



## **POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMMES**

# **SEPTEMBER 2026 INTAKE**

The University of Malawi is inviting applications for various Postgraduate Programmes which will commence in September 2026.

### **GENERAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR MASTER'S DEGREES**

The following are the **minimum application requirements** for all Master's degree programmes:

- a. A Bachelor's degree from an accredited university with at least a credit. Candidates with a strong pass may be considered.
- b. A detailed CV.
- c. Certified or notarized copies of academic transcripts and certificates.
- d. Two letters of reference from traceable referees (one of which shall be an academician)
- e. Evidence of sponsorship: Preference will be given to applicants who will present credible evidence of funding for their studies.

**NOTE:** Specific programmes may have additional requirements which must be complied with. Incomplete applications will not be processed.

**GENERAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR PHD DEGREES** In addition to the general requirements above, applications for doctoral degree programmes should meet the following **minimum conditions**:

- a. A good Master's degree from an accredited university. Candidates with work experience will have an added advantage.
- b. A concept note detailing the proposed research topic in terms of objectives, approach and research questions.
- c. Sample of applicant's written academic work.

## **CONDITIONS OF ADMISSION**

- a) Unless specifically indicated, all Master's degree programmes are full-time and will run for 24 months. The first year is for course work while the second year is for research and thesis writing. PhD programmes run for 3 years (full-time) and up to 5 years (part-time).
- b) The tuition fees cover costs of registration, examinations, supervision and institutional overheads. Students are expected to meet the costs of research, accommodation, meals, medical cover, books, stationery and learning materials.
- c) The University does not provide accommodation and the students will be required to look for their own accommodation outside the campus.
- d) All programmes operate on a no-fee no-classes basis. Applicants will be expected to demonstrate how they will support their studies either through a letter of commitment from their sponsors or a bank statement.

## **SPECIFIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR PROGRAMMES**

The following are the specific details of the advertised programmes:

### **1. SCHOOL OF ARTS, COMMUNICATION AND DESIGN**

**(a) DEPARTMENT OF DRAMA AND THEATRE**

**Name of Programme: Master of Arts in Theatre and Media Communications in Development (MA TMCD)**

**Programme Description:** This interdisciplinary programme enables students to critically examine a range of theoretical, methodological and practical approaches to the study of Communication for Development, with specific emphasis on theatre and media. The training covers a range of current media industries including theatre, broadcast (radio and TV), print and digital media modes.

**Programme Duration:** 2 years with the first year offered on block release and the second year consisting of practice-based and supervised research leading to dissertation writing.

**Fee Structure:** MK5,500,000.00 for Malawian nationals; and US \$7,644.00 for international students for the 2 years.

**Additional Entry Requirements:** A Bachelor's degree with credit in the fields of development theatre, media, and communication studies from an accredited university. Candidates with a strong pass may be considered, alongside work experience in theatre, media and communications-related fields.

Contact for further details: **The Head of Department at +265 886 658 619 /+265 1 524 222 or email [cmakhumula@unima.ac.mw](mailto:cmakhumula@unima.ac.mw) or [fpa@unima.ac.mw](mailto:fpa@unima.ac.mw)**

**(b) DEPARTMENT OF MEDIA AND COMMUNICATION STUDIES**

**(i) Name of Programme: Master of Arts in Strategic Communication**

**Description of the Programme**

The Master of Arts in Strategic Communication (MASC) aims to develop knowledge, cutting-edge skills and competencies in crafting impactful communication campaigns, build strong brands and manage the reputation of various organisations. It prepares students take up strategic communication roles for the private and public sectors. The MASC programme is designed with working professionals in mind and emphasises the critical thinking and analytical skills necessary to create targeted communication strategies in the fast-changing digital world.

**Duration of the Programme:** Two years

**Mode of Delivery:** Face to face block release

**Fee Structure:** K3,500,000.00 per academic year for Malawian nationals and US\$3000 for international students.

## **2. SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**

### **(a) DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY**

**Name of Programme: (i) Master of Arts in Applied Ethics**

**List of Courses Offered:** *Core modules:* African Moral Practice and the Ethical Theory, Moral Decision-Making, Biomedical Ethics, Research Methods and Methodology, Environmental Ethics, and Business Ethics. *Elective Modules:* Developmental Ethics, Public Health Ethics, Public and Private Sector Ethics, and Morality, Law, Politics and the Media.

**Duration of Programme:** 2 years and programme has taught course components delivered through block release or weekend classes in the first year followed by supervised research leading to a dissertation in the second year. Students with no background in Ethics will be required to take a bridging module, *General Ethics*.

**Additional Entry Requirements:** Bachelor's or Honours degree in any field of study with credit or strong pass with a minimum of three years of work experience.

**Fee Structure:** Tuition fees for the whole program are MK3,000,000.00 for Malawian nationals, US\$6,000 for SADC students, and US\$8,000 for international students per year.

**Contact for further details:** Head of Philosophy Department at [head.philosophy@unima.ac.mw](mailto:head.philosophy@unima.ac.mw) or the Postgraduate Coordinator at [pg.philosophy@unima.ac.mw](mailto:pg.philosophy@unima.ac.mw).

**Name of Programme: (ii) Master of Arts in Philosophy (by Research)**

**List of Research Areas:** History of Philosophy; Continental Philosophy and Analytic Philosophy, Metaphysics Epistemology, Philosophy of Language and Logic, Social and Political Philosophy, Phenomenology & Existentialism, African Philosophy, Applied Ethics.

**Mode of Delivery:** This programme has two components: a taught course component delivered in the first semester of Year 1 where students will be required to attend compulsory seminars running every **Saturday for 5 weeks**. The second component will involve research leading to a supervised dissertation.

**Additional Entry Requirements:** A Bachelor's Degree in Philosophy or Bachelor's Degree majoring in Philosophy with Credit; or A Bachelor's Degree in Philosophy or a Bachelor's Degree majoring in Philosophy with a pass and a minimum of three years of working experience; or An Honours Degree in Philosophy. Only qualifications from universities recognized by the University of Malawi will be accepted.

