The Catholic University of Zimbabwe (CUZ) Frequently Asked Questions 😕 and Answers 😊:

1. **When was CUZ established?** 😞 All universities in Zimbabwe are established through Government statutory instruments. CUZ was established in 1998 through government Statutory Instrument 268, proclamation 49. CUZ started operating in 1999. The University was offering the Bachelor of Business Management and Information Technology degree, which has gained a lot of respect on the market, locally and internationally. In 2000 CUZ started to offer the Bachelor of Arts honors degree program, and over time more programs have been introduced.

![CUZ Harare Campus](image)

2. **Who owns CUZ?** 😕 As indicated in the University Charter, the Catholic University of Zimbabwe is legally owned by the Zimbabwe Catholic Bishops’ Conference, ZCBC, so CUZ is a private University. The University however operates as an independent and autonomous institution under the University Council, with powers to sue and be sued in its own name. As outlined in the Charter, the Council the Council is drawn from a broad representation of stakeholders and interests that includes, the Church, Commerce and Industry among others. Like other Catholic Institutions the world over, the Catholic University of Zimbabwe subscribes to the Catholic ethos and the universalism of the Catholic (Universal) Church. In the implementation of its 10 year strategic plan (2013 – 2023) the Catholic University of Zimbabwe is guided by the following values:

# Ethical behavior  
# Collegiality  
# Commitment  
# Service and  
# Excellence
• The Vision of the Catholic University is: To be the University of choice for holistic education in a Christian setting.
• The Mission of the Catholic University of Zimbabwe is: To provide holistic education in a Christian environment in its Teaching, Research and Service programs to all irrespective of religion, nationality or any other designation.
• The Universality of the Catholic (Universal) Church is exhibited through the attendant principle of welcoming and accepting all irrespective of religious denomination or any other designation.

All universities in Zimbabwe work under the Ministry of Higher and Tertiary education, Science and Technology development and the Zimbabwe Council for Higher Education (ZIMCHE) to ensure the desired focus, quality control and adherence to standards.

3. What programs does CUZ offer? please click on the link to view our courses on the CUZ website (www.cuz.ac.zw) We have recently introduced the Bachelor of Education options, B. Ed Early Childhood Development (ECD) and B. Ed Primary as well as the Post Graduate Diploma in Education (PGDE) among other programs. Please review the options of programs listed in the further details section below.

4. How many intakes do you have in a year? We have two intakes every year, we have a February and an August intake for fulltime study (Conventional/ day and Block) and we also have April and August for block release study. All the courses are on offer, subject to attaining the minimum class size.

5. What options of study modes does CUZ offer? a. CUZ offers students options to study full time – we call these our conventional or day students, they attend lectures during the day, from Monday to Friday 8am to 4 pm daily, typically these include students who have recently completed their “A” levels as well as business people / professionals who work with flexible timetables. We are currently enrolling for our August Semester.
b. Students also have the option to study full time on the Parallel/Evening program where lectures are done daily from Monday to Friday 5.30pm to 8.30pm and Saturday 8 to 1pm. This appeals to professionals and business people as well. We are currently enrolling for our August Semester. Work is progress to consider week end classes for professionals for the degree programs. We are also working on the option of including online courses on all options of study modes.

c. The third option is the Block/Holiday program were students are given intense lectures over a period of two to three weeks during Schools holidays. One and a half blocks are equal to a Semester, so three blocks in a year equal two Semesters. We enroll new students for April and August, so currently we are enrolling students for our April Block.

d. We offer week end classes for short courses – all short courses are done over one weekend per month for 6 month, there is an option of attending daily for 6 weeks, guided by class sizes. Applications forms are available on the CUZ website www.cuz.ac.zw
6. **How much are your fees?**

   The CUZ’s full fees schedule is available on the CUZ website [www.cuz.ac.zw](http://www.cuz.ac.zw)

The University offers quality education at affordable fees. In brief the current fees are:

- Application fees for undergraduate including degree studies, Certificates and Diplomas are: ZWL$60
- Application fees for postgraduate studies are: ZWL $150
- Tuition for undergraduate degree programs in the Faculty of Commerce is currently ZWL$5000 per semester payable upon registration (2 semesters per year, making it $10 000 per year). Full time and Block students pay the same fees.
- Tuition for undergraduate programs in the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences is currently $5000 for full time students (i.e. Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science in Development Studies. Block students for Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Theology and Bachelor of Education programs pay ZWL$2000 per semester, 3 semesters per year, making it ZWL$6000 per year.
- Short courses cost ZWL$3000 normally they are 6 months, unless alternative arrangements are made.
- Diploma programs cost ZWL$6000 per year
- Post graduate programs:
  - Entrepreneurship for Impact MBA, (E4IMPACT MBA) costs ZWL$12000 per semester
  - Masters in Philosophy) MPhil) cost ZWL$5000 per semester
  - Doctorates in Philosophy (Dphil) cost ZWL$5000 per semester
  - Post Graduate Diploma in Education (PGDE) costs ZWL$6000 per year

Fees are subject to review due to the prevailing environment, and updates will be shared through the CUZ Website and other platforms.

**Tuition fees can be paid by bank transfer into the following University bank accounts:**

**ZB Bank, Graniteside Branch account number 4166-187727-080 or**

**Banc ABC Southerton branch:**

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**The SWIFT details are as follows:**

**Bank:** Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, New York

**Swift Code:** BKTRUS33

**Account Number:** 04039498

**Beneficiary Bank:** African Banking Corporation Zimbabwe

**Swift code:** FMBZZWHX
For Ecocash payments, you can pay through the Paynow gateway on [www.topup.co.zw](http://www.topup.co.zw)

Please write the student’s full name and student registration number as payment reference and send proof of payment to bursar@cuz.ac.zw/ 0774821470. Receipts can be collected when the university opens.

7. **When will the April Block start?** The Block is scheduled to start on the 13th up to the 28th of April. The returning block students will receive lecture materials using remote teaching and learning using online platforms accessible to students. Lecturers will be working with Class representatives to ensure the Classes are fully constituted and lecturers begin to run as scheduled from the 13th of April. This is subject to review given the prevailing environment. Further updates will be provided. The position with regards to new students is subject to consideration as classes will only start once the minimum class requirement is met. Students will be contacted directly with updates.

8. **How will CUZ students catch up on outstanding Lectures for students who closed early?** CUZ has arranged for students to receive blended learning using remote teaching and learning tools using online platforms accessible to students as noted earlier to ensure good use of time.

9. **How many Campuses does CUZ have?** CUZ has Campuses in Harare, Bulawayo, Mutare, Chinhoyi, Gokwe and Masvingo. Work is in progress to establish Campuses in Hwange and Gokwe. Short courses are already running in Hwange.

10. **Does the university offer accommodation?** The Catholic University of Zimbabwe has on campus accommodation in Bulawayo, this caters for 300 students. Gokwe and Masvingo campuses are located at the Diocesan Pastoral Centre and Bondolfi Teachers College respectively and they offer competitive accommodation. Harare and Chinhoyi Campuses do not have on site accommodation however arrangements can be made within the vicinity of the campuses with homeowners at reasonable rentals.

Bulawayo Campus accommodation, and Lecture rooms aerial view
11. **How well are CUZ graduates fitting into the Zimbabwe and global business markets?**
CUZ graduates are empowered to face the world. We have students in the Corporate world in Zimbabwe and indeed across the world. Students are also well placed to start and run their own businesses. We are excited to offer the Entrepreneurship for Impact MBA (E4Impact MBA) in association with the Catholic University of Milan. This complements well students’ efforts in establishing and running their own businesses. Work is in progress to offer the E4Impact program using blended learning taking advantage of remote teaching and learning tools for the convenience of our students and staff.

