

## About the Open University of Tanzania

The Open University of Tanzania (OUT) is an accredited public institution of higher learning mandated to conduct academic programmes leading to certificates, diplomas, undergraduate and postgraduate qualifications.

The OUT headquarters is located off-Kawawa Road in Kinondoni Municipality, Dar es Salaam. The University offers its academic programmes through the Open and Distance Learning (ODL) system and has Centres in all Regions of Tanzania mainland and in Zanzibar.

## About the Foundation Programme

The Foundation Programme is a one year bridging programme intended to open up access to higher education to students who miss few points for qualification to university entrance into bachelor degrees. The programme was approved by the Tanzania Commission for Universities (TCU) in March 2018.

Candidates who will successful pass the programme as per the approved criteria will be eligible for admission into various bachelor degree programmes.

## Programme Objectives

The specific objectives of the programme are:

- (i) To provide basic information to the procedures, methods and language of the subjects for degree level.
- (ii) To introduce students to intelligent reading, assimilation, critical judgment, analysis and synthesis of information useful for higher level of learning.

- (iii) To promote individual self-development and remedy deficiencies carried over from lower levels of education in the ability to speak, read, write and receive instruction in order to successfully undertake university studies.

## Admission Criteria

A candidate shall be deemed eligible for consideration for admission to the Foundation Programme of the Open University of Tanzania if he/she has obtained:

A Certificate of Secondary Education Examination (C.S.E.E.) with passes in at least FOUR subjects, obtained prior to sitting for the Advanced Certificate of Secondary Education Examination (A.C.S.E.E) or equivalent AND any of the following:

- (i) Advanced Certificate of Secondary Education Examination (A.C.S.E.E.) with at least 1.5 points from TWO subjects. OR
- (ii) An Ordinary Diploma from a recognized institution with a GPA of at least 2.0. OR
- (iii) NTA Level 5/Professional Technician Level II Certificate.

**NB:** Passes in Religious studies and General Studies are not counted.

## Course Structure

Students will be required to complete 120 credit points of study in total. All subjects carry 20 credit points.

## Programme Clusters

The Foundation Programme is organized into three clusters of Arts, Business and Science. Students

in each cluster will be required to take SIX subjects that include three core subjects and three additional subjects, as summarized in the Table below:

Cluster	Core Subjects	Additional Subjects for all Clusters
<b>Arts</b>	History Geography English Language Kiswahili Economics	Communication Skills
<b>Business</b>	Business Studies & Economics Economics Business Maths & Statistics Geography	Development Studies
<b>Science</b>	Physics Chemistry Biology Mathematics Geography	ICT

**NB:** Candidates intending to take **Laws** will enroll in **Arts**

Candidates intending to take **Education** will enroll in any of the clusters

## Mode of Study

The programme will be taught through the open and distance learning (ODL) system that will include e-learning using OUT Moodle platform, distance learning using materials provided in printed copies and CDs and few sessions of face-to-face teaching and learning at the Regional Centres.

## Exit Award

Upon graduation, successful candidates will be awarded Certificate of Foundation Programme of the Open University of Tanzania.

## Facilities and Services

The University has well established infrastructure, facilities and services to facilitate teaching and learning. These include:

- Its network of Regional Centres in all regions that bring services closer to the learners.
- Library services with a collection of e-books, e-journals, open educational resources (OERs) and visual materials.
- ICT infrastructure and services, including e-learning platform and different electronic systems for communication and record keeping.
- Learner's support services, including assistance to students with special needs, guidance and counselling

## Fee Structure

The total University cost for Foundation Programme is **TShs 690,000/-**

(To cover registration, tuition fee, examination, ID card, quality assurance, students union and handbook)

## Other important information

- At the beginning of every academic year, all students will be required to deposit their fees through the specified OUT bank accounts and get registered.

- All students will be required to appear physically for examination sessions which are conducted in OUT Regional Centres in all Regions of Tanzania mainland and in Zanzibar.

## How to Apply

The application is done online through the Online Application System (OAS) of the Open University of Tanzania. The system can be accessed at [www.out.ac.tz](http://www.out.ac.tz). Please make sure you complete all sections of the Online Application System carefully.



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