



## PRESS RELEASE

### UNIVERSITY OF MALAWI BLENDED CONGREGATION FOR THE 2019/2020 GRADUANDS

The University of Malawi wishes to inform graduands and the general public that its second Congregation for 2021 will be held on **Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2021** in the **Great Hall** at **University of Malawi** in Zomba from **7:30 a.m.**

It should be noted that **the Chancellor of the University, His Excellency the State President, Dr. Lazarus McCarthy Chakwera**, has delegated the **Acting Vice Chancellor, Professor Al Mtenje** to preside over the graduation.

The University appreciates its tradition of holding face-to-face graduation ceremonies which accommodates all graduands. However, the University considered several factors that informed its decision to hold the blended graduation ceremony and among such considerations was the Covid-19 control measures.

Please further note that due to the gazetted preventive, management and control measures of COVID-19, **A MAXIMUM OF 465 OUT OF 939 GRADUANDS WILL BE ALLOWED TO ATTEND A PHYSICAL GRADUATION CEREMONY** in the Great Hall.

Only a limited number of **CONGREGATION STAFF AND INVITED GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS** will be allowed to meet the legally allowed in-door gathering number of 500 people.

**GRADUANDS AND GUARDIANS SHOULD FURTHER NOTE THAT THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES OF GRADUANDS ARE THE ONES WHO SHALL ATTEND THE PHYSICAL GRADUATION CEREMONY:**

1. Those graduating with credit;
2. Those graduating with distinction
3. Those graduating with an Honours degree;
4. Those graduating with a Masters Degree; and
5. Those graduating with a PhD.

**ALL GRADUANDS WITH A PASS AND THOSE GRADUATING WITH POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMAS SHALL GRADUATE VIRTUALLY.**

During the ceremony, all the remaining graduands, parents and guardians will follow the proceedings through virtual graduation links on You-tube, Facebook and CHANCO Television which shall be communicated in due course.

Academic awards shall be conferred to graduands WHO WILL ATTEND a physical graduation ceremony in the following programmes:

**A. KAMUZU UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH SCIENCES (FORMERLY COLLEGE OF MEDICINE)**

1. Bachelor of Medicine Bachelor of Surgery (Honours)
2. Bachelor of Science in Internal Medicine (Honours)
3. Bachelor of Science in Obstetrics & Gynaecology (Honours)
4. Master of Medicine in Internal Medicine
5. Master of Medicine (Ophthalmology)
6. Master of Medicine in Obstetrics & Gynaecology
7. Master of Medicine in Family Medicine
8. Master of Science in Epidemiology
9. Master of Public Health
10. Master of Science in Bioinformatics
11. Master of Science in Global Health Implementation
12. Master of Philosophy in Biomedical Sciences
13. Doctor of Philosophy in Paediatrics and Child Health
14. Doctor of Philosophy in Public Health
15. Doctor of Philosophy in Exercise Physiology
16. Doctor of Philosophy in Obstetrics and Gynaecology
17. Doctor of Philosophy in Health Systems and Policy

**B. KAMUZU UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH SCIENCES (FORMERLY KAMUZU COLLEGE OF NURSING)**

1. Bachelor of Science in Adult Health Nursing
2. Bachelor of Science in Child Health Nursing
3. Bachelor of Science in Community Health Nursing
4. Bachelor of Science in Mental Health and Psychiatric Nursing
5. Bachelor of Science in Midwifery
6. Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Midwifery
7. Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Adult Health)
8. Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Nursing Education)
9. Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Paediatric Nursing)
10. Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Midwifery)
11. Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Community Health)
12. Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Mental Health and Psychiatric)

13. Master of Science in Nursing and Midwifery Education
14. Master of Science in Child Health Nursing
15. Master of Science in Community Health Nursing
16. Master of Science in Midwifery
17. Master of Science in Reproductive Health
18. Doctor of Philosophy in Interprofessional Health Care Leadership

**C. UNIVERSITY OF MALAWI (FORMERLY CHANCELLOR COLLEGE)**

1. Diploma in Law
2. Diploma in Statistics
3. Bachelor of Arts Communication and Cultural Studies
4. Bachelor of Arts Humanities
5. Bachelor of Arts Media for Development
6. Bachelor of Arts (Human Resource Management)
7. Bachelor of Education Language
8. Bachelor of Education Science
9. Bachelor of Education Social Studies
10. Bachelor of Laws (Honours)
11. Bachelor of Science
12. Bachelor of Science in Family and Consumer Sciences
13. Bachelor of Social Science
14. Bachelor of Social Science (Gender Studies\_
15. Bachelor of Social Science (Social Work)
16. Master of Education in Policy, Planning and Leadership
17. Master of Education in Testing, Measurement and Evaluation
18. Master of Education in Educational Psychology
19. Master of Education in Curriculum and Teaching Studies (Social Studies Education)
20. Master of Education in Curriculum and Teaching Studies (Science and Mathematics)
21. Master of Science in Biostatistics
22. Master of Science in Mathematical Sciences
23. Master of Science in Informatics
24. Master of Science in Water Resource Modelling and Governance
25. Master of Science in Applied Chemistry
26. Master of Arts in Development Studies
27. Master of Arts in Economics
28. Master of Arts in Human Resource Management and Industrial Relations
29. Master of Arts in Political Science
30. Master of Arts in African Social History
31. Master of Arts in Applied Ethics