**Fee Structure:** MK2,500,000.00 for Malawian nationals per year. US\$4,500 for SADC students, and US\$6,000 for international students

**Contact for further details:** Head of Philosophy Department at [head.philosophy@unima.ac.mw](mailto:head.philosophy@unima.ac.mw) or the Postgraduate Coordinator at [pg.philosophy@unima.ac.mw](mailto:pg.philosophy@unima.ac.mw).

**Name of Programme: (iii) Doctor of Philosophy in Philosophy**

**List of Research Areas:** Metaphysics, Epistemology, Philosophy of Language, Logic, Philosophy of Science and Technology, Ethics, Social and Political Philosophy, Phenomenology & Existentialism, Critical Theory, and African Philosophy.

**Mode of Delivery:** This programme is a three-year academic programme. Delivery shall be on a full-time and part-time basis. Students will be required to attend compulsory seminars. The research component will be divided into

quarterly reports, which will be examined by a supervisory committee. Students will be required to present their work in progress at these meetings and will be allowed to proceed after satisfying the examiners.

**Additional Entry Requirements:** A Master's Degree in Philosophy or a related field. Only qualifications recognized by the National Council for Higher Education will be accepted.

**Fee Structure:** MK3,000,000 per year for Malawian nationals years. US\$3,500 for SADC students, and US\$6,000 for international students.

## **(b) DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGES, LINGUISTICS AND CLASSICAL STUDIES**

### **Names of Programmes:**

- (i) MA in Pure Linguistics
- (ii) MA in Applied Linguistics
- (iii) PhD in Pure Linguistics
- (iv) PhD in Applied Linguistics

### **Entry Requirements:**

**Applicants for MA degrees** should have a good first degree with credit or its equivalent in the appropriate subject. Applicants with a strong pass mark and relevant work experience shall also be considered. Applicants who have not studied core courses in Linguistics for their BA will be required to go through a bridging course before they are admitted into any of the programmes.

**Applicants into the PhD Programme** should already have completed an MA degree. Subject to certain conditions, research students may be accepted on a part-time basis or, under approved arrangements, to work off campus.

**Duration of Programme:** For the MA degree, it is 2 years maximum (Full-time) or 3 years (Part-time). For the PhD degree, it is 3 years full-time.

**Fee Structure:** For MA degrees MK2,700,000 per year for Malawian nationals, and US\$4,500 per year for international students. For PhD degrees MK6,750,000 for Malawian nationals and \$7,575 for international students for the entire period of study. Fees for bridging, are MK200,000 for Malawian nationals and \$300 for international students.

**Contact for further details:** The African Languages and Linguistics Secretary at [secall@unima.ac.mw](mailto:secall@unima.ac.mw) or the PG Coordinator Dr. Edith Shame at [eshame@unima.ac.mw](mailto:eshame@unima.ac.mw) or call 01 524 222

## **(c) DEPARTMENT OF THEOLOGY AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES**

### **Name of Programme: Master of Theology and Religious Studies**

**Additional Entry Requirements:** Bachelor's degree in Theology and Religious Studies or any other relevant first degree.

**Fee Structure:** MK4,500,000 for Malawian nationals and US\$6,000 for international students for the entire two years.

**Contact for further details:** Head of Theology and Religious Studies Department, [trs@unima.ac.mw](mailto:trs@unima.ac.mw).

## **(d) DEPARTMENT OF LITERARY STUDIES**

### **Names of Programmes:**

- i. MA in Literary and Cultural Studies**
- ii. Doctor of Philosophy in Literature**

**Programme Description:** The MA (Literary and Cultural Studies) and PhD (Literature) programmes aim to develop critical skills in the appreciation of the relevance of literary works to the development of a nation; and build capacity that will service different government departments and NGOs in the fields such as teaching/research, culture and advocacy; and, finally, produce a cadre of literature scholars adept in the critiquing of literary and cultural works from all over the globe.

### **Eligibility Criteria**

#### **i. MA in Literary and Cultural Studies**

Entry into the MA (Literary and Cultural Studies) programme will be open to candidates who are holders of a good first degree (credit+) or its equivalent with English literature as a major subject. The MA in Literary and Cultural Studies (by research) is only open to candidates who can satisfy the department that they already have a sound grasp of literary/critical tools for analysing a clearly defined body of literary texts or traditions of their choice. This MA involves training in research methods, such course work as may be deemed necessary and a dissertation for which the degree is awarded.

## **ii. Doctor of Philosophy in Literature (Full Time)**

To be admitted into a PhD in literature Programme, candidates should already have completed an MA. If this is not the case, the candidate may be accepted initially for the MA with the provision that if his/her performance is satisfactory, he/she will then be permitted to continue to a PhD. Subject to certain conditions, research students may be accepted on a part-time basis or, under approved arrangements, to work off campus. Applications for the PhD should be accompanied by a 3-page concept note detailing the proposed research topic. Candidates are advised to make their concept notes as specific as possible, and to send in a piece of their written work relevant to the proposed field of study along with their application.

**Programme Duration:** Maximum of 2 years (full-time or by research) for MA in Literary and Cultural Studies; maximum of 3 years for PhD in Literature.

**Fees Structure:** Actual fees for the MA in Literary and Cultural Studies programme is MK2, 500, 000.00 per year. The fee for the PhD in Literature is MK3,000,000.00 per year.

**For further details, contact:** The Postgraduate Coordinator, Dr Innocent Ngulube, at [ingulube@unima.ac.mw](mailto:ingulube@unima.ac.mw) or [pgenglish@unima.ac.mw](mailto:pgenglish@unima.ac.mw).

## **(e) DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY**

### **(i) Name of Programme: Master of Arts in Sociology**

Applications are invited from motivated social scientists to pursue a two-year research programme in the Sociology Department at the University of Malawi leading to the award of a Master of Arts Degree in Sociology.

