

POSTGRADUATE PROSPECTUS

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Welcoming Note from the Vice Chancellor



We are delighted that you have decided to undertake your postgraduate studies at the University of Malawi (UNIMA). This Prospectus describes the range of our programmes and different activities offered at our institution. UNIMA is a unique community of students and staff dedicated to bringing out the best in all its stakeholders.

UNIMA welcomes postgraduate students from the local, regional and global community, and the university celebrates the strength this diversity creates. If you join us you will be part of a postgraduate student community studying in one of our five schools: Arts, Communication and Design; Education; Humanities and Social Sciences; Law, Economics and Governance; and Natural and Applied Sciences.

We recognise that postgraduate students are a very distinctive group of people. Our aim is to provide the best possible environment for teaching and learning, research and public services, and our track record of success is well-known locally, regionally and globally. We will continue to ensure that your years at this University are filled with excitement and experiences that you can treasure for a lifetime.

We also recognise that the quality of student experiences derives from more than academic study. That is why the University encourages students to join and actively participate in activities of the Students' Representative Council (SRC) and use the various sports and recreational facilities available, e.g. tennis court, athletics, volleyball, basketball and soccer fields. UNIMA also participates in national and international higher education innovations and initiatives.

You will see that UNIMA is an inspiring place to study. The University combines local and international learning experiences. Our teaching faculty includes professors of international repute. We have international reach but provide individual attention to every student who chooses to study here. We have an outstanding record for teaching and research, all within a world-class learning environment.

At UNIMA we understand the importance of working together, sharing ideas and growing our community. Students are given the opportunity to present their research through seminars, workshops and other networking forums. Our postgraduate community is built on a foundation of academic excellence and an environment where students form enduring professional and personal friendships that are integral to their intellectual development and future careers. Our postgraduate students are essential to our research and their contribution is a key part of both their success and ours.

By choosing UNIMA you choose to excel. My colleagues, current postgraduate students and I look forward to welcoming you to our university soon.

I hope that you will find this prospectus useful and interesting. Should you not find what you are looking for, please do not hesitate to contact the office of the Head of Postgraduate Studies for further assistance. Once again, I warmly welcome you to the University of Malawi and look forward to working with you towards the achievement of your academic ambitions.

Prof. Samson Sajidu
Vice Chancellor



Why UNIMA?



We are the oldest, largest, quality-driven university in Malawi—something that we are incredibly proud of. This is thanks to our facilities, and the quality of our teaching and research, alongside our unrivaled student local and global experience.

Internationally recognised academic staff

Our reputation attracts outstanding academics from around the world, many of whom are leaders in their fields. This means that we offer students opportunities to learn from passionate subject specialists who are at the forefront of current research.



Supportive research environment

The vibrant research culture that is prevalent at UNIMA will provide you with a supportive learning experience and excellent standards of academic supervision. Besides enabling you to develop specialist skills and knowledge from top quality research practice, our long-standing relationships with the industry and public and private sector organisations will also expand your professional network and invite excellent career opportunities.

World-class facilities

Our campus is not only a welcoming and friendly home for our staff and students, but is also the site of some incredible learning facilities. With purpose-built lecture theatres, state-of-the-art laboratories, 24/7 open library, dedicated computer suites and many more additional teaching spaces, we can offer everything you need to succeed during your studies.



Postgraduate studies at UNIMA



Curious about a specialist topic? Maybe you want to develop your career, or change direction completely?

Whatever your goals, UNIMA has a variety of postgraduate qualifications on offer and provides the support to help you succeed in them. Postgraduate studies at UNIMA provide you with:

- specialist skills and applied experience
- enhanced knowledge in topics of your interest
- entry into specific occupations
- the opportunity to conduct original research
- smaller classes and closer links with staff
- evidence of academic achievement and self-discipline
- salary advantage.

Qualification options

UNIMA offers a range of higher education qualifications in many subjects:

- honours degrees
- postgraduate certificates or diplomas
- coursework-based ("taught") Master's degrees
- research Master's degrees
- doctoral degrees.

Flexible learning

To help you balance study with lifestyle and other commitments, UNIMA supports flexible learning. Programmes at UNIMA are offered through full or part-time study, block release, and Open and Distance Learning (ODEL) arrangements.

**A postgraduate degree from UNIMA
will further your subject knowledge and
enhance your employability**



Living in Zomba



Whether you would prefer to live on campus or in Zomba town, there are plenty of places for you to call home.

- We offer self-catering halls of residence for postgraduate students, all located on campus or close by.
- Rooms are rented on academic year basis and are competitively priced.
- Privately owned properties provide for a wide selection of accommodation options suitable for single occupants, double occupants and families. These properties have been inspected and approved by the University.
- The town centre is within walking distance from campus, and is home to a variety of well-known supermarkets and retailers, boutique stores and a large outdoor daily market.
- Zomba City has many options for the hungry and the thirsty, all within affordable prices.



Life on Campus



An inclusive and inspiring campus – the perfect place to meet people from all over the world and develop your career in new and exciting ways.

- Home to over 8,000 students;
- With stunning gardens and peaceful open spaces;
- A rich variety of shops, cafés and leisure amenities;
- State-of-the-art teaching and research spaces;



- Superb facilities for every aspect of university life;
- A self-contained campus that can be easily navigated on foot;
- Free Wifi;
- Access to affordable taxi services that run between the campus and town every few minutes.
- Student-friendly banking services available.

International Students



University of Malawi is a truly international institution offering an academic home to students from all corners of the world.

We have a long history of welcoming international students and currently have many postgraduate students studying with us from across the globe.

Support for International Students

We offer a wide range of support services for our international students including:

- Advice and support on immigration, visas and accommodation
- Financial support
- English language support
- Health and wellbeing services
- Career advice and guidance.



Library



Our campus library has an extensive collection of books, journals and specialist databases.

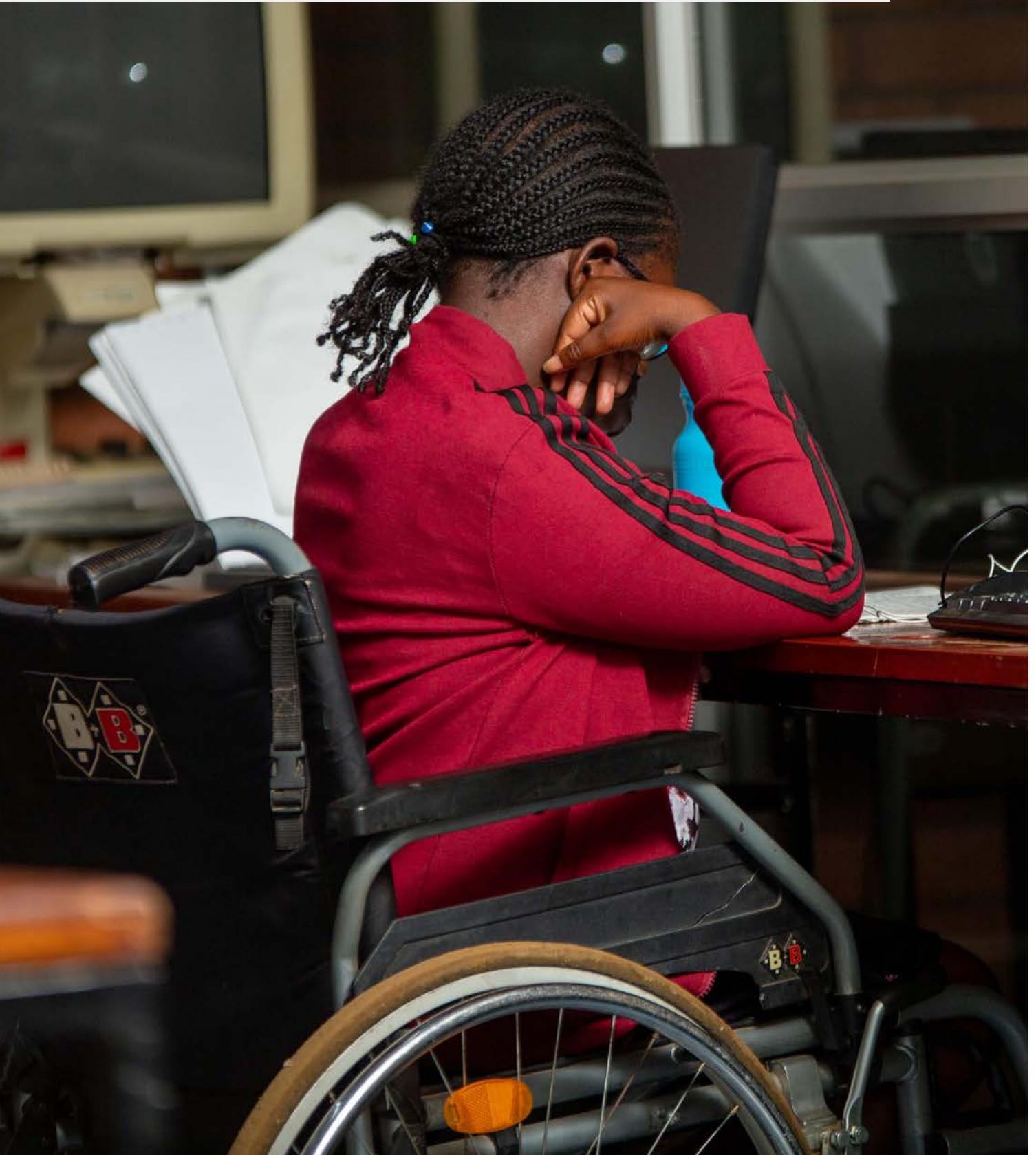
- The library is open 24/7 including during revision and exam periods.
- The University of Malawi library provides various services to students, staff, and the general public.
- The University also has some specialised libraries in Schools and Departments.



