

OPEN DISTANCE E-LEARNING INTAKE FOR THE 2027/2028 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 2027-2028 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 6 subjects passed with credit, including ENGLISH LANGUAGE and other subjects specified in the table under point (d) below.**

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. (Mature entry).

c) A minimum of 2 years post-Diploma relevant work experience in a field related to the programme applied for. (Mature entry).

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 Section 1 (a – c) above
I. School of Education								
Bachelor of Education-Mathematics	B.Ed. Math	ODEL	100	ODEL	Year 1 Year 3 for Mature Entry	4 years 2 years for Mature Entry	MWK 1,300,000.00	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. MATURE ENTRY: Diploma in Education from a recognized institution. 4 subjects passed at MSCE or its equivalent with credit including Mathematics or Additional Mathematics.

Bachelor of Education-Geography	B.Ed. Geo	ODEL	100	ODEL	Year 1 Year 3 for Mature Entry	4 years 2 years for Mature Entry	MWK 1,300,000.00	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. MATURE ENTRY: Diploma in Education from a recognized institution. 4 subjects passed at MSCE or its equivalent with credit including including Geography, Mathematics, and English.

Bachelor of Education-Language	UNIMA-BEDLED	ODEL	100	ODEL	Year 1 Year 3 for Mature Entry	4 years 2 years for Mature Entry	MWK 1,300,000.00	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 in the second year. MATURE ENTRY: Diploma in Education from a recognized institution. 4 subjects passed at MSCE or its equivalent with credit including English and other language subjects (Chichewa, French).
Bachelor of Education (Social Studies)	UNIMA-BEDSED	ODEL	100	ODEL	Year 1 Year 3 for Mature Entry	4 years 2 years for Mature Entry	MWK 1,300,000.00	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.

								MATURE ENTRY: Diploma in Education from a recognized institution. 4 subjects passed at MSCE or its equivalent with credit including English, History, Bible Knowledge, Social Studies, or Life Skills.
II. School of Natural and Applied Sciences								
Bachelor of Science in Geography	BSCG	ODEL	100	ODEL	Year 1 Year 3 for Mature Entry	4 years 2 years for Mature Entry	MWK 1,300,000.00	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. 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.
Bachelor of Early Childhood Development	UNIMAECD	ODEL	100	ODEL	Year 1 Year 3 for Mature Entry	4 years 2 years for Mature Entry	MWK 1,300,000.00	Entry in Year 1: Six credits at MSCE or its equivalent, including English and Mathematics. A-Level holders with relevant subjects will be considered for entry in the second year. Entry in Year 3: Learners with UNIMA diploma in ECD or similar qualification will be considered for entry in the third year.

Bachelor of Science in Mathematics	UNIMA-SCIMAT	ODEL	100	ODEL	Year 1 Year 3 for Mature Entry	4 years 2 years for Mature Entry	MWK 1,300,000.00	Entry in Year 1: 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 in the second year. Entry in Year 3: Students with a diploma from the University of Malawi or from any other recognized institution shall be considered to start at 3rd year as long as the content of the diploma course included at least first year college mathematics.

Bachelor of Science in Statistics	UNIMA-SCISTA	ODEL	100	ODEL	Year 1 Year 3 for Mature Entry	4 years 2 years for Mature Entry	MWK 1,300,000.00	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. Entry in Year 3: Learners with a diploma in Statistics from UNIMA or from any other recognized institution shall be considered to start in the 3rd year of the programme.

Diploma in Statistics	DIP-STAT	ODEL	100	ODEL	Year 1	2 years	MWK 1,300,000.00	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.

III. School of Humanities and Social Sciences								
Bachelor of Arts in Humanities	UNIMABAH	ODEL	100	ODEL	Year 1 Year 3 for Mature Entry	4 years 2 years for Mature Entry	MWK 1,300,000.00	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. MATURE ENTRY: Diploma in literature, languages, philosophy and classics or related fields such as education (languages), journalism, communication and cultural studies. 4 subjects including English passed with credit at MSCE or its equivalent. A minimum of 2 years post-qualification work experience in a relevant field.
Bachelor of Arts in Psychology	UNIMA-BAPSY	ODEL	100	ODEL	Year 1 Year 3 for	4 years 2 years for Mature Entry	MWK 1,300,000.00	MSCE, "O" level equivalent, IGCSE, GCE with six credits including English and Mathematics. MATURE ENTRY:

					Mature Entry			6 credits including English and Mathematics at MSCE or Equivalent and a diploma in a relevant field such as Social Work, Counselling, Community Development, Human Resource Management, Education, Early Childhood Development, and Marketing, plus a minimum of 2 years of work experience in a relevant field. Those with any other bachelor's degree and working in a psychology-related field will be considered.

