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Preamble

The School of Humanities and Social Sciences is made up of the Dean's office, Departments and an Institute within the School. The Dean's office is responsible for the day to day operations of the School in liaison with the Departments and Institutes. It is also the link between the central University Administration, Departments, and Institute.

Mission

To generate, disseminate and train perceptive social scientists and professionals in humanities and social sciences for effective leadership in society through teaching, research, publications and community service.

Vision

Promotion of humanities and social sciences for a prosperous working nation.

Objectives

- To expand and diversify existing programmes in departments in order to offer more opportunities for relevant academic and professional development of students and staff.
- To implement a socially relevant research agenda for staff and students based on global demands and challenges.
- To design and develop programmes that enhance acquisition and cultivation of ethical values in staff and students as effective leaders in their various fields.

Structure

The School of Humanities and Social Sciences is made up of eight departments and one institute namely:

1. Department of Literature, Linguistics and Foreign Languages

The department offers a wide range of courses in various areas in English Language and Linguistics and enhances knowledge in critical appreciation and appraisal of the various literary genres. It also offers courses in four languages namely; French, German and Japanese and Portuguese.

2. Department of Sociology, Gender & Development Studies

The department offers a variety of programmes in various areas of specialization such as Demography, Community Development, Social Planning and Evaluation. The programmes are also designed to address such issues as: Gender disparities in all sectors of the economy, mainstreaming gender in policy formulation and socio-economic development.

3. **Department of Geography**

The department offers a diversity of courses such as Climatology, Hydrology and Water Resources, Integrated watershed Management, Population Geography, Settlement, Medical Geography, Development Geography, Tourism, Biogeography, Agricultural Geography, Economic and Industrial Geography, Geomorphology, Geography of Marketing, Transport Geography, Urban and Regional Planning, Cartography, Remote Sensing and ASAL's among others.

4. **Department of History, Archaeology and Political Studies**

The department offers a variety of courses in History, Archaeology and Political Studies. The courses aim at developing historical and socio-cultural consciousness that are critical for development, as well as train and nurture critical, responsible, resourceful and patriotic human power in various sectors of national development.

5. **Department of Kiswahili and African Studies**

The department offers a variety of courses in Kiswahili Language and Literature and in other African Languages, it is also tasked with conducting research and offering teaching programmes on the peoples and cultural heritage of Africa. In addition it carries out state of the art consultancy services on African issues.

6. **Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies**

The department offers courses in two mutually exclusive areas of Philosophy and Religious Studies.

6.1 **Philosophy**

Philosophy offers a rich variety of courses which aim at developing intellectual standards that enable students to think for themselves, make judgments and decisions responsibly and intelligently. Philosophy also emphasizes courses in Ethics which sensitize students to moral awareness and sensibilities that impact on them as individuals and collectively as members of society.

6.2 **Religious Studies**

There are three main areas of study in Religious Studies, namely; African Traditional Religion, Christianity and Islamic Studies which offer courses from undergraduate to doctoral levels.

7. **Department of Psychology**

The department offers degree courses designed to meet the fast growing demand for expertise in pure and applied psychology. It offers courses in areas such as Clinical, Industrial, Health and Social Counseling and Personality Profiles to meet the rising need for professionals in the field of Psychology.

8. Department of Public Policy and Administration

The department of Public Policy & Administration offers a number of flagship programmes available in regular, part-time mode and digital mode.

INSTITUTE:

1. Confucius Institute

The Institute is mandated to teach Chinese Language and Culture, Chinese Fine Arts, Sports and Games, Traditional Chinese Medicine, Confucius Philosophy and other related Chinese programmes. Specifically, the Institute is committed to strengthening Sino-Kenya educational and cultural exchanges through specific programmes and consolidating and carrying on the friendship among the two peoples.

Programme/Course Requirements & Regulations

For specific requirements for each programme the student is advised to refer to the University Calendar or consult with the relevant department(s). This information can also be obtained from the University Website (www.ku.ac.ke).

List of Programmes

- ✓ Bridging Course in English
- ✓ Intensive English Certificate
- ✓ Certificate in Enhancement Course
- ✓ Post Graduate Diploma in Translation Studies
- ✓ Beginners French
- ✓ Beginners Japanese
- ✓ Beginners Portuguese
- ✓ Beginners in Chinese Language and Culture
- ✓ Proficiency in Chinese Language and Culture
- ✓ Certificate in French
- ✓ Certificate in German
- ✓ Certificate in Japanese
- ✓ Certificate in Chinese Language and Culture
- ✓ Diploma in Japanese
- ✓ Diploma in Chinese Language and Culture
- ✓ Diploma in Disaster Management
- ✓ Diploma in Crime Management and Prevention
- ✓ Post Graduate Diploma in Translation Studies

Undergraduate Degree Programmes

- ✓ Bachelor of Arts
- ✓ Bachelor of Arts (Psychology)
- ✓ Bachelor of Arts (Counseling Psychology)

- ✓ Bachelor of Arts (African Religion and Culture)
- ✓ Bachelor of Arts (Biblical Theology)
- ✓ Bachelor of Arts (Christian Studies)
- ✓ Bachelor of Arts (Islamic Studies)
- ✓ Bachelor of Arts (Religion and Social Development)
- ✓ Bachelor of Arts (Archaeology)
- ✓ Bachelor of Arts (Political Studies)
- ✓ Bachelor of Arts (Gender and Development Studies)
- ✓ Bachelor of Arts (Public Policy and Administration)

Masters Degree Programmes

All the departments in the School of Humanities and Social Sciences offer Masters programmes which are offered through coursework, then project or thesis. The duration of study is two (2) years full time and four (4) years part-time.

