



CLARIFICATION ON ALLEGATIONS OF “MISSING GRADES” FOR GRADUATING STUDENTS

Mzuzu University (MZUNI) has noted with concern allegations circulating on social media claiming that 500 students will not graduate on Friday, 9th January 2026, due to incomplete academic records.

Management wishes to provide a factual clarification on the claim using verified academic records and established academic regulations that the actual number of students with incomplete academic records is 262, not 500. Each of these 262 students has one or more outstanding academic assessments that render them ineligible for graduation at this time, not missing grades as portrayed.

We wish to inform the public that incomplete academic records result from formally recorded academic outcomes, not from missing grades, system failures, or administrative errors.

The following is a summary of students with incomplete academic records:

Category	Number of students and Outstanding Issues
Diploma students with one or more outstanding courses	57 Each has one or more outstanding academic cases preventing them from graduating.
Bachelor’s Degree students with one outstanding course	133 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 70 repeat cases yet to be redone and• 63 candidates with outstanding supplementary examinations yet to be taken.
Bachelor’s Degree students with two outstanding courses	61 Each has two or more outstanding academic assessments, preventing them from graduating
Bachelor’s Degree students with three or more outstanding courses	68 Each student was required to withdraw and return at an appropriate corresponding semester to repeat the failed courses, and therefore, these students are not eligible for graduation
Total	262

The general public is hereby informed that, as shown above and in accordance with prevailing academic regulations, each student has one or more outstanding academic assessments and therefore cannot qualify for graduation until the course or courses are successfully re-taken and passed.

It is, therefore, misleading to claim that students are failing to graduate because grades were missing. Rather, their academic record is incomplete, and they have not met the requirements for the award of their qualifications. However, some of the assessment cases have recently undergone Faculty and Senate review. Upon meeting the requirements, such candidates have been certified for their respective awards

Mzuzu University stands to preserve its academic integrity. In this regard, it has in place a strong quality assurance system to ensure academic excellence. The University has also developed a robust home-grown automated grade management system that provides progression control mechanisms, which should not be mistaken for administrative failure but rather enhanced administrative control over academic progression and completion.

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