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MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS INTO STUDY PROGRAMMES - 2026/2027 ACADEMIC YEAR AND CUT-OFF POINTS FOR 2025/2026 AY

A: UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

Code	Programme	Minimum Requirements	Direct Entry Cut-off Points in 2025/2026 (Private)	Duration
FACULTY OF MEDICINE				
LMS	Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBChB)- (Weekdays) Full- time.	<p>Either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. A Diploma in a relevant health discipline (Medical Laboratory Science, Radiography, Physiotherapy, Anaesthesia, Clinical Medicine, Ophthalmic Clinical Medicine, Environmental Health Science, Public Health, Public Health Dentistry, Pharmacy Technicians, Psychiatric Clinical Medicine, Orthopaedic Clinical Medicine, Nursing, Midwifery and Comprehensive Nursing). ii. At least one Principal Pass in Either Biology or Chemistry in UACE or its equivalent. iii. A working experience of at least two (2) years in a related field. iv. A Certificate of Registration from a Professional Body. <p>Or:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Applicants must have sat the Uganda Certificate of Education (UCE) examinations (or equivalent) and obtained five relevant credits in Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Mathematics and English. ii. Obtained Principal Passes in Biology and Chemistry, and at least a Subsidiary Pass in Physics or Mathematics in Uganda Advanced Certificate of Education (U.A.C.E) or its equivalent on the same sitting. 	46.7	5 years

		Or: A Higher Education Access Certificate from a University accredited by the NCHE with a Distinction class in Biology and Chemistry.		
LCP	Bachelor of Science in Community Psychology and Psychotherapy, (Weekdays)-Full-time.	Either: At least a Second Class/Credit Diploma in any discipline obtained from a recognized Institution. Or: Principal passes in any two of the 'A' Level Subjects obtained at the same sitting. Or: A relevant Mature Age Certificate obtained within two years from a recognised Centre accredited by NCHE. Or: A relevant Higher Education Access Certificate from a University accredited by the NCHE.	22.0	3 years
FACULTY OF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY				
LSM	Bachelor of Midwifery Science (Weekdays)-Full-time.	Either: A Diploma in Nursing or Midwifery obtained from a recognized Institution, equivalent to a Second-Class Upper Diploma and a Certificate of Registration from a Professional Body. Or: Principal passes in Biology and Chemistry obtained at the same sitting and at least a credit in English and Mathematics at 'O' Level. Or: A relevant Mature Age Certificate obtained within two years from a recognised Centre accredited by NCHE. Or: A Higher Education Access Certificate from Universities accredited by NCHE with Distinctions in Biology and Chemistry.	31.0	4 years
FACULTY OF PUBLIC HEALTH				
PHL	Bachelor of Science in Public Health (Weekdays)-Full-time.	Either: At least a Second Class/Credit Diploma in a health-related discipline or a Second-Class Diploma in Education majoring in Biology and Chemistry from a recognised institution and a Certificate of Registration from a Professional Body. Or: A Principal pass in Biology and in any one of the following subjects: Chemistry, Agriculture, Geography, Mathematics, Food and Nutrition or Physics obtained	12.2	3 years

		at the same sitting and Uganda Certificate of Education (UCE) or its equivalent with at least passes in English and Mathematics. Or: A relevant Mature Age Certificate obtained within two years from a recognised Centre accredited by NCHE. Or: A relevant Higher Education Access Certificate from a University accredited by the NCHE.		
FACULTY OF COMPUTING AND INFORMATION SCIENCE				
CSD/ CSW	Bachelor of Science in Computer Science, (Weekdays)-Full-time.	Either: At least a Second Class/Credit Diploma in Computer Science, Engineering, Education, Majoring in Mathematics and Physics or Technical Education obtained from a recognized Institution. Or: A Principal pass in Mathematics and in any one of the following subjects: Physics, Chemistry, Geography, Economics, Entrepreneurship, Technical Drawing, Food and Nutrition or Agriculture obtained at the same sitting. Or: A relevant Mature Age Certificate obtained within two years from a recognised Centre accredited by the NCHE. Or: A relevant Higher Education Access Certificate from a University accredited by the NCHE.	20.0	3 years
LID/ LIW	Bachelor of Library and Information Science.	Either: At least a Second Class/Credit Diploma in any discipline obtained from a recognized Institution. Or: Principal passes in any two of the 'A' Level Subjects obtained at the same sitting. Or: A relevant Mature Age Certificate obtained within two years from a recognised Centre accredited by NCHE. Or: A relevant Higher Education Access Certificate from a University accredited by the NCHE.	20.6	3 Years
ICD/ I CW	Bachelor of Information and Communication Technology.	Either: At least a Second Class/Credit Diploma in any discipline obtained from a recognized Institution. Or:	17.9	3 Years