Bachelor of Arts in Social and Economic History	UNIMA-SEH	ODEL	100	ODEL	Year 1 Year 3 for Mature Entry	4 years 2 years for Mature Entry	MWK 1,300,000.00	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 second-year entry. MATURE ENTRY: Recognised Diploma in Social and Economic History or any other related field.

Bachelor of Arts in Theology and Religious Studies	UNIMABATH	ODEL	100	ODEL	Year 1 Year 3 for Mature Entry	4 years 2 years for Mature Entry	MWK 1,300,000.00	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. MATURE ENTRY: Recognised Diploma in Theology with credit or Diploma in Education majoring in Theology.

IV. School of Law, Economics and Government								
Bachelor of Arts (Public Administration)	UNIMA-PA	ODEL	100	ODEL	Year 1 Year 3 for Mature Entry	4 years 2 years for Mature Entry	MWK 1,300,000.00	MSCE, GCE "O" level equivalent, (IGCSE) with six credits, including English and Mathematics. A-Level holders with relevant subjects will be considered for second-year entry. MATURE ENTRY: Recognised Diploma in Public Administration or any other related field.
V. School of Arts, Communications and Design								
Bachelor of Arts in Communication and Cultural Studies	UNIMA-BACCS	ODEL	100	ODEL	Year 1 Year 3 for Mature Entry	4 years 2 years for Mature Entry	MWK 1,300,000.00	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 second-year entry. 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 two years post-qualification work experience in a media/communication related field. Applicants with a Diploma in Education are eligible to apply but will commence studies at Second Year.
Bachelor of Arts Media for Development	UNIMA-BAMFD	ODEL	100	ODEL	Year 1 Year 3 for Mature Entry	4 years 2 years for Mature Entry	MWK 1,300,000.00	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 second-year entry. MATURE ENTRY: 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 communication/Extension related field

Bachelor of Arts in Film Production	UNIMABAFP	ODEL	100	ODEL	Year 1 Year 3 for Mature Entry	4 years 2 years for Mature Entry	MWK 1,300,000.00	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 second-year entry MATURE ENTRY: 4 subjects passed with credit, including English at MSCE or its equivalent, and a minimum of a diploma related to Arts in Film Production. Minimum four years of work experience in a development communication/Extension related field.

2. TUITION FEES PER ANNUM

Please note that the fees indicated above are subject to change at any time.

3. APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Application must be completed online through the University of Malawi ODeL Application Portal **https://admission.unima.ac.mw/.** Applicants are required to pay a **non-refundable application fee of K25,000.00 for Malawian candidates and US$35 for international applicants**. Proof of payment must be uploaded on the portal by attaching a **deposit slip** as evidence of payment of the appropriate application fee during the online application process.

ALL APPLICANTS ARE REQUIRED TO DEPOSIT THEIR APPLICATION FEE TO THE FOLLOWING BANK ACCOUNT:
BANK NAME: NATIONAL BANK OF MALAWI
ACCOUNT NAME: UNIMA E-Learning
ACCOUNT NUMBER: 278319
SWIFT CODE: NBMAMWMW
SORT CODE/BRANCH CODE: 006

Please click this link: https://admission.unima.ac.mw/ to complete the application form on the portal.

You can send an email to odelstudentsupport@unima.ac.mw

4. APPLICATION PACKAGE

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

a. **Copies of relevant certificates: MSCE, degrees**/Diplomas/certificates/academic transcripts (for Mature Entry), 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 the application fee paid.

d. Curriculum vitae (CV) with names and contact details of three traceable referees (for Mature Entry).

e. Official reference letter(s) from the current and/or previous employer(s) showing proof of at least 2 years of relevant work experience (for Mature Entry).

ANY APPLICATION FORM THAT WILL NOT INCLUDE THE ABOVE-MENTIONED DOCUMENTS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED!

5. CLOSING DATE

The closing date for receiving applications is **FRIDAY, 19TH MARCH 2027.**