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**PRESS RELEASE**

## **ACADEMIC YEAR 2025/2026 ADMISSIONS (POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMMES INTAKE)**

Mzuzu University wishes to invite applications from suitably qualified candidates to enrol for postgraduate programmes for the 2025/2026 Academic Year.

More details regarding the programmes, entry requirements, tuition fees, application procedure, payment of admission application fees, and contacts for faculties including departments can be accessed through Mzuzu University website at: **[www.mzuni.ac.mw](http://www.mzuni.ac.mw)**.

All applications should reach the University Registrar not later than **Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2025**.

### **For further information, please contact:**

The University Registrar  
Mzuzu University  
Private Bag 201  
Luwinga, **MZUZU 2**  
**E-mail:** [admissions@mzuni.ac.mw](mailto:admissions@mzuni.ac.mw)

### **WARNING AGAINST SCAMMERS AND FRAUDSTERS**

Applicants are requested to completely avoid dealing with any suspicious **person(s) masquerading as Mzuzu University representatives**. Such suspicious persons should be immediately reported to the University using [iic@mzuni.ac.mw](mailto:iic@mzuni.ac.mw) or to the nearest police station.

**DATED: 19<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2025**

# 1. FACULTY OF EDUCATION

## MASTER OF EDUCATION (EDUCATION LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT) & MASTER OF EDUCATION (TEACHER EDUCATION)

The Master of Education in Educational Leadership and Management and Master of Education in Teacher Education programmes are structured as follows:

- i) Course work in the first academic year (two semesters) - offered through dual mode of delivery (face-to-face and Open, Distance and e-Learning (ODEL).
- ii) Research in the second and final academic year (two semesters).

### Programme Description

#### a) Master of Education (Educational Leadership & Management)

This programme aims at enabling students to develop skills in educational leadership and management, exposing them to contemporary discourses in the discipline, and empowering the graduates with knowledge and skills in educational policy formulation, analysis, implementation, and evaluation.

#### b) Master of Education (Teacher Education)

This programme aims at enabling students to develop knowledge and critical understanding of teacher education with respect to key concepts, assumptions, teaching methodologies, current advances, and theoretical approaches. Students will acquire skills in methods of inquiry, problem solving, lifelong learning, and social responsibility.

### Entry Requirements

- i) A bachelor's degree in education from an accredited institution of higher learning; or
- ii) A bachelor's degree from accredited institution of higher learning plus a university certificate of education (UCE), or postgraduate certificate of education (PGCE) or its equivalent.
- iii) Teaching experience at secondary school or tertiary institution will be an added advantage.

### Duration of Programme

The programme will run for a period of four semesters (2 academic years).

### Mode of Delivery for Coursework

The two programmes will be offered through a dual mode of delivery (face-to-face and ODeL). In the first-year semesters, students will come to Mzuzu University's ODeL Main

Hub for a two-week face-to-face orientation to modules and then followed by dual mode of delivery.

## 2. FACULTY OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

### a) DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PhD) IN FISHERIES AND AQUATIC SCIENCES

The Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences programme is offered in the Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences.

#### Background

The PhD in Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences programme equips graduates with advanced skills in fisheries management, aquatic conservation, and sustainable aquaculture, ensuring they can contribute to the long-term health of Malawi's fisheries and the communities that depend on them. The PhD in fisheries and aquatic sciences focuses on key areas such as stock assessment, fish health, climate resilience, and ecosystem restoration. By training professionals in innovative research and policy development, the program aims to promote sustainable fishing practices, restore degraded habitats, and enhance food security. Graduates will play a crucial role in shaping fisheries policies, advancing scientific knowledge, and implementing solutions that balance ecological preservation with economic needs.

#### Programme's Description and Expectations

The PhD in Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences Programme is by research. The programme is offered following the normal University semester-based calendar. Modules are offered for auditing; as such a candidate is expected to attend fully all the modules before the thesis is submitted for examinations. As a PhD student, you will be required to tutor undergraduate and graduate students under the guidance of the Head of the Department. The language of delivery for this program is English. Special arrangements are made for students from non-English-speaking countries.

#### Entry Requirements

- i) A master's degree in any of the following fields: fisheries and aquatic sciences, fisheries, aquaculture, wildlife management, environmental sciences or any related field from an accredited institution of higher learning.
- ii) Those with work experience will have an added advantage.

### b) DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PhD) IN FORESTRY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

The Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Forestry and Environmental Management programme is offered in the Department of Forestry and Environmental Management.

## **Programme Description**

The programme aims to develop highly skilled researchers and professionals to discover innovative and reliable ways of sustainably managing and conserving natural resources, utilisation and value addition. The programme is designed as a learning experience based on research, with research supervision as the main learning element, and the interaction with fellow students and other experts in the field as an additional element of learning. The programme shall be offered through face-to-face and virtual (e-learning) delivery modes. Each student will be assigned a minimum of three supervisors (major supervisor and two co-supervisors). The supervisors will form the student's supervisory committee.

## **Research**

Students shall be required to conduct empirical research whose findings will be communicated in the form of a thesis produced at the end of the programme.

## **Duration of the programme**

This is a three-year, full-time postgraduate qualification with a possible extension of one academic year.

## **Entry requirements**

Master's degree from an accredited institution in the following specialisations: forestry, environmental management, natural resource management and agriculture. In addition, applicants must have strong research background evidenced by at least one peer-reviewed publication and must have a relevant research concept. Work experience in the specific field is an added advantage.