**Duration:** This is a two-year programme and students are expected to develop a proposal, and conduct field research under Department assigned mentors in the first year. During the second year, students are expected to develop a thesis.

**Specific Entry Requirements:** To qualify for admission, an applicant should have a good bachelor's degree from a recognised university majoring in

Sociology/Social Anthropology/ Gender studies/ Social Work. The applicant must have covered Introductory Sociology and demonstrated competence in Sociological Theories and Social Research Methods.

A complete application dossier must include the following: a one-paged motivation letter, a concept note (maximum of two pages), three copies of completed application forms (University of Malawi PG1), updated curriculum vitae, two academic references, copies of diplomas and degrees and an academic transcript and deposit slip for the application fee.

**Fee Structure:** K MK 2,500,000 per year for Malawian students and \$2500 per year for international students

E-mail: [sec.sociology\\_unima@unima.ac.mw](mailto:sec.sociology_unima@unima.ac.mw)

**(ii) Name of Programme: PhD in Sociology (By Research)**

**Fee Structure:** MK2,000,000.00 per year for Malawian nationals and USD 3,000 per academic year for International students.

**Duration of Programme: 3-5 years**

**Programme Description:** Candidates will undergo a compulsory research methods course prior to the commencement of their research studies. Candidates will later be expected to work with allocated supervisors on their research topics during which they will make at least two presentations one on the proposal and the other on the findings. Each candidate is also expected to publish articles in scholarly journals before the completion of the study.

**Additional Entry Requirements:** Prospective candidates must be capable of carrying out independent sociological research, using and exchanging ideas with a view to improving and critically analysing societal phenomena and development interventions. Candidates should have a strong Master's degree in Sociology, Development Studies and other social science fields from a recognised institution. Candidates from Development Studies and other social science fields will be considered if they have some background in Sociology at undergraduate or Master's levels.

**Contacts for further details:** The secretary for the Department of Sociology and Population studies; Email: [sec.sociology\\_population\\_studies@unima.ac.mw](mailto:sec.sociology_population_studies@unima.ac.mw)

**(f) DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY ARCHAEOLOGY AND HERITAGE STUDIES**

### **Master of Arts in African Social and Economic History**

The programme is organised around a modular system and candidates may have the option of choosing either the MA (African Social History) or the MA (African Economic History) routes.

**Duration:** 24 months (full time)

**Specific Entry Requirements:** To qualify for admission in this programme, applicants must have Bachelor's degree with credit in history or related disciplines obtained from accredited institutions of higher learning. Applicants with a strong pass in their first degree (55% and above average) and relevant work experience will also be considered.

**Fee Structure:** MK4,200,000 for the entire period of study for Malawian nationals; U\$6,720 for SADC and U\$9,580 for Non-SADC students for a similar period of study.

**Preliminary inquiries can be made to:** Head of History Department on [gakayira@unima.ac.mw](mailto:gakayira@unima.ac.mw) or call +265883688771

## **3. SCHOOL OF LAW, ECONOMICS AND GOVERNANCE**

### **(a) DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS**

#### **(i) Name of Programme: Master of Arts Degree in Economics (Full time)**

**Programme Structure:** The MA in Economics is offered jointly by the University of Malawi ([www.economics.unima.ac.mw](http://www.economics.unima.ac.mw)) and the African Economic Research Consortium (AERC) ([www.aercafrica.org](http://www.aercafrica.org)), in two components. In the first component, students spend their first year doing coursework before embarking on thesis preparation under the supervision of senior faculty in the second year. The first semester of coursework year is spent while in residence at Chancellor College in Zomba and the second semester takes students to the Joint Facility of Electives in Nairobi, Kenya. The facility draws students from leading universities in Anglophone Africa.

**Additional Entry Requirements:** Applicants should have a first degree majoring in Economics from an accredited institution. Those with a background in quantitative methods will have an added advantage.

**Scholarships:** Under the auspices of AERC, the Department of Economics offers a limited number of partial scholarships to outstanding candidates. Applicants are, however, encouraged to identify other sources of funding.

**Fee Structure:** MK8,250,000.00 per student for Malawian nationals and US\$10,000.00 per student for international students for the entire two-year programme.

**Contact for further details:** The MA (R) Economics Programme Coordinator at [economics@unima.ac.mw](mailto:economics@unima.ac.mw) or +265111951135

## **(b) DEPARTMENT OF POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT**

### **(i) Name of Programme: Master of Public Administration and Management (MPAM)**

**Description of Programme:** The programme consists of a taught coursework component in the first year, followed by independent research and preparation of an examinable thesis in the second year.

**Duration and Mode of Delivery:** MPAM is a two-year block release programme of study and students are expected to attend classes for three consecutive weeks in every quarter of the first year of coursework. In each quarter students will take two courses. All classes take place at Chancellor College in Zomba.

**Additional Entry Requirements:** Applicants should have either a minimum of a credit Bachelor's degree in Public Administration, Political Science, Human Resources Management or Business Administration offered by an accredited institution of higher learning and a minimum of two years of work experience; or a minimum of a credit Bachelor's Degree in any discipline but holding a managerial position in the public service having worked for at least two years. Applicants with a credit bachelor's degree in the relevant disciplines with a strong pass will be considered if they have at least three years of work experience. The work experience requirement will be waived for those persons belonging to marginalised, disadvantaged or underrepresented social groups such as those with disabilities of any kind. Applicants should also submit a two-page typed brief of proposed research interests in the chosen discipline of study.

**Fee Structure:** MK7,000,000.00 for Malawian nationals and US\$ 7,500 for international students for the entire two-year programme.

**Contact for further details:** The Coordinator or Head of the Department of Political and Administrative Studies at: [pastudies@unima.ac.mw](mailto:pastudies@unima.ac.mw), or call 0888 641486 / 0999 404 008

**(ii) Name of Programme: Master of Arts in Political Science**

**Description of Programme:** The programme consists of a taught coursework component in the first year, followed by independent research and preparation of an examinable thesis in the second year.