- The library is staffed by experienced librarians, who are available to assist members with any inquiries regarding books, journals or electronic research materials.
- Postgraduate students can have access to secure study carrels, where they may work in private.
- The library features special book collections. These include the Malawiana section, which curates publications particular to Malawian scholarship, and the American corner, which is run and maintained by the American Embassy in Malawi.



Support Services



UNIMA offers support services to students and staff, with focus on matters of housing, health, disability and language.

- The University has a clinic which offers medical services to students.
- The University has a medical scheme that students and staff can access.
- The campus clinic offers doctor and nurse appointments for students, as well as lifestyle checks and advice.
- Our student advice and support service offers free, confidential and impartial advice on immigration, housing, finance and more.



- Our Special Needs Centre arranges support for students with a wide range of requirements, including physical disabilities, learning differences, sensory impairments and more.
- The Language and Communication Skills Department offers workshops and resources for students looking to develop their academic writing and study skills, as well as pre-sessional English language courses for international students.
- Our Mental Health Support Team is available to support students with any mental health needs and can provide appropriate practical and pastoral support.
- The University's Counselling Service offers an opportunity to talk and reflect with a professionally trained counselor.

Get involved



- There are several sporting activities to choose from, such as football, volleyball, basketball, netball, handball, and tennis.
- There are also opportunities to get involved in teams within the halls of residence and our social sport programme.
- The university provides our students with valuable sport-based coaching, volunteering and leadership opportunities to enhance their experience and personal development.
- Throughout the year we also host multiple elite level sports events and competitions, so you get the opportunity to meet some of the country's best sportsmen and women right on our campus.
- The university provides students with opportunities to positively engage with communities in several aspects such as tree planting, mentorship and cleanup exercises.
- Students also participate in community outreach programmes through clubs and organisations that provide services on various issues.
- There are also a number of student professional societies through which students build expertise by engaging with practicing professionals in their disciplines.



OVERVIEW OF POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMMES AT UNIMA

The University of Malawi offers quality and relevant postgraduate education to improve the students' knowledge, skills, and attitudes to enhance their employability and ability to contribute to the development of Malawi, the region, and beyond.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR MASTER'S DEGREE APPLICANTS

- a. A filled and signed PG1 form to be downloaded from our website www.unima.ac.mw
- b. Bachelor's degree from an accredited university with at least a credit. Candidates with a strong pass may be considered.
- c. A detailed curriculum vitae.
- d. Certified or notarized copies of academic transcripts and certificates.
- e. Two letters of reference from traceable referees (one of whom shall be an academician) to be submitted in sealed envelopes or as PDF attachments.
- f. A copy of a bank deposit slip indicating payment of an application fee of MK20,000 for Malawian nationals and US\$50 for international applicants.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR DOCTORAL DEGREE APPLICANTS

The following are additional requirements for Master's degree applications:

- a. A good Master's degree from an

accredited university. Candidates with work experience will have an added advantage.

- b. A concept note detailing the proposed research topic in terms of objectives, approach and research questions.
- c. A sample of applicant's written academic work.

IMPORTANT POINTS ABOUT POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

- a. All Master's degree programmes are full-time and will run for 24 months.
- b. All doctoral degree programmes run for 3 years (full time) and up to 5 years (part-time).
- c. The tuition fees cover costs of registration, examinations, supervision and institutional overheads. Students are expected to meet costs of research, accommodation, meals, medical cover, books, stationery and learning materials.
- d. All programmes operate on a no-fees no-classes basis. Applicants will be expected to demonstrate how they will support their studies either through a letter of commitment from their sponsors or a bank statement.

THE SCHOOL OF NATURAL AND APPLIED SCIENCES



DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN STATISTICS, AND DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN BIOSTATISTICS



OVERVIEW

These programmes are aimed at producing a highly trained cadre of individuals who will contribute to knowledge generation in the fields of Statistics and Biostatistics. These programmes run for a period of 3 years (full-time) or 5 years (part-time).



WHY STUDY THESE PROGRAMMES?

- The programmes produce graduates in Statistics or in Biostatistics with the capacity to independently generate and impart knowledge in this field.
- The programmes produce graduates with the capacity to independently conduct research in Statistics or Biostatistics and communicate results effectively.
- The programmes enable graduates to acquire relevant transferable knowledge and skills (research, writing, etc) necessary for continued professional development.



TAUGHT COURSES

These are full-time PhD programmes by research.



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Students are admitted into these programmes if they hold a Master's degree in Statistics or related disciplines obtained from accredited institutions of higher learning. Those with first class BSc honours degrees in Statistics are also admitted. Experience is not a substitute for these requirements.



FEE STRUCTURE

MK4,125,000 for the entire 3-year programme for Malawian nationals; and **US\$ 5,500** for the entire 3-year programme for foreign students.

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES



OVERVIEW

The PhD in Biological Sciences aims to produce experts in Biological Sciences who contributes to knowledge generation and lead in providing life sciences solutions to challenges. The programme delivers sufficient breadth and specialization in several biological sciences to effectively help the country tackle biological and environment-related problems in a holistic and multi-faceted manner, thereby contributing to the sustainable development of Malawi and the SADC region. The duration of the programme is 3 years for full time and 5 years for part-time.



WHY STUDY THIS PROGRAMME?

- The programme hinges on its linkages and synergies with the various postgraduate programmes in the department and the faculty.
- The programme produces graduates that are highly employable in government ministries, departments and agencies (MDAs), private sector, and in NGOs.



TAUGHT COURSES

This is a full-time PhD programme by research.



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Applicants must have a good Master's degree obtained from an accredited institution of higher learning in a related subject as specified by the programme.



FEE STRUCTURE

Year 1: MK 4,537,500 or US \$ 6,050

Year 2: MK 4,537,500 or US \$ 6,050

Year 3: MK 6,412,500 or US \$ 8,550

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN COMPUTER SCIENCE



OVERVIEW

The PhD in Computer Science programme develops scholars to excel in basic and applied research in the field of computing and information systems. Students undergo rigorous training in both advanced research methodologies and in-depth discipline-specific knowledge in Computer Science. This is a 3-year full-time or 5-year part-time programme by research.



WHY STUDY THIS PROGRAMME?

- The programme allows students to pursue a career in research related to computer science.
- Graduates from the programme are highly sortful in to days data rich environment where many organisation are working with large ammounts of data, and computing technologies are necessary.



TAUGHT COURSES

Philosophy of Science, Research Methodology, Advanced Theory of Computation, Cryptography Theory and Applications and Machine Learning.



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- A Master's degree, or BSc (Honours) first class, in any of the following disciplines: Computer Science, Information Technology, Information Systems or any related discipline from an accredited institution of higher learning.
- Other requirements: Statement of purpose (1-2 pages long), which should include the applicant's background, goals, research, and reasons for applying to the University of Malawi.



FEE STRUCTURE

MK 1,980,000 per year for local students or **US\$ 2,500** per year for international students.

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN INFORMATION SYSTEMS



OVERVIEW

The aim of the PhD in Information Systems programme is to develop scholars and practitioners who can excel in theoretical and applied research in the field of computing and information systems. This is a 3-year full-time or 5-year part-time programme by research.



WHY STUDY THIS PROGRAMME?

- The programme provides a platform for students to gain advanced theoretical and practical skills in research; management of systems development processes; understanding of organisational and societal contexts and need for information systems and system development.



TAUGHT COURSES

Philosophy of Science, ICT and Development, Research Methodology, Theories in Information Systems.



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- A Master's degree in any of the following disciplines: Computer Science, Information Technology, Information Systems or any related discipline from an accredited institution of higher learning.
- Other requirements: Statement of purpose (1-2 pages long), which should include the applicant's background, goals, research, and reasons for applying to the University of Malawi.



FEE STRUCTURE

MK 1,980,000 per year for local students or **US\$ 2,500** per year for international students.

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN CHEMISTRY



OVERVIEW

The aim of the PhD in Chemistry programme is to produce a highly trained cadre of individuals who will contribute to knowledge generation in Chemistry and related disciplines. This is a 3-year full-time or 5-year part-time programme by research.



WHY STUDY THIS PROGRAMME?

- The programme produces Chemistry graduates with the capacity to independently generate and impart knowledge in this field.
- It produces graduates with high level of autonomy in conducting research in Chemistry and who can communicate results effectively.
- It enables graduates to acquire relevant transferable knowledge and skills necessary for continued professional development.



TAUGHT COURSES

This is a full-time PhD program by research.



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Honours or Master's degree in Chemistry or related disciplines obtained from accredited institutions of higher learning.



FEE STRUCTURE

MK1,875,000 per year for Malawian nationals; and **US\$ 2,500** per year for foreign students.

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES



OVERVIEW

The PhD in Biological Sciences programme builds advanced research skills in the biological sciences such as molecular biology, biotechnology, genetics, ecology, environmental sciences, aquatic ecology, botany, zoology and microbiology. This is a 3-year full-time or 5-year part-time programme by research.



WHY STUDY THIS PROGRAMME?

- The programme develops professionals in various fields of biological sciences.
- It produces professionals who are able to make sound decisions in complex and unpredictable situations within the Biological Sciences discipline.



TAUGHT COURSES

This is a full-time PhD programme by research.



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants into the PhD Programme must have a Master's degree in Biological sciences or related fields from accredited universities. Those with relevant experience will have an added advantage.



FEE STRUCTURE

MK3,816,540 for the entire 2-year programme for Malawian nationals; and **US\$ 6,000** for the entire 2-year programme for foreign students.

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN EARTH SCIENCES



OVERVIEW

The PhD in Earth Sciences by Research programme develops advanced research skills in Earth Sciences for various sectors such as economic geology, mining, mineral exploration, environmental, water, climate, town physical planning, health, rural development, remote sensing and geographical information systems. This is a 3-year full-time or 5-year part-time programme by research.