32. Master of Arts in Applied Linguistics
33. Master of Arts in Theology and Religious Studies
34. Master of Arts in Literature
35. Master of Laws Commercial Law
36. Master of Public Administration and Management

#### **D. MALAWI UNIVERSITY OF BUSINESS AND APPLIED SCIENCES (FORMERLY THE POLYTECHNIC)**

1. Diploma in Automobile Engineering
2. Diploma in Biomedical Engineering
3. Diploma in Civil Engineering
4. Diploma in Electrical and Electronics Engineering
5. Diploma in Mechanical Engineering
6. Diploma in Mining Engineering
7. Master of Science in Water Resources and Supply Management
8. Master of Science in Environmental Health
9. Master of Science in Environmental Protection & Management
10. Master of Business Administration
11. Master of Technical and Vocational Education
12. Master of Arts in Health and Behaviour Change Communication
13. Master of Science in Infrastructure Development and Management
14. Master of Science in Sustainable Engineering and Management-Water
15. Master of Philosophy in Engineering (Power and Machines)
16. Doctor of Philosophy in Engineering (Industrial Management)

#### **GRADUATION ARRANGEMENTS**

Graduands, not attending the physical graduation, are requested to verify their details and upload their passport size photo taken in University of Malawi regalia, with white background, which will be used for live streaming on graduation day through the following College based links:

1. Unima: [www.unima.ac.mw](http://www.unima.ac.mw)
2. Kuhes: [www.medcol.mw](http://www.medcol.mw)
3. Kuhes: [www.kcn.unima.mw](http://www.kcn.unima.mw)
4. Mubas: [www.poly.ac.mw/www.mubas.ac.mw](http://www.poly.ac.mw/www.mubas.ac.mw)

The uploading of passport size photo should be done by **Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2021**. The University of Malawi reserves the rights to choose the best picture for the function. Kindly note that in the unlikely event of a graduand's failure to submit a passport size photo in the prescribed format, the University shall use the photo used during admission of the candidate into the programme.

## **ACADEMIC DRESS**

Academic dress for the Congregation shall be available for hire from **Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2021** from graduands' respective universities for the purpose of taking graduation passport size photo. Graduands that shall only need the academic regalia for graduation photo shall pay **K4, 000** and the gown shall be returned immediately after the photo has been taken by designated College photographers. In addition, those who would wish to have their photos taken outside the campus shall hire the gown at the following cost:

<b>(a) Diploma Set</b>	<b>K8, 000</b>
<b>(b) Bachelors Set</b>	<b>K10, 000</b>
<b>(c) Masters Set</b>	<b>K30, 000</b>
<b>(d) PhD Set</b>	<b>K40, 000</b>

All graduands must return their academic dress by 4pm on the following day after hiring. Any unreturned academic dress shall attract a penalty fee equivalent to the hiring fee of the respective gown for each subsequent day of delay payable before the release of the certificate.

Candidates who owe the College any money or are yet to sit for supplementary examinations have not been included in this graduation.

## **DRESS REHEARSALS**

Dress rehearsals for the Congregation will be held on **Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2021** from **8:00 am** in the **Great Hall** at **University of Malawi in Zomba**. Graduands are required to come in their graduation attire and are asked to be punctual. Only those that attend rehearsals shall be allowed to graduate.

## **SIGNING IN THE GRADUATE REGISTER AND COLLECTION OF CERTIFICATES**

UNIMA has arranged that graduates shall sign in the Graduate Register and collect their certificate in designated areas as follows:

### **i. Eastern Region**

**Date:** Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>-Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2021

**Time:** 200pm to 5:00pm on Wednesday and 8:00 am to 2:00 pm on Thursday

**Venue:** Great Hall, University of Malawi in Zomba.

### **ii. Southern Region**

**Date:** Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2021

**Time:** 8:00 am to 12:00 noon and 1:00 pm to 5:00pm

**Venue:** Sports Complex, Kamuzu University of Health Sciences, Blantyre.

### **iii. Central Region**

**Date:** Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> - Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2021

**Time:** 8:00 am to 12 noon and 1:00pm 5:00pm on Monday and 8:00 am to 12:00 noon Tuesday

**Venue:** Kamuzu College of Nursing, Lilongwe Campus.

iv. **Northern Region-**

**Date:** Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> -Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2021

**Time:** 8:00 am to 12 noon and 1:00pm and Wednesday and 8:00 am to 12:00 noon on Thursday

**Venue:** Malawi University of Business and Applied Sciences (MUBAS), Mzuzu Campus at Luwingu.

Graduands are further informed that in order to collect their certificates, they are supposed to have a letter of introduction duly signed by the Assistant Registrar (Academic) for their university and their Malawi National Identity Card. Graduates who shall fail to produce either of the two aforementioned documents shall not be given their certificates. In addition, they will not be allowed to sign in the Graduate Register.

You are further advised that letters of introduction shall be ready for collection from **Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2021** in all the universities.

For inquiries, please contact: **The Registrar** on the following numbers: **01 5264 440 /01 524 275** or e-mail: [registrar@unima.mw](mailto:registrar@unima.mw) or [communication@unima.mw](mailto:communication@unima.mw) or visit our website: [www.unima.ac.mw](http://www.unima.ac.mw).

**REGISTRAR**

**25<sup>th</sup> November, 2021**