

FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

Introduction

The Faculty of Social Sciences was established in 1963. It evolved from a larger combination of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences. It comprises of the Departments of Political Science and Public Administration, Sociology, Social Work & Social Administration, and Women and Gender Studies.

DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND GENDER STUDIES

Introduction

Background

The Department of Women and Gender Studies (DWGS), Faculty of Social Sciences, is a multidisciplinary academic unit. The Department is at the forefront of academic and community initiatives to address gender and development from an African perspective. The Department is mandated to spearhead academic initiatives to address gender and development and its mission is to provide the intellectual leadership for mainstreaming gender in all aspects of economic, political and socio-cultural development.

In executing its mandate, the DWGS works through a comprehensive strategy that includes teaching and training; research, publication and dissemination; outreach networking and advocacy; and gender mainstreaming.

Objectives of the Department

- i. Provide quality teaching and training in gender and development.
- ii. Strengthen the study of gender and development from an interdisciplinary perspective.
- iii. Play a catalytic role for gender mainstreaming at national and international levels.
- iv. Strengthen the knowledge base on GAD through critical research and publication.

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION (PSPA)

Introduction

Political Science is the scientific study of government. It includes the study of political ideas and values, political behavior, and the political institutions which are created by humans, or which evolve, for the pursuit of collective societal goals. It yields theories about politics, administration, international politics - three major dimensions of the study of government- and seeks to test and improve them by empirical research. The Department offers courses, which prepare students for professional careers in Politics, Public service, including Local Government Administration, the private sector and the Foreign Service.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

Objectives:

1. To promote quality sociological research and output generation that will enhance understanding of society, social relations and problems.
2. To foster quality teaching of Sociology that equips students with the necessary sociological knowledge and analytical skills about society that is beneficial to the student's career in Sociology.
3. To provide academic, policy and practical guidance on social scientific knowledge that enhances problem-solutions to societal needs and problems or dilemmas.
4. To provide a solid foundation upon which students may progress to postgraduate studies in Sociology, Criminology and Social anthropology and other related disciplines.
5. To network with academic and actors working on development in still developing countries as well as service occasional students from the region and abroad plus other University programmes.