

# Malawi Data profile 2012

## Higher education landscape

**Table 1: Number and type of higher education institutions**

Type of higher education institution	Number of institutions	Estimated percentage of students enrolled
Publicly-funded universities	3	80
Publicly-funded technical universities	N/A	
Privately-funded, accredited universities or colleges	7	20

Source: SARUA MoE questionnaire 2011

**Table 2: Private higher education institutions**

Private higher education institutions	Estimated number of students enrolled	Comments
African Bible College	313	Accredited
Blantyre International University	300	Accredited and has increased intake
Catholic University of Malawi	800	Accredited, has doubled its intake
DMI St. John of God University		Accredited in 2011
Malawi Adventists University	150	Accredited
Share world Open University	285	Accredited and has doubled its intake
University of Livingstonia	300	Yes, accredited

Source: SARUA MoE questionnaire 2011

**Table 3: Summary of higher education policy documents**

Higher education policy documents
Malawi Vision 2020
Malawi Growth Development Strategy
National Education Sector Plan

Source: SARUA MoE questionnaire 2011

## Enrolment patterns

**Table 4: Student enrolment by mode of study and nationality**

Student category	Number of students
Contact students	8 633
Distance students	893
Full-time students	8 633
Part-time students	0
National citizens	8 556
SADC country citizens	75
Other international students (excluding SADC countries)	5

Source: SARUA university questionnaire (2008, 2011)

**Table 5: Student enrolment by gender and major field of studies**

Major field of study	Total number of students	Number of female students	Number of male students
Agriculture	959	324	635
Business, Management and Law	811	232	575
Education	1116	422	694
Health Sciences	1271	708	563
Humanities and Social Sciences	1723	850	873
Science, Engineering and Technology	2047	669	1378

Source: SARUA university questionnaire (2008, 2011)

**Table 6: Student enrolment by major field of study and level of study**

Major field of study	Number of students enrolled per level of study					
	Undergraduate	Postgraduate < Masters	Masters	Doctoral	Post-doctoral	Other (e.g. short courses)
Agriculture	883	0	66	10	0	0
Business, Management and Law	724	46	41	0	0	0
Education	1084	0	32	0	0	0
Health Sciences	1163	59	49	0	0	0
Humanities and Social Sciences	1628	21	64	12	0	0
Science, Engineering and Technology	1937	29	88	1	397	0

Source: SARUA university questionnaires (2008, 2011)

**Table 7: Demand for higher education**

	Number of students
Number of applications received for undergraduate study	13 098
Number of applicants who met admissions criteria but could not be accepted	8 452
Number of new first-year undergraduate students	2 081
Number of applications for postgraduate study	2 000
Number of new postgraduate students admitted	474

Source: SARUA university questionnaire (2008, 2011)

## Qualifications/Graduation data

**Table 8: Number of qualifications awarded per field of study and level of study**

Major field of study	Number of qualifications awarded per level of study				
	Undergraduate	Postgraduate < Masters	Masters	Doctoral	Post-doctoral*
Agriculture	183	0	8	0	0
Business, Management and Law	210	29	9	0	0
Education	253	16	6	0	0
Health Sciences	166	35	15	0	0
Humanities and Social Sciences	307	0	34	1	0
Science, Engineering and Technology	331	3	12	0	397

Source: SARUA university questionnaire (2008, 2011)

\*post-doctoral figure was taken from the previous study of Mzuzu University. This category was 'post-doctoral and other qualifications'

**Table 9: Number of qualifications per qualification level, gender and field of study**

Field of study	Gender of student	Number of qualifications awarded per qualification level				
		Undergraduate	Postgraduate < Masters	Masters	Doctoral	Other (e.g. short courses)
Agriculture	Female	70	0	3	3	
	Male	112	0	5	0	
Business, Management and Law	Female	61	3	3	0	
	Male	149	26	6	0	
Education	Female	95	5	2	0	
	Male	158	11	4	0	
Health Sciences	Female	88	31	7	0	
	Male	77	4	8	0	
Humanities and Social Sciences	Female	144	0	11	1	
	Male	161	0	23	0	
Science, Engineering and Technology	Female	71	0	6	0	
	Male	249	2	6	0	

Source: SARUA university questionnaire (2008, 2011)

## Higher education funding

**Table 10: Percentage of national budget allocated to education**

Year	Percentage of national budget allocated to education
2006	No data
2007	No data
2008	20
2009	20
2010	20

