



Semester Dates

- **First Semester:** November–March (final examinations in March)
- **Second Semester:** April–August (final examinations from late July to mid-August)



A two-week resit examination period is usually scheduled in September. However, international students who do not pass an examination or course are generally offered individual arrangements in consultation with the university.

The current academic calendar, including semester dates and examination periods, can be found in the University Almanac on the university's website.

An overview of all study programmes and course offerings is available in the University Prospectus, which can also be found on the university's website.

<https://mu.ac.tz/en/>

(Scroll to the bottom of the website. Both documents are available in the Downloads section on the right-hand side.)



A Day at Mzumbe University in Tanzania

Mzumbe University is located in Morogoro, a city approximately two hours by train and around 35 minutes by bus from Dar es Salaam. Despite its proximity to Tanzania's largest city, Morogoro offers a peaceful and green environment that is ideal for studying. The following provides an overview of campus life, course selection, accommodation, and other services available to international students.

All photos and information were collected during a visit to Tanzania in July 2026. © Lüttge

Campus and Student Life

The Mzumbe University campus provides everything students need for everyday university life. In addition to the International Office, the university has an active Student Association, which serves a role similar to a student union. Medical care is provided through the university's own Health Centre, which includes a hospital located directly on campus. This ensures that students have quick and convenient access to healthcare whenever needed. The university also offers a Student Welfare Service, providing support for personal or academic challenges and serving as a point of contact for counselling and advice.



In addition, Mzumbe University provides places of worship for different religious communities. Students have access to facilities such as churches and a mosque on campus.

A particularly convenient feature of the campus is its small "campus town," which includes hair salons, small shops, restaurants, cafés, and even bars, allowing students to meet most of their daily needs without leaving the university grounds.



Sports also play an important role in campus life. Free sports activities are offered every evening throughout the week. At the beginning of each semester, students can meet with the Sports Director to learn about the available activities and programmes.

Course Selection and Academic Studies

International students usually take 60 credits per semester, which corresponds to approximately five to six courses. Courses can be selected flexibly from different master's programmes, allowing students to tailor their study plan to their individual academic interests. A complete overview of all master's programmes and available courses can be found on the university's website.

To help international students settle in, the International Office also offers a Buddy Programme. Before arriving in Tanzania, students have the opportunity to arrange an online meeting to ask initial questions and get to know their contact persons in advance.

