forms:
≈ Enrolment;
≈ Health form;
≈ Arrival Information Sheet.

Make sure that you fill in these three important forms carefully in legible handwriting and fax them to the Socrates Office. It is important that you sign the forms and post them to the
Socrates office at the University of Malta receives them before your arrival. Also bring this guide with you to Malta.

On Arrival

- Notify Socrates Office you are here;
- Attend the Orientation Programme;
- Registration at University;
- Registration for Credits;
- Sign Learning Agreement and Notify Home University;
- Attend all six compulsory meetings;
- Visa - for those students staying in Malta for more than three months a visa is required and can be obtained form the Central Immigration Office at the Police General Headquarters. Students will have to present a covering letter from the University of Malta giving details of the course length together with their passport.
- Students are requested to advise the Socrates Office about their departure dates and other prolonged stays away from the island.

Language Courses

The University of Malta offers various language courses. Before coming to Malta students may apply to follow an Intensive English Course organised by the International School of English (ISE). All information can be found at the website: http://www.campus.um.edu.mt/ise/.

At the beginning of the year an Intensive Language Preparatory Course (ILPC) is organised in Maltese. The programme is very interesting and aims to give the student a good grasp of Maltese Language and Culture. The course details may be found at this website http://europa.eu.int/comm/education/ilpc/courses/ml1.pdf

Language courses are also on offer in Maltese and Academic English throughout the semester and students will receive ECTS credits.

Accommodation

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Website: www.university-residence.com.mt

The University Residence is conveniently located 4 kilometres from the university Campus. The Residence operates a free bus service connecting with the University directly. Situated on extensive private grounds within walking distance from the town centre of Lija and main public transport routes, the Residence is well
positioned for accessing major shopping centres, historical sites and beautiful beaches. The residence is fully complemented with a helpful staff and concierge service available on a 24-hour basis. The premises and extensive grounds offer modern amenities within a hospitable and secure setting. The University Residence provides University students and visitors with modern, fully serviced and comfortable accommodation.

Garden View Complex
Triq is-Sidra
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Email: mail@clubclass.com.mt

Situated in the quiet, residential area of Swieqi, just 1 km from the excitement of St Julian’s and the throbbing nightlife of Paceville, Garden View Complex enjoys the best of both worlds. The shopping centres of Sliema and Valletta, places of interest such as Mdina and Mosta, Malta’s beautiful beaches and the University are only minutes away by car. Alternatively an hourly bus service to St Julian’s, Sliema and Valletta is available just outside the Complex. Within the Complex, facilities available include a pub, restaurant, pizzeria; outdoor swimming pool with sun terraces; health and leisure centre consisting of a fully equipped gym, indoor pool, Sauna and Jacuzzi (at extra charge locally); games room; and coin-operated launderette. Accommodation consists of one- and two-bedroomed apartments with capacity for up to 3 and 5 persons respectively. Each apartment has air-conditioned twin bedrooms, living/dining area with sofa bed, fully equipped kitchen (2 ring cooker, fridge, etc.) and bathroom. Most apartments also have a balcony/terrace. Facilities available within the apartments include direct-dial- in telephone, satellite TV, ironing facilities and a safety deposit box for rental.

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Website: www.nsts.org

NSTS Hibernia Residence and Hostel is a seven storey converted and tastefully refurbished building for students and youth in the heart of Sliema. Being in such a central location (20 minutes to the University of Malta) it is ideal for students and youth during their stay in Malta.

The Residence consists of 20 one-room studios and 14 two-room studios comfortable furnished with private facilities and kitchenette. These studios are specifically designed for students at the University of Malta on long stays. The Hostel also comprises three multi-bedded rooms having common washing and kitchen facilities. The building houses a breakfast room, snack and drinking vending machines, TV/video lounge, meeting room for 35 persons, reading/study-room for 25 persons, coin-operated laundry, rooftop sun-terrace, elevator, electronic door security and surveillance systems, reception service open on weekdays in the morning, night custodian. Neighbourhood amenities include bar, restaurant,
post-box, mini-market, butcher-shop, international card telephones, indoor and outdoor swimming pool, and fitness centre. For further details please e-mail us on hibernia@nsts.org

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Fax: (356) 21 310716  
Email: sundown.court@digigate.net  
http://www.digigate.net/sundown

Sundown court is housed in typical Maltese limestone buildings consisting of elegantly furnished spacious apartments and penthouses comprising of a separate living/dining room, fully equipped kitchen, bedroom and bathroom as well as direct dialing telephone and in-room safe. Apartments vary from one bedroom to three bedrooms accommodating two to seven persons. The resort is within walking distance to the University and offers all the comforts and conveniences as can be found in most hotels, including a 24-hour reception service, two large swimming pools with adjacent children’s pools, a television lounge, tennis courts (floodlit), bar and restaurant.

**Important Telephone Numbers at the University of Malta**

When calling a University number first dial 2340 then the extension number that you require. If calling from overseas the prefix (+356) needs to be dialled first.

E.g. +356 2340 + extension No.

