



**ERNEST COOK
UNIVERSITY**
EXCELLENCE OUR GOAL

STUDENT'S HANDBOOK

10th GRADUATION
CEREMONIES

5 INTAKES IN A YEAR
JAN, MARCH, JULY, AUG, SEPT

20,000+
GRADUATES IN
ALUMNI NETWORKS

2,700+
STUDENTS

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Our Strategic Direction



About us

Ernest Cook University (ECU) – was licenced by the National Council for Higher Education (NCHE) in 2022, and now operating as a private University.

ECU grew from Ernest Cook Ultrasound and Education Institute (ECUREI) which was established in 2002 and accredited by the National Council for Higher Education in 2013 under the category of “Other Degree Awarding Institutions”. It is a leading Ultrasound and Medical Imaging training Centre in Sub Saharan Africa.

In 2007 the Institute was nominated as a Centre of Excellence (COE) for ultrasound training in Africa by the WHO’s World Federation for Ultrasound in Medicine and Biology (WFUMB). It has, since then, trained leaders in the field across the continent who conduct scientific research and provide excellent Medical Imaging services. Through its collaborations with other Universities and organizations, it has endeavoured to improve healthcare in Africa. The collaboration with other Universities and organizations such as the University of Vermont, Washington University, Makerere University, Kampala I Imaging Center (KIC), Thomas Jefferson University, and the World Federation of Ultrasound in Medicine and Biology (WFUMB) has contributed to the quality of the training and other services offered.

ECU appreciates partnership with the Jefferson Ultrasound Research and Education Institute (JUREI) of Thomas Jefferson University in the USA



Mr. Fred Kirumira
Deputy Vice Chancellor

which contributed to the founding of ECUREI. The Institute started with 3 prominent Radiologists, Prof Henry Stuart Kasozi, Prof Michael Grace Kawooya, and Prof. Elsie Kiguli-Malwadde. There was collaboration with Prof Barry Goldberg, who donated the Institute’s first ultrasound machine for training. In 2002 ECUREI was launched by His Excellency Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, the President of the Republic of Uganda, having been incorporated under private shareholding but with an MOU to manage Radiology services on behalf of Mengo Hospital. The first and only programme offered then was a Diploma course in Ultrasound (ODU).

The Institution has grown from one programme to 33 programmes under three faculties; Health and Life Sciences, Humanities and Social Sciences and finally Engineering, Applied Sciences and Computing.

ECU – operates within the Environmental social and Governance Framework (ESG) to preserve the environment, promote social welfare and good governance and comply with national, regional and global regulatory requirements.

ECU aims to plug the gap in human workforce to producing the much-needed graduate of sound character, who is self-driven and innovative. Additionally, ECU addresses the technology and tools divide.

ECU envisions to be a regional and global leader in academia, science, innovation and service provision.

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Sciences and Computing

MESSAGE FROM THE CHANCELLOR



Professor George Barnabas Kirya - Chancellor

I welcome all new students to Ernest Cook University, a Christian based University, and one of its kind in Imaging Courses, attracting students from Uganda, Eastern and Southern Africa. From humble beginnings as Ernest Cook Ultrasound Research and Education Institute (ECUREI), we have grown to become the current Ernest Cook University, (ECU). At the heart of ECU lies commitment to research, and ground breaking studies and innovative investigations that have led to invaluable insights in the diagnostic and therapeutic applications of radiology, diagnostic ultra sound technology and medical imaging propelling boundaries of medical knowledge and patient care.

ECU is at the centre of training not only students who wish to begin a career in Medical Imaging but also residents, practicing Health Workers who wish to continue with their education, in Diplomas, Bachelors' Degrees, and Masters'.

Degrees, shaping the future of Medical training in Uganda, East and Southern Africa. The collective effort of Visionary founders, current staff both teaching and non- teaching have a shared commitment and dedication to marshal their efforts to equip students with competences that will enable them perform excellently, shaping the future of Medical Imaging in Uganda and beyond.

I trust that you will enjoy your stay in Uganda.

I welcome you to Ernest Cook University, (ECU), a pioneer christian private University in training of unique courses in Medical Imaging and health-related courses since 2002. While at ECU, you will be trained to use various Imaging Technologies to create visual representations of the human body for diagnostic and therapeutic purposes. Apart from the Imaging courses, research is at the core of our training students' training These courses will equip you with the knowledge and skills to operate equipment like X-ray, CT, MRI, and ultrasound machines, interpret images, and collaborate with healthcare teams. Centre at our delivery is research, meant to enhance students knowledge and skills, foster innovation and contribute to health care advancement. It will also enable students to develop critical thinking, problem-solving, and communication skills applicable to various career paths, and provide access to cutting-edge resources and expertise.