		Principal passes in any two of the 'A' Level Subjects obtained at the same sitting. Or: A relevant Mature Age Certificate obtained within two years from a recognised Centre accredited by NCHE. Or: A relevant Higher Education Access Certificate from a University accredited by the NCHE.		
CAD/ CAW	Bachelor of Science in Computer Animation.	Either: At least a Second Class/Credit Diploma in any discipline obtained from a recognized Institution. Or: Principal passes in any two of the 'A' Level Subjects obtained at the same sitting. Or: A relevant Mature Age Certificate obtained within two years from a recognised Centre accredited by NCHE. Or: A relevant Higher Education Access Certificate from a University accredited by the NCHE.	16.4	3 Years
FACULTY OF EDUCATION				
EPY	Bachelor of Science with Education- (Physical Sciences), (Weekdays)-Full- time.	Either: At least a Second Class/Credit Diploma in Science Education - Physical (Physics/Mathematics or Chemistry/Mathematics or Physics/ Chemistry subject combinations) from a recognised Institution. Or: Two Principal Passes in Mathematics, Physics or Chemistry at A-level obtained at the same sitting. Or: A relevant Mature Age Certificate obtained within two years from a recognised Centre accredited by the NCHE. Or: A relevant Higher Education Access Certificate from a University accredited by the NCHE.	15.4	3 years
EBI	Bachelor of Science with Education- (Biological Sciences), (Weekdays)-Full- time.	Either: At least a Second Class/Credit Diploma in Science Education - Biological (Biology/Chemistry or Biology Physical Education subject combinations), from a recognized Institution.	17.7	3 years

		<p>Or: Two Principal Passes in Biology, Chemistry or Geography at A-level obtained at the same sitting</p> <p>Or: A relevant Mature Age Certificate obtained within two years from a recognised Centre accredited by the NCHE.</p> <p>Or: A relevant Higher Education Access Certificate from a University accredited by the NCHE.</p>		
EEC	Bachelor of Science with Education- (Economics), (Weekdays)-Full-time.	<p>Either: At least a Second Class/Credit Diploma in Education (Economics/Geography or Economics/Mathematics subject combinations) from a recognised Institution.</p> <p>Or: Two Principal Passes in Economics and Mathematics or Geography at A-level obtained at the same sitting.</p> <p>Or: A Mature Age Certificate obtained within two years from a recognised Centre accredited by the NCHE.</p> <p>Or: A relevant Higher Education Access Certificate from a University accredited by the NCHE.</p>	14.7	3 years
EAG	Bachelor of Science with Education- (Agriculture Double Main), (Weekdays)- Full-time.	<p>Either: At least a Second Class/Credit Diploma in Agriculture-related disciplines (e.g., Diploma in Agriculture, Diploma in Agriculture Education or Diploma in Education (Biology/Chemistry).</p> <p>Or: Two Principal Passes in Biology, Geography, Agriculture or Chemistry in their Uganda Advanced Certificate of Education (U.A.C.E.) obtained at the same sitting.</p> <p>Or: A relevant Mature Age Certificate obtained within two years from a recognised Centre accredited by the NCHE.</p> <p>Or: A relevant Higher Education Access Certificate from a University accredited by the NCHE.</p>	14.1	3 years.
EAL	Bachelor of Arts with Education	<p>Either: Principal passes in any two Arts Subjects obtained at the same sitting in their Uganda Advanced Certificate of Education (U.A.C.E.) obtained at the same</p>	N/A	3 years

