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Principals' Recommended Admission (PRA) Rules 2019/2020

1. Introduction

As the primary comprehensive university in the region, the University of Macau (UM) is committed to fostering local high quality and well-round talents as our mission. To this end, the **“Principals’ Recommended Admission Scheme”** is established to allow local secondary schools to recommend outstanding students for direct admission and all qualified students will be granted different types of scholarship. Effective from 2019/2020, in order to extend admission opportunities for students with diverse talents, two additional schemes are devised under the scope of current Principals’ Recommended Schemes – namely the **“Chinese and Portuguese Bilingual Talent Nurturing Scheme”** and **“Outstanding Student-Athletes Admission Scheme”**. The former aims to cultivate outstanding local Chinese and Portuguese talents for Macao S.A.R. while the latter encourages local student-athletes to pursue higher academic qualifications and to continue to make breakthrough in their sports talents.

2. Recommended Qualification

Scheme	Application Qualification	Quota
“Principals’ Recommended Admission Scheme”	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Excellent academic performance and good conduct;2. Currently studying in Form 6 or equivalent in an officially recognized secondary school in Macao;3. Ranked among top 10% in terms of academic performance amongst all Form 5 students or equivalent (including all students in arts, commerce, science and other streams) in the school recommended by Macao secondary school principals.4. Applicants who may not meet criteria of point 3 but possess good academic performance and below areas of specific talents or outstanding achievements may also be recommended by Macao secondary school principals:<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Academic awards/ qualifications achieved (e.g. public academic competitions);✓ Non-academic awards/ qualifications achieved (e.g. talents of the musicianship or sports area).	All qualified students recommended by secondary schools



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Scheme	Application Qualification	Quota
“Chinese and Portuguese Bilingual Talent Nurturing Scheme”	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Excellent academic performance and good conduct;2. Currently studying in Form 6 or equivalent in an officially recognized secondary school in Macao;3. Ranked among the top 30% in terms of academic performance amongst all Form 5 students or equivalent (including all students in arts, commerce, science and other streams);4. Attained the proficiency of CIPLE Level A2 (Certificado Inicial de Português Língua Estrangeira) or equivalent (or such proficiency proof can be declared by the school);5. Applicants must apply for admission to Bachelor of Arts in Portuguese Studies of Faculty of Arts and Humanities.	15
“Outstanding Student-Athletes Admission Scheme”	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Excellent sports performance and good conduct;2. Currently studying in Form 6 or equivalent in an officially recognized secondary school in Macao;3. Represented Macao S.A.R. to participate in international/regional sports competition within the last two years;4. Applicants, who may not fulfill the condition of above point 3 but have represented Macao S.A.R. with good sports performance, can also apply by submitting the recommendation letter from sports association together with the recommendation by the school principal.	30

3. Application Procedures and Documents

3.1 Online Application System

Recommended applicants must submit an on-line application for Principals’ Recommended Admission together with all required documents within the application period of **24/09 – 12/10/2018**. (Please refer to the “User Manual of Online Application System for Principals’ Recommended Admission 2019/2020”).

3.2 Recommended applicants need to scan and upload the following documents on to the system:

- 3.2.1 Valid Macao I.D. card (both sides on one A4 size paper);
- 3.2.2 One passport size color photo (white background is preferred);
- 3.2.3 Official transcript of academic records for the recent two years (Form 4 to Form 5) of secondary education (A4 size);
- 3.2.4 Related certificates or proof for supplementary information of special talents, awards or community service (A4 size) (if applicable);



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3.2.5 Applicants for “**Chinese and Portuguese Bilingual Talent Nurturing Scheme**” must additionally provide related certificates or proof for proficiency of CIPLE Level A2 (Certificado Inicial de Português Língua Estrangeira) or equivalent (A4 size); if such proof is not available, a declaration to support applicants’ equivalent level of proficiency provided by the school is accepted.

3.2.6 Applicants for “**Outstanding Student-Athletes Admission Scheme**” must additionally provide related certificates or proof of representing Macao S.A.R. to participate in international/regional sports competition within the last two years, or a written recommendation from sports association (A4 size).

3.3 Interview will be conducted for qualified applicants.

4. Successful Applicants

4.1 Scholarship for “Principals’ Recommended Admission 2019/2020”

4.1.1 All applicants admitted to Bachelor’s degree programme through “Principals’ Recommended Admission 2019/2020” will be granted scholarship. There are four types of scholarships: “University of Macau Grand Lotus Scholarship”, “University of Macau Golden Lotus Scholarship”, “University of Macau Silver Lotus Scholarship” and “University of Macau First Year Scholarship”.

