CHAPTER 14

ADMISSION OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

The University reserves the right to review general fees, tuition fees and any other charges for any given year prior to the beginning of such year. By accepting a seat at the University, the student undertakes to pay all such fees as and when claimed.

International students must satisfy the same minimum entry requirements and other conditions attached to the admission as the local students.

14.1 APPLICATION PROCEDURES FOR ADMISSION TO THE UNIVERSITY

Programmes of Study on offer for international students are available on the webpage: http://www.uom.ac.mu/index.php/study-at-uom/international-students/programmes-on-offer.

Applicants should satisfy both the General Entry Requirements and the Programme Requirements. The medium of teaching is English, but some Programmes have a few modules taught in French.

All applicants should apply on the official online application form of the University and should ascertain that all information and documents, as requested, are submitted by the deadline set.

Applicants should fill in the online application form *via* the internet at the following address: https://apply.uom.ac.mu/internationalapp.

The duly completed application form should be submitted online only. Proof of payment of non-refundable Application Fee of USD 50 together with Application Number, Full name of applicant, scanned copies of birth, educational certificates and professional certificates should be sent to the following email address: intstudpaylt@uom.ac.mu by a set deadline. Incomplete application will not be considered.

14.2 GENERAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

14.2.1 Postgraduate Degree Programmes

Successful completion of an undergraduate degree with

- at least a Second Class or 50%, whichever is applicable or
- a GPA not less than 2.5 out of 4 or equivalent, from a recognised higher education institution.

OR alternative qualifications acceptable to the University of Mauritius.

14.2.2 Undergraduate Degree Programmes

(i) A pass in English Language at Cambridge School Certificate/ 'O' Level or equivalent

And

Either (a) Credit in **three (3)** other subjects at Cambridge School Certificate/ GCE 'O' Level, together with passes in **two (2)** subjects at 'A' Level and **two (2)** subjects at Advanced Subsidiary/ Subsidiary Level at the Higher School Certificate Examination

(Applicants having credit in English Language need to have credit in only **two** other subjects);

Or (b) Passes in **three (3)** subjects at 'A' Level and **one (1)** subject at Advanced Subsidiary/ Subsidiary Level at the Higher School Certificate Examination;

Or (c) Passes in **three (3)** subjects at 'A' Level at the London General Certificate Examination.

OR

(ii) Overseas leaving educational qualifications recognised by Senate.

Notes:

(a) Students not possessing a recognised qualification in English Language should provide evidence of proficiency in same, e.g. TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language), IELTS (International English Language Testing System), or other similar tests.

(b) Overseas students from 12 year-schooling systems may be required to sit for SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test).

14.2.3 Undergraduate Diploma & Certificate Programmes

Diploma: A pass in English Language at Cambridge School Certificate/ 'O' Level or equivalent **and** Credit in five other subjects (School Certificate).

(Applicants having credit in English Language need to have credit in only four other subjects)

Certificate: A School Certificate with credit in two appropriate subjects or equivalent.

14.3 FEES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Guidelines and total fees to be paid for the different Programmes of Study (undergraduate and postgraduate) are available on the following link:

http://www.uom.ac.mu/fees

International Students will be given the option to pay the fees either in Mauritian Rupees (Rs) or the equivalent in US Dollars or Euros or an acceptable foreign currency, at the exchange rate prevailing at the time of payment. Any bank charges will have to be borne by the students themselves.

Payment of University fees should be made prior to arrival to Mauritius by bank transfer on the bank account of the University of Mauritius, which will be provided in the letter of offer.

14.3.1 (i) All International Students, both at Undergraduate and Postgraduate Levels be requested to effect payment of the Total Fees pertaining to **Year 1** of their respective Programme upon Registration: and

(ii) As from **Year 2 onwards**, payment facilities will be granted, as follows:

Undergraduate Level

(a) Payment of 50% of Fees upon Re-Registration; and
(b) Settlement of the remaining 50% Fees via a Bank Standing Order in three (3) consecutive and equal monthly instalments.

Postgraduate Level

(a) Payment of General Fees and 50% Tuition Fees upon Re-Registration; and
(b) Settlement of the remaining 50% Tuition Fees via a Bank Standing Order in three (3) consecutive and equal monthly instalments.

14.4 FEES FOR STUDENTS STUDYING ON A SHORT TERM BASIS OR ON SHORT-TERM PROJECTS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MAURITIUS

The following fee structure is applicable to international students and Mauritian students registered with foreign universities coming to the University of Mauritius for study, research, training or other academic purposes over one semester or part thereof:

14.4.1 Fees for International Students/Mauritian students registered at Foreign Universities undertaking Placement at the University of Mauritius

(A) Undergraduate Level

Fees to be charged (USD)	Details of Fees	Remarks
800 per semester or part thereof	The fees exclude bank charges and will be charged per student on an all-inclusive basis. For taught programmes, the fees will cover a maximum of either 15 UoM credits or 30 LCCS/NCVTS credits (as applicable)	The fees will be applicable for short term research placement as well as for following taught modules on either a semester or yearly basis. The fees for a year or part thereof (more than one semester) will eventually read USD1600.

(B)(i) <u>Postgraduate Level</u>

Postgraduate Level	Duration of placement	Lab-based	Non Lab-based
Taught Programmes	One semester or one year	Tuition fee based on the number of credits taken. General fees (*Registration Fee, Library Fee, Examination Fee, Sports and Games Fee, Digital Learning Materials Fee, Network Services Fee*), except for SWF to be charged on a pro-rated basis (50% for a semester and 100% for a year).	
Research	One semester or part thereof One year	50% of the General Fees (*Registration Fee, Library Fee, Examination Fee, Sports and Games Fee, Digital Learning Materials Fee, Network Services Fee*) and full SWF be charged. Yearly General Fees and SWF e.g International students pay Rs 21,400 (excluding SWF) as General Fees per year. In case, a student is registered for one semester, the latter will have to pay half the amount, i.e. Rs 10,700 + 400 (SWF) = Rs 11,100.	
<u>Note</u>: Non-refundable Application Fee of USD50			

(a) The cost of chemicals and of other specialised materials required by the foreign students (Undergraduate and Postgraduate) for their short-term research projects would have to be borne by the latter.