## **c) DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PhD) IN SANITATION**

The Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Sanitation programme is offered in the Department of Water and Sanitation.

## **Programme Description**

The programme is designed as learning experiences based on modules and research with supervision, and the interaction with fellow students and other experts in the field as additional elements of learning. The students will be required to undergo selected modules that will support research based on specific areas of specialisation. The programme offers optional modules and topics including the following: Sanitation and Sustainable Development, Sanitation Systems and Services, Sanitation and Public Health, Analysis of Sanitation Flows, Sanitation Technology, Sanitation Financing, Emergency Sanitation, Research Methods I and II, Sanitation Governance, Behaviour Change and Advocacy, Project Management, and Leadership and Teamwork Skills Development. The language of delivery for this program is English; special arrangements are made for students from non-English speaking countries. All PhD students will be required to tutor undergraduate and graduate students under the guidance of the Head of the Department.

## **Research**

Students shall be required to conduct empirical research whose findings will be communicated in the form of a thesis produced at the end of the programme. Students are also encouraged to conduct research and innovations that will lead to patent acquisition.

## **Duration of the programmes**

This is a three-year PhD programme (3 academic year) with a possible extension of fully paid one academic year. The extension is subject to approval after satisfying certain conditions.

## **Mode of delivery**

The Programme shall be offered through both face-to-face and Virtual (e-learning) on block release basis. The PhD Programme is by Research and candidates attend selected modules to complement their learning and research projects.

## **Entry Requirements**

- i) Applicants into the PhD Sanitation programme must have the Master's Degree in Sanitation, Public Health, Integrated Sanitation Management, Chemistry, Environmental Health or any related field from an accredited institution of higher learning.
- ii) Candidates with relevant work experience will have an added advantage.

## **d) DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PhD) IN WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT**

The Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Water Resources Management and Development programme is offered in the Department of Water and Sanitation.

## **Programme Description**

The programme is designed as learning experiences based on modules and research with supervision, and the interaction with fellow students and other experts in the field as additional elements of learning. The students will have to undergo selected modules that will support research based on specific areas of specialisation. The programme offers optional modules and topics including the following: Water Resources Planning and Management, Hydrogeology and Groundwater Technology, Hydrology & Water Resources Modelling, Water Supply, Research Methods I & II, Irrigation and Drainage Engineering, Wastewater Treatment & Resources Recovery, GIS and Remote Sensing for Water Resources, Environmental and Social Impact Assessment, Water Quality and Environment; Urban Drainage, Project Management, Hydropower Planning and Design, Hydraulic Engineering. The language of delivery for this program is English; special arrangements are made for students from non-English speaking countries. All PhD

students will be required to tutor undergraduate and graduate students under the guidance of the Head of the Department.

## **Research**

Students shall be required to conduct empirical research whose findings will be communicated in the form of a thesis produced at the end of the programme. Students are also encouraged to conduct research and innovations that will lead to patent acquisition.

## **Duration of the programmes**

This is a three-year PhD programme (3 academic year) with a possible extension of fully paid one academic year. The extension is subject to approval after satisfying certain conditions.

## **Mode of delivery**

The programme shall be offered through both face-to-face and virtual (e-learning) on block release basis. The PhD Programme is by Research and candidates attend selected modules to complement their learning and research projects.

## **Entry Requirements**

- i) Applicants into the PhD Water Resources Management programme must have the master's degree in water resources management, irrigation engineering, civil engineering, water resources modelling, integrated water resources management, environmental science or any other related field from accredited institution of higher learning.
- ii) Candidates with relevant work experience will have an added advantage.

## **e) DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PhD) IN URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING**

The Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Urban and Regional Planning programme is offered in the Department of Built Environment.

## **Programme Description**

The programme aims to develop highly skilled researchers and professionals to discover innovative and reliable ways of sustainably managing the built environment and conserving natural resources, utilisation and value addition. The programme is designed as a learning experience based on research, with research supervision as the main learning element, and the interaction with fellow students and other experts in the field of urban and regional planning and other related fields as an additional element of learning. This programme is research based shall be offered through face-to-face delivery mode. Each student will be assigned a minimum of three supervisors (major supervisor and two co-supervisors). The supervisors will form the student's supervisory committee.

## Research

Students shall be required to conduct empirical research whose findings will be communicated in the form of a thesis produced at the end of the programme.

## Duration of the programme

The PhD programme in Urban and Regional Planning is a three-year, full-time postgraduate qualification with a possible extension of one academic year.

Candidates will undergo one academic year of modular course orientation to support research proposal development and two years of data collection and thesis development work.

## Entry requirements

MSc degree from an accredited institution in the following specialisations: A master's degree in urban planning, regional planning, rural development studies, geography, earth sciences, urban studies, disaster management, housing development, development studies, urban development and management, local governance, land governance, transport planning, environmental management, urban water and sanitation, population studies, urban health, urban security or any related field from an accredited institution of higher learning. Those with evidence of publications have an added advantage.

## **f) DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PhD) IN TRANSFORMATIVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

The Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Transformative and Community Development (TCD) programme is offered in the Department of Agri-Sciences.

## Background

The TCD PhD research programme champions the multidisciplinary, interdisciplinary and convergence research to holistically solve the contemporary problems the society in the world are working to deal with in order to attain meaningful development through research and development.

The programme equips graduates with skills to critique their own immediate work environment including the wider contexts which influence these environments; recognise the possibilities for change within and between both the macro and micro systems; demonstrate an understanding of the conditions necessary for transformative change; critically engage with a range of research paradigms and methodologies and demonstrate a capacity to utilise these in undertaking and appraising research, policy and outreach strategies within their sector.

