

UNIVERSITY OF MALAWI

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES (SHSS)

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS – 2026/2027 ACADEMIC YEAR

The University of Malawi invites applications from suitably qualified candidates for admission into the following programmes offered in the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, commencing in **September 2026**.

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMME

Bachelor of Arts in Religion and Development (BARD)

(Economic Fee Paying)

Programme Overview

This interdisciplinary programme examines the role of religion in shaping social, economic, political, and cultural development processes, with a strong focus on African contexts. It integrates religious studies, development theory, ethics, and indigenous knowledge systems.

Entry Requirements

Level 1 Entry: MSCE or equivalent with at least **6 credits including English**

Mature Entry (Level 3): Relevant diploma in theology, religious studies, development studies, or related fields with **6 credits including English** or **4 credits including English plus 2 years post-qualification work experience**.

International applicants must have equivalent qualifications (e.g., A-Level, GCSE)

Duration

Level 1 Entry: **4 years**

Level 3 Entry: **2 years**

Mode of Study

Full-time

Key Areas of Study

Religion and Development

Religion and Ethics

Religion and Gender
Religion and Peacebuilding
Development Theory
Indigenous Knowledge Systems
Religion and Governance

Practical Learning

Fieldwork and community research
Internships (NGOs, FBOs, development agencies)
Applied development projects

Career Opportunities

NGOs and Faith-Based Organizations
Public Policy and Governance
Community Development
Research and Academia
Advocacy and Human Rights

Fees

Malawian: **MWK 3,500,000 per academic year**
SADC: **USD 1,200 per year**
International: **USD 1,500 per year**

Required Documents

Certified copies of academic certificates and transcripts
Curriculum Vitae (for postgraduate and mature entry applicants)
Personal statement (postgraduate applicants)
Two reference letters (postgraduate applicants)
National ID/Passport (for international applicants)
Proof of English proficiency (where applicable)

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POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

1. Master of Arts in Religion and Leadership (MARL)

Programme Overview

An advanced interdisciplinary programme exploring the relationship between religion, leadership, and social transformation. It equips students with skills in ethical leadership, governance, and institutional management.

Entry Requirements

Bachelor's degree (credit or above) in:

- Theology
- Religious Studies
- Leadership or Management
- Social Sciences, Humanities, or related fields
- Those with a **high pass** and **2 years post-qualification experience** in a relevant field may also apply.

Duration

2 years (1 year coursework + 1 year research)

Mode of Study

Full-time

Key Areas of Study

Leadership Theory
Religion and Governance
Financial Management in Faith-Based Organizations
Religion and Constitutionalism
Gender and Political Leadership

Fees

Malawian: **MWK 4,500,000**

SADC: **USD 3,000**

International: **USD 3,500**

Required Documents

Certified copies of academic certificates and transcripts
Curriculum Vitae (for postgraduate and mature entry applicants)
Personal statement (postgraduate applicants)
Two reference letters (postgraduate applicants)
National ID/Passport (for international applicants)
Proof of English proficiency (where applicable)

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2. Master of Arts in Work and Organizational Psychology

Programme Overview

This programme focuses on human behaviour in workplace settings, equipping students with skills to improve employee performance, organizational effectiveness, and workplace well-being.

Entry Requirements

Bachelor's degree (credit) in:

- Psychology
- Human Resource Management
- Business Administration
- Organizational Behaviour
- Social or Behavioural Sciences

Those with a **high pass** and **2 years post-qualification experience** in a relevant field may also apply.

Duration

2 years

Year 1: Coursework (block release)

Year 2: Research and dissertation

Key Areas of Study

- Organizational Development and Change
- Leadership and Employee Engagement
- Psychological Assessment and Selection
- Training and Development
- Research Methods (Qualitative & Quantitative)
- Work Ethics and Corporate Governance
- Workplace Health and Well-being

Fees

Malawian: **MWK 4,500,000 per year**

International: **USD 5,000 per year**

APPLICATION PROCESS

Application forms can be obtained from:

The University of Malawi official website

University Registry Offices

Due date for applications: 27th April 2026

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Personal statement (postgraduate applicants)

Two reference letters (postgraduate applicants)

National ID/Passport (for international applicants)

Proof of English proficiency (where applicable)

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