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Principals' Recommended Admission (PRA) Rules 2025/2026

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 school principals to recommend outstanding local students for direct admission. Under the scope of general Principals’ Recommended Scheme, two sub-schemes namely the **“Chinese and Portuguese Bilingual Talent Nurturing Scheme”** and **“Outstanding Student-Athletes Admission Scheme”** are also devised so as to cultivate outstanding local Chinese and Portuguese talents for Macao S.A.R. as well as to encourage local student-athletes to pursue higher academic qualifications and to continue to make breakthrough in their sports achievement.

2. Recommended Qualification

Scheme	Application Qualification
“Principals’ Recommended Admission Scheme”	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Excellent academic performance and good conduct;2. Must hold Macao SAR Resident I.D. card and currently studying in Form 6 or equivalent of Macao secondary school;3. Ranked among top 10% in terms of academic performance amongst all Form 5 (or equivalent) students (among total students from arts, commerce, science and other streams).4. Applicants who may not meet criteria of above point 3 but possess any of the following outstanding academic performance, talents or achievements may also be recommended:<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ 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).
“Chinese and Portuguese Bilingual Talent Nurturing Scheme”	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Excellent academic performance and good conduct;2. Must hold Macao SAR Resident I.D. card and currently studying in Form 6 or equivalent of Macao secondary school;3. Ranked among the top 30% in terms of academic performance amongst all Form 5 (or equivalent) students (including all students in arts, commerce, science and other streams);4. Applicants must apply for admission to Bachelor of Arts in Portuguese Studies of Faculty of Arts and Humanities.



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Scheme	Application Qualification
<p>“Outstanding Student-Athletes Admission Scheme”</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Excellent sports performance and good conduct; 2. Must hold Macao SAR Resident I.D. card and currently studying in Form 6 or equivalent of Macao secondary school; 3. Represented Macao S.A.R. to participate in international/regional sports competition within the last two years; 4. Applicants, who may not fulfil 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.

3. Application Procedures and Documents

3.1 Recommended applicants must submit an on-line application for Principals’ Recommended Admission together with the following required documents within the application period (Please refer to the “User Manual of Online Application System for Principals’ Recommended Admission 2025/2026”):

Documents (in A4 size except photo)	Remarks
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Valid Macao I.D. card 	Both sides on one paper
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One passport size color photo 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3.5cm X 4.5cm • white background is preferred
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Official transcript of academic records for the recent two years of secondary education 	Academic records for Form 4 to Form 5
<p>Applicants being recommended with qualification of specific talents or outstanding achievements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Related certificates or proof for supplementary information of special talents, awards or community service. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qualification or award attained only during 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.
<p>Applicable to applications for “Outstanding Student-Athletes Admission Scheme” only:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 	---

3.2 Interview will be conducted for qualified applicants.



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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”:

4.1.1.1 The admission assessment is made by a holistic approach including factors of students’ school performance, ranking, academic and non-academic talents, community service and interview, etc.,

4.1.1.2 Successful students admitted to our bachelor programme 2025/2026 intake may be granted one of the following scholarships:

- University of Macau Grand Lotus Scholarship;
- University of Macau Golden Lotus Scholarship;
- University of Macau Silver Lotus Scholarship;
- University of Macau First Year Scholarship.

4.1.1.3 Scholarship Content

Scholarship Type	Content	Remarks
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 accommodation fee for 1st academic year for around 10 months of 2 semesters (Students must stay in Residential College for the 1st academic year as to enjoy the full waiver of Residential College accommodation fee. If students are waived to stay in Residential College during the study period, the full waiver of fee will not be granted.); 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Lotus Scholarships are renewable. Please refer to Continuation Rules of “University of Macau Lotus Scholarship” 2025/2026 attached. • Subject to the scholarship type and continuation eligibility, students will also enjoy appropriate tuition fee waiver if they enrol in Honours College Certificate Programme and



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Scholarship Type	Content	Remarks
University of Macau Grand Lotus Scholarship (continue)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A scholarship of MOP30,000 for 1st academic year;• Eligibility of conditional admission to Honours College Certificate Programme upon passing the screening interview.	first registered minor programme upon admission.
University of Macau Golden Lotus Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Full waiver of tuition fee for 1st academic year;• Eligibility of conditional admission to Honours College Certificate Programme upon passing the screening interview.	
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 MOP5,000 scholarship.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The amount will be used to offset part of the tuition fee payable for the 1st semester of 1st academic year.