Scholarship Type	Content
University of Macau Grand Lotus Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full waiver of tuition fee for 1st academic year; • Full waiver of Residential College fee for 1st academic year for around 10 months of 2 semesters; • A scholarship of MOP 30,000 for 1st academic year; • Eligibility of early admission to Honours College.
University of Macau Golden Lotus Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full waiver of tuition fee for 1st academic year; • Eligibility of early admission to Honours College.
University of Macau Silver Lotus Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Half waiver of tuition fee for 1st academic year.
University of Macau First Year Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One-off MOP10,000 scholarship.

4.1.2 For students to be admitted through “**Principals’ Recommended Admission Scheme**” and “**Chinese and Portuguese Bilingual Talent Nurturing Scheme**”, assessment of will take the following factors into account: students’ school performance, ranking, academic and non-



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academic talents, community service and interview. Among four types of scholarship, the “University of Macau Grand Lotus Scholarship” is established to award students of the most outstanding talents or extraordinary achievement. The scholarship selection is very competitive while our Faculty Deans will recommend their best offered students to the Committee of “University of Macau Grand Lotus Scholarship” for most competent recipients.

- 4.1.3 Students must stay in Residential College for the 1st academic year as to enjoy the full waiver of Residential College fee for “University of Macau Grand Lotus Scholarship” recipients. If students do not stay in Residential College during the study period, the full waiver of the fee will not be granted. Students should comply with all the Residential College’s rules during the stay in Residential College.
- 4.1.4 For students to be admitted through “**Outstanding Student-Athletes Admission Scheme**”, assessment of admission will base on applicants’ sports achievements together with the interview while the final selection will be made by the Committee of this scheme to the most competent recipients.
- 4.1.5 For the continuation scheme of University of Macau Lotus Scholarship (inclusive of Grand Lotus, Golden Lotus and Silver Lotus Scholarship), please refer to point 9 and 10 for “Continuation Rules of University of Macau Lotus Scholarship for Principals’ Recommended Admission 2019/2020”. “University of Macau First Year Scholarship” is however not renewable, the scholarship amount will be used to offset part of the tuition fees payable for the 1st and 2nd semester of 2019/2020 (MOP 5,000 for each semester).
- 4.2 Successful applicants are not permitted to change their programmes of study once their offer confirmations have been submitted to the University.
- 4.3 If a successful applicant accepts our offer of admission (returning the “Statement of Acceptance”), he/she is not permitted to apply for admission to the Bachelor’s degree programmes of the University by other channels. If he/she is found to be admitted through other channels, the University reserves the rights to cancel his/her admission qualifications.
- 4.4 If a successful applicant defers study, the University reserves the rights to terminate the scholarship qualification (inclusive of tuition fee waiver, Residential College fee waiver and related eligibility).



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- 4.5 All students admitted through the Principals' Recommended Admission Scheme will follow the general rules related to admission of bachelor's degree programmes. Please visit the website at <https://reg.umac.mo/admission/> for details.
- 4.6 Upon admission, scholarship recipients of "Principals' Recommended Admission Scheme" and "Chinese and Portuguese Bilingual Talent Nurturing Scheme" are obliged to participate and assist in any university activities which aim to cultivate students' sense of community service and their practical competence during the undergraduate study.
- 4.7 Upon admission, scholarship recipients of "Outstanding Student-Athletes Admission Scheme" are obliged to participate and assist in any university sports activities and represent UM to participate in any sports competitions during the undergraduate study.

5. Unsuccessful Applicants

Unsuccessful applicants may apply for the Joint Admission Examination for Macao Four Higher Education Institutions (JAE) for admission to the Bachelor's degree programmes of the University.

6. Important Dates to Note

Date	Event
06 October 2018	Principals' Recommended Admission Talk
24 September – 12 October 2018	Online application period
12 – 17 November 2018	Release of interview details (interview permit can be downloaded via online application system)
17 November 2018 (afternoon)	Interview
Early to mid December 2018	Announcement of interview result via online application system
Mid December 2018	Confirmation of admission by offered applicants
Late January 2019	Submission of "Statement of Acceptance"
Mid to late July 2019	Submission of registration documents (students admitted through 'Principals' Recommended Admission' are advised to proceed the medical examination from late May)
11 – 12 August 2019 (tentative)	New students move in Residential Colleges
13 – 20 August 2019 (tentative)	New Student Orientation
21 August 2019	Class commencement 2019/2020 (for the date of class commencement, please refer to website at https://reg.umac.mo/admission/)



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7. Admission Policy for Students with Disability

To provide equal admission opportunities, necessary study environment and facilities for students with disability, the University has devised the “Admission Policy for Students with Disability”. Please visit the website at <https://reg.umac.mo/admission/generalinfo/policy/> for details.