- Socrates Office: +356 2340 2204
- Communications Office: +356 2340 2828
- Registrar’s Office: +356 2340 2385
- Students Advisory Services: +356 2340 2847
- Counselling: +356 2340 2235
- Chaplaincy: +356 2340 2341
- Library: +356 2340 2049
- Computing Services Centre: +356 2340 3004/5/6
- Sports Facilities: +356 2340 2353
- It-Tajra Playschool: +356 2340 2134
- Special Needs Demonstrator: +356 2340 2139

**Academic Calendar**

The academic year is divided into two semesters. The first semester starts at the end of September and ends in January, with a two-week break for Christmas. End of semester tests usually commence mid-January and last three weeks. The second semester starts from mid-February till mid-July, with a two-week break for Easter. End of semester tests are to be held at the end of the second semester, followed by the final examinations. No lectures will be held on the following Public and National holidays:
New Year's Day, January 1st
Feast of St. Paul Shipwreck, February 10th
Feast of St. Joseph, March 19th
Freedom Day, March 31st
Good Friday, Variable
Workers' Day, May 1st
Commemoration of the 1919 Uprising, June 7th
Feast of St. Peter & St. Paul (Mnarja), June 29th
Feast of the Assumption (Santa Marija), August 15th
Feast of Our Lady of Victories, September 8th

Independence Day, September 21st
Feast of the Immaculate Conception, December 8th
Republic Day, December 13th
Christmas Day, December 25th

For an update kindly consult: http://www.um.edu.mt/noticeboard/semesterdates.html

The Faculties, Departments and Institutes: General Description

The University has eighteen faculties, institutes and centres, which are divided into more than fifty departments.

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In recent years the University has also set up a number of Institutes and Centres some of which run courses, at undergraduate and postgraduate level, in a variety of interdisciplinary and specialised fields:
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European Documentation and Research Centre  +356 2340 2136  edrc@um.edu.mt
Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies (MADS)  +356 2340 2821  academy@diplomacy.um.edu
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Study Facilities at the Institution

The Library - Opening Hours

1st October – 15th June
Monday to Friday  0900 hrs. - 1900 hrs
Saturdays  0900 hrs - 1215 hrs
16th June – 30th June
Monday to Friday 0900 hrs - 1645 hrs
Saturdays 0900 hrs - 12:15 hrs

1st July – 30th September
Tue and Thu 0900 hrs - 1645 hrs
Mon-Wed-Fri 0900 hrs - 1315 hrs
Saturdays 0900 hrs - 1215 hrs

August 0900 hrs - 1315 hrs

* During the Christmas and the Easter vacations the Library closes at 5:00 p.m.
* The Library is closed on Sundays, Public Holidays and during the first fortnight in August. Information about the services offered by University Library can be found at http://www.lib.um.edu.mt

**Computer Lab Facilities**

http://www.csc.um.edu.mt
Tel: (+356) 2340 3004-6  fax: (+356) 2134339

The Computing Services Centre (CSC) is responsible for the campus network infrastructure and provides IT and computing services to the campus community. The Computing Services Centre (CSC) is responsible for the campus network infrastructure and provides services such as access to Internet, e-mail, word processing facilities and printing (printing costs start from 3c per page). Students have 8 hours access to computer labs free of charge from Monday to Friday from 0830 hrs till 1630 hrs. Further information can be obtained from Reception Desk at CSC from Monday to Friday between 0830 hrs and 1215 hrs and 1315 hrs to 1630 hrs.

**The Language Lab Complex**

http://www.cct.um.edu.mt/facilities/language.shtml
Tel. (+356) 2340 2150; Fax (+356) 21345 655

The Language Laboratory Complex consists of the Main Language Laboratory, a Sound Library, and a Fast Copying Room. The Sound Library supplies self-instruction language courses in Maltese, English, French, German, Spanish and Arabic and caters for students who want to listen to recorded material from the Sound Library Stock. This covers diverse areas such as Accounts, Archaeology, Art, Biology, Communication, Economics, Education, Folklore, Law, Music, Philosophy, Science and Theology.
All students and staff are entitled to use the Complex's facilities free of charge in connection with work relevant to a course run by the University. Other institutions or individuals are also welcome to use the facilities available, however an appropriate fee is then charged. A new computerised language learning system including video facilities has recently been installed in the Main Language Laboratory.

**Sport Facilities**

The University Sports Facilities known as University Sports Complex consist of the following facilities:

- A Sports Hall that opened in July 2002. The Hall seating one thousand spectators with parquet flooring caters for Badminton, Basketball, Handball, Gymnasium and Table-Tennis.
- Two 5-a-side Artificial Football Pitches.
- Full size football pitch (hard ground) Outdoor basketball / volleyball court
- Two tennis courts

Students are also invited to make use of the Swimming Pool Complex facilities which include an Olympic size heated swimming pool, separate diving pool, fitness centre, squash courts and an aerobic studio. University students can make use of the facilities at a nominal fee. It is recommended to make reservations to be made at least one week before.
**Chaplaincy**

The University Chapel is the first building on the left as one enters the University grounds from the old entrance gate. It is dedicated to St. Thomas More and is open from 7.00 a.m. to 7.00 p.m. Holy Mass in Maltese is said daily on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 12.10 and on Wednesdays and Fridays at 12.30 p.m. On Saturday evenings, at 7.30 p.m. there is a youth-oriented Mass prepared and animated by different Christian Life Communities (CLC).