(b) Fees to be charged on a pro-rated basis for International Students as well as Mauritian students registered for short term research/study visits, at Undergraduate level and Postgraduate level for shorter periods than one semester or up to a maximum of one year.

(B)(ii) The table below shows the tuition fees for the following Postgraduate Programmes converted to their equivalent Learner-Centred Credit System (LCCS/NCVTS).

SN	Postgraduate Programmes	Tuition Fees per UoM credit (Rs)	Equivalent Tuition Fees per LCCS/NCVTS credits - (Rs)
1	Flagship Programmes (high demand programmes)	5000	2500
2	Science & Technology (S&T) Programmes *(lab-based)*	3000	1500

3	Non-Science & Technology (S&T) Programmes (*non lab-based*)	2700	1350
4	Programmes offered *via* the DEOL mode	2200	1100

Note: (a) One UoM Credit = 2 LCCS/NCVTS credits

(b) General Fees and Student Welfare Fund (SWF) will be applicable as per existing Regulations.

14.5 DISSERTATION FEE

Non-Tuition Fees Paying Programmes

No Dissertation fee of Rs 1,800/- will be charged to final year students, unless for the submission of a new dissertation if the student has failed in same in the previous year.

Tuition-Fee Paying Programmes

A processing fee of Rs 1,000/- will be charged to students re-submitting an amended dissertation as per existing Regulations.

14.6 STUDENT WELFARE OFFICE

One of the roles of the Student Welfare Office (which falls under the Registrar's Office) is to internationalise the University of Mauritius by developing regional/ international activities, increasing overseas students' enrolment, encouraging exchange of students with foreign Universities for short periods and by promoting the University programmes abroad.

The Office is also committed to provide a welcoming environment, such as on-campus assistance, advice and support to all international exchange students coming to the University. It assists and advises Faculties/ Centres on the needs of these international students who come for a semester or a year to study modules, carry out research or undergo placement. It also makes arrangements with regard to visa/ residence permit for international students coming to the University on a short-term basis.

14.7 APPLICATION FOR VISA/ RESIDENCE PERMIT

All students should submit the following, for application for visa/ residence permit:

1.	'Application to enter Mauritius' form, duly completed and signed
2.	Two recent passport-size photos of the applicant
3.	Photocopy of the first five pages of the applicant's passport (including page bearing photograph and date of issue)
4.	An **original** Bank Statement bearing the signature of the Bank Officer and the seal of the Bank, as evidence of adequate funds to meet costs of studies and stay in Mauritius

5.	Medical certificate certifying that s/he is not suffering from any contagious or infectious diseases
6.	A confirmed booking for accommodation in Mauritius (e.g. an official document from the landlord specifying the name of the student, the address of the accommodation together with a copy the National Identity Card of the landlord and a copy of the utility bill of the accommodation (If the student is unable to provide a residential address, s/he will not clear immigration requirements and it will be difficult to leave the airport). If sponsored by a Mauritian citizen, the latter to submit: (a) A letter of sponsorship stating: (i) Name, Address; (ii) Telephone number; (iii) Profession of the sponsor; (iv) Relationship with the applicant; (b) National Identity Card; (c) A Utility Bill.
7	Acceptance letter written and signed by student (Acceptance letter written and signed by the student thereby specifying the programme for which s/he is enrolled, the duration of the programme and the student stating that s/he accepts to join the programme for which s/he is being offered and the name of the tertiary institution)
8	A statement undertaking that s/he will not engage in gainful activities during the period of his/her studies.

Note: The above documents should be sent by courier delivery. However, students may send all the documents by email first for verification purposes. The above-mentioned documents should be submitted well in advance (at least 2-3 months prior to the student's arrival) and same will be sent to the Passport and Immigration Office which will then issue a Visa/ Residence Permit. The document must be produced to the Immigration Control Officer upon arrival and departure from Mauritius in order to facilitate immigration clearance.

14.8 ACCOMMODATION

As the University is non-residential, students will have to make their own accommodation arrangements. A list of accommodation providers is issued to all international students together with the letter of offer. International students will need approximately **15,000 Mauritian Rupees** per month for accommodation and living expenses.

Full-time international students will be issued a Student Travel Pass, which will entitle them to free travelling by bus from their accommodation in Mauritius to university and back.

14.9 MISCELLANEOUS

Fees are payable in advance prior to registration. It is only upon payment of relevant fees that student visa for entry in Mauritius is issued.

International students should be prepared to finance the entire period of proposed study from personal funds or funds from other sources, as the University offers no scholarship/ financial aid.

International students who have been issued with a provisional visa are further required to have the following:

(a) A valid travel document;
(b) A valid return passage ticket to country of origin;
(c) Adequate funds to meet cost of stay;
(d) Produce, within one month of arrival, a medical certificate issued by any private laboratory/ Clinic/ Hospital in Mauritius certifying that they are not suffering from HIV/ Hepatitis B and Chest Infection. They may be asked to undergo a medical check-up, at the students' own cost, in Mauritius.

Important: In case the medical certificate reveals that student is suffering from any of the above mentioned diseases, the provisional entry permit will be cancelled and student will have to leave Mauritius within a period of two weeks.

The University does not take the responsibility of prospective students' families.

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