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# OPEN DISTANCE E-LEARNING INTAKE FOR THE 2025/2026 ACADEMIC YEAR

The University of Malawi is inviting applications from suitably qualified persons for admission into its Open Distance E-Learning (ODEL) programmes for the 2025-2026 academic year.

### 1. Minimum Entry Requirements for all applicants

Interested applicants should meet the following **minimum** requirements:

- a) **A Malawi School Certificate of Education or any equivalent O-Level qualification with at least 4 subjects passed with credit (6 subjects for some programmes) including ENGLISH LANGUAGE and other subjects specified in the table under point (d) below.**

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- b) A University of Malawi Diploma **or**, a relevant Diploma from accredited programmes of the University of Malawi such as those offered at Domasi College of Education, Natural Resources College, Malawi College for Health Sciences, Theological College, St. John of God College **or** an equivalent Diploma from a recognized Institution of higher learning.
- c) A minimum of 2 years post Diploma relevant work experience in a field related to the programme applied for.
- d) **Applicants MUST also meet the additional entry requirements for each programme as outlined in the table below:**

Programme	Abbrev	Type of Entry	Declared Space	Mode of Delivery	Minimum Year of Entry	Programme Duration	Tuition Fee per Annum	Additional Entry Requirements to those contained under <u>Section 1 (a – c) above</u>
<b>I. School of Education</b>								
Bachelor of Education-Mathematics	B.Ed. Math	O DEL	60	O DEL	Year 1	4 years	MWK 650,000.00 SADC USD 1,000 NON-SADC USD1,500	MSCE, “O” level equivalent, IGCSE, GCE with six credits including English, Chemistry, Physics, Biology plus a minimum of 4 points in Mathematics or Additional Mathematics.
Bachelor of Education-Geography	B.Ed. Geo	O DEL	60	O DEL	Year 1	4 years	MWK 650,000.00 SADC USD 1,000 NON-SADC USD1,500	MSCE, “O” Level, IGCSE, GCE with six credits including Geography, Mathematics, and English and a credit in any other three subjects such as Biology, Physics, Chemistry, Computer Studies and Agriculture.

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Bachelor of Education (Language)	UNIMA-BEDLED	ODEL	60	ODEL	Year 1	4 years	MWK 650,000.00 SADC USD 1,000  NON-SADC USD1,500	MSCE, GCE "O" level equivalent, (IGCSE) with six credits including English and any other two Humanities subjects e.g. another language, Bible Knowledge, Geography, or History. A-Level holders with relevant subjects will be considered for entry at second year.
Bachelor of Education (Social Studies)	UNIMA-BEDSED	ODEL	60	ODEL	Year 1	4 years	MWK 650,000.00 SADC USD 1,000  NON-SADC USD1,500	MSCE, GCE "O" level equivalent, (IGCSE) with six credits including English and two social sciences e.g. History, Bible Knowledge, Social Studies, or Life Skills or Social and Life Skills. A-Level holders with relevant subjects will be considered for entry at second year.

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II. School of Natural and Applied Sciences								
a. Bachelor of Science in Geography	BSCG	ODEL	100	ODEL	Year 1 or Year 2 or Year 3	4 years	MWK 650,000.00 SADC USD 1,000 NON-SADC USD1,500	<p>1. Entry into Year 1: Students with MSCE, “O” level equivalent, IGCSE, GCE with six credits including Geography, Mathematics, English and a credit in any other three subjects such as Biology, Physics, Chemistry, Computer Studies, Agriculture and Social Studies. IGCSE and GCE shall be interpreted as follows: A=1 or 2; B=3 or 4; C= 5 or 6; D=7; E, F, G=8.</p> <p>2. Entry into Year 2: Students with A-Level or IGSCCE qualifications with at least C grade in Geography, Mathematics and English plus any other three subjects such as Physics, Chemistry, Computer Studies, Agriculture and Social Studies. However, depending on the strength of the A-Level they will be required to audit first year course.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">A-Level</p>