WHY STUDY THIS PROGRAMME?

- The produces graduates in Earth Sciences with the capacity to independently generate and impart knowledge in this field.
- It produces graduates with the capacity to independently conduct research in Earth Sciences and communicate results effectively.
- It enables graduates to acquire relevant transferable knowledge and skills necessary for continued professional development



TAUGHT COURSES

This is a full-time PhD programme by research.



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Master's degree in Earth Sciences or related disciplines obtained from accredited institutions of higher learning.



FEE STRUCTURE

MK4,125,000 for the entire 3-year programme for Malawian nationals; and **US\$ 5,500** for the entire 3-year programme for foreign students.

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN GEOGRAPHY



OVERVIEW

The PhD in Geography by Research programme builds expert geographers who can independently generate, impart and apply geographical research knowledge in various contexts globally. This is a 3-year full-time or 5-year part-time programme by research.



WHY STUDY THIS PROGRAMME?

- The programme produces graduates in Geography with the capacity to conduct and disseminate independent research in this field.
- Students undertake projects under the supervision of expert geographers based at the university.
- Students have opportunities to learn through interface with industry professionals.



TAUGHT COURSES

This is a full-time PhD programme by research.



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Students will be admitted into the programme if they hold a Master's degree in geographical or related disciplines obtained from accredited institutions of higher learning.



FEE STRUCTURE

MK4,125,000 for the entire 3-year programme for Malawian nationals; and **US\$ 5,500** for the entire 3-year programme for foreign students.

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN APPLIED CHEMISTRY BY RESEARCH



OVERVIEW

This programme offers a specialised MSc degree in a field that underpins the application of chemistry and chemical applications. The programme has a duration of 2 years.



WHY STUDY THIS PROGRAMME?

- The program equips students with the experience and knowledge to make distinctive contributions in future careers in fields which rely on chemical principles, particularly in research.
- It augments the existing transferable skills of students, especially in areas of data acquisition and handling, literature searching, report writing and oral presentational skills, necessary for continued professional development.
- It inculcates a greater knowledge and deeper understanding of particular areas of chemistry through research-led teaching.



TAUGHT COURSES

Not applicable.



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Students are admitted into the programme if they hold a strong (high) pass Bachelor's level degree in Chemistry or a field related to the chemical sciences obtained from accredited institutions of higher learning. The strong (high) pass is judged using the University of Malawi's undergraduate qualification framework.



FEE STRUCTURE

MK1,500,000 per year for Malawian nationals; and **US\$2,000** per year for foreign students.

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BIOSTATISTICS



OVERVIEW

This programme equips students with advanced knowledge and understanding of statistical methods as applied in medical and public health research, and other fields. This is a 2-year programme that is offered through block-release.



WHY STUDY THIS PROGRAMME?

- The programme is jointly offered by the departments of mathematical sciences, computer science, and population studies at UNIMA and Department of Epidemiology at KUHeS.
- Students in the programme benefit from international scholars the University of Namibia, Witwatersrand, and South African Medical Research Council through visiting lectureships.
- The programme is part of the Sub-Saharan Africa Consortium of Advanced Biostatistics Training (SSACAB) which is a project within the Developing Excellence in Leadership and Biostatistics Training in Africa (DELTAS) with headquarters at University of Witwatersrand in South Africa.



TAUGHT COURSES

Probability and Distribution Theory; Generalised Linear Modelling; Experimental Designs; Statistical Inference; Non-parametric Methods; Mathematical Modelling of Infectious Diseases; Programme Monitoring and Evaluation; Measure and Probability Theory; Time-to-Event Data Analysis; Correlated and Longitudinal Data Analysis; Bayesian Biostatistics; Principles of Epidemiology; Discrete Data Analysis; Multivariate Data Analysis; Statistics for Clinical Trials; Spatial Statistics; and Multi-level Modelling.



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Candidates must have strong Bachelor's degree majored in Statistics or Mathematics and any other related disciplines from an accredited university. Selected candidates with deficiency in some Mathematics/Statistics modules will be asked to attend bridging courses prior to enrolment.

FEE STRUCTURE

MK4,500,000 for Malawian nationals and **US\$6,000** for international students for the entire 2 years period. Those attending bridging courses will be required to pay **US \$300** per module.

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES (MES)



OVERVIEW

The Master of Science in Environmental Sciences (MES) programme was developed to provide environmental education to graduates who upon completion of the training would participate in various aspects of natural resource management. The programme has a duration of 2 years.



WHY STUDY THIS PROGRAMME?

- The programme produces graduates with the expertise to independently generate and impart knowledge in environmental science.
- It produce graduates who independently conduct research in environmental science and communicate results effectively.
- It enables graduates to acquire relevant skills (research, writing, etc) for continued professional development.



TAUGHT COURSES

Environmental Impact Assessment; Environmental Law; Policy and Ethics, Experimental Design and Statistical Methods; Population and Environment; Research Methods; Scientific Report Writing; Environmental and Natural Resources Management; Applied Ecology Aquaculture and the Environment; Air, Water and Soil Pollution; Environmental Analytical Chemistry; Environmental Chemistry; Environmental Physical Chemistry; Occupational Health and Safety Waste Treatment and Management; Agrarian Development and Natural Resource Policy; Environmental Geology; Geographic Information Systems; Applied Remote Sensing; Land and Water Resources Management; Land-use; Planning and Environmental Management; Food and Nutrition; Security Household Environmental Management; Frequency Data Analysis Methods; Information Management and Computer Packages; Mathematical Methods in Environmental Sciences; Multivariate Data Analysis Methods; Environmental Statistics; Alternative Energy Sources; Material Science for Solar Energy Conversion; Nuclear Techniques in Environmental Studies; Resource and Environmental Economics;



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A good Bachelor's degree (at least an upper pass in natural sciences or related field) from an accredited university.



FEE STRUCTURE

MK4,500,000 for the entire 2-year programme for Malawian nationals; and **US\$ 6,000** for the entire 2-year programme for foreign students.

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN INFORMATICS



OVERVIEW

The Master of Science in Informatics aims to provide students with wide training in the vast domain of Informatics based on the evolution of ideas and the complexity that characterizes organisations. The programme has a duration of 2 years.



WHY STUDY THIS PROGRAMME?

- The programme equips graduates with advanced knowledge, skills and competencies in economic, scientific, technical, legal, communication, management and social theories, principles, concepts and practices so that the graduates should be able to critique and apply them in informatics.



TAUGHT COURSES

Informatics Project Management, Research Methodology, Information Systems in Organisations, Business Management and Entrepreneurship, Software Engineering Fundamentals, Software Quality Management, Analysis and Design of Dynamic Information Systems, Distributed Systems, Internetworking, Network Management, Data Communications, Introduction to Health Informatics, Data Analysis and Health Care Applications, Design and Implementation of Database Systems, Development of IT Competencies, Development of Mobile Applications, Geographic Information Systems, and Information Technology Governance



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Relevant Bachelor's degree with credit in the fields of information systems, computer science or equivalent qualification from an accredited university.
- Candidates with at least a strong pass may be considered.



FEE STRUCTURE

MK3,700,000 for the entire 2-year programme for Malawian nationals; and **US\$ 6,000** for the entire 2-year programme for foreign students.

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES



OVERVIEW

This Master's programme in Mathematical Sciences promotes the creation of highly-trained personnel that are envisaged to acquire the capacity to apply their knowledge in relevant areas of ICT, biological sciences, natural sciences and social sciences. The programme has a duration of 2 years.



WHY STUDY THIS PROGRAMME?

- The programme equips students with advanced mathematical skills so that they should be able to successfully carry out mathematical research.



TAUGHT COURSES

Measure and Probability Theory, Advanced Graph Theory, Stochastic Processes, Cryptography, Nonlinear Optimisation, Financial Mathematics, Algebraic Graph Theory, Partial Differential Equations, Fluid Mechanics, Knot Theory, Matroid Theory, Queueing Theory, and Fluid Mechanics.



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Relevant Bachelor's (with credit of strong pass) or Honours degree in mathematical sciences from any accredited institution of higher learning.



FEE STRUCTURE

MK2,250,000 for the entire 2-year programme for Malawian nationals; and **US\$ 3,000** for the entire 2-year programme for foreign students.

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN FOOD SCIENCE



OVERVIEW

The aim of the programme is to produce a highly trained food scientist who will contribute to knowledge generation, inform food policy and produce a range of nutritious food products. The programme has a duration of 2 years.



WHY STUDY THIS PROGRAMME?

- The programme produces graduates with in-depth knowledge of food science.
- It produces graduates that are well equipped to effectively, plan, conduct research, and disseminate research findings in food science.
- It enables graduates to acquire relevant transferable knowledge and skills in food analysis, food processing, product development and laboratory skills for measuring, controlling and modifying the chemical and physical properties of food.



TAUGHT COURSES

Food Safety and Microbiology, Chemistry of Food Components, Cereal Science, Food Analysis, Functional Foods and nutraceuticals, Research Methods and Applied Statistics, Sensory Evaluation of Foods, Unit operations in Food Processing, Food Carbohydrates, Food Rheology, Legume Science, Meat and Dairy Science.



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Bachelor's degree in Food Science, Bachelor's degree in Food and Nutrition and related fields with at least a strong pass or its equivalent from any accredited institution of higher learning.



FEE STRUCTURE

MK5,000,000 for the entire 2-year programme for Malawian nationals; and **US\$ 6,000** for the entire 2-year programme for foreign students.

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES BY RESEARCH



OVERVIEW

This programme builds capacity in biological sciences for key sectors such as the environment, water, climate, health and rural development. The programme has a duration of 2 years.