**Duration:** 2 years (Full time)

**Additional Entry Requirements:** Applicants should have a strong Bachelor's degree with a credit or strong pass in Political Science or Public Administration. Applicants with a degree in Humanities and Social Sciences from an accredited institution will be considered if they have some Political Science subjects in their undergraduate programmes. Applicants should also submit a two-page typed brief of proposed research interests in the chosen discipline of study.

**Fee Structure:** MK5,500,000.00 for Malawian nationals and US\$ 6,500 for international students for the entire two-year programme.

**Contact for further details:** The Coordinator or Head of the Department of Political and Administrative Studies at: [pastudies@unima.ac.mw](mailto:pastudies@unima.ac.mw), or call 0888 641486 / 0999 404 008.

**(iii) Name of Programme: Master of Arts in Development Studies**

**Duration:** 2 years (full time)

**Programme Description:** The programme consists of a taught coursework component in the first academic year, followed by the preparation of an examinable thesis in the second year. The coursework will be undertaken in two semesters during which a total of 8 courses will be offered from the following list: Theories of Development; Research Methods for Development Studies; Rural Development; Development Economics; Political Economy of Development; African Economic History; Policy Analysis and Economic Management; Development Administration; Gender and Development; Environment and Sustainable Development.

**Additional Entry Requirements:** Applicants should have a minimum of a credit at Bachelor's degree level in a Social Science or development related-field. Applicants with a strong pass degree and have some relevant working experience will be considered.

**Fee Structure:** K7,000,000.00 for Malawian Nationals (or K3,500,000 per year of study); and US\$8,000.00 for international students for the entire period of study.

**Contact for further details:** at [gmbwele@unima.ac.mw](mailto:gmbwele@unima.ac.mw)

**(iii) Name of Programme: Master of Development Studies in Political Economy**

**Programme Duration:** 2 years (full-time)

**Programme Description:** The programme consists of a taught coursework component in the first academic year, followed by the preparation of an examinable thesis in the second year. The coursework will be undertaken in two semesters during which a total of 8 courses will be offered from the following list: International and Comparative Political Economy, Research Methods for Development Studies, Contemporary Perspectives in Political Economy, Public Policy and Political Economy Analysis, Leadership and Governance in Political Economy, Theories of Development, Monitoring and Evaluation, Public Finance and Economic Management and Theories of Development Economics.

**Fee Structure:** K7,000,000.00 for Malawian Nationals (or K3,500,000 per year of study); and US\$8,000.00 for international students for the entire period of study.

**Contact for further details:** [deanleg@unima.ac.mw](mailto:deanleg@unima.ac.mw)

**(c) DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP STUDIES**

**(i) Name of Programme: Master of Arts in Human Resource Management and Industrial Relations (MA HRM&IR)**

**Description of Programme:** The programme consists of taught coursework component in the first year, followed by independent research and preparation of an examinable thesis in the second year.

**Duration:** 2 years (Full time)

**Mode of Delivery:** Block release where students meet once every three months. The eight taught modules will cover ten weeks spread through four residential block release teaching sessions.

**Additional Entry Requirements:** Applicants should have a strong Bachelor's degree with a credit or strong pass (an average of 55% and above) in human resource management, industrial relations, general management, public administration and business administration. Applicants who wrote a project at undergraduate level will have an added advantage. Those with Journalism, Humanities, and Social Science degrees will be admitted if their undergraduate programme had some human resource management or industrial relations courses and have a minimum of 2 years working experience in management. Applicants should also submit a two-page typed brief of proposed research interests in the chosen discipline of study.

**Fee Structure:** MK7,000,000.00 for Malawian nationals and US\$ 8,500 for international students for the entire two year programme.

**Contact for further details:** The Coordinator or Head of the Department of Political and Administrative Studies at: [pastudies@unima.ac.mw](mailto:pastudies@unima.ac.mw), or call 0888 350 020 / 0993 007 186

#### **(d) DEPARTMENT OF PRIVATE LAW**

##### **(i) Name of Programme: Master of Laws in Commercial Law [LLM (Commercial Law)]**

**Duration of Programme:** 18 Months

**Fee Structure:** The tuition fee for the entire programme is MK7,875,000 or US\$10,500.00 for international students.

**Description of Programme:** The LLM (Commercial Law) programme consists of coursework, supervised research and thesis. The course modules are delivered at the purpose-built Law complex where students have access to the National Bank of Malawi Postgraduate Computer Lab, which includes free access to the University of Malawi internet resources, and the Macknight

Machika Resource Centre, which stocks a wide variety of up-to-date Library resources relevant to the postgraduate study of Commercial Law.

**Additional Entry Requirements:** Admission into the programme is open to graduates who have either: (a) Bachelor of Laws (Honours) Upper Second Class degree (or its equivalent); or (b) A Bachelor of Laws (Honours) Lower Second Class degree (or its equivalent) and two years' experience working on matters directly related to the application of commercial law.

**Preliminary Enquiries:** The Programme Coordinator or [postgradlaw@unima.ac.mw](mailto:postgradlaw@unima.ac.mw).

## (ii) Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) Law

### **Eligibility:**

- A. A Master's degree in law or legal studies obtained from an accredited institution of higher learning, with a minimum of a credit score, and accompanied by an academic transcript
- B. Personal Statement (500-100) that describes the applicant's motivation and capacity for pursuing the PhD in Law degree
- C. PhD Research Proposal.

**Duration:** 3-4 years (full-time) and 5-6 years (part-time).

**Fee Structure:** MK4,500,000.00 for Malawian nationals, or US\$5,000 for international students per year for full-time candidates and MK3,000,000.00 for Malawian nationals and US\$ 3,000 for international students per year for part-time candidates

**Contact for further details:** [privatelaw@unima.ac.mw](mailto:privatelaw@unima.ac.mw) or [publiclaw@unima.ac.mw](mailto:publiclaw@unima.ac.mw)

The School has one fully funded scholarship for a candidate to research Gender and Environmental Governance for three (3) years.

