



**UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND
EXTERNAL STUDIES**

ORIENTATION OF STUDENTS

**PRINCIPAL'S ONLINE ADDRESS TO FIRST
YEAR (2020/2021) STUDENTS ADMITTED TO
PURSUE:**

- **Bachelor of Education, ARTS**
- **Bachelor of Education, SCIENCE**
- **Bachelor of Education, ICT**
- **Bachelor of Education, ECE**
- **Bachelor of Education, Physical Education
& Sport Programmes**

DATE: WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 2ND, 2020

Good morning everyone. My name is Prof. Isaac Jumba, Principal College of Education and External Studies, University of Nairobi.

I wish to warmly welcome ALL First Year students who have joined the University of Nairobi in the 2020/2021 Academic Year, and in particular those who have been admitted to the College of Education and External Studies – the College of choice for pursuing education programmes in Kenya.

I am more than pleased to make the following Welcoming Remarks. I note that you have been admitted to pursue

the following five degree programmes in the School of Education:

- 1. Bachelor of Education Arts**
- 2. Bachelor of Education Science**
- 3. Bachelor of Education ICT**
- 4. Bachelor of Education in Early Childhood Education**
- 5. Bachelor of Education in Physical Education and Sport.**

I wish to assure you that you have made the right choice since all Education programmes offered here are of high quality, competitive, marketable and highly benchmarked with those offered in other institutions worldwide. They have been designed to meet stakeholder expectations, both locally and internationally.

The purpose of this orientation is to acquaint you with University of Nairobi policies and procedures, help you realize and confirm that you are now a University of Nairobi student, help you familiarize with the various units at the College, and finally, to sensitize you on College profile, facilities, activities, and clubs and societies available.

The College of Education and External Studies is situated near Kikuyu Town, approximately 25 kilometers west of the Nairobi City Centre.

The College is a key player in the training of teachers and other human resource,

and provision of the necessary basic skills required to manage and ensure successful performance in the Education Sector.

The College of Education and External Studies is one of the six Colleges that make up the University of Nairobi, and its history of training graduate teachers in Kenya dates back to 1966.

The College has therefore for almost 55 years helped propel the University of Nairobi to become the premier Institution in Kenya. It has been at the forefront of setting the pace in the development of education in Kenya. I wish to thank you for choosing and planning to join the progressive alumni when you complete your studies.

The College has a student population of just over 5000, spread in three Campuses.

Kikuyu Campus is the Headquarters of the College and hosts the Bachelor of Education Arts, Bachelor of Education in Early Childhood Education, Bachelor of Education in Physical Education and Sport and ALL postgraduate programmes.

Kenya Science Campus hosts the Bachelor of Education Science and Bachelor of Education ICT programmes, while Kisumu Campus hosts some postgraduate students pursuing masters degrees in Early Childhood Education and Educational Administration and Planning.

Our Mission is to provide leadership in the realm of educational studies, sports sciences and teacher professional development.

The College has modern infrastructure, state-of-the-art science and computer laboratories, back-up extra-curricular facilities and a serene environment conducive to teaching and learning.

The College is held in high esteem in Kenya and we expect that you will promote this. As you continue with your studies here, please note that stakeholders such as Teachers Service Commission, Ministry of Education, the Insurance and Banking industry, and various research Institutions will be monitoring you. Good conduct will

enhance your chances of good future and employability.

The College has a strong student mentorship programme. We encourage dialogue in our approach to solving issues affecting students. We encourage students to engage in social and professional activities initiated by student clubs and associations. Students are free to join any club or association of their choice.

We encourage student-staff engagement to help monitor progress of their studies. We encourage students to attend training workshops on leadership and soft skills.

After successful completion of your studies, you will join thousands of the

College alumni out there. You will discover that graduates from the College enjoy numerous employment opportunities within and outside Kenya.

In addition to becoming professional graduate teachers in both private and public schools, many have become researchers in educational, industrial, agricultural and technical institutions.

Others have become Information technologists and trainers, curriculum development specialists, educational administrators, marketers and relationship managers in the insurance and banking industry.

More still, a good number have become enterprise executives and mentors,

sports coaches, trainers and journalists, as well as wide spectrum business prospectors, entrepreneurs and innovators.

Given the brief background, I would like to congratulate you for being selected and admitted to the College of Education and External Studies.

I wish to emphasize that whereas you have been admitted to the University, you will be required to abide by the rules and regulations governing the organization, conduct and discipline of students of the University of Nairobi. These are contained in the new Students' Code of Conduct which has been made available to you. You can also access it on the University Website.

Please read and familiarize yourself with the Code of Conduct to avoid landing into trouble due to misconduct or violation of the guidelines. Every institution has its own rules and regulations. The Students' Code of Conduct is specific for the University of Nairobi students. The Code of Conduct is contained in the Students Information Handbook 2020 which has been availed to all those who have registered. You can also access it on the University website.

Violation of the Code of Conduct by for example disrupting peace, not only at the University but also wherever you are at any time, engaging in drunkenness, drug peddling and alcohol and drug abuse, assault, and malicious damage to

University property may attract penalties such as suspension or expulsion from the University.

In this orientation exercise, I am accompanied by other College Managers, including:

- 1. Deputy Principal, Prof. Horace Ochanda**
- 2. Dean School of Education, Prof. Samson Gunga**
- 3. Director Centre for Pegagogy and Andragogy, Prof. Justus Inyega**
- 4. Chairmen of Departments where you will be registering for the course units in your programmes.**

5. Other Heads of support units.

They will also be taking you through the other aspects of the orientation. I advise that you pay great attention. The various messages of goodwill will also be uploaded on the respective websites for your follow-up perusal.

I take this opportunity to thank you for listening to me and I wish you all the best in your studies at the University of Nairobi.

God bless you all.