Appointment with the Chaplain, Fr. Jimmy Bartolo, s.j., can usually be made at the Msida Campus at his office adjacent to the Chapel. You can also phone on +356 2340 2341, +356 21332207 (Campus Office) or +356 21344349 (Jesuit Residence) or email: chaplaincy@um.edu.mt.

Prayer group encounters, weekend retreats, live-ins, Spiritual Exercises in daily life, students Encounters for first years, voluntary work in Malta and abroad and various other activities are organised regularly throughout the academic year. The Chapel complex also houses a small lending library of spiritual books, a meeting room and a study room. These rooms are available on request. For more information on the services offered by the Chaplaincy you may view the chaplaincy web page by accessing: [http://home.um.edu.mt/chaplaincy](http://home.um.edu.mt/chaplaincy).

**University Radio**

Campus FM, the University of Malta's radio station has been launched in February 2002. The radio station takes over from Radju ta’ l-Universita’ which has stopped broadcasting in October 2001 when its licence expired. The University of Malta decided to obtain a new broadcasting licence for Campus FM since it feels a radio station is an important tool for the University to expand its educational mission.

Campus FM's brief is to offer educational broadcasting by producing programmes of a formal and informal educational nature. Towards this end, students, lecturers and staff are being involved in the radio's operations and are contributing towards various productions and initiatives.

Campus FM transmits between 0800 and 2200 hours on 103.7 FM and is available to Internet users through collaboration with Video On-Line. Campus FM rebroadcasts the BBC World Service after 2200 hours.

**Students’ Advisory Services**

The Students’ Advisory Services has been set up in response to a long felt need to provide a growing student population with more personalised services. The office integrates both public relations and an administrative function and attempts to provide assistance to students in the following areas:
≈ Practical or personal issues related to career paths and courses of study within the local context;
≈ Establishment and maintenance of links with schools particularly those at the post-secondary levels;
≈ Assistance to the Registrar with enquiries relating to courses of study and the provision of information; and
≈ Advice to prospective students and a vocationally related clientele.

The service operates in close liaison with the Counselling Services, the Admissions and Records Office and the other offices of the Registrar.

For an appointment, please contact Mr Manwel Debono or Mr Noel Caruana.
Gateway Building Rooms 105 and 107
Tel. No.: 2340 2847; 2340 2034
E-mail: sas@um.edu.mt

The Students' Advisory Services website may be found at: http://home.um.edu.mt/sas

**Students Counselling Services**

Personal Counselling is provided in order to allow students to make the most of their academic education by removing barriers to effective functioning. Short-term personal counselling is done on an individual basis and in a confidential setting. Counselling provides students with a chance to understand and change feelings, behaviour and situations that are problematic. Students come for many reasons including difficulties with a relationship, emotional difficulties, confusion about their identity and such distressing feelings as depression, eating disorders and anxiety.

For an appointment, please contact Ms. M.A. Agius or Mr. D. Mifsud.
Tel: +356 2340 2235
http://www.um.edu.mt/counsell.html

**It-Tajra Playschool**

The University Playschool started operating officially in April 1996 to make it easier for parents of young children to study or work on campus and to serve as a centre for research in Child Development and Early Childhood Education. The philosophy of the playschool is to encourage children to learn through play. Sessions mainly focus on art and craft with special attention given to the development of motor and communication skills. Activities include water-play, pretend play, imaginative play and also free play amongst others. Movement activities, building on co-ordination and basic drama are also part of the curriculum. There is a low teacher-pupil ratio so that the children derive maximum benefit from the programme. The school is multicultural in nature and welcomes children with different abilities and from different walks of life.
Banks

Bank of Valletta p.l.c   HSBC Bank Malta p.l.c
University Branch    Campus Office
Students’ House   University of Malta
University    Tel:  +356 21320550
Tel:  +356 21320320

Canteen

The canteen at the Malta University is open from Monday to Friday from 8.00 am till 7.00 p.m.

The caterer provides a large selection of food, drink and services throughout the site. The canteen located in the Students' House offers a varied selection of fresh food ideas.

* Fresh rolls, baguettes, sandwiches, pitta breads with numerous fillings;
* Traditional savoury Maltese pastries, pies, sausage rolls;
* Authentic Italian style and deep pan pizza;
* Pasta and rice recipes;
* A wide range of crisp salads from the salad bar;
* Selection of vegetarian options;
* Fresh fruit;
* Sweet pastries;
* Confectionery;
* Hot Drinks;
* Chilled soft drinks and juices.

Vending machines are located at various points for convenience.

Student Associations and Organisations

Kunsill ta’ l-Istudenti Universitarji: (KSU)
The Kunsill ta’ l-Istudenti Universitarji, University Student Council is the oldest National Student Union in Europe. Founded by Arturo Mercieca (later Chief Justice Sir Arturo Mercieca) in 1901, as the Comitato Permanente Universitario (C.P.U), the Student Union involved itself not only in student politics but also in national politics.

The KSU is the sole representative body of University students and represent students from University, Junior College, Medical School, Institute of Health Care and the Malta Centre of Restoration in all matters political, educational and cultural both on a national and international. It aims at co-ordinating the representative and extracurricular activities of students in the following spheres - University governing bodies, organisation of activities such as debates and entertainment; representation of student organisations and in promoting Maltese students talents through activities and by offering various opportunities and services.
The General Assembly (GA) is the highest organ of KSU, where every student has a right to vote at the Annual General Assembly (AGA), and any Extraordinary General Assembly (EGA). The GA decides what direction the KSU should take in its year in office and serves to scrutinise the work of the outgoing executives.

