STUDY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF DAR ES SALAAM (UDSM)
FACT SHEET

The University of Dar es Salaam is a purposeful community of students and staff who are dedicated to bringing out the best in all its members. Our aim is to provide the best possible environment for teaching, learning research and knowledge exchange. We are determined to maintain and rise above our track record of success which is well known in East Africa, Africa and the rest of the world.

GENERAL INFORMATION AND CONTACT

Website and web pages
- www.udsm.ac.tz
- http://postgraduate.udsm.ac.tz/
- http://undergraduate.udsm.ac.tz/
- https://udbs.udsm.ac.tz/
- https://coet.udsm.ac.tz/
- https://coict.udsm.ac.tz/

Contact Person for Incoming and outgoing students
Directorate of Internationalization, Convocation and Advancement (DICA)
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E-mail: dirs@admin.udsm.ac.tz, dicaudsm@gmail.com

Academic Calendar
First semester: End of October – Beginning of March
Second semester: End of March - End of July

Orientation Day
Orientation starts one week from the commencement of the new semester.

UDSM AT A GLANCE

Location: Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, East Africa.
Established: 1961
Students: About 31,000
Academic Staff: About 1500
Administrative Staff: About 1500

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Programme information
Complete information and description of courses offered at UDSM are available on request from the International Office.

Programme Level
We offer degree programmes at bachelor, master and PhD level.

Academic Programmes and courses
The University of Dar es Salaam is a comprehensive university offering degree programmes in areas of Social Sciences, Humanities, Engineering, Natural Sciences, ICT, Agriculture and Fisheries, Business, Education, Law, Mass Communication and
Journalism, Health Sciences, Resource Assessment, Development Studies, Kiswahili and Marine and Aquatic Sciences.

**Full-time Workload**

Students need to earn 60 credits in a semester from either 5 or 6 courses. We have courses worth 8 credits (2 contact hours per week, 30 contact hours per semester) or 12 credits (3 contact hours per week, 45 contact hours per semester).

**Grading system**

The minimum pass grade in each of the course taken shall be “C”, the Grade for ‘absolute fail’ shall be “E”.

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**Transcript of Records**

Will be sent to the students’ home institution after the end of stay. Processing of transcripts usually takes 2 weeks, after results have been approved by the Senate.

**Language of Instruction**

English

**Language Requirements**

Sufficient level of English to be determined by the partner institution.

### STUDENT APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

A **short-term student** has a duration of studentship at UDSM for one academic year. An **occasional student** is one whose duration of studentship is less than one academic year. The applications must be submitted through the applicant’s University College/International Office which should, if it supports the application, send a letter of recommendation to UDSM.

**Application period**

International Students are to apply at least 3 months before the beginning of a semester. Application forms available on :

- For Undergraduates visit: [https://www.udsm.ac.tz/?q=node/343](https://www.udsm.ac.tz/?q=node/343)

For Postgraduates online application visit:

[https://aris2.udsm.ac.tz/pgoa/login.php](https://aris2.udsm.ac.tz/pgoa/login.php)

**Required Documents**

1. Motivational Letter
2. Letter of recommendation from academic department
3. Transcript of records in English
4. Curriculum Vitae
5. 8 passport size photos.
6. Copy of a valid passport (travelling document)

Hard copies have to be sent via courier to the following address:

The University of Dar es Salaam  
Directorate of Internationalization, Convocation and Advancement (DICA)  
P.O. Box 35091 Dar es Salaam Tanzania

The soft copies can be e-mailed to dirs@admin.udsm.ac.tz or dicaudsm@gmail.com
## FEES PER SEMESTER

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### VISA & RESIDENCE PERMIT

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Every foreign student is required by the Government of Tanzania to obtain a **Student Permit Class “C”** and the **fee is $250**. DICA will assist students in obtaining Students Permits at the beginning of the academic year/semester, each student submits the following documents to DICA:

1. Admission Letter
2. Copy of certified academic transcript in english
3. Resumé/CV
4. Copy of valid Passport and Visa Page
5. 8 passport size photos.

### NON-ACADEMIC SERVICES

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Accommodation is handled by the University of Dar es Salaam Accommodation Bureau (USAB). USAB and DICA will coordinate allocation of rooms to International Students. Accommodation fee per semester is $380.

DICA locates off-campus housing for guest students if requested. Students may also arrange housing on their own prices vary depending on personal requirements.
### Kiswahili Language Course

The language course is offered for students with different levels of Kiswahili skills. The course can be tailored to fit in with the student's needs. Payment is in hours per week. $11 (10 wks), $12 (8 wks), $13 (6 wks) and $17 (4 wks).

### LIFE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF DAR ES SALAAM

#### Location in the City

UDSM is situated on the western side of the city of Dar es Salaam, occupying 1,625 acres on the Observation Hill, and 13 kilometres from the city centre, and is popularly known as Mlimani in Swahili meaning the Hill. UDSM has a beautiful learning environment that is green and spacious away from the bustling city centre making it a perfect place for academic stimulation and learning.

#### Culture

Students will see various events being hosted to help familiarize with the campus, meet other students and experience the Swahili and African culture. Participate in the cultural orientation program organized by the Directorate of Internationalization, Convocation and Advancement (DICA) for International Students. Make sure to visit the public-private partnership investment between UDSM and a private investor known as the Mlimani City Mall just minutes' walk from UDSM main Campus a one-stop centre for supplies, food and entertainment.

#### Tourism

Come and discover the world, Tanzania is the perfect destination for you to continue your academic journey. The University of Dar es Salaam offers Study Abroad Opportunities and it is a great way for you to explore the uniqueness of Tanzania. Go on a hiking trip to the Uluguru Mountains in Morogoro and find captivating waterfalls, different species of tropical birds and primates, various vegetation and plants that only grow in this region. Better yet plan a Safari to the Serengeti or Ruaha National Park and get a lifetime chance to see the pride of lions in their natural habitat. Challenge yourself to climb the famous Mountain Kilimanjaro in Moshi and witness the magic of nature. Wind down your expedition with a trip to the exotic island of Zanzibar and taste the delicious Swahili dishes and experience the authentic hospitable multicultural environment.

#### Student services

The University provides support and services for Study Abroad and Exchange students:

- Buddy student upon request ($15)
- Dedicated international student support team
- English language learning support and resources for students for whom English is a second language
- On-campus health care centre
- On-campus recreation centre
- Counselling services

#### More Information

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