Source: SARUA MoE questionnaire 2011

**Table 11: Percentage of national education budget allocated to higher education**

Year	Percentage of national education budget allocated to higher education
2006	No data
2007	No data
2008	23.8
2009	21.9
2010	21.8

Source: SARUA MoE questionnaire 2011

**Table 12: HEI funding sources**

Sources of funding	Percentage of total funding/income
Student fees	11.20
Government subsidy/grants	67.80
Donations – private individuals/trusts	0
Donations – private sector/businesses/corporation	0
Donations – international funders/donors	21
Loans	0

Source: SARUA university questionnaire (2008, 2011)

**Table 13: Universities' spending patterns**

Spending areas	Percentage of allocation of institutional budgets
Salaries (academic staff)	22
Salaries (support services)	6
Salaries (management)	1
Student financial support	39
Institutional operational costs	24
Research	8
Community service-related activities	-

Source: SARUA university questionnaire (2008, 2011)

**Table 14: Sources of research funding**

No data.

**Table 15: Average tuition costs (US\$)**

	Local	Other SADC	Other foreign
Undergraduate:			
Agriculture	448.35	945	945
Business, Management and Law	488.35	945	945
Education	488.35	945	945
Health Sciences	488.35	945	945
Humanities and Social Sciences	488.35	945	945
Science, Engineering and Technology	488.35	945	945
Other: mature medical entry	934.1	1 969	1 969
Postgraduate:			
Agriculture	1 494.50	3 152	3 152
Business, Management and Law	1 494.50	3 152	3 152
Education	1 494.50	3 152	3 152
Health Sciences	1 868.11	3 939	3 939
Humanities and Social Sciences	1 494.50	3 152	3 152
Science, Engineering and Technology	1 494.50	1 494.50	1 494.50
Other: PhD	2 241.73	4 727	4 727

Source: SARUA university questionnaire (2008, 2011)

**Table 16: Average amounts of additional student payments (US\$)**

	Local	Other SADC	Other foreign
Application fee	11.21	300	300
Registration fee	0	0	0
International levy	0	0	0
Examination levy	0	0	0

Source: SARUA university questionnaire (2008, 2011)

**Table 17: Student financial aid**

Percentage of students receiving financial aid	90
Percentage of students with student debt	98

Source: SARUA university questionnaire (2008, 2011)

## Staffing

**Table 18: Number of staff by nationality and type of post**

Staffing categories	Nationality	Number of staff
Academic and research staff	National citizens	843
	SADC citizens	6
	Other international	41
Management and administrative staff	National citizens	1189
	SADC citizens	0
	Other international	4

Source: SARUA university questionnaire (2008, 2011)

**Table 19: Staff employment status and gender**

Staffing categories	Employment status	Number of female staff members	Number of male staff members
Academic and research staff	Permanent	164	542
	Contract/temporary	8	56
Management and administrative staff	Permanent	240	928
	Contract/temporary	6	10

Source: SARUA university questionnaire (2008, 2011)

**Table 20: Staff by employment status and gender**

Staffing categories	Employment status	Number of female staff members	Number of male staff members
Academic and research staff	Full-time	168	582
	Part-time	4	16
Management and administrative staff	Full-time	246	938
	Part-time	0	0

Source: SARUA university questionnaire (2008, 2011)

**Table 21: Staff by major field of study and gender**

Staff category	Major field of study	Number of female staff members	Number male staff members
Academic and research staff	Agriculture	27	117
	Business, Management and Law	13	45
	Education	23	51
	Health Sciences	60	132
	Humanities and Social Sciences	31	135
	Science, Engineering and Technology	31	219
Management and administrative staff	Agriculture	3	31
	Business, Management and Law	15	30
	Education	20	180
	Health Sciences	47	82
	Humanities and Social Sciences	37	160
	Science, Engineering and Technology	46	269
	Other: staff from all 5 colleges	25	58
	Other: staff administrative staff, control office	3	10

Source: SARUA university questionnaire (2008, 2011)

**Table 22: Highest level of qualification for academic and research staff**

Major field of study	Number of academic and research staff with this as their highest qualification				
	Undergraduate	Postgraduate < Masters	Masters	Doctoral	Other (e.g. short courses)
Agriculture	22	0	72	0	0
Business, Management and Law	26	0	23	70	0
Education	37	0	29	10	0
Health Sciences	99	0	82	27	0
Humanities and Social Sciences	42	0	83	40	0
Science, Engineering and Technology	58	0	130	36	0

Source: SARUA university questionnaire (2008, 2011)

## Research output

**Table 23: Research output**

No data.