ECU is proud of its reputation of excellence in delivery of courses, a hands-on experience that provides a more comprehensive learning experience than academic education alone can offer, hence equipping hospitals in Uganda, East Africa and beyond with Health Professionals able to make a difference in health care. We boast of a body of alumni spread out in the diaspora making a difference by being the inside eye in diagnosis of a range of diseases.

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you will also gain from the other giveaways, outside of the academic training.

Foreign students shall experience you will experience the rich social and cultural environment of the “*Pearl of Africa*”. You will enjoy the hospitality of the Ugandan community, conducive weather, fresh food, vegetables and fruits, the year round. Your experience will therefore be unforgettable, more than just academic based; you will also gain from the other giveaways, outside of the academic training. May God guide you as you navigate this one of a kind experience, to grow your competences to reach greater heights in your career to impact the world.

MESSAGE FROM THE VICE CHANCELLOR



Professor Michael Grace Kawooya
Vice Chancellor

MESSAGE FROM THE UNIVERSITY DEAN



Mrs. Julian K. Nyombi
Dean of Students

Welcome to Ernest Cook University, a pioneer private Institution offering a range of unique courses. The Dean of Students' Department will be responsible for your welfare needs, guiding student associations, managing student information services, Sports services, and providing psychological counselling and guidance, as well as supporting the settling in of both local and foreign students when they report to the University. We work with the University chaplaincy, to provide both christian guidance, fellowship, and support to students throughout their stay at ECU.

At ECU, our conviction is that students ought to get the best out of their experience at the University, and hence a holistic approach is employed so students can obtain the highest benefit out of their time with us. The students will therefore attain Academic competencies, but shall also be nurtured through Christian character building, Life Skills, Spiritual nourishment and guidance, as well as counselling and guidance. ECU believes that this will enable the students to graduate with a well-balanced education that is different, unique, not just academically but holistic, ready to impact the world. Students are therefore encouraged to grab every opportunity offered to obtain the best experience.

The department has 4 sections under which it provides the students' welfare services. They include the Halls of Residence, the Games the Guidance and Counseling section, the Chaplaincy and Places of Worship, the Guild, which is the Students' governing body, headed by an elected cabinet.

Guidance and Counselling Unit

Trained and experienced Counselling Psychologists offer free and confidential Guidance and Counselling services for ECU students. Students will be required to call this number; 0788826559 or book an appointment with the Administrative Assistant.

The Students' Guild

At ECU, the Guild means the entire students' body who each subscribe a fee of UGX. 20,000 every academic year. Its membership is drawn from all registered under graduates, masters, post graduate diploma, and certificate students. It is governed by a Guild Cabinet comprised of all students, and democratically elected according to the ECU Guild constitution and work under the Department of the Dean of Students.

Make this a memorable experience by being part of the ECU major activities.

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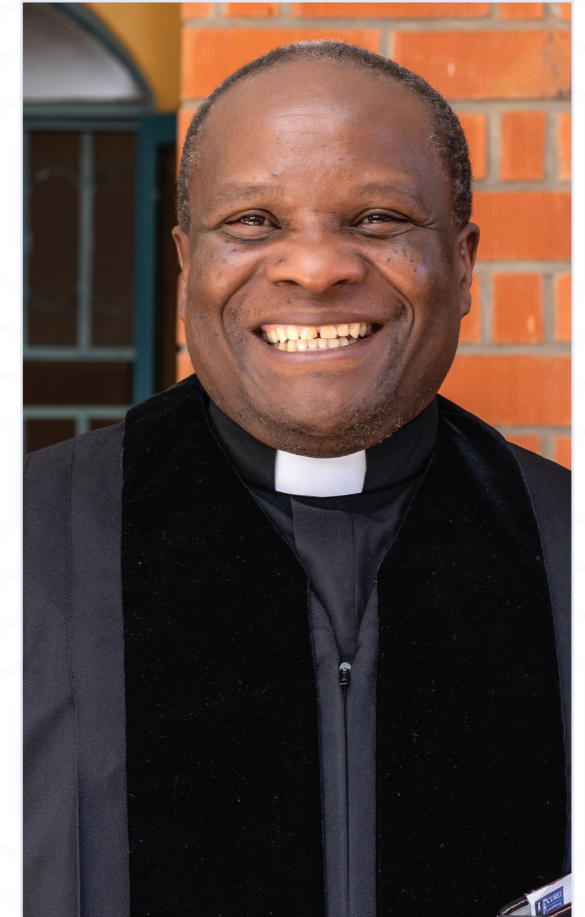
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MESSAGE FROM THE UNIVERSITY CHAPLAIN



WHAT TO DO BEFORE YOU START



One

Interaction with ECUREI/ ECU material or Messages.

