



SOVRINTENDENZA
TAL-PATRIMONJU KULTURALI
SUPERINTENDENCE OF CULTURAL HERITAGE

National Inventory of the Cultural Property of the Maltese Islands

NICPMI Inv. No. 01139

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Property Name	Old University		
Address	St. Paul Street		
Town Name	Valletta	Toponym	N/A
Property Owner	Private	Local Council	Valletta
Guardianship Deed	-		
	Managing Body	University of Malta	

Period	Modern (16th to 20th Century AD)		
Phase	Early Modern: Knights of St John (1530-1798)		
Cultural Heritage Type & Value	Architectural Historical	Cultural Heritage Property Value Assessment	Very High
Property Function	Social and Communal	Conservation Area	UCA

Outline Description	Old University
Property Description	<p>The building was commissioned by the Bishop Gargallo in 1592, and was to be used as a college for the Jesuits in Malta. The building is three storeys high and is constructed with airy, vaulted corridors on all three floors. The rooms which consisted of the old lecture halls, classrooms and lodging rooms of the Jesuits are all connected to the corridors. The façade of this building is characterized by the main entrance which consists of a Doric portico leading to a flight of stairs. Above the portico, there is a three-dimensional sculpture featuring a crowned coat-of arms which is flanked by a unicorn on one side and a lion on the other. The windows on the ground floor are not aligned with those on the first and second floors. The building has also a small church with a simple interior having a raised podium above the altar, supported with braided columns. A unique collection of artefacts from Papua New Guinea and Africa as well as a number of plaster casts of statues and busts of classical Greek figures and wall friezes taken from the originals at the Acropolis are exhibited in the corridors of the Old University.</p>

Scheduled by MEPA	Yes	Degree of Protection	Grade 1	G.N. No.	276	G.N. Date	2008
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Recommended Bibliography	<p>Unkown Author, <i>The Valletta Campus – Old University Building</i>, University of Malta, 12 November 2012 http://www.um.edu.mt/newsoncampus/events/?a=73761</p>
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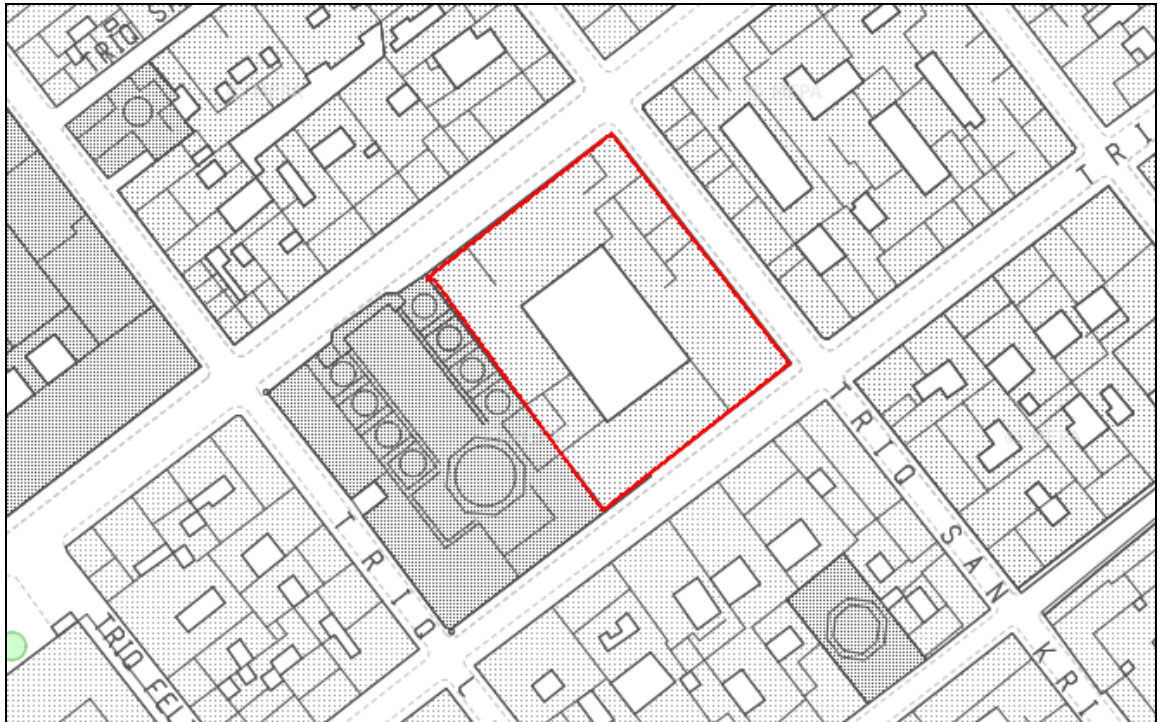
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Property Plan



Property Images