Applicants must possess a Bachelor's Degree in related studies or equivalent qualification from Kenyatta University or any other recognized institution of higher learning and meet departmental requirements.

Doctoral Programmes

All the departments in the School offer PhD programmes which are offered through thesis. The duration of the study is three (3) years full time and six (6) years part-time.

Applicants must possess a Masters Degree in related studies or equivalent qualification from Kenyatta University or any other recognized institution of higher learning and meet departmental requirements.

Admission requirements

Bachelor of Arts (General)

In addition to meeting the University entry requirements, the students are required to have attained a minimum of C+ grade in any 3 of the following subjects: English, Kiswahili, Mathematics, History & Government, Geography and Religious Studies.

The student must also have attained a (24.382) KUCCPS cluster points.

The subject combinations include:

1. Sociology, Economics, Mathematics, Common Units
2. Gender and Development Studies, Psychology, Sociology, Common Units
3. Psychology, Economics, Sociology, Common Units
4. English, Literature, Sociology, Common Units
5. History, Psychology, Sociology, Common Units
6. Philosophy and Religious Studies, Psychology, Sociology, Common Units
7. English and Linguistics, History, Sociology, Common Units
8. History, Philosophy and Religious Studies, Psychology, Common Units
9. Kiswahili, History, Sociology, Common Units
10. Literature, French/German, Sociology, Common Units
11. Geography, History, Psychology, Common Units
12. Geography, English, Sociology, Common Units

13. History, Sociology, Economics, Common Units
14. Gender, Kiswahili, Sociology, Common Units

Bachelor of Arts (Psychology)

In addition to meeting the University entry requirements, the students are required to have attained a minimum of C+ grade in any 3 of the following subjects: English, Kiswahili, Mathematics, History & Government, Geography and Religious Studies.

The student must also have attained a mean grade of (31.653) KUCCPS cluster points.

The subject combinations include Psychology, Philosophy & Religious Studies, English, Sociology and Common Units.

Bachelor of Arts (Counseling Psychology)

In addition to meeting the University entry requirements, the students are required to have attained a minimum of C+ grade in any 3 of the following subjects: English, Kiswahili, Mathematics, History & Government, Geography and Religious Studies.

The student must also have attained a (29.331) KUCCPS cluster points.

The subject combinations for the programme include Psychology, Philosophy & Religious Studies, English, Sociology and Common Units.

Bachelor of Arts (Gender & Development Studies)

In addition to meeting the university requirements, the students are required to have attained a minimum of C+ grade in any 3 of the following subjects: English, Kiswahili, Mathematics, History & Government, Geography and Religious Studies.

The student must also have attained a (25.803) KUCCPS cluster points.

The subject combinations for this programme include:

1. Gender, Psychology, Sociology, Common Units
2. Gender, Philosophy and Religious Studies, Sociology, Common Units
3. Gender, History, Psychology, Common Units

Mode of Study

1. Full-Time programmes
2. Institution Based Programmes
3. Part-time Programmes

Institute

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The Institute is mandated to teach Chinese Language and Culture, Chinese Fine Arts, Sports and Games, Traditional Chinese Medicine, Confucius Philosophy and other related Chinese programmes.

Career Prospects

They include Actors, Writers, Producers, Researchers, Teaching, Professional Writing, Editorial Work, Mass Media, Tourism, Hotel Industry, UN, NGOs, Development

Organizations, Government Agencies, Human Resource, Government Ministries, Museums and Archives, Translators, Interpreters, Writers, Public Relations Officers, Christian / Muslim Ministries, Pastoral Care, Counseling and Clinical work, Hospitals and Community Care, Games and Sports and Sports, National Police Service and Defense Forces.

Mode of Application

1. Application forms can either be obtained from Kenyatta University, Admissions Block Room No. 012, Regional Centres located in Nairobi, Embu, Garissa, Mombasa, Nakuru, Kisumu and Kakamega or be downloaded from Kenyatta University website at www.ku.ac.ke on payment of a non-refundable fee of Ksh. 2,000 for East Africans and Ksh. 4,000 for applicants from outside East Africa. This money should be deposited into any one of the following accounts:
 - **Standard Chartered Bank: Account No. 010-201-881-4400**
 - **Co-operative Bank: Account No. 011-296-246-1400**
 - **National Bank of Kenya: Account No. 010-035-915-0801**
 - **Equity Bank Limited: Account No. 0180290518859**
2. Duly completed forms should be returned to the Registrar(Academic), Admissions (SSP) Section, Kenyatta University. Copies of relevant certificates, Academic transcripts and application fee receipt **MUST** be attached to the application form.

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