

PRESS RELEASE

FIRST SEMESTER 2026/2027 ACADEMIC YEAR OPENING ARRANGEMENTS FOR UNIVERSITY OF MALAWI NEW AND CONTINUING STUDENTS

The University of Malawi wishes to inform its new and continuing students, parents/ guardians and the public that opening arrangements for the **first semester of the 2026/2027** academic year are as follows:

OPENING DATES

The official opening date for the first semester of the 2026/2027 academic year is **Monday, 31st August, 2026**. However, specific categories of students are requested to take note of the dates indicated below:

24th – 28th August, 2026: Orientation and Registration period for new students in the following programmes:

- (a) All Year 1 generic students;
- (b) Year 1 Law (LLB Honours);
- (c) Year 1 Diploma in Statistics;
- (d) Year 1 Diploma in Law;
- (e) Year 3 Bachelor of Arts (Communication and Cultural Studies);
- (f) Year 3 Bachelor of Arts (Human Resource Management);
- (g) All Mature Entry; and
- (h) Economic Fee-Paying students.

All students are reminded that it is mandatory to complete their registration within this period. Failure to register by the stated deadline will automatically result in the student being placed on Temporary Withdrawal for one academic year, in accordance with the University's rules and regulations.

BEGINNING OF CLASSES

Classes for both new and continuing students shall begin from **31st August, 2026**.

ADMISSION LETTERS FOR FIRST YEAR STUDENTS

First Year Students who may not have collected their admission letters are advised to physically collect the admission letters from the University (in Mwambo Lecturer Theatre Lobby) or request the same by emailing admissions@unima.ac.mw. National Identity Card will be used to confirm the identity of the students. For those who do not have the National Identity Card, the Malawi National Examination Board Identity card may be used.

TUITION FEES & REGISTRATION

Students are advised to immediately start making all payments, including tuition fee payments to any of the following payment platforms: National Bank of Malawi (NBM), TNM MPAMBA, NBS Bank and FDH Bank Plc using their individual 12-digit bank account numbers provided in the admission letters. Students are further advised that the University does not accept any cash payment.

Tuition fee for generic students selected through **National Council for Higher Education (NCHE)** is **MK1,300,000.00 per annum** while **Mature Entry** tuition fees is **K2,176,000 per year**. Diploma and Economic Fee-Paying students should refer to their admission letters for the relevant fee structure.

All students are advised that UNIMED medical scheme payments shall be paid using their 12-digit numbers at FDH Bank only.

Tuition fee contribution is paid in full prior to registration or in two equal instalments at the beginning of each semester. In addition, all students are supposed to pay an additional Student Union subscription through the same bank account (the amount will be communicated by Students' leadership in due course).

Online registration will open from **Monday, 17th August 2026**. Students who fail to register within a period of two weeks (**17th – 31st August, 2026**) shall have their admission revoked or withdrawn from the University.

ACCOMMODATION

All students are reminded that admission is on a non-residential basis. Therefore, students are encouraged to secure accommodation before the opening date. Limited campus accommodation will be allocated to students on a random basis and everyone will be notified through SMS from "UNIMA" of the outcome.

For any other enquiries, contact the Registrar on the following email address: admissions@unima.ac.mw

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7th August, 2026