## Programme's Description and Expectations

The PhD in TCD programme is by research. The programme is offered following normal University semester-based calendar and it is research based. Modules offered are for auditing, however, a candidate is expected to attend fully all the modules before thesis is submitted for examinations. As a PhD student, you will be required to tutor undergraduate and graduate students under the guidance of the Head of the Department. The language of delivery for this program is English. Special arrangements are made for students from non-English speaking countries.

### **Entry Requirements**

- i) A master's degree in any of the following fields: science, engineering, social science, humanities, arts, security studies or any related field from an accredited institution of higher learning.
- ii) Those with work experience will have an added advantage

### **g) MASTER OF SCIENCE IN FISHERIES AND AQUATIC SCIENCES**

The Master of Science in Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences programme is offered in the Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences.

### **Background**

The Master's programme in Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences is designed to equip professionals with the expertise needed to develop sustainable solutions for managing fisheries, conserving natural resources, and protecting aquatic ecosystems. By integrating advanced scientific knowledge with practical applications, the programme prepares graduates to address critical challenges such as watershed degradation, water pollution, and climate change impacts. Through interdisciplinary training, students gain the skills necessary to promote responsible fisheries management and ecosystem rehabilitation, ensuring the long-term health of aquatic environments.

The Master of Science in Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences emphasises key areas such as aquatic ecology, catchment restoration, and conservation strategies. Graduates will be equipped to tackle pressing environmental issues. By fostering innovation and evidence-based decision-making, the programme empowers professionals to contribute effectively to sustainable resource management, benefiting both ecosystems and the communities that depend on them.

### **Programme Description and Expectations**

The Master of Science in Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences follows the standard university semester schedule and is delivered as a taught programme. Students are required to complete all core modules—including those available for auditing—through full attendance before submitting their thesis for examination. The programme is conducted entirely in English, ensuring accessibility for both local and international candidates.

### **Duration of the programmes**

The Master of Science in Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences programme will run for a period of four semesters (2 academic years). An extension of one year could be considered, subject to approval after satisfying certain conditions.

### **Entry Requirements**

Applicants must have any of the following: a bachelor's degree in fisheries and aquatic sciences, fisheries, aquaculture, wildlife management, environmental sciences and any related field from an accredited institution of higher learning.

## **h) MASTER OF SCIENCE IN FORESTRY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT**

The Master of Science in Forestry and Environmental Management programme is offered in the Department of Forestry and Environmental Management.

### **Programme Description**

The programme is designed as a learning experience based on research as well as module orientation, with research supervision as the main learning element, and the interaction with fellow students and other experts in the field as an additional element of learning. The programme shall be offered through face-to-face and Virtual (e-learning) delivery modes. Each student will be assigned a minimum of two supervisors (major supervisor and co-supervisor). The supervisors will form the student's supervisory committee.

### **Research**

Students shall be required to conduct empirical research whose findings will be communicated in the form of a thesis produced at the end of the programme.

### **Duration of the programme**

This is a two-year, full-time postgraduate qualification with a possible extension of one academic year.

### **Entry requirements**

Applicants into this master's programme must have first degree from an accredited institution in the following specialisations: forestry, environmental management, natural resource management and agriculture. Relevant work experience in the specific field is an added advantage.

### **Duration of the programmes**

The programme is a two-year, full-time postgraduate qualification with a possible extension of one academic year.

## **i) MASTER OF SCIENCE IN TRANSFORMATIVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

The Master of Science in Transformative Community Development (TCD) programme is offered in the Department of Agri-Sciences.

### **Background**

The Masters in TCD programme is interdisciplinary. The programme is designed to stimulate interdisciplinary examination and critical theorisation of social practice and its relationship to policy, programs and transformational change. Basically, the program aims at transformative engagement between practitioners, policymakers, decision-makers and the communities of practice (COPs) in interdisciplinary areas.

### **Programme Description and Expectations**

The programme is offered following normal University semester-based calendar. The TCD MSc Programme is research based. Modules offered are for auditing, however, a candidate is expected to attend fully all the modules before thesis is submitted for examinations. The language of delivery for this program is English.

### **Duration of the programmes**

The Master of Science in TCD programme will run for a period of four semesters (2 academic years). An extension of one year could be considered subject to approval after satisfying certain conditions.

### **Entry Requirements**

Applicants must have any of the following: bachelor's degree in science, engineering, social science, humanities, arts, security studies any related field from an accredited institution of higher learning

## **j) MASTER OF SCIENCE IN GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS)**

The Master of Science in Geographical Information Systems programme is offered in the Department of Built Environment.

### **Programme Description**

The programme is by research and will be offered following normal University semester-based calendar. The programme offered employs modularised curriculum in which module orientations and seminars support research work. The face-to-face learning approach will be used to deliver the modules and seminars.

### **Research outputs, patents and innovations**

Students shall be required to conduct empirical research whose findings will be communicated in the form of a thesis produced at the end of the programme.

## **Duration of the programme**

The Master of Science programme in Geographical Information Systems is a two-year, full-time postgraduate qualification with a possible extension of one academic year. Candidates will undergo one academic year of modular course orientation to support research proposal development and one year of data collection and thesis development work.

## **Entry requirements**

Applicants into the Masters programme in Geographical Information Systems must have a first degree from an accredited institution in the following specialisations: land surveying, hydrographic surveying, engineering surveying, geodesy, cadastral surveying, cartography, remote sensing, geography, physical planning, demography and any related field from an accredited institution of higher learning.