WHY STUDY THIS PROGRAMME?

- The programme produces graduates in Biological and Environmental Sciences with the capacity to independently generate and impart knowledge in this field.
- It produces graduates with capacity to independently conduct research in Biological and Environmental sciences and communicate results effectively.
- It enables graduates to acquire relevant transferable knowledge and skills necessary for continued professional development.



TAUGHT COURSES

This is a full-time Master's programme by research.



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Bachelor's degree in Biological Sciences or related disciplines obtained from accredited institutions of higher learning.



FEE STRUCTURE

Year 1: MK 1,950,000 or US \$ 2,600

Year 2: MK3,825,000 or US \$ 5,100

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CONSERVATION BIOLOGY



OVERVIEW

The programme aims at training a critical mass of individuals capable of conserving the environment. The programme has a duration of 2 years.



WHY STUDY THIS PROGRAMME?

- The programme equips students with a solid understanding of ecosystems and their services
- It provides a broad foundation in conservation of natural resources that stresses scientific reasoning and analytical problem solving to deal with real natural resource conservation issues.
- It equips students with knowledge and skills that will enable them to communicate technical information, clearly and concisely, orally, in writing and visual form, for various audiences.



TAUGHT COURSES

Applied Ecology, Biodiversity and Conservation, Experimental Design and Statistical methods, Research and Scientific Skills, Limnology, Marine Biology and Aquaculture, Remote Sensing and Geographical Information Systems, Environment Impact Assessment, Integrated Natural Resources and Environmental Management, Molecular Biology, Biotechnology, and Waste Management.



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A strong pass Bachelor's degree in Science or related field from an accredited institution of higher learning.



FEE STRUCTURE

MK3,816,540 for the entire 2-year programme for Malawian nationals; and **US\$ 6,000** for the entire 2-year programme for foreign students.

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN GEOGRAPHY AND EARTH SCIENCES BY RESEARCH



OVERVIEW

The programme trains individuals to address capacity needs in crosscutting issues affecting our society such as mining, climate and environmental change among others. The programme has a duration of 2 years.



WHY STUDY THIS PROGRAMME?

- The programme produces graduates with the capacity to independently conduct research in Geography and Earth Sciences.
- It develops the knowledge, understanding and skills necessary for employment as a researcher or as a practitioner in Geography, or for progression to postgraduate research (PhD).
- It develops specialist research-grounded expertise (for example, environmental management, health and population, urban resilience, rural development, earth sciences, urban and regional planning).



TAUGHT COURSES

This is a full-time Masters programme by research.



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A first degree majoring in Geography and/or Earth Sciences or any other related disciplines from an accredited university with at least a strong pass in subjects directly related to the discipline of Geography and Earth Sciences.



FEE STRUCTURE

MK2,587,500 per year for Malawian nationals; and **US\$ 3,450** per year for foreign students.

MASTER OF SCIENCE (MSC) IN WATER SCIENCE AND MANAGEMENT



OVERVIEW

The programme addresses the need for specialised proficiency in the sciences, with focus on socio-economic aspects and governance of water resources. The programme aims to build a sustainable level of human capital for effective and efficient implementation of programmes in the water sector. The programme has a duration of 2 years.



WHY STUDY THIS PROGRAMME?

- The programme equips students with theoretical knowledge and applied skills necessary to make a significant contribution to water resources management at local, regional or global scale under considerations of scarcity, equity and sustainability.
- It fosters a critical perspective and grounded understanding of issues relating to water resource development, use and access under considerations of scarcity, equity and sustainability.



TAUGHT COURSES

Principals of Hydrology, Principals of IWRM, GIS and Remote Sensing, Social Economic Aspects of Water and Environment, Policies, Laws and Institutions, Research Methods, Aquatic Ecology and Environmental Management, Aqueous Geochemistry, Applied Groundwater Modelling, Hydrological Modelling, Stochastic Hydrology, Water and Development, Water and Security, Conflict Management and Resolution, Water Demand Management, and Water Quality Modelling.



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At the minimum, potential candidates should have a high pass Bachelor's degree (at least 55% and above) in Chemistry or a field related to the chemical sciences from a recognized university.



FEE STRUCTURE

MK4,500,000 for the entire 2-year programme for Malawian nationals; and **US\$ 6,000** for the entire 2-year programme for foreign students.

THE SCHOOL OF LAW, ECONOMICS AND GOVERNANCE



PHD IN DEVELOPMENT STUDIES



OVERVIEW

The PhD in Development Studies programme aims to provide training in the use of various perspectives available in the social sciences to understand the nature and causes of development and underdevelopment in Africa, and with particular emphasis on southern and eastern Africa. The programme has a duration of 3 to 5 years.

The ultimate objective of the programme is to produce PhD graduates who are knowledgeable about the developmental challenges confronting African countries and the developing world in general. The programme exposes candidates to high level analytical skills, classical and contemporary development theories, and perspectives, and to the practical side of development and underdevelopment from multidisciplinary approaches.



WHY STUDY THIS PROGRAMME?

- The programme produces PhD graduates who are knowledgeable about the developmental challenges confronting African countries and the developing world in general.
- The graduates are also capable of carrying out independent research in different fields within the social sciences.
- This is a dynamic programme that is offered within a multidisciplinary school.



TAUGHT COURSES

Classical Theories of Development; Contemporary Development Thinking; Advanced Research Methods; Research Design and Data Management; Contemporary Social Theory; Social Work; Social Work; Institutions and Development; Political Transitions in Africa; Environment and Society; Feminist Theory and Gender Analysis; Public Management; Advanced Policy Analysis and Management; Topics in Applied Micro-economics; Topics in Applied Macro-economics; Development Administration; Rural Development; Urban Development and Governance.



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should have a strong Master's degree from an accredited institution in a social science related field. Candidates from other disciplines will be considered if they have some background in development related fields.



FEE STRUCTURE

MK3,000,000 per year for Malawian nationals; and **US\$ 3,000,000.00** per year for foreign students.

PHD IN ECONOMICS



OVERVIEW

This programme provides high-level training in economic analysis and promotion of knowledge and understanding of economic issues relevant to the development of Malawi and the developing world. The PhD in Economics is a 3 to 5 year full-time programme by research.



WHY STUDY THIS PROGRAMME?

- The Department of Economics at the University of Malawi is comprised of well-qualified staff with vast experience working with different sectors and institutions.
- The Department is also housed in modern infrastructure which gives students a conducive learning environment.



TAUGHT COURSES

Advanced Microeconomics; Advanced Macroeconomics; and Econometrics.



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Eligible candidates should possess a Master's degree in Economics or related fields from accredited institutions.



FEE STRUCTURE

MK3,240,000 per year for Malawian nationals; and **US\$ 5,000** per year for foreign students.

PHD IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION



OVERVIEW

The PhD in Public Administration provides advanced theoretical and practical training to candidates, guiding them in the development of research skills applicable to the private and public sectors of society. This is a 3 to 5 year full-time PhD programme by research.



WHY STUDY THIS PROGRAMME?

- The programme is delivered by highly qualified and experienced staff.
- The programme is delivered within a state-of-the-art, purpose-built complex featuring various amenities to enhance the learning experience.



TAUGHT COURSES

This is a full-time PhD programme by research.



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants to be considered for the PhD in Public Administration should have a strong Master's degree in Public Administration/ Management/ Political Science or related disciplines obtained from accredited institutions of higher learning. Applicants who can demonstrate a strong prior experience in research will have an added advantage.



FEE STRUCTURE

MK 3,600,000 per year for Malawian nationals; and **US\$ 4,800** per year for foreign students.

MASTER OF LAWS IN COMMERCIAL LAW



OVERVIEW

The Master of Laws in Commercial Law (LLM) is an advanced academic law degree that offers candidates the opportunity for critical understanding, development of skills and attitudes regarding the legal processes and regulations surrounding business and commerce. It equips candidates with knowledge in technical legal instruments of international and national commercial law and necessary intellectual tools in interdisciplinary frameworks. The programme has a duration of 18 months.



WHY STUDY THIS PROGRAMME?

- The programme is delivered by well-qualified faculty who are supported by staff from departments of Economics, Political and Administrative Studies, and Sociology.
- The programme is delivered at the purpose-built Faculty of Law complex.
- Students have access to the Macknight Machika Resource Centre, which stocks a wide variety of up-to-date library resources relevant to the postgraduate study of Commercial Law.



TAUGHT COURSES

International and Comparative Commercial Law; Comparative Business Financing Law; International Commercial Litigation and Arbitration; Banking Law and Regulation; Business Tax Law; Insolvency Law; Restitution and Finance Law; International Trade Law; International Company Law and Corporate Governance; International Intellectual Property Law; International Commercial Insurance Law; Advanced Legal Research Methods.



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Admission into the programme is open to graduates who have either: (a) Bachelor of Laws (Honours) Upper Second Class degree (or its equivalent); or (b) A Bachelor of Laws (Honours) Lower Second Class degree (or its equivalent) and two years' experience working on matters directly related to the application of commercial law.



FEE STRUCTURE

MK 7,875,000 for Malawian nationals for the entire programme; and **US\$ 10,500** for foreign students for the entire programme.

MASTER OF ARTS IN DEVELOPMENT STUDIES



OVERVIEW

Master of Arts in Development Studies (MDS) is a multidisciplinary development studies programme whose goal is to provide the student with an understanding of the contemporary approaches and theories of development. This is a full-time 2-year programme that consists of a taught coursework component and a research component.



WHY STUDY THIS PROGRAMME?

- This is a dynamic programme that is offered within a multidisciplinary school.
- Graduates from the programme are fully equipped to handle changing development challenges and paradigms.
- The flexibility of the programme allows students to write their theses in different fields within the social sciences.



