

I wish to take this opportunity to sincerely welcome you to our website page with the following introductory remarks:

The College of Education and External Studies (CEES) is one of the six colleges that constitute the University of Nairobi.

It is the oldest college in the university because its origins go back to 1953 when it was established as an Extra-mural centre of Makerere University.

It has in the last five decades spearheaded the development of Open and Distance education alongside the training of graduate teachers for our secondary school system as well as other tertiary institutions.

In addition to realizing the University's Mission and Vision, the College also aims at maintaining a leadership role in the generation, acquisition, application, dissemination and preservation of knowledge as well as consultancy and research as it trains graduate educators and provides an environment in which the frontiers of knowledge are expanded. The college also aims at being a leading Centre of Excellence in graduate teacher education through different modes of delivery such as face to face, Open, Distance, e-learning (ODeL). While pursuing these goals, research and community service for sustainable development remain the focus of our work.

With the increasing demand for qualified human resource against the backdrop of a challenging economy accompanied by dwindling financial support from our sponsors, the College has charted out ways of meeting these challenges by:

Completing the state of the art library and lecture theatres cum offices as well as hostels to ensure a smooth clean and peaceful learning environment for our students in both module I and module II (parallel) programmes.

Developing a college strategic plan with set targets and time frames that are evaluated quarterly to show where we have succeeded or failed and what to do to improve.

Strengthening our teaching and examination processes by implementing the University Service Charter and giving students an opportunity to assess their lecturers every semester.

Allowing both teaching and non-teaching staff to assess themselves in the most objective manner possible in order to enable management to make impartial judgment when giving rewards.

Improving our Extra-mural Centres and Sub-Centres all over the country to attract more students as they strive to get education at their door steps. This has been achieved by introducing well stocked libraries and net-worked computer laboratories at the centres. The centres have been upgraded and branded using the corporate colours.

Purchasing of facilities (e.g. Kisumu campus which was originally a British Council Library) to reduce on rents. Where there has been congestion we have gone ahead and hired more space e.g at the Anniversary Towers, to increase space and promote peaceful learning atmosphere.

Timely collecting of fees and strictly adhering to the University Policy on fees i.e. No fees, No services.

Working in partnership with like-minded institutions of higher learning such as AVU that has helped us develop an ODeL Centre, the National Museums of Kenya in collaboration with the British Council in developing a course in Distance Learning in Heritage Management, to name a few.

Also these are being done to ensure that we attain world-class status as an African University College specializing in teacher education.