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								<p>qualifications shall be interpreted as: A=5; B=4; C=3; D=2; E=1.</p> <p>3. Entry into year 3: Based on 6 subjects passed with at least a credit at MSCE including Geography and Mathematics and a recognized diploma in Physical Planning, Education majoring in Geography, Environmental Studies, Land Administration, Transportation, Geographical Information Systems (GIS), Ecotourism, Climate Change, Water Resources, or any other cognate disciplines of Geography and relevant work experience or any related qualifications from a recognized institution of higher learning.</p>
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Bachelor of Early Childhood Development	UNIMA-ECD	ODEL	100	ODEL	Year 1	4 years	MWK 650,000.00 SADC USD 1,000 NON-SADC USD1,500	Six credits at MSCE or its equivalent including English and Mathematics. A-Level holders with relevant subjects will be considered for entry at second year.
Bachelor of Science in Mathematics	UNIMA-SCIMAT	ODEL	100	ODEL	Year 1	4 years	MWK 650,000.00 SADC USD 1,000 NON-SADC USD1,500	Six credits at MSCE or its equivalent including English, Chemistry, Physics, Biology plus a minimum of 4 points in Mathematics or Additional Mathematics. A-Level holders with relevant subjects will be considered for entry at second year.
Bachelor of Science in Statistics	UNIMA-SCISTA	ODEL	100	ODEL	Year 1	4 years	MWK 650,000.00 SADC USD 1,000 NON-SADC USD1,500	Six credits at MSCE or its equivalent including a minimum of 4 points in Mathematics or Additional Mathematics, at least a credit in English and credits in any other four subjects such as Biology, Chemistry, Computer Studies, Geography, Agriculture, Social Studies and Social and Life Skills. A-Level holders with relevant subjects will be

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								considered for entry at second year.
Diploma in Statistics	DIP-STAT	O DEL		O DEL	Year 1	2 years	MWK 650,000.00 SADC USD 1,000 NON-SADC USD1,500	1. Entry into Year 1: Students with MSCE, "O" level equivalent, IGCSE, GCE with six credits including Mathematics and English. IGCSE and GCE shall be interpreted as follows: A=1 or 2; B=3 or 4; C= 5 or 6; D=7; E, F, G=8.
<b>III. School of Humanities and Social Sciences</b>								
Bachelor of Arts in Humanities	UNIMA-BAH	O DEL	100	O DEL	Year 1	4 years	MWK 650,000.00 SADC USD 1,000 NON-SADC USD1,500	MSCE, "O" level equivalent, IGCSE, GCE with six credits including English, plus any other two humanities subjects, e.g. another language, History, Life Skills, Social Studies or Geography.
Bachelor of Arts in Psychology	UNIMA-BAPSY	O DEL	100	O DEL	Year 1	4 years	MWK 650,000.00 SADC USD 1,000	MSCE, "O" level equivalent, IGCSE, GCE with six credits including English and Mathematics.

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							NON-SADC USD1,500	
Bachelor of Arts in Social and Economic History	UNIMA-SEH	O DEL	100	O DEL	Year 1	4 years	MWK 650,000.00 SADC USD 1,000 NON-SADC USD1,500	MSCE, "O" level equivalent, IGCSE, GCE with six credits including English and History; or A-Level with not more than 9 points in the best three subjects. A-Level holders with relevant subjects will be considered for entry at second year.
Bachelor of Arts in Theology and Religious Studies	UNIMA-BATH	O DEL	100	O DEL	Year 1	4 years	MWK 650,000.00 SADC USD 1,000 NON-SADC USD1,500	MSCE, "O" level equivalent, IGCSE, GCE with six credits including English, plus any other two humanities subjects, e.g. another language, History, Life Skills, Social Studies or Geography.
Bachelor of Arts in Theology and Religious Studies	UNIMABTH	MATURE ENTRY	100	O DEL	Year 3	2 Years	MK750 000 SADC  \$1100 NON SADC	Recognized Diploma in Theology with credit or Diploma in Education majoring in Theology.



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IV. School of Law, Economics and Government								
Bachelor of Arts (Public Administration)	UNIMA-PA	ODEL	100	ODEL	Year 1	4 years	MWK 650,000.00 SADC USD 1,000 NON-SADC USD1,500	MSCE, GCE "O" level equivalent, (IGCSE) with six credits including English and Mathematics. A-Level holders with relevant subjects will be considered for entry at second year.
V. School of Arts, Communications and Design								
Bachelor of Arts in Communication and Cultural Studies	UNIMA - BACCS	ODEL and MATURE ENTRY	100	ODEL	Year 1  MATURE ENTRY (Year 2)	4 years  MATURE ENTRY (3 years)	MWK 650,000.00 SADC USD 1,000 NON-SADC USD1,500	MSCE, GCE "O" level equivalent, IGCSE, with six credits including English, and Arts and Humanities Subjects like Art, Languages, History, Geography. A-Level holders with relevant subjects will be considered for entry at second year.  MATURE ENTRY 4 subjects passed with credit including English at MSCE or its equivalent and minimum of Diploma related to Media, and Communication, Journalism and Education from accredited institutions. Minimum <b>two</b> years <b>post-</b>

