



MALAWI UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

PRESS RELEASE

OPENING DATES FOR THE 2021/22 ACADEMIC YEAR

The Malawi University of Science and Technology (MUST) wishes to inform all new and continuing generic students about opening dates for the 2021/22 Academic Year as follows:

1, Arrival Dates

a) All New/First Year Students

Students who were selected early this year and will be reporting on campus for the first time should arrive on campus on Sunday, June 5, 2022. This includes mature entry students. These students will undergo an orientation from Monday, June 6 to 10, during which period they are also expected to do their registration.

b) Continuing Students

For all continuing students, their arrival date is Sunday, June 19, 2022 and for those who would have paid the required fees, their registration would open by June 6 and they will be able to register online.

2, Fees payment

Tuition fees for generic students is currently at K450,000 per annum while full economic fee paying and mature entry students pay K2,250,000 per year. All these fees can be paid in instalments each semester. For a student to be registered, they are required to at least pay 25 percent of the semester tuition fees (at least K60,000 for generic students and K562,500 for full economic fee paying and mature entry students) plus accommodation fees. Otherwise, the University implements a “No Fees, No Registration Policy”.

Students who will not pay the semester accommodation fees in full, will not be given a room in a university hostel.

The following bank accounts should be used when paying fees:

Account Name: MUST Collections Account

Account Number: 9100001063429

Bank Name: Standard
Branch: Limbe
Swift Code: SBICMWMX

or

(ii) **Account Name:** MUST Collections Account
Account Number: 1070000218137
Bank Name: FDH Bank
Branch: Limbe
Swift Code: FDHFMWMW

Payment can also be made online on our webpage (www.must.ac.mw).

When fees is paid through the bank, there is need for the students to submit a deposit slip to Finance as proof of payment. However, there is no need for this for online fees payment.

3, Support services

The offices of the Dean of Students' Affairs, Estates Development Management and Finance will be open during both weekends when students are expected to arrive on campus. Students are advised to direct all matters related to their welfare and accommodation to the office of the Dean of Students' Affairs. Finance will be there to verify and confirm fees and other payments.

Upon arrival, all new students should present themselves to the two offices below whose officers will be on campus on the arrival days:

a, Dean of Students Affairs

This office is there to support students with any matters relating to their welfare on campus. These include matters of social and psychosocial support plus hostel room allocation for those who would have paid for campus accommodation.

b, Finance/Accounts

This office will be there to verify students' fees payments (not collecting or receiving fees). Students are required to pay their tuition and other fees through the bank or online. Once the Finance team or their system verifies fees payment, they will authorize other offices or systems such as for registration, to give the student access. If fees is not paid, all access points for the student will be locked up until such a time when fees is paid.

3, Campus security

The University has security officers in designated places, including the teaching area, hostels and at the main entrance. However, students have the primary responsibility for

ensuring that their belongings are safe. Each hostel occupant is supposed to ensure secure locking of their room when they go out.

The University is not responsible for students' security outside campus. Otherwise, any security issues should be reported to the University Security Officer on 0881621194 or email: akamtule@must.ac.mw

4, Rules and regulations

All new students will receive a copy of the University's Rules and Regulations for their guidance. It is important for all students to familiarize themselves with these rules and regulations as ignorance of the same is no excuse during disciplinary actions.

5, Students' Orientation

All new/first year students are required to attend all orientation sessions. The orientation programme is designed to help students with all the information they need for their easy settling down on campus. It also helps students to ably understand their responsibilities as university students both academically and socially.

6, Catering Services

The University does not provide any meals to students. However, MUST has a cafeteria managed by an outsourced caterer and students access meals by paying directly to the caterer. There are also a number of options outside the campus where meals suiting different pocket sizes are on offer. While the University monitors the quality of meals in the outsourced cafeteria, it has no control over the quality of meals offered by vendors outside campus. As such, students are advised to only access food from reputable service providers for their health well-being.

7, Covid-19

Much as the Covid-19 infection figures have gone down, the pandemic remains with us and all students need to follow all the prescribed preventive measures both on campus and outside it. All students who feel sick or show symptoms of Covid-19, are encouraged to visit the University's health facility on campus for screening. Those who have not yet received Covid-19 vaccination, they are also encouraged to get a jab of their choice. The University clinic is available to provide guidance on where such vaccines can be accessed.

8, Loans for needy students

The University does not offer loans for students' tuition and other fees. Needy students are advised to apply for a loan from the government established Higher Education Students' Loans and Grants Board (HESLGB). Currently, the HESLGB has opened its window for loan applications for the coming academic year and new students are also eligible to apply before the closing date of June 21, 2022. Students can apply through a physical application form or online and access for both is through the HESLGB webpage (www.heslgb.mw). The Registry Office is also available to offer guidance and support for needy students seeking to

apply for a loan. The Registry can be contacted through phone 01 478 000 during working hours.

9, Communication with the University

The University has designated platforms for communication and students are encouraged to only get information through these platforms and communicate back through the same. These include the University website (www.must.ac.mw), Facebook page (@mustmalawi), Twitter account (@mustmalawi), parents and guardians WhatsApp forum, students' mailing list and the mass media. Direct phone calls or emails from non-institutionalized accounts should be verified with authorities to avoid being duped. No one student should entertain anyone who calls them and directs them to pay their fees into any bank account other than those provided above. MUST does also not collect fees through mobile money.

10, Campus wide WIFI

All registered students are entitled to free campus WIFI. However, there is need to use student credentials to access it. These credentials are only provided upon registration of the students. Much as the WIFI allows open access, students are advised to mostly use the facility for academic related activities.

13, Enquiries

For more information or inquiries, please contact the following:

Deputy University Registrar: 0999875665 or msambani@must.ac.mw

Dean of Students Affairs: 0884932785 or saikimu@must.ac.mw

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