TAUGHT COURSES

Theories of Development; Policy Analysis and Economic Management; Development Economics; Development Administration; Rural Development; Gender and Development; Political Economy of Development; Human Resource Management and Development; Environment and Sustainable Development; African Economic History; Research Methods for Development Studies.



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants should have a minimum of a credit at Bachelor's degree level in a social science or development related-field. Applicants with a strong pass degree and have some relevant working experience will be considered.



FEE STRUCTURE

MK5,000,000 for the entire 2-year programme for Malawian nationals; and **US\$ 8,000** for the entire 2-year programme for foreign students.

MASTER OF ARTS IN ECONOMICS (BLOCK RELEASE)



OVERVIEW

The main objective of this programme is to provide high level training in economics and promotion of knowledge and understanding of economic issues relevant to Malawi and the developing world. The programme targets candidates wishing to pursue an MA in Economics while working. Students are trained in advanced theories of economics, and practice the application of various principles from the discipline in their societies. The programme has a duration of 2 years.



WHY STUDY THIS PROGRAMME?

- The Department of Economics at the University of Malawi is comprised of well-qualified staff who have a lot of experience working with different sectors and institutions.
- The Department is housed in modern infrastructure which gives students a conducive learning environment.



TAUGHT COURSES

Advanced Microeconomics; Advanced Macroeconomics; Quantitative Methods A (Optimization calculus); Quantitative Methods B (Econometrics); Economic Management and Policy Analysis; Econometric theory and practice; Health Economics; International Economics; Labour Economics; Environmental Economics; Financial Economics; Monetary Economics; Public Sector Economics.



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants should have a good first degree majoring in Economics from an accredited institution. Those with a background in quantitative methods will have an added advantage. Candidates with accounting, finance and business administration backgrounds are eligible for admission, provided they have prerequisites in economics and quantitative methods.



FEE STRUCTURE

MK2, 425, 000 per year for local and international students.

MASTER OF ARTS IN ECONOMICS



OVERVIEW

The main objective of this programme is to provide high level training in economics and promotion of knowledge and understanding of economic issues relevant to Malawi and the developing world. The programme runs for 2 years. The first semester of the coursework year is spent while in residence at UNIMA, while the second semester takes students to the Joint Facility of Electives in Nairobi, Kenya.



WHY STUDY THIS PROGRAMME?

- The Department of Economics at the University of Malawi is comprised of well-qualified staff who have a lot of experience working with different sectors and institutions.
- The Department is housed in modern infrastructure which gives students a conducive learning environment.
- The programme is jointly offered by the University of Malawi and the African Economic Research Consortium (AERC), in two components.



TAUGHT COURSES

Advanced Microeconomics; Advanced Macroeconomics; Quantitative Methods A (Optimization calculus); Quantitative Methods B (Econometrics); Economic Management and Policy Analysis; Econometric theory and practice; Health Economics; International Economics; Labour Economics; Environmental Economics; Financial Economics; Monetary Economics; Public Sector Economics.



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants should have a good first degree majoring in Economics from an accredited institution. Those with a background in quantitative methods will have an added advantage. Candidates with accounting, finance and business administration backgrounds are eligible for admission, provided they have prerequisites in economics and quantitative methods.



FEE STRUCTURE

MK5,000,000 for the entire 2-year programme for Malawian nationals; and **US\$ 8,000** for the entire 2-year programme for foreign students.

MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT (BLOCK RELEASE)



OVERVIEW

The objective of the Master of Public Administration Management (MPAM) is to contribute to Malawi's socio-economic development through training of the management cadres in the public service and other sectors of the economy. The programme aims at developing specialised management skills necessary for enabling the public service to emerge as a key driver of change and as a vehicle for rapid socio-economic development of Malawi. This is a 2-year block release programme.



WHY STUDY THIS PROGRAMME?

- The programme has been designed to take care of the needs of the country and region while being benchmarked to similar programmes offered in the region and beyond such as Europe, Australia and Canada.
- The programme is delivered by highly qualified and experienced staff.
- The programme is delivered within a state-of-the-art, purpose-built complex featuring various amenities to enhance the learning experience.



TAUGHT COURSES

Theories of Public Administration and Management; Public Policy and Political Economy Analysis; Public Service Ethics and Governance; Public Sector Human Resources Management; Public Sector Economics; Leadership and Change Management; Public Financial Management & Governance; International Political Economy; Politics of Development; Strategic Planning and Performance Management; Industrial Relations Theory and Practice; Development Administration; Gender and Development.



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A minimum of a strong pass or credit Bachelor's degree in Public Administration, Political Science, Human Resource Management or Business Administration offered by an accredited institution of higher learning and a minimum of two years work experience; or a minimum of a credit Bachelor's degree in any discipline with two years managerial experience.



FEE STRUCTURE

MK4,725,000.00 for the entire 2-year programme for Malawian nationals; and **US\$ 7,500** for the entire 2-year programme for foreign students.

MASTER OF ARTS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE



OVERVIEW

The main goal of this programme is to contribute towards the development of scholars with a solid understanding of traditional theories and contemporary approaches of political science. This 2-year programme consists of a taught coursework component in the first year, followed by independent research and preparation of an examinable thesis in the second year.



WHY STUDY THIS PROGRAMME?

- The programme produces graduates who are knowledgeable about political developments and challenges confronting African countries and the developing world in general.
- Graduates are capable of carrying out systematic research and contribute to the production of knowledge in the field of political science.
- The graduates from this programme are also competent in critically analysing and offering guidance and interventions on national political events and issues.



TAUGHT COURSES

Political Theory; Politics of Development; Comparative Politics; Public Policy Development and Management; African Politics; International Political Economy; International Relations; Research Methods for Political Science.



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants should have a strong Bachelor's degree with a credit or strong pass in Political Science or Public Administration. Applicants with a degree in Humanities and Social Sciences from an accredited institution will be considered if they had some Political Science subjects in their undergraduate programmes. Applicants should also submit a two-page typed brief of proposed research interests in the chosen discipline of study.



FEE STRUCTURE

MK3,750,000 for the entire 2-year programme for Malawian nationals; and **US\$ 6,500** for the entire 2-year programme for foreign students.

MASTER OF ARTS IN HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS



OVERVIEW

The Master of Arts in Human Resource Management and Industrial Relations aims at equipping students with advanced techniques and tools in human resource management. This programme has a 2-year duration.



WHY STUDY THIS PROGRAMME?

- Students will be abreast with contemporary trends in human resource management practice.
- The programme is delivered by seasoned human resource experts.
- This is the only postgraduate programme in human resource management and industrial relations that is tailor-made for the Malawian labour market.



TAUGHT COURSES

Research Methods for Human Resource Management and Industrial Relations; Human Resource Management and Development; Industrial Relations Theory and Practice; Employment Law; Understanding Organizations and Management Processes; Contemporary Issues in Human Resource Management; Strategic Planning and Performance Management; Comparative Industrial Relations Systems; Human Resource Planning.



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants should have a strong Bachelor's degree with a credit or strong pass in Human Resource Management, Industrial Relations, General Management, Public Administration and Business Administration. Those with Journalism, Humanities, and Social Science degrees will be admitted if their undergraduate programme had some human resource management or industrial relations courses and have a minimum of 2 years working experience in management.



FEE STRUCTURE

MK5,250,000 for the entire 2-year programme for Malawian nationals; and **US\$ 8,500** for the entire 2-year programme for foreign students.

THE SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES



PHD IN LINGUISTICS, AND PHD IN APPLIED LINGUISTICS



OVERVIEW

The PhD in Linguistics, and PhD in Applied Linguistics are designed to enhance specialised linguistic knowledge through academic study and research. The programmes are suitable for all those interested in exploring how linguistic knowledge can be applied to everyday real-life phenomena such as language learning, language policy or language processing. They emphasise state-of-the-art research methodology appropriate for conducting linguistic research projects, using a wide range of linguistic research methods. Each programme has a duration of 3 years.



WHY STUDY THESE PROGRAMMES AT UNIMA?

- At present, it is the only university in the country that offers postgraduate studies in the field of linguistics at the MPhil and PhD levels.
- You will receive high-quality education from qualified staff with superb research and publishing track records.
- There is an open and supportive environment that encourages frequent interaction between staff and students, and individualised personal supervision.



TAUGHT COURSES

These are full-time PhD programmes by research.



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Entry into the PhD in Linguistics, and PhD in Applied Linguistics programmes is open to candidates who have already completed an MA in any relevant field from accredited institutions. Candidates should submit proposals in any field of linguistics/applied linguistics.



FEE STRUCTURE

MK1,800,000 per year for Malawian nationals; and **US\$ 3,000.00** per year for foreign students.

PHD IN SOCIOLOGY



OVERVIEW

The programme aims to produce a highly trained cadre of individuals who will contribute to the generation of knowledge in the various sub-disciplines of sociology and related areas. The PhD programme further aims to provide all students with the skills they need to be professional researchers and academics. The programme has a duration of 3 to 5 years.



WHY STUDY THIS PROGRAMME?

- This programme offers an opportunity for individuals working in academia, research institutes and development agencies to acquire a locally relevant higher education.
- Graduates will be able to demonstrate capacity to generate new knowledge that makes a significant certification to the knowledge of their subfield.
- The staff and its postgraduate students take part in national and international symposia and research projects, and act as consultants and advisers to a wide variety of government departments, professional organisations, research funding bodies and learned journals.



TAUGHT COURSES

- This is a full-time programme by research.
- Candidates will undergo a compulsory research methods course prior to commencement of their research studies.
- Each candidate is also expected to publish articles in scholarly journals before completion of the study.



