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Welcome to the Faculty of Arts at the University of Nairobi. Welcome to the home of academic icons like Ali Mazrui, Richard Odingo, Micere Mugo, and Ngugi wa Thiongo. The Faculty of Arts is one of the largest and the oldest units of the University. It occupies a prestigious position as an international center of excellence for scholarship and research in humanities and social sciences regionally. This Faculty has a proud history of resilience in pursuit of academic excellence. It is founded on the enduring values of freedom of thought, tolerance, inclusivity and service. As the Dean of the Faculty, I value academic excellence, administrative efficiency, enhanced income generation, transparency, equity, and predictability in payment of direct service providers (DSPs). I am also committed to improved students' support, superior staff work environment, and internationalization of our programmes.

Currently the Faculty has an enrolment of slightly over 10,000 students serviced by a staff of 250 fulltime and 180 part-time lecturers whose ranks range from professors, senior lecturers, lecturers and tutorial fellows. Each year the Faculty, through the Kenya Universities and Colleges Central Placement Service (KUCCPS) admits nearly 900 government-sponsored students to its regular programme and about 1,200 students to its self-sponsored program. Our lecturers are of high caliber with nearly 80 per cent holding doctoral degrees from local and overseas universities and with vast experience in teaching, research, consultancy and outreach activities. They have published widely and are continuously engaged in a large number of national, regional and international assignments.

The Faculty offers diverse, competitive and demand-driven academic programs which range from diploma, bachelor, post-graduate diploma, master, and Ph.D. degrees. Apart from the B.A degree program, the departments offer specialized degree programs such as B.A. Counseling Psychology, B.A. Criminology and Criminal Justice; B.A. Environmental Studies; and B.A. Public Administration, among others. At the master level, there are specialized programs including M.A. Film Studies, M.A. Rural Sociology and Community Development; M.A. Disaster Management; M.A. Human Rights and Peace; M.A. Armed Conflict; and Master in Public Administration (MPA).

Our graduates find opportunities in government and its associated agencies, Non-governmental-and Faith-Based organizations; private sector, self-employment as well as in research and training



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institutions. A number of on-going students and alumni venture into national and civic authority politics. Our students get opportunities to participate in various exchange programs such as those of the Kalamazoo, Soka and Sasakawa universities. A number of our students with outstanding academic performance also benefit from various scholarships offered by the government, embassies, educational charities, research organizations and other well wishers. The popular scholarships are the ones offered by the Government of Kenya, Mitsubishi, Chinese Embassy, and DAAD. These scholarships ensure that we develop a strong pool of academic human resource for the future.

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