## **k) MASTER OF SCIENCE IN URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING**

The Master of Science in Urban and Regional Planning programme is offered in the Department of Built Environment.

## **Programme Description**

The programme is by research and will be offered following normal University semester-based calendar. The Postgraduate Programme offered employs modularised curriculum in which module orientations and seminars support research work. The face-to-face learning approach will be used to deliver the modules and seminars.

## **Research**

Students shall be required to conduct empirical research whose findings will be communicated in the form of a thesis produced at the end of the programme.

## **Duration of the programme**

This is a two-year, full-time postgraduate qualification with a possible extension of one academic year. Candidates will undergo one academic year of modular course orientation to support research proposal development and one year of data collection and thesis development work.

## **Entry requirements**

Applicants into the Masters programme must have first degree from an accredited institution in the following specialisations: regional planning, rural development studies, geography, earth sciences, urban studies, disaster management, housing development, development studies, urban development and management, local governance, land governance, transport planning, environmental management, urban water and sanitation, population studies, urban health, urban security any related field from an

accredited institution of higher learning. Relevant work experience in the specific field is an added advantage.

### **Duration of the programmes**

The Master of Science programme in Urban and Regional Planning is a two-year, full-time postgraduate qualification with a possible extension of one academic year.

## **1) MASTER OF SCIENCE IN WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT**

The Master of Science in Water Resources Management and Development is offered in the Department of Water and Sanitation.

### **Programme Description**

The Programme is designed as learning experiences based on modules and research with supervision, and the interaction with fellow students and other experts in the field as additional elements of learning. The students will be required to undergo selected modules that will support research based on specific areas of specialisation. The programme offers several modules and topics including the following: Water Resources Planning and Management; Hydrogeology and Groundwater Technology; Hydrology & Water Resources Modelling; Water Supply; Research Methods I & II; Irrigation and Drainage Engineering; Wastewater Treatment & Resources Recovery; GIS and Remote Sensing for Water Resources; Environmental and Social Impact Assessment; Water Quality and Environment; Urban Drainage; Project Management; Hydropower Planning and Design; Hydraulic Engineering. The language of delivery for this program is English; special arrangements are made for students from non-English speaking countries.

### **Research**

Students shall be required to conduct empirical research whose findings will be communicated in the form of a Thesis produced at the end of the programme. Students are also encouraged to conduct research and innovations that will lead to patent acquisition.

### **Duration of the programmes**

This is a two-year MSc programme (2 academic year) with a possible extension of fully paid one academic year. The extension is subject to approval after satisfying certain conditions.

### **Mode of delivery**

The MSc Sanitation Programme shall be offered through both face-to-face and Virtual (e-learning) on block release basis. The programme is both by research and taught where candidates attend selected modules to complement their learning and research projects.

## **Entry Requirements**

- i) Applicants into the MSc Water Resources Management programme must have a bachelor's degree in water resources management, water resources modelling, irrigation engineering, integrated water resources management, environmental science any related field from an accredited institution of higher learning.
- ii) Candidates with relevant work experience will have an added advantage.

## **m) MASTER OF SCIENCE IN SANITATION**

The Master of Science in Sanitation programme is offered in the Department of Water and Sanitation.

### **Programme Description**

The Programme is designed as learning experiences based on modules and research with supervision, and the interaction with fellow students and other experts in the field as additional elements of learning. The students will be required to undergo selected modules that will support research based on specific areas of specialisation. The programme offers optional modules and topics including the following: Sanitation and Sustainable Development, Sanitation Systems and Services, Sanitation and Public Health, Analysis of Sanitation Flows, Sanitation Technology, Sanitation Financing, Emergency Sanitation, Research Methods I & II, Sanitation Governance, Behaviour Change and Advocacy, Project Management, and Leadership & Teamwork Skills Development. The language of delivery for this program is English; special arrangements are made for students from non-English speaking countries.

### **Research**

Students shall be required to conduct empirical research whose findings will be communicated in the form of a Thesis produced at the end of the programme. Students are also encouraged to conduct research and innovations that will lead to patent acquisition.

### **Duration of the programmes**

This is a two-year MSc programme (2 academic years) with a possible extension of fully paid one academic year. The extension is subject to approval after satisfying certain conditions.

### **Mode of delivery**

The Programme shall be offered through both face-to-face and virtual (e-learning) on block release basis. The Programme is both by research and taught where candidates attend selected modules to complement their learning and research projects.

## Entry Requirements

- i) Applicants into the MSc Sanitation programme must have bachelor's degree in sanitation, public health, integrated sanitation management, chemistry, environmental health and any related field from an accredited institution of higher learning.
- ii) Candidates with relevant work experience will have an added advantage.

## 3. FACULTY OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION

### a) DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PhD) IN INFORMATION THEORY, CODING AND CRYPTOGRAPHY

The Doctor of Philosophy in Information Theory, Coding and Cryptography (ITCC) programme is offered in the Department of Mathematics and Statistics.

#### Programme Description

The Doctor of Philosophy in ITCC is a research programme designed to develop fundamental understanding of a particular focus area of one or more of Information Theory, Error-Correcting Codes and Cryptography or related areas. Emphasis is placed on developing the ability to recognise significant research problems, formulating solutions, and transmitting outcomes to others. Candidates are expected to identify a research problem with the help of a supervisor. They should familiarise themselves with all literature and present knowledge on the subject. Students are required to carry out research and produce original work that is publishable in reputable journals. The original results of the research should be written in the form of a dissertation consisting of not less than 100 pages. The usual international standards should be adhered to, including having the moderation of external examiners.

