



THE PRESBYTERIAN UNIVERSITY OF EAST AFRICA (PUEA)

Fostering Safe Learning in the Challenging Age of COVID-19



The Safety of Each of us is of Greatest Importance



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Vice-Chancellor's Message on COVID-19 Pandemic Challenges and Solutions in Kenya's Higher Education Calendar

to develop plans for containment of the pandemic and to safeguard the health and hygiene of every member of the University. The University has partnered with the County Government of Kiambu in planning for the implementation of the county slogan dubbed, "*Komesha corona Kiambu*".

The University has laid down modalities of offering blended teaching and learning which is now being piloted. At this initial stage, some may be feeling left out but I wish to inform all our students that the University plans to incorporate everyone in the online teaching and learning programme. This is in line with the Ministry of Education directive issued on Thursday 30th July, 2020 that all Universities re-open for face-to-face sessions in January 2021 and that universities continue offering virtual learning, exams and graduations virtually.

I therefore call upon the students to continue registering online and for those still transferring through KUCCPS'

Inter-University Transfers, there are still opportunities in our various academic programmes.

The current situation presents not only obstacles but also opportunities for change and a chance for each of us to contribute to new, redesigned teaching and learning methodologies that direct academic growth while living with aftermaths of coronavirus.

The university will continue exploring ways of improving blended lectures and constructive engagement of learners. Indeed, institutions of higher learning should work together to creatively and innovatively re-define higher education during such crises through practical solutions that we can share with each other.

Finally, I reiterate that the safety of each of us is of greatest importance. Let's continue trusting in God, remain focused and hope for a better tomorrow as team PUEA.

University Fundamental Statements

Vision:

A World class Presbyterian University of choice providing holistic and transformational education based on Christian Values.

Mission:

To produce holistically trained graduates for service to God and humanity and stay at the frontier of knowledge.

Motto:

"*Finding New Paths*" (Jeremiah 6:16)

Philosophy

"*Let all things be done decently and in order.*" (1 Corinthians 14:40, NKJV)

Core Values

In pursuit of this guiding philosophy, the University shall seek to adhere to the following values:

- **Professionalism:** Represents acquired knowledge and attitude ready to serve God and Humanity.
- **Stewardship and Teamwork:** Represents ability to work with others to organize, oversee and manage activities and responsibilities aimed at bringing change and strengthening individuals and communities.
- **Creativity and Innovativeness:** Embraces creative critical, analytical comprehensive thinking and their application in work situations and problem solving.
- **Decency and Accountability:** Represents the highest and exemplary conduct to be ingrained and demonstrated by each individual in life through doing all things decently and in order.
- **Integrity and Transparency:** Entails demonstration of a God-fearing and people respecting attitude and behavior.

PUEA'S Unique Identity

The Presbyterian University of East Africa (PUEA) is a faith-based institution sponsored by The Presbyterian Church of East Africa (PCEA). The University aims at producing holistically trained graduates for the service to God and humanity.

The institution is located in Thogoto Mission area, Kikuyu Constituency, Kiambu County approximately 20 Kilometers west of the city of Nairobi. PUEA is located in a serene and conducive teaching and learning

environment in Thogoto, Kikuyu - the cradle of education in Kenya. The University aims at producing holistically trained graduates for the service of God and humanity. We embrace the values like academic excellence, freedom of thought, selfless service, discipline, integrity, transparency and fair play. The University has developed innovative and practical

academic programmes across a wide range of disciplines. It has established a vibrant learning culture and attracted a large number of students at certificate, diploma, bachelor's and master's levels.

Academic Calendar

PUEA has intakes in January, May and September every year. Students enrolling at the University can take advantage of the trimester system in order to accelerate their studies.

Vibrant Academic Programmes/ Courses

The Presbyterian University of East Africa (PUEA) is an established faith-based institution of higher learning in Kenya registered with the Commission for University Education. PUEA offers quality market-driven academic programmes and admits government sponsored students through KUCCPS as well as privately-sponsored students.

