



COURSE TITLE: COMMERCIAL FOOD PROCESSING

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Though agriculture sector contributes substantially to the country's GDP, some of sub-sectors, such as food processing and value addition remain underdeveloped. Among other reasons to this sad situation is limited capacity by farmers to process and add value to agricultural produce for the markets. This course is, therefore, aimed at providing practical skills to farmers and agro-food processors in processing of various food products. Specifically, the course will focus on processing fruits, soybeans, and groundnuts into high value food products (such as dried fruits, fruit juices, fruit jam and fruit yoghurt; soymilk, soy yoghurt, soy butter and okara, roasted peanut and peanut butter).

TARGET PARTICIPANTS:

Youths with a strong passion in commercial food processing; Enterprising Women; Existing Food Processors; Farmer Cooperatives; Professionals with passion in Food Processing; Extension Workers.

COURSE DURATION: 5 Weeks

DELIVERY MODE: Blended Approach (Face-to-Face Orientation and Facilitation and 4 Weeks online learning)

KEY COMPETENCIES

- Ability to process dried fruits, jam, peanut butter, soy milk, soy yoghurt and dairy yoghurt.
- Conscientiousness in food safety and hygiene practices during processing of food products.
- Identification of viable food processing enterprises.
- Development and management of food processing enterprises.

INDICATIVE COURSE CONTENT: Market Analysis and Identification of viable Food Processing Enterprises; Commercial Fruit Processing; Commercial Jam Production; Commercial Yoghurt Production; Market-oriented Soy Processing; Profitable Peanut Butter Production; Management of Quality in Food Processing Business; Marketing of Processed Food Products.

COURSE FEE: MWK180,000.00 per participant

Scholarship opportunity: Strengthening Higher Education Access in Malawi Activity (SHEAMA), which is implemented by Arizona State University with funding from United States Agency for International Development (USAID), will provide scholarships to a few candidates who will meet the programme-set criteria. For more information about the scholarship opportunity, please contact - odl@luanar.ac.mw.

COURSE CERTIFICATION: Successful Participants will be awarded a Certificate of Completion from LUANAR.

ELIGIBILITY: To get admission to the course, participants must possess at least a Malawi School Certificate of Education (MSCE). However, those with experience in food processing but possess Junior Certificate of Education (JCE) will also be considered.

Address for submitting application forms is:

The University Registrar, LUANAR, P.O. Box 219, Lilongwe, (Attention ODeL Admissions Office – ODeL 2023/2024 Short Course). The application forms can be downloaded from luanar.ac.mw/odl/odl_admission.php or can be collected from ODeL Centres in Blantyre, Mzuzu and Lilongwe (Bunda Campus & NRC Campus).

DETAILS	NATIONAL BANK OF MALAWI
Account Name	LUANAR ODL Fees
Account Type	Current
Account Number	1002868683
Branch	Lilongwe Gateway Service Centre
Swift Code	NBMAMWMW

THE CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIVING APPLICATIONS IS **FRIDAY, 15TH SEPTEMBER 2023.**



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