12. **How is CUZ handling the Covid 19 pandemic?** The Catholic University of Zimbabwe’s Emergency Management Committee (CEMC) guides the University community in efforts to manage the impact and prevent the spread of the Covid 19 virus.

Details section:

13. **Which undergraduate degree programs do you offer and what are the entry requirements?** Degree options include:

   - **Faculty of Commerce**
     a. Bachelor of Business Management and Information Technology (4 year)
     b. Bachelor of Business Management with an option to specialize in Marketing or Finance (4 years)
     c. Bachelor of Accounting (4 years)

   *Career opportunities include a variety of Management areas such as Finance, Marketing, Human Resources, Public Relations, General Management, Information Technology Technician, System development, IT Advisory, Systems Audit, Technology consultant, Digital marketing, Business analyst as well as Entrepreneurship among others.*

   - **Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences**
     a. Bachelor of Social Science in Development Studies (4 years)
b. Bachelor of Arts dual honours specializing in preferred subject (4 years)

Career opportunities include Project Management and Implementation, Communication, Journalism, Lecturing / Teaching, Intelligence management, International youth work, Diplomat, Immigration official, Ecotourism resource, Community development work, Social business and entrepreneurship

- Faculty of Theology
  a. Bachelor of Theology (4 years)

Career opportunities include Chaplaincy, Counselling, Lecturing, Church Administration, Pastoral care, Research etc.

- Faculty of Education
  a. Bachelor of Education in Early Childhood Development (3 years In-Service; 4 years Pre-Service)
  b. Bachelor of Education in Primary Education (3 years In-Service; 4 years Pre-Service)

Career opportunities include Teaching, Lecturing, Research, Entrepreneurship etc.

Entry requirements into degree programs for students under 25 years of age are 5 "O" level passes with a grade C or better and two "A" level passes with grade E or better. Students who do not have English or Maths at "O" level are enrolled with a requirement to supplement the outstanding subjects.

Mature Entry opportunity:

Please note that for all programs, students who are over 25 years old have an opportunity for mature entry enrolment. They need 5 "O" level passes with grade C or better and work experience. Certificate/ Diploma course are an added advantage. The requirements for Maths and English are as noted above.

14. Do you offer any Diploma programs or short courses and what are the entry requirements?

Diploma programs available include:
  a. Diploma in Child Safeguarding, Protection and Care. (2 years)
  b. Diploma in Peace building studies (2 years)
  c. Diploma in Chaplaincy (2 years)
  d. Diploma in Counselling Psychology (2 years)

Short courses include:
  a. Project Management, Monitoring and Evaluation
  b. Business Administration
  c. Digital Marketing
  d. Mobile Application Development
e. NGO Management
f. GIS and remote sensing
g. Chaplaincy
h. Church Administration and Leadership

Minimum Entry requirements are 5 O’ level passes including English Language.

15. Do you offer any Post Graduate programmes? Yes, we do. We offer:

a. Entrepreneurship for Impact Master’s in Business Administration (E4IMPACT MBA) in partnership with the Catholic University of Milan

b. MPhils and DPhils - Masters and Doctorate degrees by research in the areas we offer degree programs.

c. Post graduate diploma in Education (PGDE). This includes Action Research Project/ practicum.

16. What are University contact details ?
   The University is currently available on the following mobile numbers:
   Harare: 0775259521  Bulawayo: 0771 784923
   Mutare: 0772 650751  Chinhoyi: 0775350254
   Gokwe: 0777790070 0774562252  Masvingo: 0779748913
   and www.cuz.ac.zw, marketing@cuz.ac.zw and Facebook: The Catholic University of Zimbabwe.

CUZ has skeletal staff serving customers on the campuses during this lockdown period, however the rest of the staff are working flat out behind the scenes to ensure teaching continues, and students continue to learn. There will be specific arrangements for each class to ensure that students are up to date with lecturers and learning before the June exams.

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Mutare Diocesan Pastoral Centre Campus accommodation