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

To qualify for admission to the programme, candidates should have a strong Master's degree in Sociology, Development Studies and other social science fields from an accredited institution. Candidates from Development Studies and other social science fields will be considered if they have some background in Sociology at undergraduate or Master's levels.



FEE STRUCTURE

MK6,000,000 for the entire 3-year programme for Malawian nationals; and **US\$ 9,000** for the entire 3-year programme for foreign students.

PHD IN LITERATURE



OVERVIEW

The PhD programme in Literature at UNIMA aims to produce a cadre of literature scholars adept in the critiquing of literary and cultural works from all over the globe. This programme has a duration of 3 years.



WHY STUDY THIS PROGRAMME?

- Students will join a vibrant and dynamic research community with diverse research interests.
- Students will engage in textual scholarship, critical and theoretical analysis, and appreciate contextual knowledge within the changing field of English literary studies.
- Students will also have the chance to participate in conferences and become part of the thriving department's academic research community.



TAUGHT COURSES

This is a full-time PhD programme by research.



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

To be admitted into a PhD in Literature programme, candidates should already have completed a relevant MA.



FEE STRUCTURE

MK2,000,000 per year for Malawian nationals; and **US\$ 4,000.00** per year for foreign students.

PHD IN PHILOSOPHY



OVERVIEW

The PhD in Philosophy aims to groom students with high level knowledge, skills and competence in philosophical analysis through independent research to deeply examine philosophical problems from a wide spectrum of philosophical theories.



WHY STUDY THIS PROGRAMME?

- PhD graduates in Philosophy from UNIMA will be trained to conduct advanced independent research
- Students will become part of a lively postgraduate community, with weekly student-run research seminars.
- Students will gain the opportunity to regularly present and discuss their work within the department and at conferences.
- Students will go through rigorous research supervision that will enable them to examine philosophical issues that arise from contemporary public and professional life.



TAUGHT COURSES

This is a full-time PhD programme by research.



RESEARCH COURSES

- The PhD programme is offered on full-time (3 years) and part-time bases (5 years). Students will be required to attend compulsory seminars. The research component will be divided into quarterly reports, which will be examined by a supervisory committee. Students will be required to present their work in progress at these meetings and will be allowed to proceed after satisfying the examiners.
- Research areas may include, Metaphysics, Aesthetics, Epistemology, Ethics, Logic, Political Philosophy, Philosophy of Science, Philosophy of Technology, Social Philosophy, Phenomenology and Existentialism, Critical Theory, and African Philosophy.



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Qualification for admission into the PhD in Philosophy will be a Master's degree in Philosophy or a related field.

FEE STRUCTURE

Tuition fees for the whole programme is **MK4,000,000** for Malawian nationals, **US\$6,000** for SADC students, and **US\$8,000** for international students.

MASTER OF ARTS IN AFRICAN SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC HISTORY

OVERVIEW

The MA programme in African Social and Economic History programme aims at producing social and economic historians that are adequately equipped with techniques, skills and knowledge required to contribute to the study of history from a social science perspective. This programme has a 2-year duration.

WHY STUDY THIS PROGRAMME?

- This is a highly specialised degree programme tailored towards addressing changing disciplinary trends that include identity, labour migration, industry, agriculture, poverty, democratisation and governance, population growth and environment.
- This postgraduate degree programme is a balance between theoretical and empirical understanding of history as a discipline.
- Students will be able to analyse the significance of social and economic history to Africa's developmental challenges.
- The programme provides guidance to both the public and the private sectors on social and economic issues.

TAUGHT COURSES

Intellectual History; African Historiography and Research; New Directions in African Social History; Discourses in African Economic History; Political Transformations in Africa Since 1945; Political Economy of Development; Rural Development; Disease Medicine and Death in African History; Culture and Identity in African History; Feminist Theory and African History; Industrialisation and Urbanisation in Africa; Research Themes in Malawian History; Environment and Sustainable Development; Development of Capitalism in Africa; and Research themes related to African Social and Economic History.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

To qualify for admission in this programme, applicants must have Bachelor's degree with credit in history or related disciplines obtained from accredited institutions of higher learning. Applicants with a strong pass in their first degree and relevant work experience will also be considered.

FEE STRUCTURE

MK1,500,000 per academic year for Malawian nationals; **US\$ 2,400** per academic year for SADC and **US\$3,600** per academic year for Non-SADC students.

MASTER OF ARTS IN LINGUISTICS, AND MASTER OF ARTS IN APPLIED LINGUISTICS

OVERVIEW

The MA in Linguistics, and MA in Applied Linguistics are designed to provide students with a solid foundational knowledge of the traditional core areas of linguistic analysis, as well as a deeper specialization in a chosen subfield. The goal is to help students reach a level of preparation suitable for the pursuit of more advanced work in linguistics, or in allied fields with a commitment to the study of language. The programmes run for either full-time (2 years) or part-time (3 years).

WHY STUDY THESE PROGRAMMES AT UNIMA?

- The programmes are taught by a combination of staff with expertise in African Languages and Linguistics.
- Graduates from the programmes will be able to critically engage in advanced linguistic research.
- The MA programmes will also enable graduates to demonstrate the necessary theoretical and practical expertise in exploring issues pertaining to literacy education as well as language teaching and policy development
- Graduates from the MA in Linguistics, and MA in Applied Linguistics could join the corporate world in the areas of Communication and Public and Media Relations.

TAUGHT COURSES

MA IN LINGUISTICS

Advanced Syntax; Advanced Semantics; Phonological Theory; Language Variation and Change; Historical Linguistics or any other course from Applied Linguistics courses

MA IN APPLIED LINGUISTICS

Sociolinguistics; Psycholinguistics; Descriptive Linguistics; Discourse Analysis; Translation: Theory and Practice; Language Planning & Policies in Education; Lexicography; Language Teaching Management; and Language Curriculum Evaluation & Testing.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Entry into the MA Linguistics, and MA in Applied Linguistics programmes is open to candidates who are holders of a Bachelor's degree with at least a credit. Candidates should have a Linguistics background. Candidates with a strong pass may be considered.

FEE STRUCTURE

MK1,800,000 per year for Malawian nationals; and **US\$ 3,000.00** per year for foreign students.

MASTER OF ARTS IN SOCIOLOGY



OVERVIEW

The Master of Arts (MA) in Sociology programme prepares students in the broad skills utilised by contemporary sociologists. The programme focuses on the fields of health, rural sociology and gender relations. The programme has a 2-year duration.



WHY STUDY THIS PROGRAMME?

- The University of Malawi has a long and distinguished history and is home to one of the largest and most successful social science research centres in Malawi.
- The MA in Sociology programme has a strong theoretical core, which critically examines the major sociological traditions as tools for understanding contemporary social transformations.
- Staff and postgraduate students take part in national and international symposia and research projects, and act as consultants and advisers to a wide variety of government departments, professional organisations, research funding bodies and learned journals.



TAUGHT COURSES



This is a full-time MA programme by research.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

An applicant should have a strong Bachelor's degree from an accredited university majoring in Sociology/ Social Anthropology/Gender studies/ Social Work.



FEE STRUCTURE

MK3,000,000 for the entire 2-year programme for Malawian nationals; and **US\$ 5,000** for the entire 2-year programme for foreign students.

MASTER OF ARTS IN LITERATURE



OVERVIEW

The Master of Arts programme in Literature opens doors to rich, rewarding literary experiences that capture the diversity of literary genres, regional and international literatures, and modes of literary transmission. This intellectually rigorous Master's programme gives you the opportunity to engage in the study of literature from a variety of perspectives. This programme has a duration of 2 years.



WHY STUDY THIS PROGRAMME?

- This unique programme draws on the wide-ranging research expertise of staff.
- The programme enables students to develop new and highly skilled ways of reading and interpreting a wide variety of cultural documents.
- Students will have the chance to participate in conferences and become part of the thriving department's academic research community.



TAUGHT COURSES

Twentieth Century Literary Theory and Practice, African Literature, African American Literature, Caribbean Literature, Oral literature and Creative writing.



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Entry into the MA (Literature) programme will be open to candidates who are holders of a strong Bachelor's degree or its equivalent with English Literature as a majoring subject. The MA in Literature (by research) is only open to candidates who can satisfy the department that they already have a sound grasp of literary/critical tools for analysing a clearly defined body of literary texts or tradition of their choice.



FEE STRUCTURE

MK3,000,000.00 for the entire 2-year programme for Malawian nationals; and **US\$ 6,000** for the entire 2-year programme for foreign students.

MASTER OF ARTS IN PHILOSOPHY



OVERVIEW

The MA in Philosophy is a two-year programme which aims to provide students with knowledge, skills and competence in philosophical analysis through independent research to deeply examine philosophical problems from a wide spectrum of philosophical theories. The programme provides students with grounding in principles and theories of research methods in philosophy. This programme has a 2-year duration.



WHY STUDY THIS PROGRAMME?

- This programme responds to a deficit in philosophical analytical skills, which are critical for policy formulation, analysis, interpretation and implementation.
- It proffers an in-depth analysis of issues or problems and principles from a philosophical perspective.
- It exposes students to independent research from the broad range of philosophical disciplines.



TAUGHT COURSES

This is a full-time programme by research.



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A Bachelor's degree majoring in Philosophy with Credit; or a Bachelor's degree majoring in Philosophy with a pass and minimum of three years of working experience; or an Honours degree in Philosophy.



FEE STRUCTURE

MK3,000,000 for the entire 2-year programme for Malawian nationals; and **US\$ 6,000** for the entire 2-year programme for foreign students.

MASTER OF ARTS IN APPLIED ETHICS



OVERVIEW

The Master of Arts in Applied Ethics (MAE) offers students with diverse disciplinary and professional backgrounds an opportunity to be well-equipped with knowledge and skills to reflect on moral problems and dilemmas prevalent in our society. Students will also develop skills that are necessary for analysing ethical issues and making ethically sound decisions. This programme has a 2-year duration.