Various ECUREI/ECU promotional and marketing materials are decimated to prospective students and parents through various channels such as social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and WhatsApp), radio adverts and mentions, Television & radio talk shows, online blog articles



Five

Payment phase.

Students are provided with the payment details, bank, mobile money, and Pesapal.



Six

Orientation/induction.

Students undergo a thorough induction/orientation program to enable them to understand the dynamics of the institution and their courses for a better and more comfortable stay at the institute.



Seven

Registration.

Students submit their academic documents for verification.



Two

Reception/client relations officer (inquiry desk). Evaluation of marketing methods through a survey & Feedback form.

Once the prospects receive the information, they respond through comments and inquiries in the form of social media comments, phone calls, and physical visits to the institution.

During this phase, the marketing department conducts a survey to assess/evaluate the mode of communication from which the prospect finds out about the institution or course they are applying for.

The prospect is given more information and guided on how to proceed with the application process.



Three

Admissions desk/phase.

Through extensive advisory services, students are guided on the choice of courses



Four

Application phase.

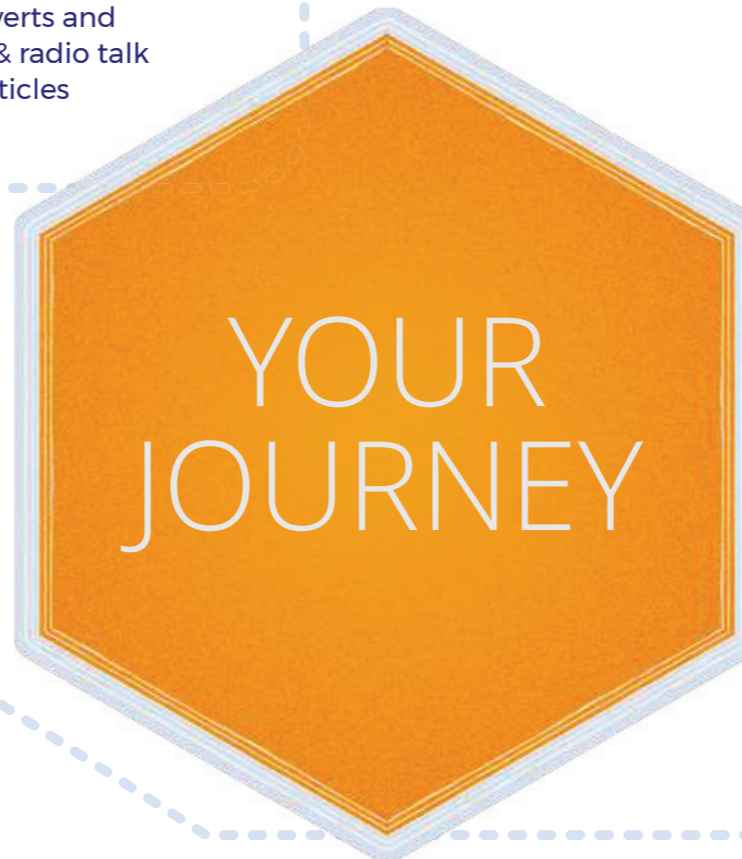
The client service personnel guide the prospects through the process in person, via phone, and at times via WhatsApp. This enables them to navigate the registration process and to pay admission fees without hiccups.



Eight

Commencement of classes.

Students are fully enrolled and are attending classes.



STAY SAFE

COUNSELLING SERVICES

The office of Dean Of students provides counseling services. Contact the *Dean* on *+256 754 486 956*

The University Chaplaincy offers spiritual guidance to all students. Below are the retains of the University chaplains: Reverend Bernard Bakunka 0772486012 / 0705171618 and Reverend Ben Tumuhairwe 0772376955

HEALTH SERVICES

Mengo Hospital provides comprehensive Healthcare services.

