



UNIVERSITY OF DAR ES SALAAM

**OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY VICE
CHANCELLOR- ACADEMIC
DIRECTORATE OF UNDERGRADUATE
STUDIES**

SPECIFIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR NON-DEGREE PROGRAMMES

CERTIFICATE AND DIPLOMA ENTRY QUALIFICATIONS

2026/2027

Programme Name	Duration	Minimum Entry Requirements
COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES		
Certificate in Sign Language and Interpretation	1 Year	Certificate of Secondary Education Examination with at least four passes;
Diploma in Chinese Language	2 years	Two Principal level passes in Arts or Science Subjects

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COLLEGE OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES		
Certificate in Computer Science	1 Year	<p>a) Direct Entry Qualifications Certificate of Secondary Education Examination (C.S.E.E) or East African Certificate of Education (E.A.C.A) – O-level with at least a pass in four approved subjects including Mathematics</p> <p>AND</p> <p>Certificate or Diploma from a recognized institution or ICT Industrial experience of not less than 2 years that demonstrate the candidate's ability to undertake the programs</p>
Diploma in Computer Science	2 Years	<p>Direct Entry Qualifications Certificate of Secondary Education Examination (C.S.E.E.) or equivalent with passes in at least four approved subjects including Mathematics, and one of the following combinations of passes in the Advanced Certificate of Secondary Education Examination (A. C. S. E. E.) or equivalent:</p> <p>(i) One principal level pass at least grade 'C' in Computer Science, Advanced Mathematics, Basic Applied Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Economics, Commerce, Geography, Biology or Accountancy.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>(ii) One principal level pass and a subsidiary pass in any of the subjects listed in (i) above.</p> <p>Equivalent Entry Qualifications Certificate of Secondary Education Examination (C.S.E.E.) or equivalent with passes in at least four approved subjects and one of the following qualifications: A Basic Certificate in Computer Science (or related field) with an average GPA of at least 3.0 out of 5.0 or a Diploma at a good standing from recognized institution.</p> <p>OR A qualification of an equivalent standard awarded by recognized professional bodies such as the National Board of Accountants and Auditors and the Business Education Council.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>(i) Any bachelor's degree from any institution fully registered by TCU/ NACTVET</p>

UDSM SCHOOL OF LAW		
Certificate in Law	1 Year (Full Time) & 2 Years (Part Time)	<p>Certificate of Secondary Education Examination (CSEE) or equivalent with at least four passes</p> <p>Or</p> <p>Advanced Certificate of Secondary Education Examination (ACSEE) or equivalent with one principal pass.</p> <p>Candidates who do not have the required qualifications may be admitted in exceptional circumstances on the recommendations of the Board of the University School of Law</p>

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SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM AND MASS COMMUNICATION

Certificate in Journalism	1 Year	Certificate of Secondary Education Examination (CSEE) with four passes three of which must at least be Credit passes obtained at the same sitting.
Diploma in Journalism	2 Years	<p>Applicants must possess at least four passes with a D grade or above in four O'Level subjects.</p> <p>AND</p> <p>(i) For direct entry, at least one (1) principal pass of grade 'E' and subsidiary (S) at advanced level secondary education. The program is open for students from a wide range of combinations.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>(ii) For equivalent entry the applicant should possess Certificate or NTA Level 5 in the field of media studies such as Journalism, Mass Communication and Public Relations and Advertising with an overall GPA of 2.0 or better from a recognized institution.</p>

INSTITUTE OF MARINE SCIENCES (IMS) - ZANZIBAR

Diploma in Applied Mariculture Technology	2 Years	<p>Certificate of Secondary Education Examination (CSEE) or equivalent with at least four passes</p> <p>AND</p> <p>(i) For Direct entry Advanced Certificate of Secondary Education Examination (A-Level) with at least one Principal level pass in Biology.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>(ii) For Equivalent Entry Technician Certificate (NTA Level 5), or other relevant certificate in any of the following fields: Aquaculture Technology, Fisheries Management and Technology, Fisheries Science and Technology, Animal Husbandry and Production, Maritime Studies, Environmental and Coastal Resources Management, Fish Processing or related fields a minimum GPA of 3.0 out of 5.0.</p>
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Diploma in Coastal and Marine Ecotourism	2 Years	<p>Certificate of Secondary Education Examination(CSEE) or equivalent with at least four passes.</p> <p>AND</p> <p>(i) (Advanced Certificate of Secondary Education Examination (A-Level) with at least one Principal level pass in Biology or Geography. Those without a principal pass in Biology must have a minimum of D grade in Biology at O-Level.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>(ii) NTA Level 5, or a relevant certificate in Tour Guiding Operations, Tourism Management, Wildlife Management, Fisheries Science and Technology, Fisheries Management and Technology, Forest Management and Nature Conservation, Maritime, Environment and Coastal Resources Management or related fields,, with a minimum GPA of 3.0 out 5.0 or a Professional Technician Certificate Level II obtained from an institution fully registered by TCU/ NACTVET and recognized by UDSM Senate.</p>

UNIVERSITY OF DAR ES SALAAM MINERAL RESOURCES INSTITUTE (DODOMA)

