

iii) Bachelor of Arts in African Musicology

This is a multidisciplinary programme of study that deals with the science and art of music and their unique connections within the culture and heritage context. It aims at responding to the demand of highly qualified persons in the growing technological and competitive sectors of music and multimedia within the cultural industries, and harnessing of innovation and entrepreneurship trends in music and multimedia.

The programme emphasizes use of music for sustainable development, and the study of music from the scientific and humanistic approaches. Studies in applied comparative musicology (applied ethnomusicology) are intended for students interested in the African music for a better understanding and respect of various African cultures, especially Malawian cultures, and their application for sustainable development. The programme intends to meet the country's need for well qualified, skilled and competent graduates who will serve in the broad range of sectors including education, broadcasting, theatre, multimedia, and music industry in Malawi.

Graduates have career opportunities in academia, corporations and business entities, government and self jobs.

Admission Undergraduate Students

(i) Candidates must have at least six credit passes in MSCE and IGCSE or their equivalent including English language. In addition the candidate should have a grade of no more than 4 in a combination of any of the following subjects:

- a. History, Bible Knowledge, Geography, Life Skills, Geography, Creative Arts, and Social Studies for Indigenous Knowledge Systems and Practices
- b. History, Bible Knowledge, Geography, Life Skills, Geography, Performing Arts, and Social Studies for African Musicology
- c. Physical Science or Physics, Chemistry, Biology, and



Mathematics for Sports Sciences.

For purposes of selection, 'O' level grades shall be interpreted as follows: A*=1, A=2, B=3, C=5, D=7, EFG=8.

(ii) For Malawian students, selection to the University shall be based on the Government of Malawi's equitable access policy and merit and is coordinated by the National Council of Higher Education (NCHE). For foreign students, selection shall be based on merit and ability to pay all the required fees.

Fees:

- (i) Malawian undergraduate students pay K450,000 per academic year.
- (ii) Foreign students from SADC countries pay US\$3,000 per academic year while those from other countries pay US\$3,500 per academic year.
- (iii) Other costs include K40,000 residence fee per semester; living expenses of approximately K500,000 per year and medical insurance whose amount will be advised.
- (iv) Postgraduate students pay US\$5,000 as tuition fees but there are also other charges for accommodation, thesis binding and research, all of which can be paid in Malawi Kwacha equivalents.

MUST Facilities

The university comprises three functional areas. The teaching and learning area includes the teaching block comprising 60 lecture rooms with sitting capacity of 6000 students, the teaching hospital, the administration complex, the library and science and technology building and the auditorium.

The sports area includes sports facilities such as an outdoor track field, basketball and volleyball courts and a football field. The living area includes student hostels and the service area.

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Bingu School of Culture and Heritage

Where Excellence Reigns

History

The Malawi University of Science and Technology (MUST) was established on December 17, 2012 by the Malawi University of Science and Technology Act No. 31 of 2012 as the fourth public university in Malawi. It opened its doors to pioneer students in April 2014 but was officially opened by His Excellency the President, Professor Arthur Peter Mutharika on October 24, 2014. It currently has around 1,400 students both at undergraduate and postgraduate levels comprising Malawians and foreign students.

Situated near Ndata Farm in the cool and tea growing district of Thyolo in southern Malawi, MUST is some 27km from Limbe, a town in the country's commercial city of Blantyre.

The university comprises three functional areas: Teaching and learning, sports and living service.

The MUST campus occupies a total plot area of 215,000m² and has total building area of 46,000m². The student seating capacity of this university is 6000. Evidently, MUST, which is still young, fresh and growing, will hugely contribute towards government of Malawi's efforts to increase access to higher education and create the much needed pool of skilled and knowledgeable professionals to spur production by adding value to natural resources and other raw materials with the aim of turning Malawi from the undesirable position of being a net consuming and importing nation towards the country's vision of being a net producer and exporter.