International students are advised to subscribe to **AAR insurance** provider at annual fee of **\$200** payable to ECUREI.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

IMMIGRATION DOCUMENTS

International students ought to have a valid Ugandan study permit (visa) to enable them study at ECUREI. This can be obtained from the Immigration Offices at the Ministry of Internal Affairs located along Jinja road. Your offer letter and introductory letter from the Academic office will enable you get a study permit with ease.



GOOD TO KNOW

CLIMATE

Uganda's climate is largely tropical with two rainy seasons per year, March to May and September to December. The northern region, which forms one quarter of the country lies outside the tropical belt, and hence experiences only one rainy season, March to October.



FOOD

Uganda's main dishes are usually centred on a sauce or stew of simsim, groundnuts, beans or meat. The starch traditionally comes from posho (maize meal) or matooke (steamed and mashed green banana) in the central or kalo in the north, east and west. Posho or millet is cooked as a porridge for breakfast.



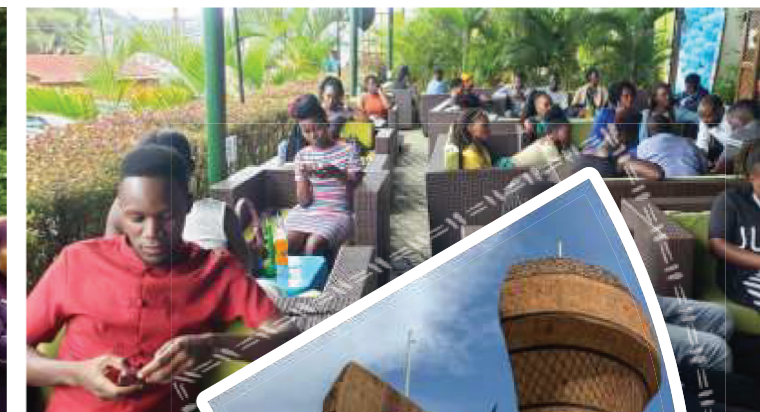
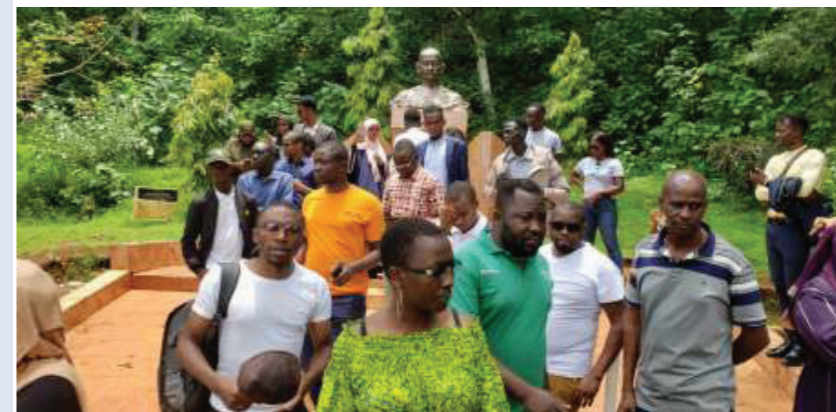
CULTURE

Culture of Uganda is made up of a diverse range of ethnic groups. Lake Kyoga forms the northern boundary for the Bantu-speaking people, who dominate much of East, Central, and Southern Africa. In Uganda, they include the Baganda, Banyankole and several other tribes.