#### Duration of the Programme

The duration of the programme is 3 years for full-time students and 5 years for part-time students.

#### Mode of Delivery

This is a research programme. It will be offered either as a full-time programme or as a part-time programme. The PhD programme will have no taught courses. However, interested students may audit courses in the MSc (Information Theory, Coding and Cryptography) programme.

#### Research

Candidates will be expected to do original research on a particular area of Information Theory, Error-Correcting Codes, Cryptography or related areas. During the course of the

programme, candidates are required to publish at least two peer-reviewed papers and make presentations at international conferences.

### **Entry Requirements**

Applicants for PhD (ITCC) must have a master's degree in information theory, coding and cryptography or a closely related field from an accredited institution of higher learning. Those with peer-reviewed journal articles in a related field will have an added advantage.

## **b) DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PhD) IN APPLIED CHEMISTRY**

The Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Applied Chemistry programme is offered in the Department of Chemistry.

### **Programme Description and Expectations**

The PhD programme is designed for postgraduate students who wish to become high-level experts in science, technology and innovation, while applying knowledge of chemistry and chemical sciences for wealth creation. The programme aims at contributing to local, regional, and global human capital development by providing self-motivated and knowledgeable professionals with relevant and high-level academic excellence coupled with worthwhile technological and innovative skills to be able to respond to the needs of both the labour market and society. Students enrolled in this programme will be expected to conduct research in areas of applied chemistry.

### **Mode of Delivery**

The programme is offered by research, with module orientation to support research work. It has the following stages: Research proposal development supported by module orientation; proposal open defense; research work; thesis write-up; external and internal thesis examination; and final thesis - open and closed defense.

### **Programme Duration**

The PhD Programme is a 3-year programme. The PhD students are expected to attend modular classes and defend their research proposals within the first year of study.

### **Entry Requirements**

Applicants to the PhD in Applied Chemistry programme should have a good master's degree in science or its equivalent with sound theoretical knowledge of chemistry, chemical technology, chemical sciences, and chemical engineering from a well-recognised institution of higher learning. Expert knowledge and work or field experience in chemistry-related research, technology, and innovations will be an added advantage. Female applicants and persons with disabilities who have comparable qualifications are encouraged to apply.

### **c) DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PhD) IN BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES (BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT)**

The PhD in Biological Sciences (Biodiversity Conservation and Management) programme is offered in the Department of Biological Sciences.

#### **Programme Description**

The programme will be based purely on research work. However, module orientation will be offered to students needing grounding in certain areas by arranging for these candidates to attend the lower-level modules that are necessary for their research work. All modules undertaken in the semesters will be assessed, but they will not contribute to the final PhD degree classification.

The programme will have the following stages:

- i. Research proposal development supported by seminars
- ii. Proposal defense
- iii. Research work
- iv. Thesis development/paper write-up supported by seminars.
- v. External and internal thesis examination
- vi. Viva voce

#### **Duration of the programme**

This PhD program is for three academic years full-time and five academic years part-time.

#### **Entry requirements**

Applicants to the PhD Program must have a Master's Degree in biological sciences or related fields with a credit. Relevant work experience in the field of biodiversity conservation and management, and a demonstrated ability to publish in peer-reviewed journals will be an added advantage.

### **d) MASTER OF SCIENCE IN INFORMATION THEORY, CODING AND CRYPTOGRAPHY**

The Master of Science in Information Theory, Coding and Cryptography programme is offered in the Department of Mathematics and Statistics.

#### **Programme Description**

The Master of Science programme in Information Theory, Coding, and Cryptography allows students to become involved at the highest levels of research in the whole area of Coding Theory. Graduates, besides taking part in research at the highest levels of mathematics, should eventually be able to apply the knowledge gained in this course to

many areas, including, but not limited to mobile telephony, high-density computer and optical disks, digital audio, internet services and miniaturisation in electronic devices.

### **Duration of Programme**

This is a full-time programme and will run for a period of four semesters (2 academic years).

### **Mode of Delivery**

The programme will comprise both coursework and research. The taught courses will be done in the first two semesters covering the following courses: Information Theory, Error Correcting Codes, Cryptography, Practical Cryptography, Graphs and Designs, Data Compression, Graph Theoretical Codes and Goppa Codes. The second year of the Programme will be devoted towards a research project.

### **Entry Requirements**

Applicants must have a minimum of bachelor's degree in Mathematics or in a closely related field with significant mathematical content from an accredited institution. Those with an honours degree in Mathematics will have an added advantage.

## **e) MASTER OF SCIENCE IN APPLIED CHEMISTRY**

The Master of Science in Applied Chemistry is offered in the Department of Chemistry.

### **Programmes Description**

The Master of Science in Applied Chemistry programme is aimed at equipping students with extensive chemistry knowledge and appropriate transferable skills to allow them to participate in worthwhile demand-driven research, technology, and innovation, as well as independent leadership and management of complex work and development situations within the field of Applied Chemistry and Chemical Sciences.

### **Mode of Delivery**

The programme is offered by research with module orientation to support research work. The programme has the following stages: Research proposal development supported by module orientation; proposal open defence; research work; thesis write-up; external and internal thesis examination; and final thesis open and closed defence.