WHY STUDY THIS PROGRAMME?

- Students will develop the capacity to provide morally defensible solutions to moral problems.
- Students will be trained by qualified academic staff that have specialised in different branches of the field.



TAUGHT COURSES

African Moral Practice and the Ethical Theory, Moral Decision Making, Business Ethics and Corporate Governance, Research Methods and Methodology, Environmental Ethics, Biomedical Ethics, Development Ethics, Public Health Ethics, Public and Private Sector Ethics, Morality, Law, Politics and the Media.



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Bachelor's or Honours degree in any field of study with credit, or strong pass with a minimum of three years' work experience.



FEE STRUCTURE

MK4,000,000 for the entire 2-year programme for Malawian nationals; and **US\$ 4,500** for the entire 2-year programme for foreign students.

THE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION



PHD IN EDUCATION – POLICY, PLANNING, AND LEADERSHIP (PPL)



OVERVIEW

The PhD in Education – Policy, Planning, and Leadership (PPL) affords students the opportunity to develop top notch research informed by relevant theories and contemporary practice for use by practitioners in the disciplines of educational policy, planning and leadership. This is a 3-year full time or 5-year part time PhD programme.



WHY STUDY THIS PROGRAMME?

- Students are supervised by highly qualified and experienced staff from the School of Education.
- Students have access to data and expertise from the Centre for Educational Research and Training (CERT).
- Graduates from the programme are highly sought-after by employers.



TAUGHT COURSES

This is a full-time PhD by research.



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A Master's degree in Education from an accredited university.



FEE STRUCTURE

USD10,500 for the entire programme.

PHD IN EDUCATION – EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY



OVERVIEW

The PhD in Education – Educational Psychology programme prepares students to acquire biological and social science research approaches for critical understanding of human development, teaching and learning. The program interrogates the interaction between psychology and education in order to achieve optimum learning for all learning ages from child learning to adult education. The programme has a duration of 3 years.



WHY STUDY THIS PROGRAMME?

- The programme has a rich and growing research culture, committed to examining issues which determine how well individuals (including children, adults and professionals) develop and acquire competence in the diverse social settings in which they are taught, interact or work together.
- The programme offers advanced training and research in foundational and contemporary educational psychological theories and how they could achieve social transformation in modern times.
- Candidates in the programme are supervised by well-qualified and experienced staff.



TAUGHT COURSES

This is a full-time PhD by research.



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A Master's degree in Education from an accredited university.



FEE STRUCTURE

USD10,500 for the entire programme.

PHD IN EDUCATION — SOCIOLOGY OF EDUCATION



OVERVIEW

The PhD in Education - Sociology of Education enables students to undertake such an interrogation in order to achieve efficient yet just education systems. The programme has a 3-year duration.



WHY STUDY THIS PROGRAMME?

- Candidates have a chance to register with a leading centre for educational research and training which has scholars and researchers of international credibility who also possess both local and global practical experience in education practice.
- The quality of tuition and seminars students undergo equips them with knowledge, skills, and capacities relevant for facing modern educational challenges.



TAUGHT COURSES

The programme has no coursework.



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

An applicant should have a Master's degree in Education from an accredited university.



FEE STRUCTURE

USD10,500 for the entire programme.

PHD IN EDUCATION — TESTING, MEASUREMENT, AND EVALUATION (TME)



OVERVIEW

This, PhD - TME graduate programme, offers specialised skills in psychometrics in response to the increasing use of educational assessment in the educational reform movement and other related domains. This is a 3-year full-time, or 5-year part-time programme.



WHY STUDY THIS PROGRAMME?

- Candidates have a chance to register with the School of Education, Malawi's leading centre for educational research and training with scholars and researchers of international credibility who also possess both local and global practical experience in education practice.
- The quality of tuition and seminars students undergo equips them with knowledge, skills, and capacities relevant for facing modern educational challenges.



TAUGHT COURSES

This is a full-time PhD by research.



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

An applicant should have a Master's degree in Education from an accredited university.



FEE STRUCTURE

US\$3,500 per year for Malawian students per year for international students.

PHD IN CURRICULUM AND TEACHING STUDIES



OVERVIEW

The PhD in Curriculum and Teaching Studies is an interdisciplinary programme aimed at producing a highly trained cadre of individuals who will contribute to leadership and knowledge generation in the areas of Language Education, Science and Mathematics Education, and Social Studies Education. Research is conducted in any of the three areas: Language Education, Science and Mathematics Education, or Social Studies Education. This is a 3-year full time or 5-year part time PhD programme.



WHY STUDY THIS PROGRAMME?

- The programme provides research and leadership skills in Curriculum and Teaching Studies to address education needs of Malawi, the African region and beyond.
- Students will receive training from highly qualified staff from the School of Education.
- Students will have the opportunity to access expertise and data from the affiliated Centre of Educational Research and Training (CERT).



TAUGHT COURSES

This PhD Programme is by research.



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Interested candidates should possess a strong Master's degree with Education as the main area of study. Those with a non-education Master's degrees but have a University Certificate in Education (UCE) or its equivalent will also be considered. Applicants should also have experience of working in education or education related areas.



FEE STRUCTURE

MK2,625,000 per year for Malawian nationals; and **USD 4,000** per year for foreign students.

MASTER OF EDUCATION IN CURRICULUM STUDIES (LANGUAGE EDUCATION)



OVERVIEW

The Master of Education (MEd) in Curriculum Studies (Language Education) was developed to build language-related capacities in institutions of learning and other stakeholder institutions. Students specialising in language education are given opportunities to advance their knowledge, skills, and critical faculties as they deal with language issues in different situations requiring their expertise. The programme has a duration of 2 years.



WHY STUDY THIS PROGRAMME?

- The programme benefits from a variety of language experts from the School of Education and School of Humanities and Social Sciences at the University of Malawi.
- The staff and its postgraduate students take part in national and international symposia and research projects, and act as consultants and advisers to a wide variety of government departments, professional organisations, and research funding agencies related to education.
- The existence of the Centre for Education Research and Training (CERT) gives students an opportunity to work with experienced researchers in the field of education.



TAUGHT COURSES

Nature and Philosophy of Language Education; Models of Language Teaching and Learning; The Practice of Language Teaching and Learning; Language Curriculum Design, Development, and Evaluation; Advanced Language Classroom Observation and Analysis; Policy and Planning in Language Education; Contemporary Issues in Language Education.



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A Bachelor's degree in Education with credit in the relevant field from an accredited institution of higher learning or a general degree with credit plus a UCE or PGCE. A strong pass plus long teaching experience will be considered.



FEE STRUCTURE

MK4,125,000 for the entire 2-year programme for Malawian nationals; and **USD 6,000** for the entire 2-year programme for foreign students.

MASTER OF EDUCATION IN CURRICULUM STUDIES (SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS EDUCATION)



OVERVIEW

The Master of Education in Curriculum Studies (Science and Mathematics Education) is an interdisciplinary programme that enables students to critically examine a range of theoretical, methodological, and practical approaches to the effective teaching and learning of science and mathematics. The programme targets candidates who wish to grow their careers in education related fields within the public, private, and NGO sectors. This is a 2-year full-time programme.



WHY STUDY THIS PROGRAMME?

- The programme has a strong theoretical core, which critically examines the major science education traditions as tools for understanding contemporary science education.
- Students are supervised by highly qualified staff with various areas of expertise from the departments within the school
- The staff and postgraduate students from the School take part in national and international symposia and research projects, and act as consultants and advisers to a wide variety of government departments, professional organisations, and research funding agencies related to education.
- The existence of the Centre for Education Research and Training (CERT) gives students an opportunity to work with experienced researchers.



TAUGHT COURSES

Contemporary Issues in Science Education; Learning and Teaching Science; Philosophy and Nature of Science; and Science Curriculum Development and Evaluation.



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A Bachelor's degree in Education with credit from an accredited institution of higher learning or a general degree with credit plus a UCE or PGCE. A strong pass plus long teaching experience will be considered.



FEE STRUCTURE

MK4,125,000 for the entire 2-year programme for Malawian nationals; and **USD 6,000** for the entire 2-year programme for foreign students.

MASTER OF EDUCATION IN CURRICULUM STUDIES (SOCIAL STUDIES EDUCATION)



OVERVIEW

The Master of Education (MEd) in Curriculum Studies (Social Studies Education) was developed to equip students with deep grounding knowledge, competencies, and positive change of attitudes and values, essential in dealing with human relationships and the environment in Geography Education, History Education, Religious Education and Social Studies Education. The programme has a duration of 2 years.



WHY STUDY THIS PROGRAMME?

- The programme benefits from a variety of experienced faculty from the School of Education and the School of Humanities and Social Sciences.
- Graduates from the programme have high levels of employability.
- Students participate in research projects at the Centre for Education Research and Training (CERT) in the School of Education and Centre for Social Research (CSR) in the School of Humanities and Social Sciences.



TAUGHT COURSES

Design in Social Studies Education; Inspection and Supervision; Issues in Teacher Education; The nature and philosophy of Social Studies Education; Teaching and Learning Social Studies; Contemporary Issues in Social Studies; Advanced Geography Education; Advanced History Education; The Theory and Practice of Religious Education.



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A Bachelor's degree in Education with credit in the relevant field from an accredited institution of higher learning or a general degree with credit plus a UCE or PGCE. A strong pass plus long teaching experience will be considered.



FEE STRUCTURE

MK4,125,000 for the entire 2-year programme for Malawian nationals; and **USD 6,000** for the entire 2-year programme for foreign students.

