



PRESS RELEASE

SCHOOL OF NATURAL AND APPLIED SCIENCES

POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

SEPTEMBER 2025 INTAKE

The University of Malawi is inviting applications for various Postgraduate Programmes from the School of Natural and Applied Sciences which will commence in September 2025.

GENERAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR MASTER'S DEGREES

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

- a) A letter of application or a filled PG1 form to be downloaded from our website <www.unima.ac.mw>
- b) A Bachelor's degree from an accredited university with at least a credit. Candidates with a strong pass may be considered.
- c) A detailed CV.
- d) Certified or notarised copies of academic transcripts and certificates.
- e) Two letters of reference from traceable referees (one of which shall be an academician) are to be submitted in sealed envelopes or as PDF attachments.
- f) A copy of the bank deposit slip for the application fee of MK20,000 for Malawian nationals and US\$50 for international applicants. Please indicate the name of the programme you are applying for and deposit the money into the following account: Chanco Sundry Income, Account No: 282553, held at the National Bank of Malawi, Zomba Service Centre.

- g) Evidence of sponsorship: Preference will be given to applicants who will present credible evidence of funding for their studies.
- h) Candidates must sign on the 2025 PG1 Form that they have satisfied all the general entry requirements.

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 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. MSc in Business Intelligence and Analytics

Eligibility Criteria

Relevant Bachelor's Degree with at least a strong pass from any recognised institution of higher learning in the fields of Information Systems, Computer Science, Computer Network Engineering or equivalent qualifications.

Duration of Programme: 2 years (full-time)

Fee Structure: MK3,350,000 for Malawian nationals and US\$3,000 for international students per year.

2. MSc in Cybersecurity

Eligibility Criteria

Relevant bachelor's degree with at least a strong pass from any recognised institution of higher learning in the fields of Information Systems, Computer Science, Computer Network Engineering or equivalent qualifications.

Duration of Programme: 2 years (full-time)

Fee Structure: MK3,350,000 for Malawian nationals and US\$3,000 for international students per year.

3. MSc in Digital Transformation Management and Leadership (Astria Learning)

Eligibility Criteria

Relevant bachelor's degree with at least a strong pass from any recognised institution of higher learning in the fields of Information Systems, Computer Science, Computer Network Engineering or equivalent qualifications.

Duration of Programme: 2 years (full-time)

Fee Structure: MK3,350,000 for Malawian nationals and US\$3,000 for international students per year.

4. MSc in Electronics by Research

Eligibility criteria

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

Duration of Programme: 2 years (full-time)

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

5. MSc in Physics by Research

Eligibility criteria

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

Duration of Programme: 2 years (full-time)

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

6. PhD in Computer Science

Eligibility Criteria

- a. A Master's degree, or BSc (Honours) first class, in any of the following disciplines: Computer Science, Information Technology, Information Systems or any related discipline from a recognised institution of higher learning.
- b. Other requirements
 - i. Relevant academic transcripts.
 - ii. Statement of purpose (1-2 pages long), which should include the applicant's background, goals, research, and reasons for applying to the University of Malawi.
 - iii. Three letters of recommendation.

Duration of Programme: 3 years (full-time)

Fee Structure: MK3,833,000 for Malawian nationals and US\$4,000 for international students per year.

7. PhD in Information Systems

Eligibility Criteria

- a. A Master's degree, or Bachelor's degree (Honours) first class, in any of the following disciplines: Computer Science, Information Technology, Information Systems or any related discipline from a recognised institution of higher learning.
- b. Other requirements
 - i. Relevant academic transcripts.
 - ii. Statement of purpose (1-2 pages long), which should include the applicant's background, goals, research, and reasons for applying to the University of Malawi.
 - iii. Three letters of recommendation.

Duration of Programme: 3 years (full-time)

Fee Structure: MK3,833,000 for Malawian nationals and US\$4,000 for international students per year.

8. PhD in Water and Environment

Eligibility Criteria

- a. Master degree in water and/or environment or related disciplines obtained from accredited institutions of higher learning. Or
- b. Those with first class BSc honours degrees in Water and/ or Environment related disciplines may also be admitted. Experience will however not be a substitute for these requirements
- c. Other requirements
 - i. Relevant academic transcripts.
 - ii. Statement of purpose (1-2 pages long), which should include the applicant's background, goals, research, and reasons for applying to the University of Malawi.
 - iii. Three letters of recommendation.

Duration of Programme: 3 years (full-time)

Fee Structure: MK3,833,000 for Malawian nationals and US\$4,000 for international students per year.

All candidates applying for admission into these programmes may be interviewed to assess their suitability.

PROCEDURE FOR SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS

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 and should reach the following address by **30th June, 2025**. This includes Electronic Applications.

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For further details, please refer to www.unima.ac.mw