		sitting. Or: A relevant Mature Age Certificate from a recognised Centre accredited by the NCHE. Or: A relevant Higher Education Access Certificate from a University accredited by NCHE.		
CED/ CEW	Bachelor of Computer Education- Computer Studies Double Main.	Either: A Minimum of Second Class/Credit Diploma in any discipline obtained from a recognized Institution. Or: Principal passes in any two of the ‘A’ Level Subjects obtained at the same sitting. Or: A relevant Mature Age Certificate obtained within two years from a recognised Centre accredited by NCHE. Or: A relevant Higher Education Access Certificate from a University accredited by the NCHE.	15.5	3 years
EEP	Bachelor of Education External- Primary	At least a Second-Class Diploma in Primary Education, or Teacher Education from a recognized Institution.	Second Class	3 years
EES	Bachelor of Education External- Secondary	At least a Second-Class Diploma in Secondary Education from a recognized Institution.	Second Class	3 years
ACB	Higher Education Access Certificate Programme (Biological Track)	1. At least a subsidiary pass in Biology and Chemistry or Agriculture at UACE or its equivalent. 2. Technical/Vocational Qualifications in Biological Sciences or Health-related disciplines such as Nursing/Midwifery, Environmental Health Sciences and Laboratory Techniques; that are considered equivalent to the Uganda Advanced Certificate of Education (A-level). 3. Foreign students whose studies were not conducted in English shall show proof of proficiency in the English Language.	N/A	1 year
ACP	Higher Education Access Certificate Programme (Physical Track)	1. At least a subsidiary pass in mathematics and physics or chemistry at UACE or its equivalent. 2. Technical/Vocational Qualifications in Physical Sciences or related disciplines that are considered equivalent to the Uganda Advanced	N/A	1 year

		Certificate of Education (A-level). 3. International students whose studies were not conducted in English shall show proof of proficiency in the English Language.		
ACG	Higher Education Access Certificate Programme (General Track)	1. At least two subsidiary passes in the following subjects: Economics, Entrepreneurship, Geography, History, Religious Education, Agriculture, Literature in English at UACE or its equivalent 2. Technical/Vocational Qualifications in Business studies and Social sciences or related disciplines that are considered equivalent to the Uganda Advanced Certificate of Education (A-level). 3. Foreign students whose studies were not conducted in English shall show proof of proficiency in the English Language.	N/A	1 year
FACULTY OF MANAGEMENT SCIENCES				
LBD/ LBW	Bachelor of Business Administration	Either: At least a Second Class/Credit Diploma in Statistics, Accounting, and Secretarial Studies, Co-operative and Business-related Course or Education with Business Studies obtained from a recognised Institution. Or: A Principal pass in Economics and /or Entrepreneurship and in one of the following: Mathematics, Physics, Geography or any other subject, obtained at the same sitting. Or: A Mature Age Certificate obtained within two years from a recognised Centre accredited by the NCHE. Or: A relevant Higher Education Access Certificate from a University accredited by the NCHE.	8.9	3 years
LCD/ LCW	Bachelor of Commerce	Either: At least a Second Class/Credit Diploma in Statistics and Business-related Courses from a recognised Institution. Or: A Principal pass in Mathematics and/ or Economics and any one of the following: Physics, Geography or Entrepreneurship obtained at the same sitting. Or: A Mature Age Certificate obtained within two years from a recognised Centre accredited by the NCHE. Or: A relevant Higher Education Access Certificate from a University accredited by	12.9	3 years

		the NCHE.		
LPD/ LPW	Bachelor of Public Administration and Management.	<p>Either: At least a Second Class/Credit Diploma in any discipline obtained from a recognized Institution.</p> <p>Or: Principal passes in any two Subjects obtained at the same sitting in their Uganda Advanced Certificate of Education (U.A.C.E.)</p> <p>Or: A Mature Age Certificate obtained within two years from a recognised Centre accredited by the NCHE.</p> <p>Or: A relevant Higher Education Access Certificate from a University accredited by the NCHE.</p>	17.6	3 years
LAD/ LAW	Bachelor of Science in Accounting and Finance	<p>Either: At least a Second Class/Credit Diploma in a Business-related course awarded by a recognised Institution of Higher Learning.</p> <p>Or: Two Principal passes in Economics or Entrepreneurship and either Mathematics, Physics, Geography, or others at the same sitting of the Uganda Advanced Certificate of Education Examinations (U.A.C.E)</p> <p>Or: A relevant Mature Age Certificate obtained within two years from a recognised Centre accredited by the NCHE.</p> <p>Or: A relevant Higher Education Access Certificate from a University accredited by the NCHE.</p>	18.1	3 years
SED/ SEW	Bachelor of Science in Economics	<p>Either: At least a Second-Class Diploma in the relevant fields, such as Economics, Statistics, Computer Science, and Education (Mathematics), awarded by a recognised Institution of Higher Learning.</p> <p>Or: Two Principal passes in Economics, and either Mathematics, Physics, Geography, Computer or Entrepreneurship at the same sitting of the Uganda Advanced Certificate of Education Examinations (U.A.C.E).</p>	17.8	3 years