MASTER OF EDUCATION IN POLICY, PLANNING, AND LEADERSHIP (PPL)



OVERVIEW

The Master of Education in Policy, Planning, and Leadership (PPL) programme offers advanced foundational theoretical grounding for contemporary practice for practitioners in the disciplines of Educational Policy, Planning and Leadership. The programme has a 2-year duration.



WHY STUDY THIS PROGRAMME?

- Students will study under the supervision of scholars and researchers who possess both local and global practical experience in education practice.
- Students will be able to access expertise and data from the affiliated Centre for Educational Research and Training (CERT).



TAUGHT COURSES

Education Leadership and Management, Education Planning and Financing, Economics of Education, and Education and Development in Africa.



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

An applicant should have a Bachelor's degree in Education with at least a strong pass from an accredited university.



FEE STRUCTURE

MK4,125,000 for the entire 2-year programme for Malawian nationals; and **USD 6,000** for the entire 2-year programme for foreign students.

MASTER OF EDUCATION IN EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY



OVERVIEW

The Master of Education in Educational Psychology programme equips students with knowledge, skills and competencies derived from biological and social science approaches for a critical understanding of human development, teaching and learning in both mainstream and special education systems, and informal education. It is relevant for teaching all ages and types of learners, in pastoral, community and social work contexts. The programme has a 2-year duration.



WHY STUDY THIS PROGRAMME?

- The programme has a rich and growing research culture, committed to examining issues which determine how well individuals develop and acquire competence (including children, adults and professionals) in the diverse social settings in which they are taught, interact or work together.
- The programme offers a strong grounding in the foundational and contemporary educational psychological theories and how they could achieve social transformation in modern times.



TAUGHT COURSES

Advanced Educational Psychology; ICT and Education; Education Development; Education Leadership and Management; Adult Psychology, Special Needs Education; Advanced Educational Research Methodology; and Child and Adolescent Psychology.



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Possession of a Bachelor's degree in Education (or its equivalent) with credit, from an accredited university. Those with a strong pass may be considered. Work experience in teaching or an education-related area will be an added advantage.



FEE STRUCTURE

MK4,125,000 for the entire 2-year programme for Malawian nationals; and **USD 6,000** for the entire 2-year programme for foreign students.

MASTER OF EDUCATION — SOCIOLOGY OF EDUCATION



OVERVIEW

The Master of Education (Sociology of Education) aims to develop well qualified and competent secondary school teachers and professionals who will then contribute towards the improvement of quality of secondary education in Malawi and beyond. The programme provides an opportunity for students to develop contemporary thinking within the field of advanced Sociology of Education with reference to the secondary education context. The programme has a 2-year duration.



WHY STUDY THIS PROGRAMME?

- Students will have the opportunity to access research material and expertise from the Centre for Educational Research and Training (CERT).
- Students will be supervised by scholars and researchers with local and global practical experience in education practice.
- Graduates from the programme teach and work effectively towards equitable, sustainable and quality education in Malawi.



TAUGHT COURSES

Advanced Sociology of Education; Education and Society in Africa; Sociological Theories of Education; Theories of Organisational Analysis in Education; Adult Psychology; Information, Communication Technology in Education; Leadership and Management; Education and Organisational Psychology for Management; and Advanced Research Methods.



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Possession of a Bachelor's degree in Education (or its equivalent) with credit, from an accredited university. Those with a strong pass may be considered. Work experience in teaching or an education-related area will be an added advantage.



FEE STRUCTURE

MK4,125,000 for the entire 2-year programme for Malawian nationals; and **USD 6,000** for the entire 2-year programme for foreign students.

MASTER OF EDUCATION IN TESTING, MEASUREMENT, AND EVALUATION



OVERVIEW

The Master of Education in Testing, Measurement, and Evaluation trains individuals in the planning of research and evaluation studies, developing data collection instruments, and developing new models and methods for data collection and analysis. This programme offers specialised skills in psychometrics in response to the increasing use of educational assessment in educational reform. The programme runs for 2 years.



WHY STUDY THIS PROGRAMME?

- Students are taught and supervised by qualified and experienced staff from the School of Education.
- Students have access to research material and expertise from the affiliated Centre for Educational Research and Training (CERT).
- The programme is offered in purpose-built lecture rooms.



TAUGHT COURSES

Classical Measurement Theory and Application; Fundamentals of Test Construction; Statistics I; Leadership and Management; Item Response Theory and Application; Statistics II; Advanced Research Methods; and Monitoring and Evaluation.



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Possession of a Bachelor's degree in Education (or its equivalent) with credit, from an accredited university. Those with a strong pass may be considered. Work experience in teaching or an education-related area will be an added advantage.



FEE STRUCTURE

MK4,125,000 for the entire 2-year programme for Malawian nationals; and **USD 6,000** for the entire 2-year programme for foreign students.

THE SCHOOL OF ARTS, COMMUNICATION AND DESIGN



MASTER OF ARTS IN THEATRE AND MEDIA COMMUNICATIONS IN DEVELOPMENT



OVERVIEW

The Master of Arts in Theatre and Media Communications in Development (MA TMCD) is an interdisciplinary programme that enables students to critically examine a range of theoretical, methodological and practical approaches to communication for development, with specific emphasis on theatre and media. The programme targets candidates who wish to grow their careers in development communication related fields in the public, private and the NGO sectors. The programme covers a range of current media industries including theatre, broadcast (radio and TV), print, and digital media modes and their implications on the development of low income countries. The programme has a duration of 2 years.



WHY STUDY THIS PROGRAMME?

- Students will receive training through interaction with highly qualified staff from the university, as

well as through engagement with various experts from the international development cooperation and Non-Governmental Organisation sector.



TAUGHT COURSES

Communication for Development; Political Economy of Development Communication; Cultural Studies; Film and Video in Development; Print Media in Development; Digital Media in Development; Theatre for Development and Development Communication.



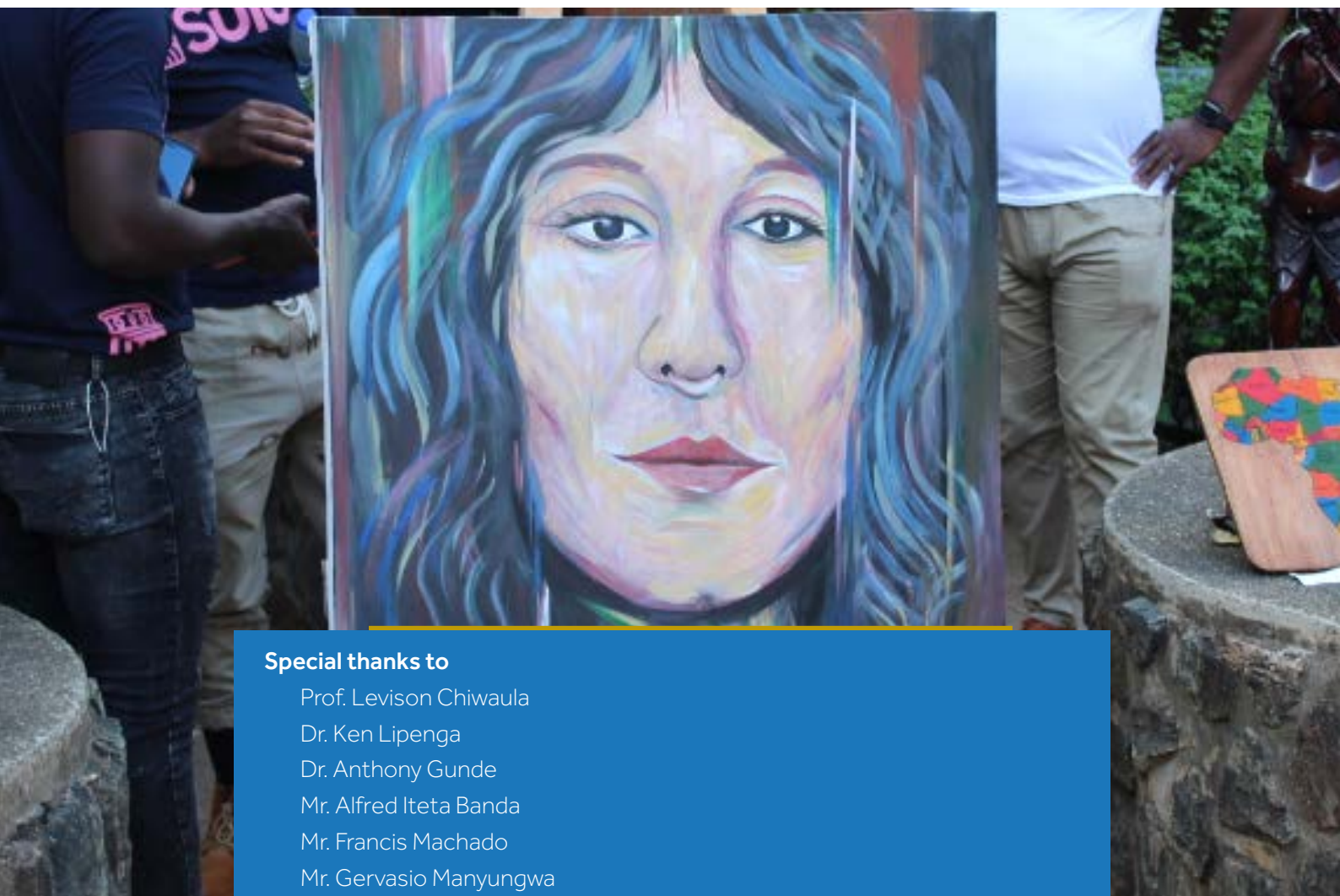
ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A Bachelor's degree with credit in the relevant field from an accredited university.



FEE STRUCTURE

MK4,500,000 for the entire 2-year programme for Malawian nationals; and **USD 7,644** for the entire 2-year programme for foreign students.



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