

1,300 to miss out on law at Mak

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More than 1,300 candidates will miss this year's admission to the Makerere law school.

The university's spokesperson, Rita Namisango, confirms that 1,550 students paid the Shs 80,000 fee to sit for the pre-entry exam last Saturday, generating Shs 124m for the university. However, of these, only 238 will be admitted into the law school on both public and private sponsorship schemes, leaving out 1,312 candidates. According to a statement from the Academic Registrar's office, those left out will be eligible for their second choice courses.

The candidates recently sat for aptitude oral and written tests that sought to appraise their analytical skills, knowledge of current affairs and ability to express themselves coherently. Candidates had to have scored at least 15 points at A-level or a second class diploma, a lower second degree from a recognised institution or a pass mark of 50% in Makerere University's mature entry exam.

The university will begin marking the exams tomorrow, and the best 238 will be certain of places, ahead of the next joint admissions meeting scheduled for May 15. This is the first time the university is moving away from the weighting scheme through which candidates are admitted to all the other programmes, apart from law. There is still no indication as to whether Makerere University will use the pre-entry exam approach to admit students to other courses in future.

In the meantime, attention will switch to Uganda Christian University, Mukono, which is due to hold pre-entry exams for its faculty of law in two weeks' time.

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