Basic Technician Certificate in Geology and Mineral Exploration	NTA LEVEL 4	Certificate of Secondary School Education (CSEE)with four (4) passes in science subjects (Mathematics, Chemistry, Physics, Biology and Geography)
Basic Technician Certificate in Petroleum Geosciences and Exploration	NTA LEVEL 4	Certificate of Secondary School Education (CSEE)with four (4) passes in science subjects (Mathematics, Chemistry, Physics, Biology and Geography)
Basic Technician Certificate in Mining Engineering	NTA LEVEL 4	Certificate of Secondary School Education (CSEE)with four (4) passes in science subjects (Mathematics, Chemistry, Physics, Biology and Geography)
Basic Technician Certificate in Metallurgy and Mineral Processing Engineering	NTA LEVEL 4	Certificate of Secondary School Education (CSEE)with four (4) passes in science subjects (Mathematics, Chemistry, Physics, Biology and Geography)
Basic Technician Certificate in Environmental Engineering and Management	NTA LEVEL 4	Certificate of Secondary School Education (CSEE)with four (4) passes in science subjects (Mathematics, Chemistry, Physics, Biology and Geography)
Basic Technician Certificate in Land and Mine Surveying	NTA LEVEL 4	Certificate of Secondary School Education (CSEE)with four (4) passes in science subjects (Mathematics, Chemistry, Physics, Biology and Geography)
Technician Certificate in Geology and Mineral Exploration	NTA LEVEL 5	Basic Technician Certificate (NTA level 4) in Geology and Mineral Exploration from any institution recognized by NACTVET
Technician Certificate in Petroleum Geosciences and Exploration	NTA LEVEL 5	Basic Technician Certificate (NTA level 4) in Petroleum Geosciences and Exploration from any institution recognized by NACTVET

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Technician Certificate in Mining Engineering	NTA LEVEL 5	Basic Technician Certificate (NTA level 4) in Mining Engineering from any institution recognized by NACTVET
Technician Certificate in Environmental Engineering and Management.	NTA LEVEL 5	Basic Technician Certificate (NTA level 4) in Environmental Engineering and Management in Mines from any institution recognized by NACTVET
Technician Certificate in Land and Mine Surveying	NTA LEVEL 5	Basic Technician Certificate (NTA level 4) in Land and Mine Surveying from any institution recognized by NACTVET
Technician Certificate in Metallurgy and Mineral Processing Engineering	NTA LEVEL 5	Basic Technician Certificate (NTA level 4) in Metallurgy and Mineral Processing Engineering from any institution recognized by NACTVET
Diploma in Geology and Mineral Exploration	NTA LEVEL 6	Technician Certificate (NTA level 5) in Geology and Mineral Exploration from any institution recognized by NACTVET
Diploma in Petroleum Geosciences and Exploration	NTA LEVEL 6	Technician Certificate (NTA level 5) in Petroleum Geosciences and Exploration from any institution recognized by NACTVET.
Diploma in Mining Engineering	NTA LEVEL 6	Technician Certificate (NTA level 5) in Mining Engineering from any institution recognized by NACTVET.
Diploma in Metallurgy and Mineral Processing Engineering	NTA LEVEL 6	Technician Certificate (NTA level 5) in Metallurgy and Mineral Processing Engineering from any institution recognized by NACTVET
Diploma in Environmental Engineering and Management in Mines	NTA LEVEL 6	Technician Certificate (NTA level 5) in Environmental Engineering and Management from any institution recognized by NACTVET
Diploma in Land and Mine Surveying	NTA LEVEL 6	Technician Certificate (NTA level 5) in Land and Mine Surveying from any institution recognized by NACTVET

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DAR ES SALAAM UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF EDUCATION		
Basic Technician Certificate in Educational Laboratory Science and Technology	NTA LEVEL 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Possession of National Vocational Training Award (NVA III) with at least two passes of grade D in either Chemistry, Biology, Physics or Mathematics at O' Level, OR ● Holder of Form IV Certificate with at least four passes of grade D in Science subjects including passes in Chemistry, Biology, Physics or Mathematics or its equivalent.
Technician Certificate in Educational Laboratory Science and Technology	NTA LEVEL 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Possession of NTA Level 4 in Laboratory Science and Technology, OR ● Possession of NTA Level 4 in Laboratory Technician, OR ● Possession of NTA Level 4 in Laboratory Science, OR ● Possession of NTA Level 4 in Laboratory Technology, OR ● Possession of NTA Level 4 in Medical Laboratory Technology, OR ● Possession of Advanced Certificate of Secondary Education Examination (ACSEE) with at least one Principal Pass and a Subsidiary in Science subjects (Chemistry, Biology, Physics, Agriculture, Mathematics and Nutrition).
Diploma in Educational Laboratory Science and Technology	NTA LEVEL 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Possession of NTA Level 5 in Laboratory Science and Technology, OR ● Possession of NTA Level 5 in Laboratory Technician, OR ● Possession of NTA Level 5 in Laboratory Science, OR ● Possession of NTA Level 5 in Laboratory Technology, OR ● Possession of NTA Level 5 in Medical Laboratory Technology, and any other related fields ● In addition, the candidate will attend a bridge course on some basics of educational pedagogy.

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