



2026/27 ACADEMIC YEAR: REPORTING DATES, ORIENTATION, COMMENCEMENT OF CLASSES, FEES AND ACCOMMODATION ARRANGEMENTS

The Malawi University of Science and Technology (MUST) informs all newly admitted and continuing students of the arrangements for the commencement of the 2026/27 Academic Year.

The students are urged to specifically note information relating to reporting dates, orientation programs, commencement of classes, tuition and other applicable fees, payment arrangements, and student accommodation as provided below. To adhere to these requirements, all students are urged to make the necessary academic, financial, and logistical preparations in good time. Adherence to the stipulated arrangements and timelines is essential to ensure an orderly and smooth commencement of the 2026/27 Academic Year.

1.0 REPORTING, ORIENTATION AND COMMENCEMENT OF CLASSES

Category	Activity and Venue	Date
First-Year Generic and ODeL Students	Reporting to Campus, at Ndata, Thyolo	23 August, 2026
First-Year Generic, ODeL and Weekend Students	Orientation, Thyolo	24–28 August, 2026
Continuing Students	Reporting to Campus, Thyolo and City campus	30 August, 2026
All Undergraduate Students	Commencement of Classes	31 August, 2026

Postgraduate Students	Orientation, City campus	31 August–4 September, 2026
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1.1 First-Year Students

All first-year students admitted to the Generic (Face-to-Face), Open Distance and e-Learning (ODEL), and Weekend programmes are required to report to the University on Sunday, 23 August, 2026. The orientation program for first-year students will be conducted from 24 to 28 August, 2026. The program is designed to familiarise students with the University, its academic and administrative systems, policies and regulations, student support services, learning facilities, library and information resources, as well as other aspects of university life. All first-year students are expected to participate fully in the orientation program. Upon completion of the orientation program on 28 August, 2026, first-year ODeL students will return home and continue their studies through the University's online learning platforms. As such, the ODeL students are required to make accommodation arrangements for the orientation week only. For the first-year Weekend students, after the orientation, they will be required to start their classes at the City campus and as such, any accommodation arrangement post orientation has to be within Blantyre.

1.2 Continuing Students

All continuing students are required to report to campus on Sunday, 30 August, 2026. Teaching and learning activities for undergraduate students will commence on Monday, 31 August, 2026. Students are, therefore, expected to make all necessary arrangements to ensure that they are on campus, fully registered and ready to participate in classes from the first day of teaching.

1.3 Postgraduate Students

Orientation for postgraduate students will be conducted from 31 August to 4 September, 2026 at the City campus. All postgraduate students are expected to participate fully in the orientation program. The orientation will provide important information regarding postgraduate academic requirements, programme structures, research expectations, supervision arrangements, University policies, academic regulations and other matters relevant to postgraduate study. Following the orientation, postgraduate classes shall commence in accordance with the respective programme delivery mode and academic schedule. Students are therefore advised to pay close attention to communications from their respective Schools, Departments and programme coordinators.

2.0 ACCOMMODATION ARRANGEMENTS

The University wishes to inform students of the accommodation arrangements for the 2026/27 Academic Year.

2.1 Release of Room Allocation

The Office of the Dean of Students' Affairs (DoSA) will release the room allocation list before the commencement of the Semester. Students are, therefore, advised to regularly check the official University communication channels for the release of the accommodation allocation. Students should not report to or occupy any University accommodation room before the official allocation has been released.

2.2 Programmes Based at MUST City Campus, Blantyre

A separate memorandum will be issued detailing the programmes that will be based at the MUST City Campus in Blantyre. Students are, therefore, advised to wait for the communication and should not make assumptions about the delivery location of their programmes.

2.3 Accommodation for First-Year Students

All first-year students allocated University accommodation shall be housed in the Extension Wing. Students allocated rooms in the Extension Wing will receive further information from the Office of the Dean of Students' Affairs regarding reporting to their rooms and other accommodation requirements.

2.4 Accommodation for Continuing Students

All continuing students who are allocated University accommodation shall be accommodated in the Main Hostels. Students should wait for official room allocation from the Office of the Dean of Students' Affairs before proceeding to occupy any room.

2.5 Students Not Allocated University Accommodation

Due to limited University accommodation capacity, the allocation of accommodation shall be subject to availability, and the University cannot guarantee accommodation to all students who may require it.

Students who are not allocated University accommodation shall be responsible for securing their own accommodation from private landlords or other suitable accommodation providers in areas surrounding the University campus. Such students are advised to make appropriate accommodation arrangements well in advance of the reporting date. Students shall also be responsible for exercising due diligence in assessing the suitability, security, cost, accessibility, and terms of any privately arranged accommodation.