		<p>Or: A relevant Mature Age Certificate obtained within two years from a recognised Centre accredited by the NCHE.</p> <p>Or: A relevant Higher Education Access Certificate from a University accredited by NCHE.</p>		
ECA/ ECW	Bachelor of Arts in Economics	<p>Either: At least a second-class diploma in Business Administration, Marketing, Accounting and Finance, Microfinance, Procurement, Education with Business studies, Statistics and other Economics and Business-related fields awarded from a recognised institution of higher learning.</p> <p>Or: At least 2 principal passes in Arts or Science subjects at the same sitting, one of which must be in Economics, passed at least at grade D and above in the Uganda Advanced Certificate of Education Examinations (U.A.C.E) and the Uganda Certificate of Education with at least 5 credits obtained at the same sitting. A student should have passed subsidiary mathematics with at least a credit if they did not offer principal mathematics.</p> <p>Or: A relevant Mature Age Certificate obtained within two years from a recognised Centre accredited by the NCHE.</p> <p>Or: A Higher Education Access Certificate with Economics as one of the subjects studied under the HEAC programme from a University accredited by the NCHE with at least a credit-level pass.</p>	18.8	3 years
HRD/ HRW	Bachelor of Human Resource Management	<p>Either: At least a Second Class/Credit Diploma in any Social Science or Business-related discipline awarded by a recognised institution of higher learning.</p> <p>Or: Principal passes in any two Subjects obtained at the same sitting in their Uganda Advanced Certificate of Education (U.A.C.E.) obtained at the same sitting.</p> <p>Or: A relevant Mature Age Certificate obtained within two years from a recognised Centre accredited by the NCHE.</p> <p>Or:</p>	15.5	3 years

A relevant Higher Education Access Certificate from a University accredited by the NCHE.

B: GRADUATE PROGRAMMES

FACULTY OF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY

MMS	Master of Midwifery Science - (Weekday-Full-time).	<p>Applicants for the MMS Programme must hold;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) A Bachelor of Midwifery Science (BMS) or an equivalent from a recognised institution. ii) A Bachelor of Nursing Science (BNS) or an equivalent from a recognised institution. iii) Applicants with BNS or an equivalent must have at least 10 credit units (CUs) in essential midwifery courses (antepartum, intrapartum, and postpartum). iv) At least two years of post-degree internship clinical practice, 1 of which should be in maternal child health or maternity clinical practice areas for both BNS and BMS entry schemes. At least 4 years of post-diploma clinical experience, plus 1 year of post-BNS or post-BMS degree internship clinical practice, would also suffice for candidates who upgraded their education from a Diploma to a BNS or BMS degree through the diploma entry scheme. v) A valid practicing license from a recognised licensing body for all applicants, including international students (such as the Uganda Nurses and Midwives Council). vi) Two references (one academic and one professional). International English Language Tests (IELTS) scores (required of all international student applicants). viii) Equated professional and academic documents by the National Council for Higher Education (NCHE) and Uganda Nurses and Midwives Council (UNMC) are required for all international student applicants. 	Honours Degree	2 Years
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FACULTY OF MEDICINE