- Counseling Psychology
- Criminology and Fraud Management
- Early Childhood Development Education (ECDE)
- Education (Arts) & (Science) - (Dip. only)
- Hospitality and Tourism Management
- Journalism and Mass Communication
- Special Needs Education
- Theology

Professional Courses

- International Certification for Digital Literacy [formerly International Computer Driving License (ICDL)]
- Kenya Accountants and Secretaries National Examinations Board (KASNEB)

Application Forms can be downloaded from the website: www.puea.ac.ke

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Applications are invited from qualified candidates in the following programmes/courses for 2020/2021 intakes.

Join us for your personal, academic and career development

Degree Courses

- Master of Business Administration (MBA)
- Master of Education in Educational Management
- Bachelor of Arts in Mass Communication
- Bachelor of Business Administration
- Bachelor of Science in Computer Science
- Bachelor of Education (Arts)
- Bachelor of Education (Science)
- Bachelor of Education in Early Childhood Education
- Bachelor of Science in Hospitality and Tourism Management
- Bachelor of Science in Nursing
- Bachelor of Science in Occupational Therapy
- Bachelor of Theology

Diploma & Certificate Courses

- Business Administration
- Business Information Technology
- Classical Education (Cert. only)
- Clinical Medicine, Surgery & Community Health (Dip. only)
- Communication and Public Relations
- Computer Science



In addition our existing programmes, the University has embarked on the process of establishing a broad range of new, bachelors, masters and doctoral degree programmes that are attractive to students. The proposed programmes are tailored to address social-economic needs as stipulated in the government of Kenya Big Four Agenda which aims to transform our nation.

Why It Makes A Difference at PUEA

- We uphold the highest levels of academic excellence and practice;
- We have good learning facilities that are continuously upgraded;
- We have qualified and competent faculty in line with the Commission for University Education (CUE) standards;
- We are located in a serene and conducive learning environment;
- We promote virtues of self-reliance, entrepreneurial spirit and creativity;
- We are a family that cares and mentors every student to promote personal and institutional well-being;
- We offer entrepreneurial training, mentoring and nurturing of talents through clubs and societies;
- We maintain an ecumenical faith-based environment where the application of knowledge and skills is guided by spiritual values;
- PUEA graduates are in the forefront of the job markets, which makes them highly sought after while others become job creators;

PUEA COVID-19 Containment Measures

The University is in the process of putting in place measures aimed at mitigating and containing the COVID-19 pandemic following guidelines provided by the Ministries of Health and Education. These will go a long way in providing mechanisms for reopening the university after a prolonged period of closure as per the Government of Kenya directives on 15th March 2020.

The University has developed PUEA COVID-19 Containment Measures Guidelines which include and not limited to:

- Social distancing
- Handwashing
- Sanitizing
- Promotion of health and hygiene
- Provision of literature regarding covid-9 containment
- Creating awareness
- Isolation facilities
- Training personnel on COVID -19 management



Virtual Orientation: A New Type of Orientation

This year, secondary school and college leavers admitted to universities across the country, including The Presbyterian University of East Africa will be treated to a new form of orientation. As a result of coronavirus-related shut-downs in Kenya and indeed all over the world, most if not all orientations ceremonies scheduled for September 2020 will be held online rather than on-campus. However, they will still be valuable experiences for new students.

As most universities plan to hold virtual orientations for their new students using an assortment of ICT platforms, PUEA has not been left behind. The University has already prepared to hold a virtual orientation through messages recorded by heads of departments and sections as well as members of the management.

These will enable new students to get prior information about the university, to know something about the academic programmes to which they have been admitted to study as well as knowing the expectations they are required to meet as they embark on the next chapter of their lives.

Orientations are usually important as they give recent secondary school leavers a chance to learn how things work at university level and help them to think about just how they are to live up to the expectations. At the same time, students meet other students, faculty as well as being introduced to key university facilities. A good orientation program helps students feel excited about starting campus life and smooths the transition to campus life and the independence that comes with it.

Online Teaching and Learning

PUEA has welcomed the directive by the ministry of education requiring institutions of higher learning to offer blended learning during this period of prolonged closure owing to the global outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic. The University has laid down the necessary modalities for blended teaching and learning and this is now being piloted during the May-August 2020 semester for both new and continuing students. The institution plans to enroll more students during subsequent semesters. The move will enable students to continue learning in the light of the latest directive by the Ministry of Education that universities will re-open for face-to-face sessions in January 2021 owing to the continuing rise in the number of Covid-19 infections in the country.