4.1.2 For students to be admitted through “Outstanding Student-Athletes Admission Scheme”, admission assessment will base on applicants’ sports achievements, faculty interview and sports skill test performance (if applicable). For more information about the scholarship, please visit the website at <https://sports.osa.um.edu.mo/scholarshipscheme/>.

4.1.3 Successful applicants must hold a valid Macao I.D. card.

4.1.4 If a successful applicant defers study in the first academic year, the scholarship qualification will be terminated (inclusive of tuition fee waiver, Residential College accommodation fee waiver and related eligibility).



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- 4.2 Successful applicants are not permitted to change their programmes of study once they have confirmed acceptance to the University.
- 4.3 After a successful applicant has accepted the 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 All students admitted through the Principals’ Recommended Admission Scheme will follow the Admission Rules Governing Bachelor’s Degree Programmes. Please visit the website at <https://reg.um.edu.mo/admissions/> for details.
- 4.5 Obligation
- 4.5.1 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.
- 4.5.2 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
28 September 2024	Principals’ Recommended Admission Talk
25 September – 15 October 2024	Application period
11 – 17 November 2024	Release of interview eligibility (interview permit will be released via online application system)
16 – 17 November 2024	Interview
Early to mid-December 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Announcement of interview result▪ Confirmation of admission by offered applicants
Late January 2025	Submission of “Statement of Acceptance”
Late July 2025	Submission of registration documents (students are advised to proceed the medical examination from mid-May)



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Date	Event
Early to mid-August 2025	New students move in Residential Colleges and Orientation
18 August 2025	Class commencement 2025/2026 (please visit to website at https://reg.um.edu.mo/university-almanac/ for details)

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/admissionpolicy> for details.

7. Disqualification

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, study and scholarship at any time if:

- any information given in his/her application form is found later to be untrue and/or incorrect;
- an applicant had made untruthful declarations;
- 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, the applicant any fees paid will not be refunded and all documents submitted will not be returned, the applicant shall bear the administrative, civil and criminal responsibilities under the law. He/she has to return the scholarship and no scholarship will be granted during the study.



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Continuation Rules of “University of Macau Lotus Scholarship” 2025/2026

1. Target students

For students admitted with “University of Macau Lotus Scholarship” 2025/2026.

2. Qualifications

To enjoy the continuation of scholarship within the normal study period, students must:

- 2.1 complete at least 24 credits or the number of credits required by the designated study plan of the academic year at the University;
- 2.2 achieve the Residential College requirements (Please refer to website of Residential College at <https://rc.um.edu.mo/>)
- 2.3 achieve the following academic year’s performance (yearly GPA):

Scholarship Type	For 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 Faculty of Law	
	Grade Point Average (The highest letter grade is A, GPA=4.00)	% 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%

3. Scholarship period

The scholarship period is based on the normal study period of the registered major.

4. Termination of scholarship

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

- 4.1 cannot achieve the academic year’s performance mentioned above;
- 4.2 cannot complete his/her study within the normal period of study;
- 4.3 cannot achieve the Residential College requirements.



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The University of Macau reserves the rights to terminate the study and scholarship at any time if the student is found to have any misconduct behavior who shall bear the administrative, civil and criminal responsibilities under the law, any fees paid will not be refunded, have to return the scholarship and no scholarship will be granted during the study.

5. For students admitted through “Outstanding Student-Athletes Admission Scheme”, please visit Office of Sports Affairs website at <https://osa.um.edu.mo/> for details of Continuation Rules of University of Macau Lotus Scholarship.