The KSU Constitution was amended in November 1996 and now the role of the Executive is the co-ordination the four departments - the Education Commission, the Social Policy Commission, the Culture and Entertainment Commission, and the International Secretariat. In fact, the KSU Executive is made up of twelve students, ten elected in a general election, held every March, and another two elected from within two of the KSU's Commissions, namely, the Education and Social Policy Commissions. The KSU Executive consists of a President, Secretary General, PRO, Treasurer, Education Commission, Education Co-ordinator, Social Policy Commissioner, Social Policy Co-ordinator, International Commissioner, International Co-ordinator, Culture and Entertainment Commissioner and Culture and Entertainment Co-ordinator.

KSU Contact Details:
Website: [www.ksu.org.mt](http://www.ksu.org.mt)
Telephone: 21343085/32902104
Fax: 21337517
Emails:
≈ For general information, public relations, queries and other help: info@ksu.org.mt
≈ Queries regarding Education including academic complaints and advice: education@ksu.org.mt
≈ Queries regarding international issues and opportunities: international@ksu.org.mt

Other student associations at University

AEGEE (Valletta) (Association des Etats Generaux des Etudiants de l’Europe)
Contact Person: Erika Marie Pace
Email: aegee@um.edu.mt

IAESTE (International Association for the Exchange of Students for Technical Experience)
Contact Person: Mario Farrugia
Email: gigsy1981@hotmail.com

AIESEC
Contact Person: Nadine Zrinzo

INSITE
Contact Person: Matthew Tabone
Anthropology Society
Contact Person: Francois Zammit
Email: anthropology@um.edu.mt

Arts Students Association (ASA)
Contact Person: Maria Schembri
Email: scheairam@yahoo.com

ASCS (Association of Students of Commercial Studies)
Contact Person: Alex Azzopardi
Email: ascsmalta@hotmail.com

Beta Psi – Bachelor of Psychology Students
Association Comm. – A
Contact Person: Robert Cassar
Email: betapsi@di-ve-com

ELSA (European Law Students Association)
Contact Person: Malcolm Falzon
Email: thechp17@hotmail.com

Ghaqda Studenti tal-Ligi – GhSL
Contact Person: Franco Galea
Email: sigalea@onvol.net

GhST TSA) – Theology Students Association
Contact Person: John Berry
Email: Jber002@um.edu.mt

Graffitti
Contact Person: Daniela Agius
Email: daniela@nextgen.net.mt

GUG (Gozitan University Group)
Contact Person: Samuel Azzopardi
Email: info@gug.org.mt

HCSO

KSU (Kunsill ta’ l-istudenti Universitarji – Students Council)
Contact Person: Justin Fenech
Email: info@ksu.org.mt

MISA (Malta International Students’ Association)
Contact Person: Damian Kovac
Email: damian_kovac@yahoo.co.uk

MKSU (Moviment Kattoliku Studenti Universitarji)
Contact Person: Jean Paul Tabone
Email: jtab009@um.edu.mt

MPSA
Contact Person: Christiana Buttigieg
Email: cbut008@um.edu.mt

MUSC (Malta University Sports Club)
Tel: 2340 2103
Email: sfs001@hotmail.com

NSTS
Contact Person: Sandra Scicluna
Email: lscic@nts.org

Pulse (Ghaqda Studenti Socjal Demokratici)
Contact Person: Andre Borg
Email: andreborg@yahoo.co.uk

SACES – Society of Architecture and Civil Engineering Students
Contact Person: Maria Mifsud
Email: Butterfly18mt@yahoo.com

SDM (Studenti Demokristjani Maltin)
Contact Person: Paul Gonzi
Email: paulgonzi@hotmail.com

UESA (University Engineering Students)
Assessment and Award of Credits

The method of assessment for study-units is indicated in the catalogue of study-units for each course. The catalogue is published at the beginning of the course, after approval by Senate on the recommendation of the Board of the Faculty or Institute offering the course.

Assessment may be through coursework, assignments, written or oral examinations or combinations of these.

Credits are awarded on successful completion of study-units.

Language of Instruction

Maltese and English are the Official languages at the University of Malta. The University Administration may use either language for official purposes. All lectures are delivered in English except for lectures for degrees in the Maltese language.

European Credit Transfer System (ECTS)

Most courses at the University of Malta are based on the “modular” system whereby courses are divided into study-units to each of which a number of credits are assigned. Study-units may take the form of lectures, seminars, tutorials, laboratory work, field placements, projects, research work, dissertation, practical or clinical sessions, private study or a combination of such work. One credit is assigned to a study-unit which altogether requires 50 hours of study of

Study-Units (as from October 2003 onwards)
The University will be adopting the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS) for its undergraduate courses as from October 2003. One academic year of full-time study will be assigned 60 ECTS credits.

The University is also adopting a system of indicating the level of study through the first digit in the code, e.g. ENG1001 *The Development of Literature* indicates that the study-unit is at level 1 and is offered in Year 1 of an undergraduate course, whilst CHE4011 *Environmental Chemistry* indicates that the study-unit is at level 4 and is offered in Year 4 of an undergraduate course.

