

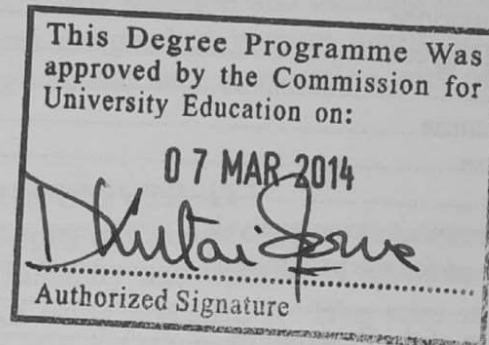
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PROPOSED MASTER OF ARTS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE



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2.0 THE CURRICULUM

2.1 Title of the Proposed Programme

The title of the proposed programme is Master of Arts in Political Science.

2.2 Philosophy of the Programme

The philosophy of the programme is to produce holistic and competent graduates to serve society in a variety of settings.

2.3 Rationale of the Programme

2.3.1 Needs assessment/survey/situation analysis

The program carried out a Market Survey and Needs Assessment. It is against the findings of the a well conducted and informed Market Survey, the university geared towards launching the Programme. The Master of Arts in Political Science degree programme is designed to equip students with administrative and managerial knowledge and skills in order to implement proper governance models and professionally deal with development challenges. It also stresses the training of political scientists, professional administrators and managers imbued with ethical values.

2.3.2 Justification of the need for the programme

The import of a Master of Arts in Political Science cannot be overemphasized. The world needs personnel in public administration, management and other sectors that require graduate with political science knowledge and skills. The feasibility of the proposed programme of study is based on market survey that indicates the need for political scientists in academia, government, and in the development world.

2.4 Goal of the Programme

The programme aims at providing a broad curriculum that gives students a holistic understanding of the subject matter of Political Science. Further, it seeks to identify and find solutions to the main challenges that confront administrators and managers using knowledge gained in political science, with emphasis on the relationship between theoretical knowledge and its practical application using case studies, class discussions, and practical examples. Also, the programme will equip students with appropriate skills in administration and management commensurate with the demands of various societies under which the students will work. These skills will enable graduates of the programme to be in a position to investigate, describe, critically analyze and predict political phenomena and events. The Programme aims to give the students the opportunity to specialize in and pursue academic carriers in political science. Finally, the programme aims at producing political scientists able to contribute to the socio-political, administrative and economic development of Kenya, the East African region, the African continent and the world in general.

2.5 Expected Learning Outcomes of the Programme

On successful completion of the programme, students should be able to:

1. Apply theoretical and methodological knowledge to interpret political phenomenon in a variety of settings in accordance with the professionalism in the discipline of political science.
2. Predict political events and phenomena in variety of situations and countries
3. Discuss political issues intelligibly and logically
4. Carry out political science research based investigations accurately and judiciously
5. Formulate research based reports and policies based on empirical and theoretical knowledge
6. Be ethical in the work place and political science research practices

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 Proposed Programme

2.7.1 Admission Requirements

- (a) The common regulations for the master's degree programme in the university shall apply.
- (b) A holder of a Bachelor degree in political science related field with a minimum of Second Class (Lower Division) and a field experience of not less than 3 years in areas relevant to political science
- (c) A holder of a Postgraduate Diploma in a political science related field from any university or institution of higher learning recognized by the Catholic University of Eastern Africa Senate.

2.7.2 Course Requirements

The course requires that all the students attend classes and tutorials and complete all the assignments given by the lecturers. The students will also undertake research. The course also requires the lecturers to teach, guide, assess and supervise students for the duration of the course.