### **Programme Duration**

The programme is for 2 years. The MSc students are expected to attend modular classes and defend their research proposals within the first year of study.

Students enrolled in the programme will be expected to conduct their research in a number of areas in applied chemistry.

## **Entry Requirements**

Applicants will be required to have a Bachelor's Degree (or its equivalent) in science with good background knowledge of Chemistry from an accredited institution. Work or field experience in chemistry-related research will be an added advantage. Successful students will be expected to develop research proposal in liaison with their supervisors.

### **f) MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT**

The Master of Science in Biodiversity Conservation and Management programme is offered by the Department of Biological Sciences.

## **Programme Description**

This is a two-year, full-time postgraduate qualification through coursework and research that will lead to a Master of Science in Biodiversity Conservation and Management. The program will be offered following the normal Mzuzu University semester-based calendar. This training program will be undertaken in a taught and research project mode leading to a thesis. The duration of the MSc program will be two years, with an allowance for an extension of one year. The first year will be dedicated to coursework, research proposal development, and proposal open defense, while the second year will be dedicated to research and seminars. In the second year, the program will have the following stages: research work and seminars; thesis write-up; external and internal thesis examination; and final thesis open and closed defense.

## **Duration of the programme**

This is a full-time programme and will run for 2 academic years (four semesters).

## **Coursework**

The programme includes the following taught courses which will be done in the first two semesters: Advanced Conservation Biology; Quantitative Methods for Ecologists; Research Methods & Scientific Communication Skills; Natural Resource Economics and Environmental Law; Computational Molecular Biology and Bioinformatics; Agrobiodiversity, Invasive Alien Species and Climate Change; Biodiversity Data Collection and Management Skills; Ecosystem Science and Management Principles; Biodiversity Measurement; Ethnobotany, Bioprospecting and Indigenous Knowledge Systems.

## **Research Project**

The second year of the Programme will be devoted to a research project.

## **Entry Requirements**

Applicants must have a good first degree from an accredited institution in the following disciplines or related fields: biological sciences, environmental sciences, ecology, natural resource management, wildlife management, forestry, fisheries, and agriculture. For the

programme, work experience in the specific field is an added advantage. Expert knowledge in the field of study and proficiency in English language skills will be required. Furthermore, applicants will be expected to possess teamwork skills and the willingness to actively cooperate with a diverse working group.

### **g) MASTER OF SCIENCE IN RENEWABLE AND SUSTAINABLE ENERGY SYSTEMS ENGINEERING**

The Master of Science in Renewable and Sustainable Energy Systems Engineering programme is offered in the Department of Energy Systems with support from Transforming Energy Access- Learning Partnership (TEA-LP).

#### **Programme Description**

The Master of Science in Renewable and Sustainable Energy Systems Engineering programme is a blend of energy systems engineering comprising renewable and sustainable energy systems, component manufacturing, and business and project management. The energy systems engineering and manufacturing focus on engineering design of energy systems development, including energy generation power plants, substations, and transmission lines, and local production and manufacturing of energy systems technologies. The business and project management aspects are intended to prepare students for managerial roles in project work and in self-employment environment.

#### **Duration of the Programme**

The programme will run for two academic years (four semesters).

#### **Coursework**

The programme includes the following taught courses which will be done in the first three semesters: Solar Energy Engineering, Wind Energy Engineering, Local Solutions for Energy Access, Energy Storage, Nuclear Technology, Mini-grids: Planning and Design, Hydro Power Engineering, Bioenergy, Appliances for Off-grid Communities, Advanced Project Management, Smart Grids, Petroleum Technology Engineering with an option for Geothermal Engineering, Green Transport Technology, Advanced Solar Power, Advanced Bioenergy, Advanced Hydro Power or Thermal Power Systems Engineering.

#### **Research Project**

Students will start developing their research proposals in the third semester with the fourth semester fully devoted for their research project.

#### **Entry Requirements**

Candidates to the programme must have a minimum of bachelor's degree in engineering or related science, technology or maths disciplines. Candidates will be expected to also send the following in response to an advertisement for intake:

- i. Certified copies of academic qualifications
- ii. Certified copies of academic transcripts

***The University through the Department of Energy Systems is offering a limited number of partial scholarships for eligible candidates.***

## **4. FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**

### **a) DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PhD) IN THEOLOGY AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES**

The Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) Programme in Theology and Religious Studies is offered in the Department of Theology and Religious Studies.

#### **Programme Description**

The Programme is by research without a residential requirement. Other requirements include attendance at:

- Postgraduate introductory seminar
- Postgraduate colloquium once in each semester

Students will be examined based on a thesis at the end of the programme.

#### **Entry Requirements**

A Master's Degree in Theology and Religious Studies or its equivalent from an accredited institution.

#### **Programme duration**

The programme will run for a period of three years.

### **b) MASTER OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE**

The Master's Degree in Library and Information Science (MLIS) is offered in the Department of Information Science.

#### **Aim of the Programme**

The aim of the programme is to train high-quality human resources at the postgraduate level in information sciences who can plan, design, develop, organize, and manage modern and traditional information resources; assume leadership roles in various organizations within the information science sector; and conduct innovative research that informs national policy formulation leading to the transformation of the nation.

#### **Nature and Length of the Programme**

The programme is offered in two academic years. In the first year, students will do full-time taught coursework covering five courses through face-to-face or Open Distance and e-learning (ODEL). Applicants are requested to indicate on the application letter their preferred mode of delivery (face-to-face or ODeL). In the second year, upon successful completion of coursework, students will be required to conduct research and submit a thesis.