**Grading Scheme (as from October 2003 onwards)**

Examiners shall express students’ performance in the assessment of study-units as a percentage mark and as a grade as indicated in the table below. Both the percentage mark and the letter grade will be recorded in the students’ academic record.

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<th>Descriptor</th>
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<tr>
<td>Work of exceptional quality</td>
<td>95%-100%</td>
<td>A+</td>
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<tr>
<td>Exceptional performance showing comprehensive understanding and application of the subject matter. Evidence of extensive additional reading/research/work.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Work of excellent quality</td>
<td>80% - 94%</td>
<td>A</td>
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<tr>
<td>Superior performance showing a comprehensive understanding of the subject matter. Evidence of considerable additional reading/research/work.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Work of very good quality</td>
<td>75% - 79%</td>
<td>B+</td>
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<td>Performance is typified by a very good working knowledge of subject matter. Evidence of a fair amount of reading/research/work.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Work of good quality</td>
<td>70% - 74%</td>
<td>B</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Above average performance, with a working knowledge of subject matter. Evidence of some reading/research/work.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Work of average quality</td>
<td>65% - 69%</td>
<td>C+</td>
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<tr>
<td>Considerable but incomplete understanding of the subject matter. Evidence of little reading/research/work.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Work of fair quality</td>
<td>55% - 64%</td>
<td>C</td>
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<tr>
<td>Basic understanding of the subject matter. No evidence of additional reading/research/work.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Work of rather low quality</td>
<td>50% - 54%</td>
<td>D+</td>
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<tr>
<td>Minimal understanding of the subject matter, with no evidence of additional reading/research/work.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Marginal Pass</td>
<td>45% - 49%</td>
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<td>Marginal performance, barely sufficient preparation for subsequent courses in the same area.</td>
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<td>Pass - when assessment is based on a Pass/Fail basis only for study-units that are used for establishing eligibility to progress or for the award but are not taken in consideration</td>
<td>Not Applicable</td>
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for calculating the student’s progress and for award classification purposes.

| Compensated Pass. Performance in the assessment of a study-unit, except a non-compensatable unit, that is deemed to be just below marginal pass but is deemed to be compensatable by good performance in other units. | 35% - 44% | CP |
| Narrow failure that however is not compensated by good performance in other units. | 35% - 44% | F |
| Unsatisfactory, failing work in any study-unit. | 0% - 38% | F |
| Unsatisfactory, failing work in a non-compensatable study-unit. Unjustified absence for an assessment, or failure to hand in assigned work in time, or ineligibility to take assessment due to unapproved absence from lectures. Shall be considered as F with 0 marks in the calculation of the average mark. | 0% - 44% | F |
| Temporary grade for Incomplete work due to justifiable reasons (illness, approved absence, etc.) for which the assessment date has been postponed or deadline for submission of work has been extended. | | I |
| Approved withdrawal of the registration for a study-unit after the official add/drop period has elapsed, given in consideration of exceptional circumstances, such as absence from lectures due to prolonged illness during the semester. The unit shall not be taken into consideration in the calculation of the average mark. | | W |

**European Credit Accumulation and Transfer System**

Under the University of Malta’s present credit system 30 credits are awarded for one academic year of full-time study. Therefore, one UOM credit is equivalent to 2 ECTS credits – see following examples:

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<th>Course Code</th>
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<td>ENG1001</td>
<td>The Development of Literature</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>2</td>
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<tr>
<td>ACC1601</td>
<td>Accounting and Finance</td>
<td>4</td>
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The ECTS credit value is used on the transcripts issued to ERASMUS students at the end of their study period. These transcripts include most of the information required by the Diploma Supplement. As from October 2003, the UOM will be adopting the ECTS system and hence the distinction between the UOM and the ECTS credit values will no longer be necessary.

It is important to remember that, unless instructed otherwise by your home university, according to the Socrates Programme Regulations an ERASMUS student is required to obtain:

- 60 ECTS credits in 1 full-time academic year of study.
- 30 ECTS credits in 1 full-time semester of study.
Complaint System

Given the duration of a student’s stay at university, it is more than likely at some point in time one might have a reason or cause of complaint. When this happens what should you do? Who can you talk to?

- The first people you should talk to are your Student Representative. They are the people who are most knowledgeable in Faculty matters and are the ones who are most likely to be able to give the advice and help you need. You can find the names and contact numbers of all Student Representative on our website.

- Alternatively, you may ask the KSU for help. All complaints are dealt with confidentiality. You can contact the KSU by going over to their office in Student’s House, by phoning them on 2132902179, or by filling the complaint form which can be found on the KSU website. The KSU can provide you with all the necessary information on what your rights are and which avenues to pursue to ensure they are respected. If necessary, they will raise the matter at Senate level through the relevant Students Representatives. KSU is currently studying the present compliant system and is preparing a report containing proposals for improvement.