**Women and persons with disabilities are encouraged to apply.**

## **e) DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC LAW AND CLINICAL LEGAL EDUCATION**

### **(i) Master of Laws in Democratic and Economic Governance [LLM (Democratic and Economic Governance)]**

**Duration of Programme:** 18 Months

**Fee Structure:** The tuition fee for a student for the entire programme is set at MK 9,630,500 for Malawian nationals or US\$5500 for international students.

**Description of Programme:** The LLM (Democratic and Economic Governance) Programme is an 18-month programme designed to produce graduates who can model and implement legally sound, ethically grounded decision-making in the generation, allocation, and management of public resources. It seeks to cultivate a culture of accountability, efficiency, and equity in governance, with regional relevance for sub-Saharan Africa and beyond. By integrating law, ethics, and development economics, the programme empowers professionals to optimise resource use, minimise waste, and uphold democratic and economic justice.

**Additional Entry Requirements:** Admission into the programme is open to graduates who hold one of the following qualifications with a credit or upper second class; and in case of a degree with higher pass or lower second class, at least two years' work experience will be required in addition: (a) Bachelor's degree (LLB, BSoC, BA, BCom or equivalent) from the University of Malawi or any accredited University in Malawi; or (b) An equivalent international qualification (LLB, BSoC, BA, BCom or similar) that has been certified as comparable to a University of Malawi degree.

**Contacts for further details:** The Executive Dean, School of Law, Economics and Government, Phone: +265 1 951 096, [deanleg@unima.ac.mw](mailto:deanleg@unima.ac.mw) or [deanoflaweconomicsandgovernment@unima.ac.mw](mailto:deanoflaweconomicsandgovernment@unima.ac.mw) or the Programme Coordinator or [publiclaw@unima.ac.mw](mailto:publiclaw@unima.ac.mw) and [postgradlaw@unima.ac.mw](mailto:postgradlaw@unima.ac.mw).

### **(iii) Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) Law**

**Eligibility:**

- D. A Master's degree in law or legal studies obtained from an accredited institution of higher learning, with a minimum of a credit score, and accompanied by an academic transcript
- E. Personal Statement (500-100) that describes the applicant's motivation and capacity for pursuing the PhD in Law degree

F. PhD Research Proposal.

**Duration:** 3-4 years (full-time) and 5-6 years (part-time).

**Fee Structure:** MK4,500,000.00 for Malawian nationals, or US\$5,000 for international students per year for full-time candidates and MK3,000,000.00 for Malawian nationals and US\$ 3,000 for international students per year for part-time candidates

**Contact for further details:** [privatelaw@unima.ac.mw](mailto:privatelaw@unima.ac.mw) or [publiclaw@unima.ac.mw](mailto:publiclaw@unima.ac.mw)

The School has one fully funded scholarship for a candidate to research Gender and Environmental Governance for three (3) years.

**Women and persons with disabilities are encouraged to apply.**

#### **4. SCHOOL OF NATURAL AND APPLIED SCIENCES**

(i) **Name of Programme: Master of Science in Environmental Science (MES)**

Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates to pursue a 24-month (full time) Master of Science in Environmental Sciences (MES) programme during the 2021-2023 academic years in the Faculty of Science at the University of Malawi.

The MES programme has courses in four modules with each module consisting of at least three courses running for two months. Candidates are required to complete a research project and submit a thesis at the end of the two years. Details of course modules can be obtained from the MES office by email to [mesadmin@unima.ac.mw](mailto:mesadmin@unima.ac.mw).

##### **Eligibility criteria**

Candidates should have a good Bachelor's degree (at least an upper pass) in natural sciences or related fields. Preference will be given to candidates with

relevant experience. The programme operates on a *no-fee-no-class basis*. Applicants should demonstrate how they will support their studies either through a letter of support from their sponsors or a bank statement.

### **Tuition fees**

Successful candidates will be required to pay K4,500,000 for Malawian Nationals and US\$6,000 for international students for the entire two years.

### **Method of application**

Applications, accompanied by authenticated copies of certificates, two academic reference letters, academic transcripts, and an updated CV with names of at least two traceable referees.

Only short-listed applications will be acknowledged.

**Contact for further details:** MES at: [mesadmin@unima.ac.mw](mailto:mesadmin@unima.ac.mw).

**Those who were previously offered a place but did not report for their studies should re-apply.**

### **(ii) Name of Programme: MSc in Water Science and Management (WSM)**

**Description of Programme:** The WSM programme consists of course work, research and a thesis.

**Duration of Programme:** 2 years (full time)

**Fee Structure:** MK2,250,000 for Malawian nationals and US\$3,000 for international students per year.

**Additional Entry Requirements:** Potential candidates should have at least a high pass in natural/applied sciences or related fields from recognized and accredited universities.

**Contact for further details:** Programme Coordinator, Dr. Mwawi Kayuni [wrmg@unima.ac.mw](mailto:wrmg@unima.ac.mw).

**(a) DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY**

**(i) Name of Programme: Master of Science in Applied Chemistry (by Research)**

**Programme Description:** The Master of Science programme in Applied Chemistry is intended to improve capacity of trained and experienced professionals and technical man-power working in the many fields that require the application of chemical principles. The research component allows students to undertake studies on a topic which requires comprehensive application of chemical principles. Typically, students take their dissertations in the broad areas of natural products, environmental chemistry, and food chemistry and processing.

**Programme duration:** 2 years (full time)

**Entry requirements:** At the minimum, potential candidates should have a high pass Bachelor's degree in Chemistry or a field related to the chemical sciences from a recognized university.