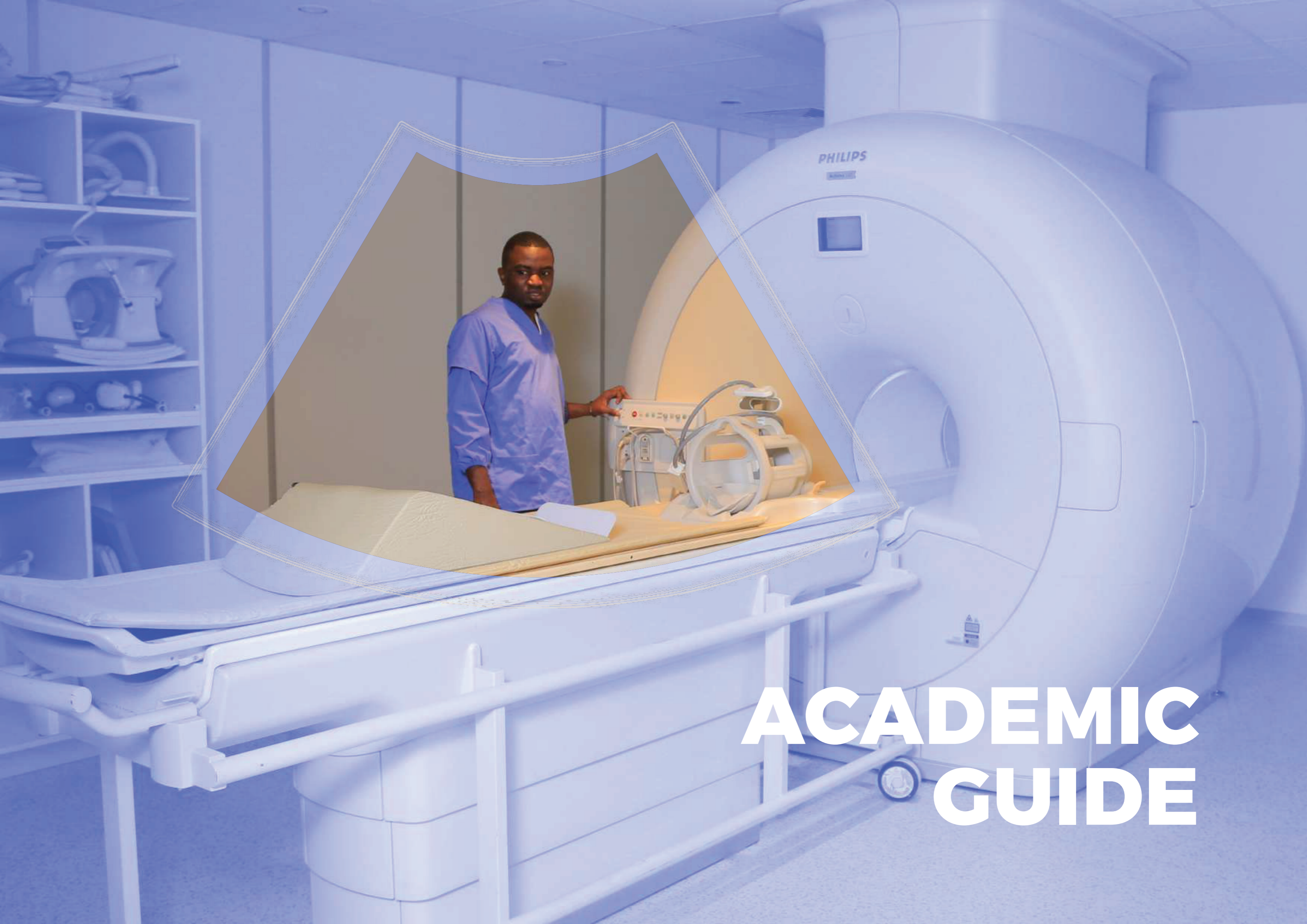
TRANSPORT

You can use a bus, minibus taxi, boda-boda, and anything in between to get anywhere within the borders. Apart from commuter rail in some parts of Kampala and ferry service, public transport in Uganda essentially boils down to buses and other forms of motorized road transport.



PLACES TO VISIT

Uganda has a rich tourist attraction menu. Within ECUREI 's reach is Buganda kingdom, the Uganda Museum, and many others



ACADEMIC GUIDE

STUDY MODES

1. Online studies
2. Campus-based program
3. Hybrid (both physical and online learning)

CLASS PREPARATION

Course time tables are obtainable before the start of the semester from the Course Coordinator at Nteyafa building.

- Each student is required to get one.
- Students will be required to carry their timetables along with them during the first 2 weeks of the semester to enable them identify the different lecture rooms where different lectures take place.
- During this first week, as well, lecturers will issue students with course outlines, requirements and reference books.
- The course coordinator will be available to provide the needed support.. It is important to attend lectures right from the first week of the semester to get accustomed to different lecture venues as well as Lecturers.

ATTENDANCE

- Students are required to attend all lectures, tutorials and practical sessions as scheduled.
- Any student who fails to attend ATLEAST 75% will not be allowed to sit for the final exams. However, special circumstances or emergencies may necessitate that a student be absent or late from his/her studies.
- In that case, the student ought to notify the Program Director.
- Attendance is required for each student during lectures, tutorials, practical training, clinical rotations and academic presentations.
- Students are however encouraged to seek Professional counselling from either the Dean of Students or Academic Registrar should they be challenged in anyway.
- Any absence should be reported to the Program Heads, Coordinator, or Dean of students.