International students applying under the ODeL mode of delivery may not need a study visa, as it is not mandatory for them to travel to Malawi because courses will be conducted online.

### **Entry Requirements**

Applicants to this programme shall meet any of the following entry requirements:

- i. A Bachelor's Degree in Information Sciences (Library and Information Science, ICT, Records Management or equivalent) from an accredited institution; or
- ii. A Bachelor's Degree in any field of study and a Postgraduate Diploma in information sciences; or
- iii. A Bachelor's Degree in any field of study from an accredited university with at least two years' work experience in the information sector.

### **c) MASTER OF ARTS IN THEOLOGY AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES**

The Master of Arts in Theology and Religious Studies is offered in the Department of Theology and Religious Studies.

### **Programme Description**

The MA in Theology and Religious Studies shall run for two years. It consists of taught courses in the first year and a thesis in the second year. Candidates shall take six taught modules, three in each first-year semester. In the second year, candidates shall undertake a thesis. The first semester of the second year shall be devoted to data collection, while the second semester of the same year shall be devoted to thesis writing.

### **Mode of Delivery**

The Programme will be offered through block-release.

### **Duration of the Programme**

The programme will run for four semesters (2 academic years).

### **Entry requirements**

A Bachelor's degree in Theology and Religious Studies or its equivalent from an accredited institution. Those with credit or distinction will have an added advantage.

## **d) MASTER OF ARTS IN AFRICAN HISTORY AND HERITAGE**

The Master of Arts in African History and Heritage is offered in the Department of History and Heritage Studies.

### **Aim of the Programme**

The aim of the programme is to promote and impart advanced theoretical and practical knowledge and skills related to African History, culture, and heritage for the purpose of asserting the uniqueness of our African identity. The programme also intends to produce human resources for history teaching as well as managers of cultural and heritage institutions such as the museums, Department of Antiquities, UNESCO, and the Malawi National Archives. The programme shall also generate knowledge for the conservation of culture and heritage in the country.

### **Nature and Length of the Programme**

The MA in African History and Heritage shall run for two years. It consists of taught courses in the first year and a thesis in the second year. Candidates shall take six taught modules, three in each of the first-year semesters. In the second year, candidates shall undertake a thesis. The first semester of the second year shall be devoted to data collection, while the second semester of the same year shall be devoted to thesis writing.

### **Mode of delivery**

The Programme will be offered through block release.

### **Duration of the programme**

The programme will run for a period of four semesters (2 academic years).

### **Entry Requirements**

Candidates should have a Bachelor's Degree in History and Heritage Studies, or History from an accredited institution with sufficient coverage of History content.

## **e) MASTER OF ARTS IN APPLIED LINGUISTICS (LAW ENFORCEMENT DISCOURSE)**

The Master of Arts in Applied Linguistics (Law Enforcement Discourse) is offered by the Department of Languages, Cultural and Creative Studies.

### **Programme Description**

The programme is multidisciplinary, cutting across the fields of Linguistics, Law and Criminology. The Programme is designed to train experts in linguistics, police personnel, lawyers, correctional services personnel, and immigration officials working on the language matrix of law. In this programme, language is seen and analyzed as one of the

core drivers of social injustices as well as a mediator of social conflicts and crimes. In an effort to have a free and fair justice system, there is, therefore, a need for some in-depth awareness of the injustices that are created by language and can be resolved by language.

### **Nature and Duration of the Programme**

The Programme will be offered in two years. The first year will be dedicated to course work. Students will be expected to study eight modules, namely Linguistics and Discourse; Fundamentals of Law, Language Rights; Forensic Criminology; Legal Language; Applied Theories in Forensic Linguistics; Courtroom Discourse; Language in Evidence, and Language Crimes.

### **Mode of Delivery**

The Programme will be offered through block-release.

### **Entry Requirements**

- i. Applicants must have a Bachelor's degree in linguistics, law, security studies, law enforcement, criminology, communication studies, human rights from an accredited institution of higher learning.
- ii. Applicants with any bachelor's degree from an accredited institution of higher learning with at least five years of working experience in law enforcement will also be considered.

## **5. FACULTY OF TOURISM, HOSPITALITY AND MANAGEMENT**

### **MASTER OF TOURISM AND HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT**

### **Programme Description and Aim**

The programme is pivoted on theoretical and conceptual discourses in tourism and hospitality as fields of study as well as the promotion of advanced research in the area. The aim of the programme is to impart and promote advanced theoretical and practical knowledge and skills in tourism and hospitality that are responsive to national, regional, and international needs. The programme will contribute to the development of the country through the creation and dissemination of tourism and hospitality knowledge backed by research. The programme will produce highly trained, interdisciplinary-oriented professionals with diverse knowledge and competencies in all aspects of tourism and hospitality.

### **Nature and Duration of the Programme**

This programme will run for a period of two (2) academic years (four semesters). It consists of taught courses in the first year and a research project in the second year. Candidates shall take ten (10) taught courses; five (5) courses in each of the two first-

year semesters. The second academic year will consist of a research project culminating in an examinable thesis.

### **Mode of Delivery**

The programme shall be delivered through block release.

### **Entry Requirements**

Candidates should have a bachelor's degree in any of the following fields: tourism management; hospitality management; cultural and heritage tourism studies; culinary arts, food and beverage management; accommodation management; and travel and aviation management or related fields from an accredited institution of higher learning; **or**

A bachelor's degree in a non-tourism or hospitality management discipline from an accredited institution of higher learning, but with at least two years of relevant work experience in tourism and hospitality management.