University Vision

A world class centre of science and technology education, research and entrepreneurship.

University Mission

To provide a conducive environment for quality education, training, research, entrepreneurship and outreach to facilitate economic growth in Malawi and beyond.

University Core Values

Commitment, professionalism, integrity, competitiveness, openness to diversity, entrepreneurship and innovativeness

Schools

The University has adopted the model of having schools instead of faculties and currently has four functional schools, namely the Malawi Institute of Technology (MIT), Ndata School of Climate and Earth Sciences (NSCES), Bingu School of African Culture and Heritage (BISCH)

and the Academy of Medical Sciences (AMS).

Bingu School of Culture and Heritage

It is headed by the Executive Dean, Dr Robert Chanunkha, who holds a PhD in Music Education from University of Pretoria, an MA in Music from University of South Africa and a bachelor of Education from University of Malawi, Chancellor College. He is first known holder of the doctorate degree in music education in Malawi. He has taught music at Chancellor College where he was also head of Fine and Performing Arts. He is the brains behind the anthems of University of Malawi and MUST.



The BISCH is the third school to be opened at MUST in 2016 and started with two undergraduate programmes. It is still undergoing establishment, and currently has four departments--Sports Sciences, Indigenous Knowledge Systems and Practices, African Musicology, and Language and Communication Studies.

Academic Programmes under BISCH

i) Bachelor of Science in Sports Science

The need for the programme is motivated by five critical factors: (1) dwindling standards of sports industry in Malawi; (2) socio-political changes at local and global levels towards seeking varied ways of addressing modern challenges through sports industry; (3) need to align sports industry with sustainable socio-economic development; (4) need to qualitatively and quantitatively respond to the demand for highly skilled and qualified human capital in sports sciences sector; and (5) need to fill in the gap about information on sports medicine, nutrition, physiology and anatomy.

If Malawi is to address these critical factors and achieve desired levels of innovation, creativity and production, use of human capital in a sustainable manner has to be extended and linked to sports sciences as it plays a great role in strengthening and contributing to economy, health, improved human life, and social transformation across different contexts.

Sports Sciences programme aims to fulfil a critical need of shortage of skilled and knowledgeable people in the field. Experts and graduates can venture into sports related positions such as physical education teachers, exercise physiologists, sport psychologists, sports agents, sports nutritionists, personal trainers, strength and conditioning specialists, health advisors, physical therapists, sports entrepreneurs, and sports development officers. Furthermore, the programme will impact and inculcate knowledge and skills of sports sciences into students to enable them become experts in policy formulation, research, innovations, and entrepreneurship.



Methods of Training

Sports Nutrition

Biomechanics

Sports Medicine

Anthropometry

Sports Psychology

ii) Bachelor of Arts in Indigenous Knowledge Systems and Practices

The IKSP programme, uniquely, combines different disciplines that relate to human cultures. These disciplines include ethics and morality, fine arts, health, dietary systems, architecture, heritage, and environment. As a humanistic study, IKSP combines multiple domains and types of knowledge with differing logics and epistemologies to help improve the quality of human life and sustainable socio-economic development. It provides opportunities to understand various aspects of the human condition, knowledge and skills on the way humans relate to one another, sustain and protect life, use and conserve the natural and spiritual worlds.

It is an exciting, comprehensive and developing area of study which draws inspiration from local knowledge and skills. Examples include development and production of ceramics ware; herbal medicine; viewing of lifestyles, diets, architectural designs, and world from alternative perspectives; and protection of endangered local knowledge and skills. Malawi and other parts of the world are facing challenges in eradicating poverty, improving health services, decay of morality and ethics, loss of customs and beliefs, and enhancing social economic growth. The aim of IKSP programme is

to play a major role in addressing those challenges through providing alternative paradigms and perspectives for meaningful engagement with issues extending to the realm of science, technology, innovation, economics, governance, leadership and development.

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