LIBRARY

The Library is located along Balintuma Road opposite Nteyafa building (see map). It will be open between 8am to 8pm from Monday to Friday. The Library is equipped with reference books, e-books, and shelved books that are all available to students. You are obliged to register with the Library in order to obtain Library cards to attain access to library resources. All guidelines and procedures pertaining to use of the Library will be communicated to you to enable maximum utilisation. The Library staff will be available to assist students.

LOG BOOK

The log book provides evidence and a means of monitoring the scope and diversity of your learning experience. Periodically, you will be required to submit it to review your patient experience. It is a requirement of the Institute that each student completes a log book throughout the period of their course.

The log book contributes a percentage of the final mark and students should therefore endeavour to acquire log books and adhere to its guidelines.



where the student will be attached take on the role of supervision and assessment of each student's progress during their period of stay. ECUREI, however, has the sole and final right and responsibility to evaluate students' academic accomplishments including clinical practice and award appropriately. ECUREI partners with hospitals like Kawempe RRH Kiruddi Referral Hospital, Rubaga, and Mengo among others.



EXAMINATION AND ASSESSMENT

Each course is assessed at 100% total marks. Formative (progressive) and summative (final) assessments will be used. Progressive assessment is forty per cent (40%) and summative sixty per cent (60%). Exams will entail Multiple choice questions, essays,

short questions, oral questions, oral exams, logbook and portfolio. An assessment session will be conducted for every student at the end of every tutorial followed by a quick feedback. The tutorial mark contributes 40% of the formative assessment and the logbook and portfolio contribute 10% to the formative mark. The rest of the formative mark is obtained from tests.

The theory component comprises sixty per cent (60%) of the summative exam while the practical/oral comprises

CLINICAL ROTATIONS AND TRAINING SITES

A formal affiliation agreement between ECUREI and its affiliated clinical center exist for the purpose of establishing a clinical training opportunity for students.

Clinical centres and hospitals often take on students who have completed their courses for an Internship practical experience. The Clinical Centre and its staff



forty per cent (40%). Students who have only passed the formative exam and failed the practical examination component of the summative exam will be considered as having failed. Such students will be required to retake the entire course.

FORMATIVE / PROGRESSIVE ASSESSMENT

Formative assessments consist of tests both theoretical and/or practical including scores from the portfolio and the log book.

SUMMATIVE / FINAL EXAMINATIONS

Students are required to present a certificate of due performance issued by the Academic office before they can be allowed to sit for their summative examinations. This certificate implies that the student has satisfied ECUREI requirements of attendance and has attended all lectures, tutorials, practical, clinical, , field work sessions and has met the stipulated requirements for the portfolio and the logbook. Students will sit for the Summative Examinations at the end of each semester. The total mark for each course unit will cover all course work covered during the semester. Examining of students at every stage shall be in conformity to the ECUREI regulations.

PASS MARK

The pass mark for each course unit is fifty per cent (50%). Results slips will indicate actual marks and the grade of passing. The ODU course, which is offered in affiliation with Thomas Jefferson University, on the other hand has a pass mark of 70%.

RESEARCH

Students eligible to do research can select from a variety of research projects and begin a unique mentored experience in clinical research. Students are encouraged not to commit Plagiarism. ECUREI strictly adheres to international research procedures and guidelines and this may be a dismissible offence. The qualifying research must also be hypothesis driven and related to a medical topic.

PROFESSIONAL BODIES

Students are encouraged to obtain Professional acts from the Allied Health Professional Council at the Ministry of Health to acquire information regarding the code of conduct. The council does not allow practice until one is certified and Students are strongly advised to distance themselves from this vice.