MMH	Master of Mental Health Counselling (Weekend)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Second class upper degree in Psychology, Guidance and Counselling, Sociology or related field. 2. Second-class lower degree in Psychology, Guidance and Counselling or Sociology from a recognised academic institution with two years of relevant work experience. 	Honours Degree	2 Years
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		<p>3. A pass degree with five years of relevant work experience or a Post Graduate Diploma in the Relevant Field.</p> <p>4. Bachelor's degree in a non-relevant field with documented experience of two or more years in counselling and allied fields.</p> <p>5. Bachelor's degree with a one-year postgraduate Diploma in Mental Health Counselling.</p> <p>A pass in the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) for international applicants.</p>		
FACULTY OF PUBLIC HEALTH				
MPH	Master of Public Health - (Weekend).	Bachelor's degree in Public Health, Environmental Health Science, Medicine and Surgery, Dental Surgery, Nursing, Midwifery, Veterinary Medicine, Biological Sciences, Community Psychology, Arts in Social Sciences, Development Studies, and any other Health Related Programme.	Honours Degree	2 years
FACULTY OF MANAGEMENT SCIENCES				
MBA	Master of Business Administration - (Weekend).	A Second Class/Credit Honours Bachelor's degree from a recognized Institution; recognized professional qualifications and any other relevant qualification.	Honours Degree	2 years
MPAM	Master of Arts in Public Administration and Management - (Weekend).	Applicants will be expected to have obtained a Second-Class Honours Bachelor's degree or its equivalent in any discipline from a recognized Institution or a Post-graduate diploma in Public Administration or Human Resource Management from an institution recognised by the National Council for Higher Education.	Honours Degree	2 years
MPAL	Master of Arts in Public Administration and Management - (Weekend).	Applicants will be expected to have obtained a Second-Class Postgraduate Diploma in Public Administration from Lira University (7th Congregation Only).	Honours Degree	1 year
PGDPA M	Post Graduate Diploma in Public Administration & Management – (Weekend).	Applicants will be expected to have obtained a degree or its equivalent in any discipline from a recognised University or other degree-awarding institution.	Honours Degree	1 year
PGDFM	Postgraduate Diploma in Financial Management – (Weekend).	A Bachelor's Degree in a relevant field from a recognized Institution by the NCHE. At least a Second-Class Diploma awarded from a recognised Institution of Higher Learning, plus a full Professional Qualification from a Chartered Institute such as CPA, ACCA, CIMA, CIPS, etc.	Honours Degree	1 year
FACULTY OF EDUCATION				

DED	Postgraduate Diploma in Education	A Bachelor's Degree in a relevant field from a recognized Institution by the NCHE. At least a Second-Class Diploma awarded by a recognised Institution of Higher Learning	N/A	1 year
DEAM	Postgraduate Diploma in Educational Administration and Management.	A Bachelor's Degree in Education from a recognized Institution by the NCHE. At least a Second-Class Diploma awarded by a recognised Institution of Higher Learning	N/A	1 year

IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO APPLICANTS:

1. HOW TO APPLY

- i. Applications will be filled and submitted online using the System (AIMS) after generating the **Payment Reference Number (PRN)** from the system to pay the application fee.

2. LIRA UNIVERSITY ONLINE APPLICATION PORTAL USER GUIDE

- i) Applicants will access the University's Admission URL at <https://admissions.lirauni.ac.ug>
- ii) Sign up using your full name, e-mail and Mobile number. Ensure the name matches the one on your academic documents for your applications to be considered valid. If you had changed your name, submit a photocopy of the affidavit supporting the change to the Admissions Office in the Public Health Block.
- iii) A password will be sent to your email and mobile number you provided.
- iv) The system will prompt you to change the password to one you can easily remember.
- v) To fill your application form, click on the **'APPLY NOW'** button displayed on the running scheme.
- vi) Obtain the payment advice slip/**payment reference number** by clicking on the **'pay for'** form button.
- vii) Applicants who may find difficulties filling the online form can receive help strictly at the University's Admissions Office in the Public Health Block.

Note the following:

1. Applicants must **upload** certified copies of their Academic Transcripts/Certificates on the application portal in **a single PDF file**.
2. The fees indicated in the advert are **ONLY Tuition fees** and exclude other costs such as Functional/Administrative, Research, School Practice/Internship, Accommodation, etc.
3. The University reserves the right **NOT** to offer any programme unless the number of students admissible for the programme is **25 or above**.
4. Applicants for Graduate Programmes must **download and fill out Two Referee Forms** from the website www.lirauni.ac.ug, fill and submit together with hard copies of the Certified Academic Documents to the Admissions Office.
5. There will be **NO Pre-Entry Examinations** for Diploma holders applying for Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery this year.
6. **All admitted Candidates shall be responsible for the verification of their documents from the Awarding Institutions.**
7. For further inquiries, you can visit our website: www.lirauni.ac.ug or call the admissions office on +256 471 660709/ +256772727579 / +256775105221.



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