**Fee Structure:** MK1,500,000.00 per year for Malawian nationals and US\$2000 per year for international students.

**Contact for further details:** Dr. Jimmy Sumani, the PG Coordinator, E-mail: [jsumani@unima.ac.mw](mailto:jsumani@unima.ac.mw) and copy to [chemistry@unima.ac.mw](mailto:chemistry@unima.ac.mw).

**(ii) Name of Programme: Doctor of Philosophy in Chemistry (by Research)**

**Programme Description:** The aim of the programme is to produce a highly trained cadre of individuals who will contribute to knowledge generation in Chemistry and related disciplines. Students enrolled on full time basis will dedicate full time to the programme of study, spending their time on campus or at a collaborating institution depending on agreements and availability of resources. Those on part time will have to spend a minimum amount of time

on campus that is equivalent to the full time students during the 5 year period.

**Duration:** 3 years (fulltime) and a maximum of 5 years (part time).

**Entry requirements:** At the minimum, hold an Honours or Master's degree in Chemistry or related disciplines obtained from recognized institutions of higher learning. Experience will not be a substitute for these requirements.

**Fee Structure:** MK 1,875,000 per year for Malawian nationals and US\$2,500 per year for international students.

**Contact for further details:** Dr. Jimmy Sumani, the PG Coordinator, E-mail: [jsumani@unima.ac.mw](mailto:jsumani@unima.ac.mw) and copy to [chemistry@unima.ac.mw](mailto:chemistry@unima.ac.mw) .

## **(b) DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY AND EARTH SCIENCES**

### **(i) Name of Programme: Master of Science in Geography and Earth Sciences (by Research)**

**Duration:** 2 years (full time) and 3 years (part-time)

**Description of Programme:** Supervised research and thesis

**Additional Entry Requirements:** A credit or strong first degree (at least 55% and above) majoring in Geography and/or Earth Sciences or any other related discipline. Candidates must also submit a research topic of their choice.

**Fee Structure:** MK2,587,500 per academic year for Malawian Nationals or US\$3,450 per academic year for international students.

### **(ii) Name of Programme: Doctor of Philosophy in Geography (by Research)**

Description of Programme: **Programme consists of** supervised research and thesis. In addition, students will be required to participate in seminars, reading exercises and presentations as may be arranged by the department and other offices from time to time.

**Duration:** A minimum of 3 years (fulltime) and a maximum of 5 years (part time).

**Entry Requirements:** Applicants must hold a Master's Degree in Geographical or related disciplines obtained from accredited institutions of higher learning.

**Fee structure:** MK3,000,000.00 per academic year for Malawian nationals; and US\$ 5,000 per academic year for international students.

**For further details contact:** The Head of Department on: [geo@unima.ac.mw](mailto:geo@unima.ac.mw); or [emwathunga@unima.ac.mw](mailto:emwathunga@unima.ac.mw).

**(iii) Name of Programme: Doctor of Philosophy in Earth Sciences (by Research)**

Description of Programme: **Programme consists of** supervised research and thesis. In addition, students will be required to participate in seminars, reading exercises and presentations as may be arranged by the department and other offices from time to time.

**Duration:** A minimum of 3 years (fulltime) and a maximum of 5 years (part time).

**Entry Requirements:** Applicants must hold a Master's degree in Earth Sciences or related disciplines obtained from accredited institutions of higher learning.

**Fee structure:** MK3,000,000.00 per academic year for Malawian nationals; and US\$ 5,000 per academic year for international students.

**For further details contact:** The Head of Department on: [geo@unima.ac.mw](mailto:geo@unima.ac.mw); or [emwathunga@unima.ac.mw](mailto:emwathunga@unima.ac.mw).

**(c) DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES**

**(i) Name of Programme: Master of Science in Conservation Biology**

**Description of Programme:** This is a 2 years programme comprising taught and research components. In the first year students take courses which they must pass before proceeding to the second year For sustainability, the programme will only be offered if there are a minimum of five registered students.

**Additional Entry Requirements:** Potential candidates should have a good Bachelor's degree (at least 55% and above) in Biological Sciences or related fields from recognized universities. Those with relevant experience will have an added advantage.

**Fee structure:** MK3,816,540 for Malawian nationals or USD6,000 for international students for the entire two years.

**Contact for further details:** Biology secretary on 01524222 or email the PG Coordinator [pgbiology@unima.ac.mw](mailto:pgbiology@unima.ac.mw).

**(ii) Name of Programme: Master of Science (Biological Sciences) by Research**

**Description of Programme:** The programme is mainly research oriented, with production and examination of the thesis at the end of study. This programme allows students to undertake studies on various topics that require application of biological principles. These topics are identified in close collaboration with potential supervisors and students are encouraged to secure funding for both tuition and research.

**Additional Entry Requirements:** potential candidates should have a good Bachelor's degree (at least 55% and above) in Biological Sciences or related fields from recognized universities. Those with relevant experience will have an added advantage.

**Fee structure:** MK3,816,540 for Malawian nationals or USD6,000 for international students for the entire two years.

**Contact for further details:** Biology secretary on 01524222 or email the PG coordinator at [pgbiology@unima.ac.mw](mailto:pgbiology@unima.ac.mw)

**(iii) Name of Programme: Doctor of Philosophy (Biological Sciences)**

**Description of Programme:** This is a 3 years full time or 5 years part time programme by research. Students undertake studies on various topics that require application of biological principles. These topics are identified in close collaboration with potential supervisors and students are encouraged to secure funding for both tuition and research. In addition, prospective students will be expected to participate and present in departmental as well as faculty seminars from time to time.

**Additional Entry Requirements:** Potential candidates should have a Master's degree in Biological sciences or related fields from recognized universities. Those with relevant experience will have an added advantage.