- Finally, and as a last resort, a student may write to University Ombudsman, who is duty bound to investigate and report on any complaint by students of the University of Malta as well as complaints by persons who have refused entry into University and to suggest redress. Complainants who have exhausted this remedy, and remain dissatisfied, may bring the matter to the attention of the Parliamentary Ombudsman.
PART II - GENERAL PRACTICAL INFORMATION ABOUT MALTA

Reaching Malta

The Maltese Islands are within easy reach of most countries by means of frequent and direct sea and air services.

By Air

Air Malta, the national carrier, operates an extensive schedule of air services linking Malta with many of the main gateways in Europe and the Middle East. For further details please contact Air Malta's Head Office or any of its overseas offices, or visit the Air Malta home page http://www.airmalta.com.

By Sea

Regular and frequent car-ferry, catamaran and hydrofoil services operate between various Italian and Sicilian towns and Valletta, Malta's capital city. Detailed information can be obtained from: http://www.visitmalta.com/en/getting_here/get_bysea/get_bysea.html

Geography & Climate

The Maltese archipelago consists of three main islands: Malta, Gozo and Comino. Malta, the largest island, is 237 square kilometres; Gozo is 68 sqr kms and Comino 2 sqr kms. The total population of the archipelago is around 387,000.

The distance between Malta and the nearest point in Sicily is 93 km. The distance to the nearest point on the North African mainland (Tunisia) is 288km. Gibraltar is 1,826 km to the west and Alexandria is 1,510 km to the east.

The climate in Malta is typically mild. The temperature averages 14°C in winter (Nov-April) and 32°C in summer (May-Oct). The hottest period is from mid July to mid September. The sun shines for an average of 6.46 hrs each day in winter and 10.11 hrs in summer.

History and Culture

The first known people to settle in Malta were the Phoenicians, who reached these shores on their trading ventures in the ninth Century BC. They were succeeded by their Punic kinsmen, the Carthaginians, who were eventually conquered by the Romans in the third Century BC. The Romans governed these islands until the division of the Roman Empire in the forth Century AD.

Arabs from North Africa occupied the Islands from the ninth to the thirteenth century and when the last Arab rulers were driven out in
the year 1249, they left behind them notable imprints of their culture on the language of the Maltese people.

After the Norman overlords, Swabian and Angevin dynasties ruled for brief periods and at the beginning of the fourteenth century, the Islands fell under Aragonese domination. In 1530, the King of Spain, Emperor Charles V, granted the Islands on fief to the international Order of the Knights of St. John of Jerusalem.

The Knights administered the Islands for 268 years until 1798, when Napoleon Bonaparte drove them from these shores and occupied the country in the name of the French Republic.

Following a brief occupation the French were forced to surrender after two years of a land and sea blockade by combined British and Maltese forces, and in 1800, Malta became a part of the British Empire.

In 1964, Malta attained its Independence and ten year later, in 1974, it was declared a Republic within the Commonwealth.

**Language**

The people speak their own tongue - Maltese, a language of Semitic origin. Through the ages, many foreign words, particularly Italian, became part of the language, and Maltese is the only Semitic language written in Latin characters. English is one of two official languages and is widely spoken in Malta and Gozo.

**Basic Maltese Expressions**

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<td>Bongu</td>
<td>Good Morning</td>
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<td>Il-guranta it-tajba</td>
<td>Good Day</td>
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<tr>
<td>Il-Lejl it-tajjeb</td>
<td>Good Night</td>
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<tr>
<td>Jekk jhoggbok</td>
<td>Please</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Grazzi</td>
<td>Thank you</td>
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<tr>
<td>Skuzi</td>
<td>Excuse me</td>
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<tr>
<td>Iva</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<tr>
<td>Le</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td>Kif inti?</td>
<td>How are you?</td>
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**Basic Maltese Words**

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Getting Around

Public Transport
Malta's public transport system offers a cheap and efficient way of touring the Island. The main bus terminus is in Valletta from where buses operate to all parts of Malta, although there are also direct, point-to-point services. In Malta, the bus system is based on a zone structure, and the cost of a bus route is 15 cents (36 Euro cents), 18 cents (44 Euro cents) and 20 cents (48 Euro cents) for Zone A, B and C respectively. There are also four special bus tickets: one-day, three-day, five-day and seven-day tickets. The longest bus journey takes about fifty minutes; the average ride is between twenty and thirty minutes. Further information is available from the Public Transport Directorate Website http://www.maltatransport.com or freephone 0800 722393.

Car Hire
Fully comprehensively insured, except for the first Lm 100 (240 Euro) damages. Daily rates Lm 6.00- Lm10.00. Petrol: 1 litre - 25c3mils (lead-free) 26c4mils (normal) Diesel: 1 litre - 16c5 mls. A number of internationally based car hire firms as well as local garages offer the services of self-drive as well as chauffeur-driven cars. A list of car hire companies can be obtained from: http://www.yellowpagesmalta.com/

Driving
Driving is on the left side of the road. The speed limit is 64 kilometres per hour (40 mph) on non-urban and 40 kph (23 mph) in urban areas. Third party insurance is advisable. International and national driving licenses are acceptable and may be endorsed free of charge to visitors at the Police Headquarters, in Floriana. Foreign visitors driving their own cars do not require their licenses be endorsed.