A GLANCE AT YOUR CAMPUS

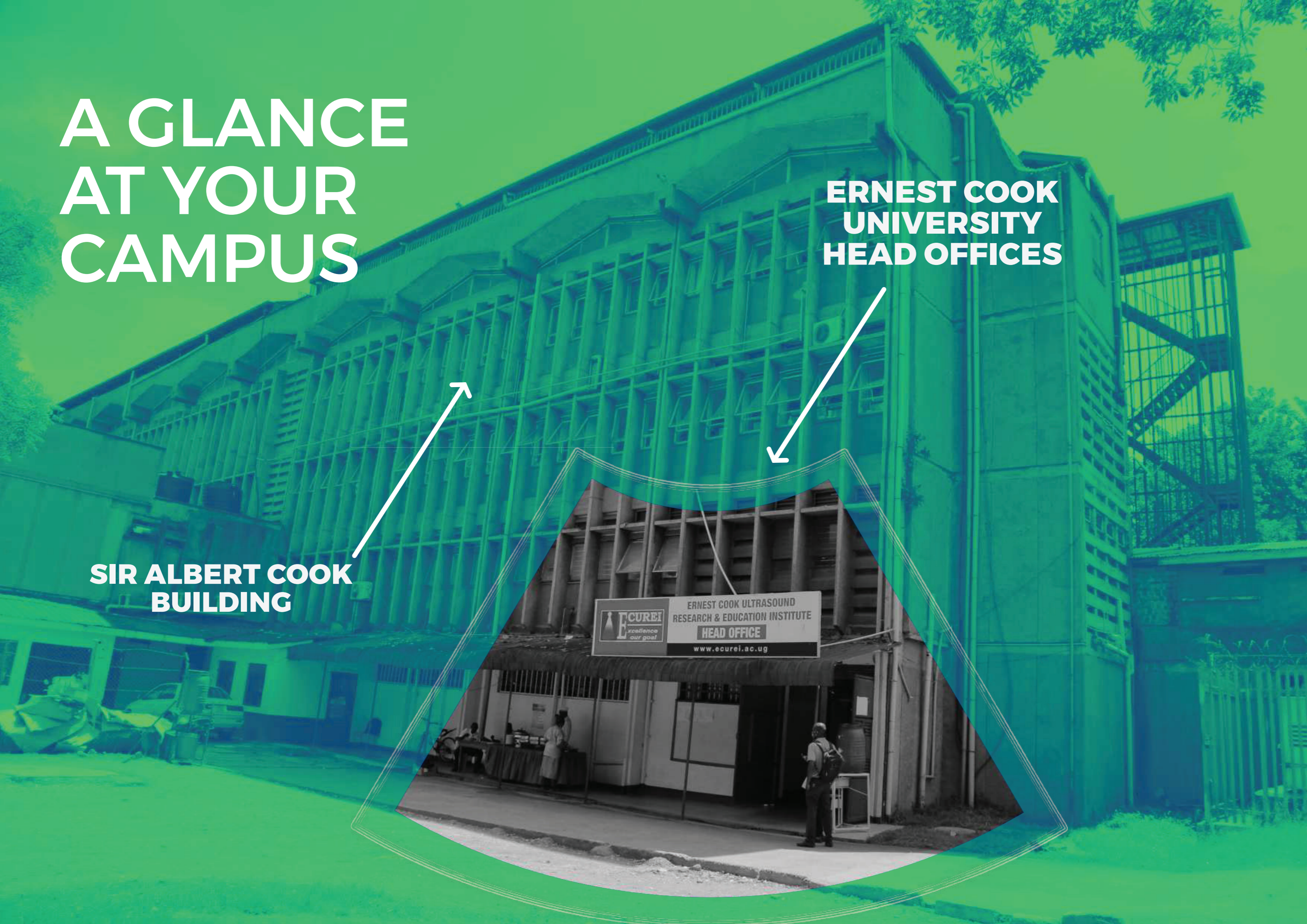
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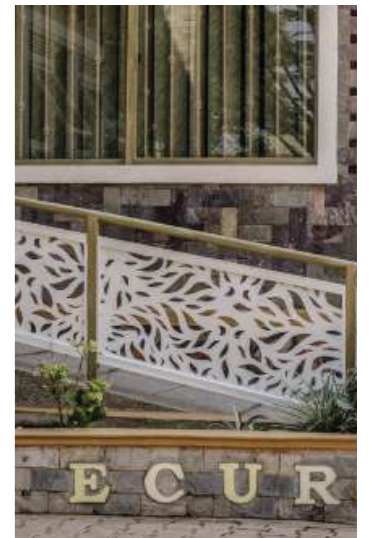




Nteyafa Building / Students lecture block



ECUREI Imaging Diagnostic Center



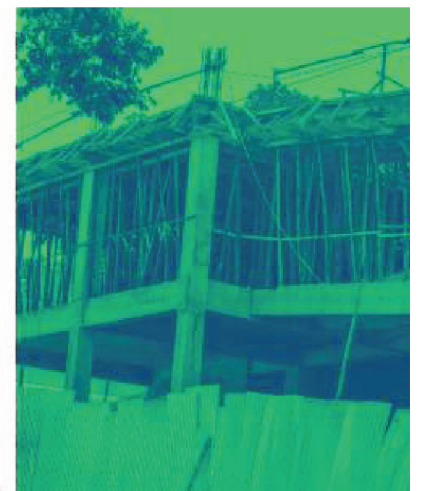
Artistic impression of the **ECUREI Research & A.I Center**