The University shall not be responsible for contractual arrangements, financial obligations, disputes, losses, or other liabilities arising from accommodation independently secured by students from private landlords or accommodation providers.

3.0 FEES FOR THE 2026/27 ACADEMIC YEAR

The following fees shall apply for the 2026/27 Academic Year:

Student Category	Tuition Fee per Academic Year (MK)	Medical Cover (MK)	Total Annual Fees (MK)
Generic	1,300,000	60,000	1,360,000
ODeL	1,300,000	60,000	1,360,000
Economic Fee-Paying	3,500,000	60,000	3,560,000
Mature Entry	1,800,000	60,000	1,860,000
Weekend	1,800,000	60,000	1,860,000
Postgraduate	6,128,000	60,000	6,188,000

The Medical Cover fee of K60,000 is payable by students in addition to the applicable tuition fee.

4.0 BANK ACCOUNTS FOR FEES PAYMENT

Students should pay their University fees through either of the following MUST bank accounts:

Bank	Branch	Account Name	Account Type	Account Number
National Bank of Malawi	Limbe	MUST Collections	Current Account	1008811427
FDH Bank	Limbe	MUST Collection	Current Account	1070000218137

Students should ensure that payments are made into the correct University bank account and that the appropriate payment details are provided to facilitate accurate allocation of the payment to the student's account. When making a payment, students should clearly indicate their Student ID/Registration Number and full name as the payment reference. Students are further advised to retain their bank deposit slips, electronic payment confirmations or other official proof of payment for verification and future reference. Students should not make fee payments into personal accounts or any account other than the official University accounts communicated by MUST.

All students are strongly advised against falling for fraudsters who call and force them to make payments into personal accounts or mobile money accounts. The university DOES

NOT call students on payment issues and anyone who calls asking for payment for any of the university's services should be treated with suspicion, no matter their name or position.

5.0 REGISTRATION AND CLEARANCE

All students are required to complete the necessary academic registration, financial clearance and other administrative requirements within the prescribed periods. Students are reminded that reporting to campus and attending orientation does not, by itself, constitute completion of registration. Students must ensure that all relevant registration and clearance processes have been completed before commencing or continuing their studies. Students who experience challenges relating to registration, fees, accommodation, academic records or other University services should promptly contact the appropriate University office for assistance. Every student shall be required to register in SARIS. Our ICT and Registry departments will facilitate the process when students are on campus.

6.0 MEALS

All new students are being informed that the university does not provide meals for students, and as such, all students are required to buy their own meals from the university cafeteria or from a range of private caterers outside the university campus. As such, in addition to tuition and accommodation fees, which is paid directly to the university through the designated bank accounts, all students are supposed to have some out of pocket money to allow them manage their day to day activities, including buying meals. Money for meals is never paid to the university but kept and managed by the students themselves.

7.0 TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS

The university provides transport for all arriving students on the designated day of arrival. In this case, Sunday 23 August, 2026 for first year students and Sunday, 30 August, 2026 for continuing students. The transport is only available from Limbe to the MUST campus in Thyolo and the pick-up point is Meru Filling Station, near Illovo Head Office. On these two days, a university bus will be available at 10am, 2pm and 4.30pm to pick students to the campus and any student that arrives outside these times will find their own transportation to campus.

8.0 GENERAL NOTICE TO ALL STUDENTS

All students are strongly advised to adhere to the reporting, orientation and commencement dates outlined in this memorandum and to make adequate preparations for the new academic year. Students are expected to report to the University on the dates applicable to their respective categories and to participate fully in the scheduled orientation programs. They are further advised to regularly check the official University communication channels for information regarding room allocation and to wait for the special

memorandum identifying programmes that will be based at the MUST City Campus in Blantyre.

Students should also take note of their accommodation allocation before making arrangements to occupy University rooms. Those who are not allocated University accommodation are expected to make alternative accommodation arrangements with private landlords or other recognised accommodation providers around the campus. All students are also required to complete their academic registration, financial clearance and other administrative requirements within the prescribed periods and to ensure that all applicable fees are paid through the official University bank accounts.

Students are further strongly encouraged to retain proof of payment for all fees paid to the University and to regularly monitor official University communication channels for any further announcements, changes or additional instructions concerning the commencement of the 2026/27 Academic Year. The University welcomes all students to the 2026/27 Academic Year and wishes them a successful, productive and rewarding academic year.

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