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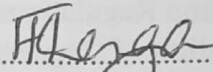
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**PROPOSED BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE
IN LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE
PROGRAMME**

**Submitted to
The Commission of Higher Education,
Nairobi**

September, 2012

2.0 THE CURRICULUM

2.1 Title of the Proposed Programme

The title of the proposed programme is Bachelor of Science Degree in Library and Information Science

2.2 Philosophy of the Programme

In consonance with the University philosophy of providing university education, the proposed programme of Bachelor of Science Degree in Library and Information Science aims at imparting knowledge, skills and ethical practices to enable the graduates to effectively serve the church and society.

2.3 Rationale of the Programme

2.3.1 Needs Assessment/market survey/situation analysis

Based on the needs assessment conducted in 2006/2007 the launching of BSc in Library and Information Science is a viable and sustainable venture given the high demand for Library and Information science professionals in various sectors such as education, research, business and public institutions. The education sector in Kenya is particularly expanding rapidly creating need for qualified personnel to provide library and information services.

2.3.2 Justification for the Programme

In the current “knowledge economy” era, knowledge is recognized as the world’s most critical resource and the driving force for social development and modern economic system. More than ever, skills of systematic acquisition, processing, storage, use and dissemination of knowledge are needed. It is with this background in mind that this programme has been developed. The Bachelor of Science Degree in Library and Information Science (BSc. LIS) programme at the Catholic University of Eastern Africa aims at training Library and Information Science professionals with a firm moral and Christian background, expertise and grasp of modern information and communication technologies (ICTs) and other emerging areas in information management who can work in different types of information agencies.

2.4 Goals of the Programme

The Bachelor of Science Degree in Library and Information Science (BSc. LIS) aims at:

- i) Providing broad curriculum in Library and Information Science professionals with expertise in modern information and communication technologies (ICTs)
- ii) Finding solutions to challenges that confront professionals in the field of information and communication technologies

2.5 Expected Learning Outcomes of the Programme

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

- i) Acquire, organize and facilitate access to information resources
- ii) Pursue postgraduate studies in Library and Information Science

- iii) Apply modern information and communication technology skills in Library and Information Science practice
- iv) Uphold professionalism and ethics in the work place

2.6 Mode of delivery of the Programme

The Programme will be delivered through face to face and distance learning

2.7 Academic Regulations for the Programme

2.7.1 Admission Requirements

- a) The “Common Regulations” for all Bachelor degrees in the University shall apply
 - i) The Department will admit to the four-year programme, applicants with a minimum of C in Mathematics in the Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education examination or its equivalent, or applicants with 2 principal passes in the Kenya Advanced Certificate of Education examination or its equivalent

2.7.2 Course Requirements

Students must attend at least five-sixths of the lecture hours in each registered course unit. All students shall be involved in 8 –10 weeks (320 400 hours) of Industrial Attachment in library and information service oriented agencies within in the Third years’ of study for students in the Four-year programme. After the Industrial attachment, a student shall compile an Industrial Attachment Report.