**Fee structure:** MK3,097,504 for Malawian nationals or USD4,000 for international students per academic year.

**Contact for further details:** Biology secretary on 01524222 or email the PG Coordinator at [pgbiology@unima.ac.mw](mailto:pgbiology@unima.ac.mw)

#### **(d) COMPUTING DEPARTMENT**

##### **(i) Name of Programme: Master of Science in Informatics**

**Mode of Delivery:** The programme is run jointly by the Computing Department at University of Malawi (UNIMA) and the Department of Computing and Information Technology at Malawi University of Business and Applied Sciences (MUBAS). It is a 2 years full time programme delivered on a 2-week block release mode for the course work (classes, examinations, seminars and workshops) in the 1<sup>st</sup> year. The 2<sup>nd</sup> year will involve research leading to a supervised dissertation.

**Additional Entry Requirements:** Applicants should have a Bachelor's degree in the fields of Information Systems, Computer Science, or equivalent qualifications from recognized universities. Applicants with degrees in related applied sciences from MUBAS and Mathematical Sciences from UNIMA can also apply. Females are encouraged to apply.

**Fee Structure:** MWK 5,900,000.00 for Malawian nationals and USD 6,000.00 for international students for the entire 2 years period.

**Contact for further details:** [mscinformatics@unima.ac.mw](mailto:mscinformatics@unima.ac.mw)

##### **(ii) Name of Programme: MSc in Business Intelligence and Analytics**

**Eligibility Criteria:** A relevant Bachelor's degree with at least a strong pass from a recognised institution of higher learning in the fields of Information Systems, Computer Science, Computer Network Engineering, or equivalent qualifications.

**Duration:** 2 years (Full-time)

**Fee Structure:** MK 3,350,000 per year for Malawian nationals and US\$ 3,000 per year for international students.

**(iii) Name of Programme: MSc in Cybersecurity**

Eligibility Criteria: A relevant Bachelor's degree with at least a strong pass from a recognised institution of higher learning in the fields of Information Systems, Computer Science, Computer Network Engineering, or equivalent qualifications.

Duration: 2 years (Full-time)

Fee Structure: MK 3,350,000 per year for Malawian nationals and US\$ 3,000 per year for international students.

**(e) DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES**

**(i) Master of Science in Biostatistics**

**Description of Programme:** A 2-year programme offered through block release and involves coursework and a thesis.

**Additional Entry Requirements:** Applicants must have a Bachelor's degree, major in Statistics or Mathematics, and any other related disciplines with at least a strong pass from a recognized university. Selected candidates with deficiencies in some Mathematics/Statistics modules will be asked to attend bridging courses before enrolment. Further details about the programme can be accessed on the programme website through the link [https://biostatistics.unima.ac.mw/programmes/Master\\_of\\_Science\\_in\\_Biostatistics](https://biostatistics.unima.ac.mw/programmes/Master_of_Science_in_Biostatistics).

**Scholarships for International Students under CRAFS-ACE 2 Project:** Under the Centre for Resilient Agri-food Systems (CRAFS), with support from the World Bank's Africa Centres of Excellence II (ACE II) project, the School of Natural and Applied Sciences (SNAS) has secured funding for full-time study scholarships of international students willing to pursue various postgraduate science programmes at the University of Malawi. A separate advert for the

same will be circulated. Selection for scholarship will be through a competitive process. Female candidates are particularly encouraged to apply.

**Fee Structure:** MK4,000,000 per academic year for Malawian nationals and US\$3,000 per academic year for international students. Those invited to attend bridging courses will be required to pay US \$300 per module.

**Contacts for further details:** The Programme Coordinator, Dr. Tsirizani Mwalimu Kaombe on +265999603074, [biostat-unima@unima.ac.mw](mailto:biostat-unima@unima.ac.mw), copy to [sec.maths@cc.ac.mw](mailto:sec.maths@cc.ac.mw).

## (ii) Master of Science in Mathematical Sciences

**Master of Science in Mathematical Sciences (Financial Modelling, Coding Theory and Cryptography, Mathematical Biology, Mathematical Statistics)**

**Description of Programme:** A 2-year full-time programme involving course work and thesis.

**Entry Requirements:** Applicants must have a Bachelor's degree in Mathematical Sciences with at least a credit or a strong pass obtained from any accredited institution of higher learning.

**Fee Structure:** MK 2,750,000 per academic year for Malawian nationals and US\$1,750 per academic year for international students.

**Scholarships for International Students under CRAFS-ACE 2 Project:** Under the Centre for Resilient Agri-food Systems (CRAFS), with support from the World Bank's Africa Centres of Excellence II (ACE II) project, the School of Natural and Applied Sciences (SNAS) has secured funding for full-time study scholarships of international students willing to pursue various postgraduate science programmes at the University of Malawi. A separate advert for the same will be circulated. Selection for scholarship will be through a competitive process. Females are particularly encouraged to apply.

**Contact for further details:** The Programme coordinator, Dr. Elias Peter Mwakilama at: [emwakilama@unima.ac.mw](mailto:emwakilama@unima.ac.mw) /[mathsciences\\_unima@cc.ac.mw](mailto:mathsciences_unima@cc.ac.mw), and copy to [sec.maths@cc.ac.mw](mailto:sec.maths@cc.ac.mw)

## (iii) Doctor of Philosophy in Mathematical Sciences (Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics) by Research

**Description of Programme:** This is a 3 - 5 years full-time PhD programme by research, including supervisor guided reading. Students on this programme will dedicate full time to the programme of study, spending their time on campus at University of Malawi or at a collaborating institution depending on agreements and availability of resources. During the entire period of study, students should be prepared to devote at least 90 hours of tutoring undergraduate or MSc students in the Department of Mathematical Sciences at University of Malawi. In addition, students will be required to attend and participate in departmental or faculty seminars and/or presentations, and attend to other scholarly activities which the department may arrange from time to time.

**Additional Entry Requirements:** A Master's degree in Mathematics or related disciplines obtained from any accredited institution of higher learning. Those with first class BSc honours degrees in Mathematics may also be admitted. It is highly recommended for PhD applicants to pre-identify academic supervisors who are specialists in the proposed research areas.