8. Disqualification of Application, Admission or Study

8.1 The University reserves the rights to reject any applications from students beyond the top 10% in terms of academic performance in their Form 5/Grade 11/Senior Middle 2 study.

8.2 Applicants must guarantee that the information given in the application form is TRUE. The University of Macau reserves the rights to terminate an application, admission or study at any time if :

- any information given in his/her application form is found later to be untrue and/or incorrect;
- an applicant offered with admission is found to have violated any of the regulations of the University of Macau or misconduct behavior.

Should such cases occur, any fees paid will not be refunded.

8.3 Registered students of University of Macau cannot concurrently register/enrol in any other higher education programme(s) in Macao, including the programme(s) offered by the University of Macau. If students are found to be registered for more than one higher education programme, the University of Macau reserves the rights to terminate his/her application or study at any time.

9. Continuation Rules of University of Macau Lotus Scholarship 2019/2020 (for students admitted through “Principals’ Recommended Admission Scheme” and “Chinese and Portuguese Bilingual Talent Nurturing Scheme”)

9.1 Qualifications

9.1.1 All students granted with the University of Macau Lotus Scholarship, subject to their yearly academic performance, can continue enjoying half or full tuition fee waiver during 2nd to 4th academic year of study (during 2nd to 5th academic year of study for Bachelor of Law five-year programmes);

9.1.2 Scholarship candidates must achieve satisfactory results in their previous academic year of study as to continue the eligibility of scholarship. Evaluation is based on each academic year’s performance (yearly GPA) but not cumulative performance (such as cumulative GPA);

9.1.3 Bachelor’s degree students must have passed at least 15 credits for each semester of the academic year.



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9.2 Requirement of Academic Performance

Scholarship Type	For students of the Faculty of Arts and Humanities, Faculty of Business Administration, Faculty of Education, Faculty of Health Sciences, Faculty of Social Sciences and Faculty of Science and Technology		For students of the Faculty of Law	
	Grade Point Average*	% of Tuition Exempted	20-Point System	% of Tuition Exempted
University of Macau Grand Lotus Scholarship/ University of Macau Golden Lotus Scholarship	GPA: 3.30-4.00	100%	14	100%
University of Macau Silver Lotus Scholarship	GPA: 3.30-4.00	50%	14	50%

* The highest letter grade is A (GPA=4.00)

9.3 Termination of Scholarship

9.3.1 The University reserves the rights to terminate the scholarship (inclusive of tuition fee waiver, Residential College fee waiver and related eligibility) if a student:

- 9.3.1.1 cannot achieve the academic year's performance mentioned above;
- 9.3.1.2 cannot complete his/her study within the normal period of study;
- 9.3.1.3 changes faculties/programmes;
- 9.3.1.4 defers his/her study;
- 9.3.1.5 cannot achieve the Residential College requirements.

9.3.2 Please refer to point 4 for details of Lotus Scholarship.



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10. Continuation Rules of University of Macau Lotus Scholarship 2019/2020 (for students admitted through “Outstanding Student-Athletes Admission Scheme”)

- 10.1 Current students admitted through “Outstanding Student-Athletes Admission Scheme” may continue to enjoy such scholarship in the 2nd academic year to normal period of study subjected to their academic performances, sports achievements, stay in the Residential College and meeting the related requirements.
- 10.2 Scholarship recipients must meet the academic requirements of yearly GPA no less than 2.0 in their previous academic year of study (For students studying in the Bachelor of Law programme, the yearly scales must not be less than 10 out of 20), and fulfill 80% of attendance rate of their related UM Sports Team regular training and participate in competitions.
- 10.3 Scholarship recipients must stay in the Residential College and comply with all the related requirement for the continuation of the scholarship within the normal period of study.
- 10.4 Positive attitude and active participation in all sports team related events.
- 10.5 The University reserves the rights to terminate the scholarship (inclusive of tuition fee waiver, Residential College fee waiver and related eligibility) if a student:
 - 10.5.1 cannot achieve the academic year’s performance mentioned above;
 - 10.5.2 cannot complete his/her study within the normal period of study;
 - 10.5.3 changes faculties/programmes;
 - 10.5.4 defers his/her study;
 - 10.5.5 does not stay in Residential College and does not meet the requirement of the Residential College;
 - 10.5.6 does not meet the requirement of his/her related UM Sports Team’s training and competition.
- 10.6 Please refer to point 4 for details of Lotus Scholarship.