## **6. FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES**

### **MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING EDUCATION (CLINICAL TEACHING)**

The Master of Science in Nursing Education (Clinical Teaching) programme is offered by the Department of Nursing and Midwifery. The programme builds capacity of healthcare professionals with advanced nursing practice skills to facilitate clinical teaching and learning, research and innovation.

### **Entry requirements**

Candidates should meet the following requirements:

- i. A Bachelor's Degree in Nursing; Nursing and Midwifery; Midwifery or any nursing related bachelor's degree from an accredited institution;
- ii. A minimum of two years clinical working experience post bachelors' degree level;
- iii. Registered with the Nurses and Midwives Council of Malawi (NMCM); and
- iv. International applicants should be registered with the regulatory body in their country of origin and they will be required to be indexed with Nurses and Midwives Council of Malawi (NMCM) upon verification.

### **Programme Brief**

The Master of Science degree in Nursing Education (Clinical Teaching) programme is a two-year delivered using the block release mode. Graduates from the programme will have an understanding of foundational principles of symbiotic clinical education, the ability to demonstrate advanced and applied knowledge and skills in clinical education.

Graduates will become leaders, managers and researchers in nursing and midwifery education and practice institutions, and related Non-Governmental Organizations.

**NOTE:** Applicants should attach a concept note for their research interest area when applying.

## 7. GENERAL INFORMATION

### a) PROGRAMME FEES

The following fees will apply:

#### i) Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

- i. Malawian Nationals - The fees payable per student for one academic year is **MK3,600,000.00**.
- ii. Other Nationals – The fees payable per student for one academic year is **US\$6,000.00**.

#### ii) Master's Degree

- i. Malawian Nationals - The fees payable per student for one academic year is **MK3,000,000.00**.
- ii. Other Nationals – The fees payable per student for one academic year is **US\$3,333.00**.

**NOTE: Fees are subject to change from time to time.**

### b) MINIMUM EXPECTED OUTPUTS

- i. PhD: Thesis and at least 2 publishable manuscripts.
- ii. MSc.: Thesis and at least 1 publishable manuscript.

### c) BOOKS, STATIONERY, INTERNET ACCESS AND ACCOMMODATION PROVISIONS

- i. Candidates are advised to budget for an estimated amount of **\$450** per academic year for books, and stationery requirements.
- ii. All campuses have various internet access points provided by the University. However, students will need to budget for their own internet subscription to supplement;
- iii. All candidates will be admitted on self-sponsored category;
- iv. Candidates will be expected to provide for their own accommodation. International candidates may be considered for on-campus accommodation at the prevailing rental charges.

#### **d) APPLICATION PROCEDURES**

**Eligible Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) applicants should submit application dossiers which must include the following:**

- i) A letter of application providing motivation for the application;
- ii) Updated *Curriculum Vitae*;
- iii) Three traceable referees (at least two from the academia);
- iv) Two reference letters (at least one from the academia);
- v) Copies of academic certificates;
- vi) Certified copies of academic transcripts;
- vii) A research concept in the area of specialisation of approximately one thousand words; and
- viii) Copy of bank deposit slip for the application fee.

**Eligible Master Programmes applicants should submit their application packages which must include the following:**

- i) A letter of application providing motivation for the application;
- ii) Updated curriculum vitae;
- iii) Two letters from academic referees;
- iv) Copies of academic certificates;
- v) Copies of academic transcripts; and
- vi) Bank deposit slip for the admission application fee.

#### **e) PAYMENT OF ADMISSION APPLICATION FEE**

All applicants should pay a non-refundable admission application fee of **MK30,000.00** for Malawian applicants and **US\$60** for international applicants. The application fee should be deposited directly into the following bank account:

<b>Name of the Bank</b>	:	NBS Bank
<b>Account Name</b>	:	Mzuzu University Admission Account
Account Number	:	<b>21430908</b>
<b>Branch</b>	:	Mzuzu Branch

Swift code (for international transfers): NBSTMWMW

**The bank deposit slip should be attached to the application letter.**

**f) SUBMISSION OF THE APPLICATION PACKAGE**

Completed application package should be sent to:

[...name of programme being applied for...] **2025/2026 Admissions**  
University Registrar  
Mzuzu University  
Private Bag 201  
Luwinga  
**MZUZU 2**  
**MALAWI**

**NB:** For international applicants, applications by email will be accepted.

All applications should reach the Registrar's Office not later than **Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

**Further enquiries about the programmes may be directed to the following:**

Faculty of Education Programmes	Email: <a href="mailto:foe@mzuni.ac.mw">foe@mzuni.ac.mw</a>
Faculty of Environmental Sciences Programmes	Email: <a href="mailto:foes@mzuni.ac.mw">foes@mzuni.ac.mw</a>
Faculty of Science, Technology and Innovation Programmes	Email: <a href="mailto:fosti@mzuni.ac.mw">fosti@mzuni.ac.mw</a>
Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences Programmes	Email: <a href="mailto:deanofhss@mzuni.ac.mw">deanofhss@mzuni.ac.mw</a>
Faculty of Tourism, Hospitality and Management Programme	E-mail: <a href="mailto:fothm@mzuni.ac.mw">fothm@mzuni.ac.mw</a>
Faculty of Health Sciences	E-mail: <a href="mailto:deanofhs@mzuni.ac.mw">deanofhs@mzuni.ac.mw</a>