**Fee Structure:** MK3,000,000 for Malawian nationals or US\$3,500.00 for international students per academic year.

**Contact for further details:** The Programme coordinator, Dr. Elias Peter Mwakilama at: [emwakilama@unima.ac.mw](mailto:emwakilama@unima.ac.mw)/[mathsciences\\_unima@cc.ac.mw](mailto:mathsciences_unima@cc.ac.mw), and copy to [sec.maths@cc.ac.mw](mailto:sec.maths@cc.ac.mw)

#### (iv) **Doctor of Philosophy in Biostatistics**

**Description of the programme:** This is a 3 to 5-year full-time programme by research including supervisor-guided reading. It aims to produce a highly trained cadre of individuals who will contribute to knowledge generation in the field of biostatistics. During the entire period of study, the candidate should also be prepared to devote at least 90 hours of teaching/tutoring MSc or undergraduate students in the Department of Mathematical Sciences, which is equivalent to teaching 3 modules.

**Additional Entry Requirements:** Applicants to be considered under the PhD programme in Biostatistics or Statistics should have a strong Master's degree in Statistics or Biostatistics or related disciplines from a recognized university. Applicants should also submit a concept note, not exceeding 5 pages, outlining the proposed area of research.

It is also highly advised that applicants should pre-identify or suggest an academic supervisor who is a specialist in the research area they are proposing. The University requires that the main PhD supervisor should be at the level of at least Senior Lecturer. The academic supervisor does not necessarily have to be from the University of Malawi. The University

encourages collaborative supervision. Applications with pre-identified supervisors may have an added advantage. Further details about the programme can be accessed on the programme website through the link [https://biostatistics.unima.ac.mw/programmes/Doctor of Philosophy in Biostatistics](https://biostatistics.unima.ac.mw/programmes/Doctor_of_Philosophy_in_Biostatistics).

**Fee structure:** Tuition fees is USD 5,500.00 per academic year payable in Malawi Kwacha equivalent at the time of registration.

**Contacts for further details:** The Programme Coordinator, Dr. Tsirizani Mwalimu Kaombe on +265999603074, [biostat-unima@unima.ac.mw](mailto:biostat-unima@unima.ac.mw), copy to [sec.maths@cc.ac.mw](mailto:sec.maths@cc.ac.mw).

#### **(f) DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN ECOLOGY AND AGRICULTURAL STUDIES**

**(i) Name of Programme: Master of Science in Food Science**

**Duration of programme:** 2 years (24 months) full time

**Fees structure:** K5, 000,000 or US\$7500 for international students the entire two years.

**Description of the programme:** This is a full time Masters programme comprising course work in first year and research leading to thesis in the second year. The aim of the programme is to produce a highly trained Food Scientist who will contribute to knowledge generation, inform food policy and produce a range of nutritious food products.

**Additional entry requirements:** The admission requirement into the MSc in Food Science degree programme shall be: Bachelor's degree in Food Science, Food and Nutrition, Food Technology, Public Health, Biology, Microbiology and related fields with at least a strong pass or its equivalent from any recognized institution of higher learning

**Contact person:** Head, Human Ecology Department at: [humanecology@unima.ac.mw](mailto:humanecology@unima.ac.mw)

#### **(g) DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS**

**(i) Name of Programme: MSc in Electronics by Research**

**Description of Programme:** The Master of Science programme in Electronics is intended to improve capacity of trained and experienced professionals and

technical people working in fields that require the application of electronic principles. The programme consists of supervised research work and thesis.

**Eligibility criteria**

Applicants must possess a first degree majoring in Electronics or any other related disciplines with at least a strong credit.

**Duration of Programme:** 2 years (full-time)

**Fee Structure:** MK2,750,000 for Malawian nationals and US\$3,500 for international students per year.

**(ii) Name of Programme: MSc in Physics by Research**

**Description of Programme:** The Master of Science programme in Physics is intended to improve capacity of trained and experienced professionals and technical people working in fields that require the application of Physics laws and principles. The programme consists of supervised research work and thesis.

**Eligibility criteria**

Applicants must possess a first degree, majoring in Physics or any other related disciplines with at least a strong credit.

**Duration of Programme:** 2 years (full-time)

**Fee Structure:** MK2,750,000 for Malawian nationals and US\$3,500 for international students per year.

Only short-listed applications will be acknowledged. Those who were previously offered a place but did not reserve their places should re-apply. All applications should clearly state the programme applied for

**Contact for further details:** The Programme coordinator, Dr. Bernard Mmame

at: bmmame@unima.ac.mw /pgcoordinator@cc.ac.mw , and copy to sec.physics@unima.ac.mw

**5. SCHOOL OF EDUCATION**

**(a) DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOUNDATIONS**

**Name of Programme: Postgraduate Diploma in Open Distance and e-learning (ODEL) Program**

**Background**

In response to the growing need for professional capacity in the design and facilitation of open and distance learning, the University of Malawi and the Malawi College of Distance Education have jointly developed this specialised postgraduate programme. The programme seeks to strengthen the delivery of ODeL across Malawi's education system and beyond by equipping educators with knowledge, skills and tools necessary to implement high quality technology-enhanced teaching and learning models.

**Program Structure**

This is a one-year full-time ODeL programme offered through MOODLE platform. Participants will also undertake a practical ODeL project or practicum as part of graduation requirements.

**Fee Structure**

MK 1,000,000 per Academic year for Malawian nationals; USD 1,000 for SADC region students and 1,500 per academic year for international students

**Entry Requirements**

Applicants must be holders of Bachelor's degree in Education or any relevant field from an accredited institution, with at least two years hands on experience in ODeL.

**Contacts for further details**

Postgraduate Coordinator, Mr. Y. Chakasika on 0980032350 or 0888061055, or via email at [med@unima.ac.mw](mailto:med@unima.ac.mw)

**PROCEDURE FOR SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS**

Strictly Online Application using the link <https://admission.unima.ac.mw/>. The deadline for receiving the applications is 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2026.