Important Telephone Numbers

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Tourist information
Malta Tourism Authority
Auberge D’Italie
Merchants Street
Valletta CMR 02
Tel:  (356) 22915000
Fax:  (356) 22915893

Email : info@visitmalta.com
Website : www.visitmalta.com

Things to do whilst in Malta

There are plenty of things to do whilst in Malta – some suggestions are given below:
≈ Sea sports: windsurfing, diving, sailing, swimming, fishing and water and jet skiing;
≈ Land sports: country walks, horse-riding, biking, jeepsafari and rock climbing;
≈ View the island from a different perspective by taking a harbour cruise or by paragliding;
≈ Join in a village festa or a cultural festival or pageant;
≈ For those of you with an appetite for culture, Malta and Gozo are covered with fascinating historical and archaeological sites, some of which date back earlier than the Pyramids. Museum lovers will find a variety of treasures to discover. We therefore suggest a visit a museum or a major historical site such as the National Museum of Archaeology, the National Museum of Fine Arts, the War Museum and the Palace Armoury, Valletta, Ghar Dalam Cave and Museum, Birzebbugia, Tarxien Temples, Tarxien, Hagar Qim and Mnajdra Temples, Limits of Qrendi, Hal Saflieni Hypogeum, Paola, the National Museum of Roman Antiquities and St. Paul’s Catacombs, Rabat. Other historical sites are listed on http://www.visitmalta.com/places/museums/museums.html
≈ Visit Gozo and Comino;
≈ More treasures can be found in one of the 364 churches built on the island. 98 % of the Maltese population is Roman Catholic, however masses, religious celebrations and prayers are held in various religious denominations.

Churches

Roman Catholic

Sunday Mass Services
In English
Birkirkara St Aloysius College 0930 hrs;
St Julians Casa Leone (formerly Blue Sisters) 1100 hrs;
Sliema St Patrick’s 0800 hrs, 0900 hrs, 1000 hrs, 1830 hrs, 1930 hrs and daily at 0730 hrs and 0900 hrs;
Valletta (temporarily at Our Lady of Victories Church) 1200 hr.

Saturday Evening
St Julians Casa Leone (formerly Blue Sisters) 1800 hrs;
Valletta (temporarily at Our Lady of Victories Church) 1915 hrs.

In Italian
Valletta Santa Caterina d’Italia 1100 hrs

In German
Valletta Santa Barbara 1100 hrs (temporarily at Our Lady of Victories Church)

In French
Valletta Santa Barbara 1000 hrs (temporarily at Our Lady of Victories Church)

In Greek
Valletta Our Lady of Damascus, 1000 hrs (Archbishop Street)

Other denominations

Anglican (Diocese of Gibraltar in Europe)
St Paul’s Anglican Pro-Cathedral, Independence Square, Valletta. Sunday Holy Communion at 0800 hrs
Sliema: Holy Trinity Church, Rudolph Street. Sunday Holy Communion at 0800 hrs

Baha’i Faith Centre - Flat 3, ‘Mermaid Flats’ Ta’ Xbiex Seafront, Msida.

Church of Scotland, Methodist and Free Churches: St. Andrew’s Scots Church - Sunday Divine Service at 1030 hrs

Greek Orthodox Church of St. George: 83 Merchants Street, Valletta - Sunday Service at 1000 hrs

Islamic Centre, Paola: The Mosque is open daily between 0800 hrs and 2200 hrs. Friday prayers are held at 1300 hrs

Jewish Community: Religious Service is held on first Saturday of each month, temporarily in different localities. For detailed information please contact Mr. S. Davies (Telephone: +356 21445924)

Protestant Church of Germany: Sunday Divine Service in German is held at St. Andrew’s Scots Church, Valletta every First and Third Sunday of the Month at 1000 hrs

Baptist: This service is held at Evangelical Baptist Church on every Sunday's on 1030 hrs and 1830 hrs Wednesday's on 1930 hrs every week.

Bible Baptist Church: Bible Baptist Church, Triq il-Madonna tal-Gebla, Gzira, GZR 04. Sunday: Morning service: 1015 hrs; Evening service (Dec to April): 1830 hrs (May to Nov) 1900 hrs

Pentecostal: The Word of Life Pentecostal Church is open weekly every Sunday at 1030 hrs
and Tuesdays at 0700 hrs.

**Currency and Shopping**

Malta's currency is decimal and made up of both paper money and coins. The Malta Lira (Lm) is the unit of currency also referred to as Pound and is divided into 100 cents. There is no limit to the amount of foreign currency visitors may bring into Malta, providing it is declared upon arrival.

Coins: There are 7 coins in all, decreasing in value and size.
LM1 (2.4 Euro), 50 cents (1.2 Euro), 25 cents (60 Euro cents), 10 cents (24 Euro cents), 5 cents (12 Euro cents), 2 cents (5 Euro cents) all silver in colour and 1 cent copper in colour (3 Euro cents).

Paper money:
LM20 orange in colour (48 Euro)
LM10 green in colour (24 Euro)
LM5 blue in colour (12 Euro)
LM2 red in colour (4.8 Euro)

**Medical Care**

Malta enjoys a well-earned reputation for its health standards. Medical facilities, run along modern lines, are available through the regional health centres and two general hospitals. Nationals of the UK staying for less than six months and one month respectively are entitled (through reciprocal health agreements) to free medical and hospital care. Comprehensive health insurance policy for all travellers is nevertheless recommended. Most Pharmacies have a resident doctor who is usually available in the mornings or afternoons for visits. Appointments are not always required. GPs also conduct home visits in urgent circumstances.

