

2. RATIONALE

The growing demand for Economics outside academia and the under-funding of Universities have led many of those who remain in Africa, and would like to access further training to enable them become consultants for both local and international organizations. The PhD Programmes by coursework, examination and thesis seeks to fill that gap by training economists at PhD level for both the public and private sector.

Most local PhD Programmes in Economics are by thesis only. Often, they fail to expose the student to frontier analytical tools in Economic Theory and research, which are valuable to the modern scholar/practitioner. The emerging environment puts a premium on local scholars who are strong in analytical skills. This calls for a new PhD Programme that offers in an effective mechanism for addressing that challenge.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- a) Candidates shall be holders of at least Masters Degree in Economics from Kenyatta University or from another institution of comparable status and these degrees must be based on coursework, examination and research project or coursework, examination and thesis.
- b) To be selected to the Programme, the student will have completed Master's level course work in the following three core courses: Microeconomics Theory, Macroeconomic Theory and Quantitative Methods.

DURATION AND STRUCTURE

The PhD Programme extends for a period of eight (8) semesters from the date of registration. It is by coursework, examination and thesis.

In the first year of study, candidates take seven core units; three units in the first semester, and three in the second semester and an independent paper that is equivalent to one unit. The six units are examined before proceeding to second

year. A candidate who had not taken the Economics Research Methodology course (EAE 800) at Masters Level is required to take the course at the said level.

In the second year of study, candidates take four units, two from each field, in the first semester. The electives are offered at the discretion of the School of Economics.

During the first semester of first year a student is required to present a concept paper in the area of specialization after which supervisors are allocated. The students develop the proposal and thesis (ECO 901) alongside course work. Three seminars shall be organized to assist students during their research phase.

During the Tri-semester a student prepares for comprehensive examinations in each of four areas (Microeconomic Theory, Macroeconomic Theory and two elective fields of Economics), which he/she sits for at the end of that Tri-semester.

STAFFING POSITION

The School boasts of highly trained, hardworking and friendly staff that, in addition to teaching and research carries out consultancy positions with reputable organizations and governments.

CAREER PROSPECTS

The graduates of the degree programmes in the School find employment opportunities in the financial Institutions, Government Ministries, Corporate world, International Organisations, Non-Governmental Organisations and Self employment.

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SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS



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1. PREAMBLE

Most world class Universities have moved away from restrictive structures of Departments of economics as their mark of distinction. The London School of Economics is an obvious example. The discipline of economics consists several branches that have over the years grown and developed their own methodologies. These branches have their theoretical and practical aspects that play a central role in policymaking and resource allocation in all the sectors of the economy. This has made the discipline very popular with students and other professional alike. The Kenyan Government has set 2030 as the year Kenya should have achieved the Newly Industrialised Country's status. Africa is pursuing agenda 2063 alongside sustainable Development Goals(SDGS) This implies that the School of Economics needs to redefine its academic and research agendas so as to remain relevant in an evolving economy, and immensely contribute towards the much needed human capital and policy oriented research designed for the achievement of greater socio-economic aspirations of the country.

2. VISION

The vision of the School is to be an exquisite center for academic excellence in the promotion, capacity building, research and consultancy in economics on both local and international arena.

3. MISSION

To undertake and provide teaching, research, economic policy, analysis and consultancy services that are responsive not only to the professional needs of the local, regional and international institutions, but also to those of the local community in both the formal and informal economic sectors.

4. OBJECTIVES

The main objectives of the School are to:

- a) Provide training focusing on Economic Theory, Econometrics and Applied Economics.
- b) Undertake both academic and policy driven research.
- c) Provide consultancy services in such core areas as project planning, monitoring and evaluation, Econometrics and Applied Economics.
- d) Promote community service Programmes in applied

Economics and related Programmes.

- e) Promote co-operation and linkages between its core departments on the one hand and the local, regional and international organizations and institutions on the other.

5. THE STRUCTURE OF THE SCHOOL

The structure of the School comprises the following:

- a) Dean's office
- b) Three teaching departments
 - i. Department of Economic Theory
 - ii. Department of Econometrics and Statistics
 - iii. Department of Applied Economics

ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

1. Bachelor of Economics
2. Bachelor of Economics and Statistics
3. Bachelor of Economics and Finance

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- a) To be admitted into the undergraduate programmes, potential candidate must have attained the minimum requirement of K.C.S.E. C+
- b) Candidates taking a degree course within the School of Economics will be required to have at least C+ in Mathematics. Candidates with A- level qualifications or its equivalence will be considered, on condition that they attain at least two principles and a credit in Mathematics.

COURSE DURATION

The course duration is given as follows:

- Bachelors' degree takes a minimum of eight (8) semesters.
- Masters degree takes a minimum of four (4) semesters.
- Ph.D degree takes a minimum of six (6) semesters.

MASTER PROGRAMMES

- a) Master of Economics
- b) Master of Economics (Finance)
- c) Master of Economics (Development)
- d) Master of Economics (Policy and Management)
- e) Master of Economics (Environment)
- f) Master of Economics (Health)

- g) Master of Economics (Agriculture)
- h) Master of Economics (International Trade and Finance)
- i) Masters of Economics (Cooperation and Human Development. (In collaboration with University of Pavia.)
- j) Master of Economics (Econometrics)
- k) Master of Regional Integration (Being developed with COMESA)

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The following shall be eligible for admission into the Masters programmes in the School of Economics.

- a) A holder of at least an Upper Second Class honors Bachelor's Degree in Economics, Economics and Statistics or Economic and Finance from Kenyatta University or any other recognized Institution of comparable status.
- b) A holder of Lower Second Class Degree in the stated disciplines from Kenyatta University or any other recognized University with two (2) years relevant experience.

DURATION AND STRUCTURE

- a) The Masters Programmes consists of coursework examination and research project.
- b) The Programmes are offered in two modules, full-time and evening with students in both modes being required to take at least a total of nineteen (19) units by the end of the Programmes.
- c) In the first year of study, a student is required to take eight units: five units in the first semester, and four in the second.
- d) During the second year, a student takes five (5) units in the first semester and undertakes a research project in the second semester. The research project is equivalent to four units.
- e) The duration of the Programmes is 18 months from the date of registration.

PHD PROGRAMMES

DURATION AND PATTERN

1. PREAMBLE

This PhD Programme by coursework, examination and thesis provides an alternative to the existing PhD Programme, which is by thesis only. While a student can choose between the two Programmes, the former has been developed specifically to incorporate coursework into PhD training in Economics at Kenyatta University.