

Principals' Recommended Admission (PRA) Rules 2021/2022

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. 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 achievement.

2. Recommended Qualification

Scheme		Application Qualification	Admission quota for each scheme
"Principals"	1.	Excellent academic performance and good conduct;	All qualified
Recommended	2.	Currently studying in Form 6 or equivalent in an officially	students
Admission Scheme"		recognized secondary school in Macao;	recommended by
	3. 4.	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. 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: ✓ Academic awards/ qualifications achieved (e.g. public academic competitions or public exams); ✓ Non-academic awards/ qualifications achieved (e.g. talents of the musicianship or sports area).	secondary schools



Scheme	Application Qualification		Admission quota for each scheme
"Chinese and	1. Exe	cellent academic performance and good conduct;	15
Portuguese Bilingual	2. Cu	rrently studying in Form 6 or equivalent in an officially	
Talent Nurturing	rec	ognized secondary school in Macao;	
Scheme"	am in a 4. Att de pro 5. Ap	nked among the top 30% in terms of academic performance longst all Form 5 students or equivalent (including all students arts, commerce, science and other streams); tained the proficiency of CIPLE Level A2 (Certificado Inicial Português Língua Estrangeira) or equivalent (or such officiency proof can be declared by the school); eplicants must apply for admission to Bachelor of Arts in truguese Studies of Faculty of Arts and Humanities.	
"Outstanding	1. Exc	cellent sports performance and good conduct;	30
Student-Athletes		rrently studying in Form 6 or equivalent in an officially	
Admission Scheme"	rec	ognized secondary school in Macao;	
		presented Macao S.A.R. to participate in ernational/regional sports competition within the last two ars;	
	4. Ap	plicants, who may not fulfil the condition of above point 3	
	but	t have represented Macao S.A.R. with good sports	
	per	formance, can also apply by submitting the recommendation	
		ter from sports association together with the recommendation the school principal.	

3. Application Procedures and Documents

3.1 Recommended applicants must submit an on-line application for Principals' Recommended Admission together with all required documents within the application period. (Please refer to the "User Manual of Online Application System for Principals' Recommended Admission 2021/2022").



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

Documents (in A4 size except photo)	Remarks		
Valid Macao I.D. card	Both sides on one paper		
One passport size color photo	3.5cm X 4.5cm, white background is preferred		
Official transcript of academic records for the recent two years (Form 4 to Form 5) of secondary education			
Related certificates or proof for supplementary information of special talents, awards or community service	 Only qualification or award attained during the secondary school study is accepted. Photo of medal/trophy cannot serve as proof of award, which should be provided in the form of a testimonial issued by related authority/association or secondary school. 		
Related certificates or proof for proficiency of CIPLE Level A2 (Certificado Inicial de Português Língua Estrangeira) or equivalent	Applicable only to applicants for "Chinese and Portuguese Bilingual Talent Nurturing Scheme", if such proof is not available, a declaration to support applicants' equivalent level of proficiency provided by the school is accepted.		
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	Applicable only to applications for "Outstanding Student-Athletes Admission Scheme"		

3.3 Interview will be conducted for qualified applicants.

4. Successful Applicants

- 4.1 Admission and Scholarship
 - 4.1.1 For admission selection of "Principals' Recommended Admission Scheme" and "Chinese and Portuguese Bilingual Talent Nurturing Scheme", assessment is made by a holistic approach including factors of students' school performance, ranking, academic and non-academic talents, community service and interview. Successful students admitted to our bachelor programme through these schemes of 2021/2022 intake may be granted one of the following scholarships on competitive basis:
 - Admitted with "University of Macau Grand Lotus Scholarship";
 - Admitted with "University of Macau Golden Lotus Scholarship";
 - Admitted with "University of Macau Silver Lotus Scholarship";
 - Admitted with "University of Macau First Year Scholarship";
 - 4.1.2 Eligible scholarship recipients must hold a valid Macao I.D. card.
 - 4.1.3 For students to be admitted through "Outstanding Student-Athletes Admission Scheme", admission assessment will base on applicants' sports achievements together with the interview.