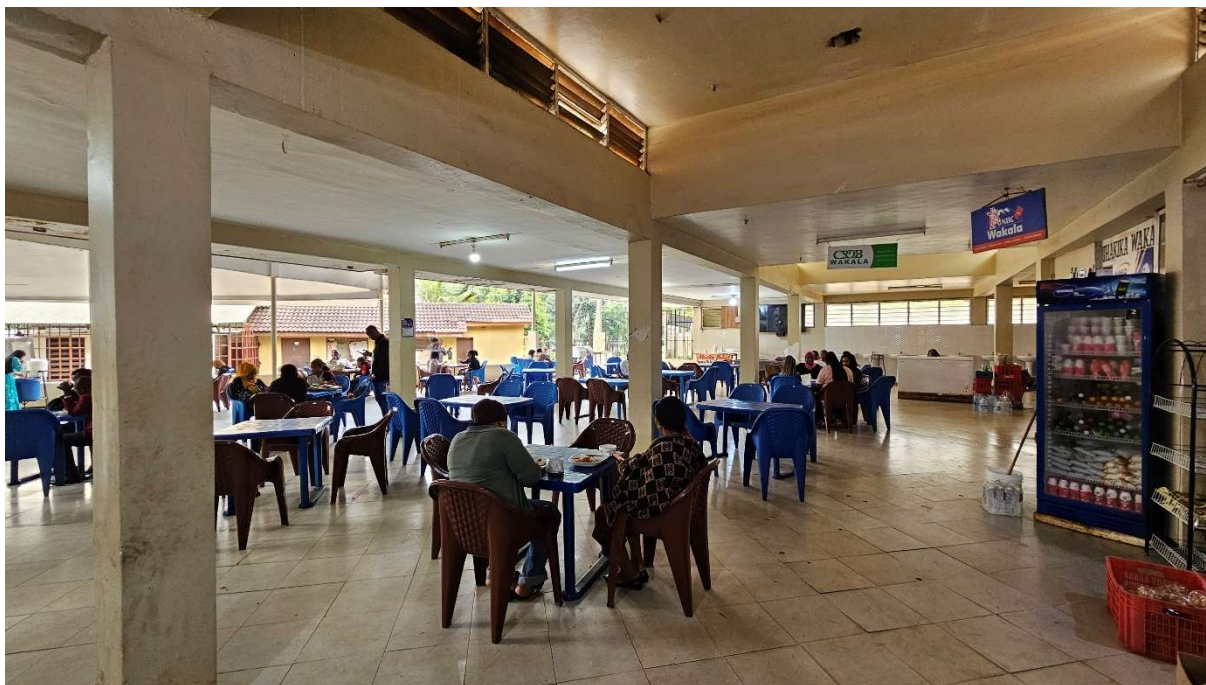
Library

The university library provides excellent facilities for both studying and academic research. Through a digital platform, students have access to a wide range of academic literature and online resources. The library also offers various study spaces, including dedicated areas for postgraduate students as well as individual study booths for quiet and focused work.



Dining

There are several places to eat on campus, including a university cafeteria as well as small restaurants and cafés. Freshly prepared hot meals, snacks, and drinks are available at affordable prices throughout the day.



Accommodation

Mzumbe University provides on-campus accommodation for international students. Students live in shared apartments, each with a private bedroom and shared access to a kitchen, living

room, and bathroom. The residential area is monitored by security staff 24 hours a day, ensuring a safe living environment.



The apartments are fully furnished and include Wi-Fi, a television, a refrigerator, and a fully equipped kitchen. Accommodation is provided free of charge by the university; students are only responsible for paying their own electricity and water costs.





In addition to the Erasmus programme, Mzumbe University maintains several international partnerships, including collaborations with universities in Ghent and Antwerp. Until 2018, these partnerships included student exchange programmes as well as a joint master's programme with the University of Antwerp. Today, the collaborations primarily involve international students who come to Mzumbe University for research stays of several months, particularly for fieldwork. As a result, international students from different countries are regularly present on campus, providing excellent opportunities for intercultural exchange.



Language Courses and Cultural Activities

The Language Centre offers a variety of opportunities to learn Kiswahili.

One of the most popular options is a nine-credit Language and Culture Course taught by Maria. Upon successful completion, students receive a certificate. The course combines language learning with cultural experiences, including excursions, visits to local markets, cooking classes, and participation in traditional events such as weddings. This immersive approach allows students to gain a deeper understanding of both the language and Tanzanian culture. Course fees depend on the number of teaching hours and can be arranged individually with the instructor.

In addition, the university offers regular Kiswahili language courses, for which students only need to purchase a course book. There is also a Language Café, where international students are paired with tandem partners from the Bachelor's programme in Kiswahili, providing an excellent opportunity to practise the language in everyday conversations.

Additional Information

On campus and throughout Morogoro, payments are made mainly in cash or via Mobile Money. Credit and debit card payments are accepted only in a limited number of places, so it is advisable to carry some cash and use a local Mobile Money service such as M-Pesa or Airtel Money.

Mzumbe University continues to grow and invest in its infrastructure. A new, modern campus is currently under construction and is scheduled to open in October 2026. In addition, the university operates several research centres and continues to expand its research activities. International partnerships are also being strengthened to promote academic collaboration and provide attractive study and research opportunities for students from around the world.



Outside of university life, Morogoro offers a variety of leisure activities. Popular options include hiking in the nearby Uluguru Mountains, visiting local markets, and spending time with fellow students both on and off campus.

Important Contacts at Mzumbe University

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