

**KENYATTA UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC THEORY**

MASTER OF REGIONAL INTEGRATION (MRI)

Preamble

The Programme has been developed and is being implemented through collaborative efforts between Kenyatta University Digital School of Virtual and Open Learning (DSVOL), and School of Economics in Partnership with Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA).

Purpose of the Course

A critical cause of the slow progress of regional integration in the COMESA region, and in the rest of the Continent, is the inability of states to implement the numerous protocols, decisions and Acts due to the apparent lack of institutional and human capital and related support mechanisms. The Virtual University of Regional Integration, established by COMESA and implemented through partnerships with institutions of higher learning in the region, is intended to enhance human capital development. The Virtual University is envisaged to be a specialist graduate institution for interdisciplinary research and training in regional integration. It brings together world-class academics, researchers and practitioners from leading institutions around the world to learning centres in participating universities through an e-learning platform. Kenyatta University has a well-established online learning management system and is a pioneer institution to host the program.

Objectives of the Programme

- To provide sound conceptual, policy and practical training on regional integration.
- To provide practical skills to learners and to update their knowledge with a view to supporting trade negotiations and the entire process of integration in the COMESA region.
- To enhance and promote research activities in the area of regional integration issues.
- To help extend research opportunities and higher education on regional integration within the COMESA region and in the continent by promoting and enhancing the generation of research output relating to regional integration.
- To support and promote the dissemination and exchange of research findings on regional integration.
- To cultivate attitude change among officials who are involved in the day-to-day management of the integration process.

Expected learning outcomes of the programme

At the end of the programme the learner should be able to:

- Analyse conceptual, policy and practical issues on regional integration.
- Demonstrate practical skills and knowledge in supporting trade negotiations and the entire process of Economic integration in the COMESA region and beyond.
- Carry out research in the area of regional integration.
- Promote and enhance generation of research output relating to regional integration.
- Disseminate and exchange research findings on regional integration.
- Participate in the day-to-day management of the integration process.

Mode of delivery of the programme

- The coursework is realised through virtual live teaching and virtual interactions through discussion forums and chats within the University Learning Management System

- The course is delivered by Coursework, Examination and Research Project

Admission Requirements

- At least a Lower Second Class degree from Kenyatta University or any other recognized university

Duration of Course and Graduation Requirements

- The course is delivered by Coursework, Examination and Research Project
- The duration of the programme shall be a minimum of 18 months.
- Students will be required to undertake attachment for a period of one semester (3 months) for practical experience within the COMESA region. A report on the experiences will be submitted to the organisation providing the attachment opportunity with a copy to programme coordination office
- Successful students will be awarded a Master of Regional Integration degree of Kenyatta University.

Target Group

The course is designed for government officials working in divisions or units dealing with trade, integration and cooperation issues; students intending to work as trade officers, trade policy analyst, advisers, researchers, trade attaches; private sector trade practitioners; media practitioners specializing in business, gender, climate and trade issues; chambers of commerce, manufacturer and consumer associations, consulates and other diplomatic missions, development organizations dealing with trade and integration issues among others. It is also suitable for middle level trade researchers and consultants.

Career Prospects

The graduates of the Master degree Programme will find employment opportunities in International Organizations, financial Institutions, Government Ministries, Corporate world, Non-Governmental Organizations and Self-employment.

Scholarships

Scholarships are provided by COMESA to selected students, according to specific criteria and to the budget available.

Curriculum

The course is structured into four main Semester Units

- Core courses will be offered during first and second trimesters. In the third trimester, the student will choose any five courses from a pool of elective courses on offer. The fourth trimester is dedicated to attachment and dissertation

First Trimester Units (175 taught virtual class hours)

ECO 803: Research Methods for Regional Integration

EET 807: Microeconomic Foundations for Trade

EAE 853: International Trade Theory and Policy

LIL 830: International Trade Law

EAE 854: Theories of Regional Integration

Second Trimester Units (175 taught virtual class hours)

EET 808: Macroeconomic Foundations for Trade

EES 815: Quantitative and Qualitative Tools for Trade analysis

LIL 831: Institutional and Legal Framework for Regional Integration
EAE 855: Financial Institutions for Regional Integration
EAE 856: Political Economy for Regional Integration

Units (175 taught virtual class hours)

Elective units (choose any five)

EAE 857: Trade Negotiations and Regional Cooperation Agreements
LCC 832: Intellectual Property Rights
LIL 833: International Investment Policy and Law
EAE 858: Infrastructure for Regional Integration
EAE 859: Project Planning and Management
LCC 829: Competition Law and Policy
EAE 860: Trade in Services
EAE 861: Regional Integration, Migration and Labour Mobility
EAE 862: Industrialization for Regional Integration
EAE 863: Natural Resource and Revenue Management
EAE 864: Trade, Environment and Climate Change
LCC 834: Trade Remedies and Dispute Resolution
BMS 870: Value Chains and Production networks
EES 816: Advanced Quantitative Tools for Trade Analysis
EAE 865: Taxation for Regional Integration
BBA 858: Electronic Trade and Business Communications
EAE 866: Foreign Direct Investment and Regional Integration
EAE 867: Technology Diffusion and Innovation
EAE 868: Economics of Monetary Integration
EAE 869: Trade finance for Regional Integration

Fourth Trimester

- Attachment
- Dissertation