4.1.4 Scholarship Content

Scholarship Type	Content	Remarks
University of Macau Grand Lotus Scholarship	 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 Certificate Programme upon passing the screening interview (Applicable to students of "Principals' Recommended Admission Scheme" and "Chinese and Portuguese Bilingual Talent Nurturing Scheme"). 	 The Lotus Scholarships are renewable. Please refer to point 8 and 9 of Continuation Rules for details on the continuation scheme. Students must stay in Residential College for the 1st academic year as to enjoy the
University of Macau Golden Lotus Scholarship	 Full waiver of tuition fee for 1st academic year; Eligibility of early admission to Honours College Certificate Programme upon passing the screening interview (Applicable to students of "Principals' Recommended Admission Scheme" and "Chinese and Portuguese Bilingual Talent Nurturing Scheme"). 	full waiver of Residential College fee for "University of Macau Grand Lotus Scholarship" recipients. If students are waived to stay in Residential College during the study period, the fee of the full waiver will not be granted.
University of Macau Silver Lotus Scholarship	• Half waiver of tuition fee for 1 st academic year.	
University of Macau First Year Scholarship	• One-off MOP 5,000 scholarship.	• The scholarship amount will be used to offset part of the tuition fee payable for the 1st semester of 2021/2022.

- 4.1.5 If a successful applicant defers study in the first academic year, the scholarship qualification will be terminated (inclusive of tuition fee waiver, Residential College fee waiver and related eligibility).
- 4.2 Successful applicants are not permitted to change their programmes of study once their offer confirmations have been submitted to the University. 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.
- 4.3 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.um.edu.mo/admissions/ for details.



4.4 Obligation

- 4.4.1 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.
- 4.4.2 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. Important Dates to Note

Date	Event		
26 September 2020	Principals' Recommended Admission Talk		
21 September – 9 October 2020	Online application period		
9 – 15 November 2020	Release of interview eligibility (interview permit will be released via online application system)		
14 – 15 November 2020	Interview		
Early December 2020	Announcement of interview result via online application system and confirmation of admission by offered applicants		
Late January 2021	Submission of "Statement of Acceptance"		
Late July 2021 (tentative)	Submission of registration documents (students are advised to proceed the medical examination from late May)		
Mid August 2021 (tentative)	New students move in Residential Colleges and orientation		
18 August 2021 (tentative)	Class commencement 2021/2022 (please visit to website at https://reg.um.edu.mo/admissions/ for confirmed date of class commencement)		

6. 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.um.edu.mo/admissions/macao-students/admission-policy/ for details.

7. Disqualification of Application, Admission or Study

7.1 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.



- 7.2 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 and all documents submitted will not be returned.

- 7.3 Registered students of University of Macau cannot concurrently register/enrol in any other higher education programme(s) in Macao.
- 8. Continuation Rules of University of Macau Lotus Scholarship 2021/2022 (for students admitted through "Principals' Recommended Admission Scheme" and "Chinese and Portuguese Bilingual Talent Nurturing Scheme")
 - 8.1 Qualifications
 - 8.1.1 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);
 - 8.1.2 Evaluation is based on each academic year's performance (yearly GPA);
 - 8.1.3 The students must complete at least 24 credits or the number of credits required by the designated study plan of the academic year at the University.
 - 8.2 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)



8.3 Termination of Scholarship

- 8.3.1 The University reserves the rights to terminate the scholarship (inclusive of tuition fee waiver, Residential College fee waiver and related eligibility) if a student:
 - 8.3.1.1 cannot achieve the academic year's performance mentioned above;
 - 8.3.1.2 cannot complete his/her study within the normal period of study;
 - 8.3.1.3 cannot achieve the Residential College requirements.
- 8.3.2 Please refer to point 4 for details of Lotus Scholarship.

9. Continuation Rules of University of Macau Lotus Scholarship 2021/2022 (for students admitted through "Outstanding Student-Athletes Admission Scheme")

- 9.1 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 and sports achievements;
- 9.2 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 fulfil 80% of attendance rate of their related UM Sports Team regular training and participate in competitions;
- 9.3 Positive attitude and active participation in all sports team related events;
- 9.4 The University reserves the rights to terminate the scholarship (inclusive of tuition fee waiver, Residential College fee waiver and related eligibility) if a student:
 - 9.4.1 cannot achieve the academic year's performance mentioned above;
 - 9.4.2 cannot complete his/her study within the normal period of study;
 - 9.4.3 does not meet the requirement of his/her related UM Sports Team's training and competition.
- 9.5 Please refer to point 4 for details of Lotus Scholarship.