In the case of an emergency, one should go directly to one of the hospitals mentioned below:

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It is important to present the necessary **insurance documents** and **passport** when visiting a hospital.

**Police**
Should you require police assistance urgently dial 112. If something is lost or stolen, a report at nearest police station is to be filed. Importation, possession and use of drugs is illegal in Malta.

**Time**

Malta is on central European Time (CET), that is one hour ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) in winter and two hours from the last Sunday in March until the last Sunday in October. The islands are six hours ahead of Eastern Seaboard Time (EST) in winter and seven ahead from the last Sunday in March until the last Sunday in September.

**Shopping**

Shops are usually open from Monday to Saturday between 9.00hrs - 13.00hrs, and 16.00hrs - 19.00hrs. Supermarkets are open all day. Major credit cards are accepted in most leading shops, supermarkets and restaurants. Only confectionery shops and restaurants are open on Sundays.

**Electricity**

Electricity supply is 240 volts, single phase, 50 cycles. The square fitting standard three-pin plugs and sockets are used.

**Nightlife**

Most entertainment is concentrated in the Sliema - St. Julian's - Paceville area. Sliema has a 3km-seafront promenade with cafes and restaurants. St. Julian's and Paceville have a number of bars, nightclubs, discos and cinemas besides restaurants and popular restaurants. The legal age for drinking is eighteen. Entry to nightclubs and cinemas is usually around 4.8 Euro – 6.25 Euro. It is illegal to import and use drugs in Malta.

**Internet Services**

Students can install Internet services from the various Internet Service Providers (ISP) in Malta. The student rate for this service is approximately 15 Euro for 30 hours. There are also several Internet cafes around Malta. A list of internet cafes can be found at: http://www.aboutmalta.com/internet/netcafes.shtml

**Post Offices and Sub-Post Offices**

A post office can be found in nearly every town/village. The minimum postage rate to an EU country is 40 Euro-cents. Information about all post office branches can be found at http://www.maltapost.com
**Embassies and Consulates**

**European Union**

Delegation of the Commission of the European Communities, Ta’ Xbiex:
Hdel@mlt.eudel.com
Tel: +356 21345111

**France**

Embassy of France,
Flat B, Dolphin Court,
Embassy Way
Ta’ Xbiex GZR 01
Lavalette@dree.org
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**Denmark**

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**Italy**

Embassy of Italy
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ambitalia@waldonet.net.mt
Tel: +356 21233157

**United Kingdom**

British High Commission
Whitehall Mansions
Ta’ Xbiex Sea Front
Ta’ Xbiex MSD 11
Tel: 23230000

**Austria**

Palazzo Marina
43, Triq San Kristofru
Valletta
Tel: +356 21 255 379

**Sweden**

Belgium

429 – 430, Triq San Pawl,
San Pawl il-Bahar
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**Germany**

Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany
Il-Piazzetta, Entrance B, 1st Floor
Tower Road
Sliema SLM 16
germanembassy@kemmunet.net.mt
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**Finland**

63/64, Triq Graham,
Sliema
Tel: 23 343 790

**Greece**

48/3, Triq San Zakkarija,
Valletta
Tel: +356 21237952

**Ireland**

C/o Marsovin,
The Winery,
Marsa
Tel: +356 21824920

**Spain**

Scots House, 5,
Triq Mikiel Anton Vassalli,
Valletta
Tel: +356 21230815

**Portugal**
19, Triq San Zakkarija, Valletta
Tel: +356 21232612

35/36, Triq l-Arcisqof, Valletta
Tel: +356 21 243 149

Netherlands

19, Triq San Zakkarija, Valletta
Tel: +356 21233758
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02 Archaeology Centre
03 Main Gate
04 Precincts Office
05 European Documentation Research
Centre / Mediterranean Academy of
Diplomatic Studies
06 International Maritime Law Institute
07 Mikiel Anton Vassalli Lecture Centre / Students' Advisory Service
08 Architecture & Civil Engineering Bldg.
09 Malta University Services / Counselling
10 Laws / Theology
11 Economics, Management & Accountancy
/ Social Work / Youth Studies Programme
12 Playschool
13 P.P. Saydon Hall
14 Centre for Communication Technology
15 Lecture Centre/ESI Hall & F. Ebejer Hall
16 Library / Computing Services Centre
17 Old Humanities Building - Arts / Education
18 Temi Zammit Hall
19 Office of the Rector / Communications Office / Administration Boardroom
20 Administration Building / Messengers' Office
21 University House / Canteen
22 Atirju Vassalli
23 Engineering Workshops
24 Computer Tower
25 Maths & Physics Building
26 Mediterranean Institute Farmhouse
27 Engineering Building
28 Biomedical Sciences
29 Pharmacy Building
30 Chemistry / Pharmacology & Therapeutics
31 Prof. John Borg Hall
32 Tennis Courts
33 St. Thomas Moore Chapel
34 Dar Manwel Magri
35 Estate & Works Building
36 Matsec Support Unit
37 National Swimming Pool Complex
38 Multipurpose Sports Hall (Under Construction)
39 Sports Pavilion
40 Football Pitch

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