

TANZANIA COMMISSION FOR UNIVERSITIES

POSTGRADUATE STUDIES IN TANZANIA



Postgraduate studies in Tanzania are offered by universities after successfully completion of bachelor's degree or its equivalent. The programmes are designed to provide advanced academic knowledge, professional skills, and research competencies, with increasing levels of complexity depending on the programme of study.

Postgraduate studies generally include Postgraduate Certificate, Postgraduate Diploma, Master's Degree (*Academic and Professional*), and Doctorate Degree (*PhD and Professional Doctorate*).

General Admission Requirements for Postgraduate Programmes

a) Postgraduate Certificate

Relevant bachelor's degree or equivalent from a recognised university. Admission is based on minimum eligibility requirements set by the institution. Minimum duration is typically 1 year, depending on the field of study and mode of delivery.

b) Postgraduate Diploma

Relevant bachelor's degree (minimum GPA of 2.0 or equivalent) or a postgraduate certificate in a relevant field. Relevant professional experience may be considered where applicable. Minimum duration is usually 1 year of full-time study or its equivalent.



c) Master's Degree (Academic and Professional)

Relevant bachelor's degree (minimum GPA of 2.7 or equivalent) or a postgraduate diploma with strong academic performance. Relevant professional and research experience may also be considered. Minimum duration is 18 months to 2 years, depending on the programme structure.

d) Doctorate Degree (PhD and Professional Doctorate)

Relevant master's degree with a minimum GPA of 3.0 or equivalent. Admission may also require evidence of research competence and relevant academic or professional experience. Minimum duration is typically 3 years, depending on research progress and programme requirements.

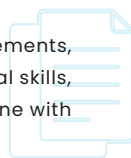


How to Apply for Admission to Postgraduate Programmes

Applicants seeking admission into Postgraduate Certificate, Postgraduate Diploma, Master's Degree, or Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) programmes are required to apply directly to the university institution of their choice. Information on available programmes can be obtained from the respective university websites and the TCU website www.tcu.go.tz.

Salient conditions for completion of Postgraduate Studies

Applicants are advised that postgraduate programmes differ in structure and requirements, with higher levels of study demanding more advanced research capabilities, analytical skills, and professional competence. Universities set specific programme requirements in line with national quality assurance standards.



a) A candidate in a Master's degree programme shall be required to make seminar presentations during the proposal writing stage and during research stage before examination or submission of dissertation.



b) For a candidate to qualify for an award of Master degree by coursework and dissertation, he/she shall produce at least one draft paper manuscript based on his/her research results intended for submission in peer-reviewed journal, the journal being acceptable or recognisable by the respective university.



c) For a candidate to qualify for an award of a Master by research and thesis degree, he/she shall accumulate a minimum of 180 credits and shall have submitted at least two paper manuscripts based on his/her research submitted to a peer reviewed journal and the journal shall be acceptable or recognisable by the respective University.



d) A candidate in a PhD degree programme shall be required to make seminar presentations during the proposal writing stage and during the research stage before examination.



e) For a candidate to qualify for the PhD award by coursework and dissertation shall have at least one accepted manuscript (article/paper) in a peer reviewed journal based on research and the journal shall be acceptable or recognisable by the respective university.



f) For a candidate to qualify for the PhD award by research and thesis shall have at least one paper published and at least two accepted manuscripts (articles/papers) in a peer reviewed journal based on his/her research and the journal shall be acceptable or recognisable by the respective University.



g) Each PhD candidate shall appear for a viva voce examination, in addition to the submission of a thesis, as part of the assessment of the PhD thesis and for the purpose of validating and authenticating the candidate's work.



h) Any student who completes the postgraduate programme earlier than the duration indicated in the accredited programme curriculum shall have evidence of Senate approval of the completion of the programme before he/she is allowed to graduate.

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