



# CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

## SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES (SHSS) INTAKE FOR 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**

## Application Process

Application forms can be obtained from the University of Malawi website. The application deadline is **Friday, 31st July, 2026**.

## 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**

## Contact Information

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### Postgraduate Coordinator (TRS):

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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**
- International: **USD 5,000**

### Contact Information

Postgraduate Coordinator (Psychology):

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### Procedure for Submitting Applications

Strictly Online Application using the link <https://admission.unima.ac.mw/>.

The deadline for receiving the postgraduate programmes applications is **8th May, 2026**.

### 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)