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								<p><b>qualification</b> work experience in a media/communication related field. Applicants with a Diploma in Education are eligible to apply but will commence studies at <b>Second Year.</b></p>
Bachelor of Arts Media for Development	UNIMA-BAMFD	ODEL ODEL and MATURE ENTRY	100	ODEL	Year 1  MATURE ENTRY (Year 2)	4 years  MATURE ENTRY (3 years)	MWK 650,000.00 SADC USD 1,000 NON-SADC USD1,500	<p>MSCE, GCE “O” level equivalent, IGCSE, with six credits including English, and Arts and Humanities Subjects like Art, Textile, Languages, History, Geography. A-Level holders with relevant subjects will be considered for entry at second year.</p> <p><b>MATURE ENTRY</b></p> <p>4 subjects passed with credit including English at MSCE or its equivalent and minimum of Diploma related to Development Communication, Journalism, Humanities. Minimum four years of work experience in a development</p>

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								communication/Extension related field
Bachelor of Arts in Film Production	UNIMA-BAFP	ODEL ODEL and MATURE ENTRY	100	ODEL	Year 1  MATURE ENTRY (Year 2)	4 years  MATURE ENTRY (3 years)	MWK 650,000.00 SADC USD 1,000 NON-SADC USD1,500	MSCE, GCE "O" level equivalent, IGCSE, with six credits including English, and Arts and Humanities Subjects like Art, Textile, Languages, History, Geography. A-Level holders with relevant subjects will be considered for entry at second year.  MATURE ENTRY  4 subjects passed with credit including English at MSCE or its equivalent and minimum of Diploma related to Film, Drama, Arts, Humanities. Minimum four years of work experience in a film production related field

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### 2. TUITION FEES PER ANNUM

Please note that the fees indicated above are subject to change anytime.

### 3. APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Application forms can be downloaded from [www.unima.ac.mw](http://www.unima.ac.mw). Duly completed application forms together with proof of payment of a non-refundable application fee of **K25, 000.00 for Malawian candidates and U\$35 for international applicants should be sent to the same address. Applicants should attach a deposit slip as proof of payment of an appropriate application fee.**

**ALL APPLICANTS ARE REQUIRED TO DEPOSIT THEIR APPLICATION FEE TO THE FOLLOWING BANK ACCOUNT:**

**BANK NAME: NATIONAL BANK OF MALAWI  
ACCOUNT NAME: CHANCO SUNDRY INCOME  
ACCOUNT NUMBER: 282553  
SWIFT CODE: NBMAMWMW  
SORT CODE/BRANCH CODE: 006**

The address for submitting application forms is:

The Head of ODeL  
University of Malawi  
P.O. Box 280  
ZOMBA

0880622762

Or send the scanned copies to: [odel@unima.ac.mw](mailto:odel@unima.ac.mw)

### 4. APPLICATION PACKAGE

A complete application package **MUST** include the following:

- a. **Copies of all relevant degrees/Diplomas/certificates/academic transcripts** which have been indicated on the application form.  
**These must be duly certified as true copies of the originals by a recognized Commissioner of Oaths.**
- b. Original proof of availability of funds for training i.e. official sponsorship letter or bank statements of the applicant.
- c. Copy of a bank deposit slip showing the name of the applicant and the amount of application fee paid.
- d. Curriculum vitae (CV) with names and contact details of three traceable referees.
- e. A clear specification of a programme applied for as well as the candidate's preferred mode of its delivery.
- f. Official reference letter(s) from the current and/or previous employer(s) showing proof of at least 2 years relevant work experience (optional).

**ANY APPLICATION FORM THAT WILL NOT INCLUDE THE ABOVEMENTIONED DOCUMENTS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED!**

**Applicants will receive provisional offer letters of admission within two weeks of submitting their application letters.**

### 5. CLOSING DATE

The closing date for receiving applications is **THURSDAY, 31<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2025.**