Ongoing construction of the **ECUREI Research & A.I Center**



Ongoing construction of the **Campus main building**



Student's lecture Block A (along Balintuma road)



Ongoing construction of the **Campus main building**



Ernest Cook university Main library



University Colours

Ernest Cook University has two colours. (i) White. The colour white is often associated with cleanliness, sincerity and honest. So, the University seeks to remind its stakeholders to always be honest, industrious and peaceful. (ii) Blue. This colour in high technology it is often associated with promotion of security, assistance, stability, reliability, knowledge and power. Ernest Cook University being an Institution that uses technology in much of what it offers, adopted the colour blue. With the colour blue a sense of honesty and professionalism is invoked.

The University flag



The University Emblem



The Emblem of Ernest Cook University features Ultrasound Doppler. This represents the history of Ernest Cook University. Its initial focus as Ernest Cook Ultrasound Research and Education Institute (**ECUREI**) was on Ultrasound.

The emblem has a dove which symbolises Christian foundation of the Institution. In the Bible especially in the new testament the image of a dove to represents the Holy Spirit, which is God's presence and power in the world. In the Gospel of Matthew and Luke, the Holy Spirit descended on Jesus at his baptism in river Jordan in form of a dove. One of the core values of Ernest Cook University is Christ-centred professionalism.

Furthermore, the dove emerging from a dark domain symbolises the fact that with God triumph is possible. The word Ernest ends with a Cross of Jesus. This implies that just as Jesus healed the sick and commanded those who would believe in him to do the same (John 14:12), Ernest Cook University endeavours to do that. Together with the features described above, the University motto is *Excellence is our goal*. This encapsulates the attitude with which University staff and students aspire to approach whatever they do professionally.

The University flag encapsulates all the values already explained about the emblem, the colours, and the motto. The additional thing in the flag are the stripes of white and blue. These symbolise the fact that the University is on the move to greater heights and highest professional excellence. There is no room for complacency. Ernest Cook University takes cognisance of the fact that the field of medical education is dynamic.

Technology and methods plus diseases are metamorphosing all the time. For that matter, to have espousing that feeling of being on the move motivates staff and students to read hard, work tirelessly and also innovate.

Academic Programs

Faculty of health and Life Sciences (Postgraduate)

Programme	Abbreviation	Duration	Intake
Master of Medicine in Radiology	MMED RAD	4 years	March
Master of Medical Imaging	MMI	2 years	March
Master of Diagnostic Ultrasound	MDU	2 years	March
Post Graduate Diploma in Human Nutrition	PGDHN	1 year	March

Faculty of health and Life Sciences (Bachelor's Degrees)

Programme	Abbreviation	Duration	Intake
Bachelor of Medical Imaging	BMI	4 years	March & August
Bachelor of Diagnostic Ultrasound	BDU	3 years	March & August
Bachelor of Science in Human Nutrition	BHN	4 years	March & August
Bachelor of Science in Physiotherapy	BPT	4 years	March & August

Faculty of health and Life Sciences (Diplomas)

Programme	Abbreviation	Duration	Intake
Diploma in Medical Radiography	DMR	3 years	March & August
Diploma in Human Nutrition	DHN	2 years	January & September
Ordinary Diploma in Ultrasound	ODU	1 year	January & July



Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences (Postgraduate)

Programme	Abbreviation	Duration	Intake
Master of Health Systems Management	MHSM	2 years	March
Post Graduate Diploma in Health Systems Management	PGDHMS	1 year	March

Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences (Bachelor's Degrees)

Programme	Abbreviation	Duration	Intake
Bachelors of science in Early Childhood Health and Development	BECD	3 Years	January & September
Bachelor of science in Healthcare Administration and Management	BHAM	3 years	January & September

Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences (Diplomas)

Programme	Abbreviation	Duration	Intake
Diploma in Early Childhood Health and Development	DECD	2 Years	January & September
Diploma in Healthcare Administration and Management	DHAM	2 years	January & September

Faculty of Engineering, Applied sciences and computing (Postgraduate)

Programme	Abbreviation	Duration	Intake
Master of Science in Biomedical Engineering	MBE	2 years	March

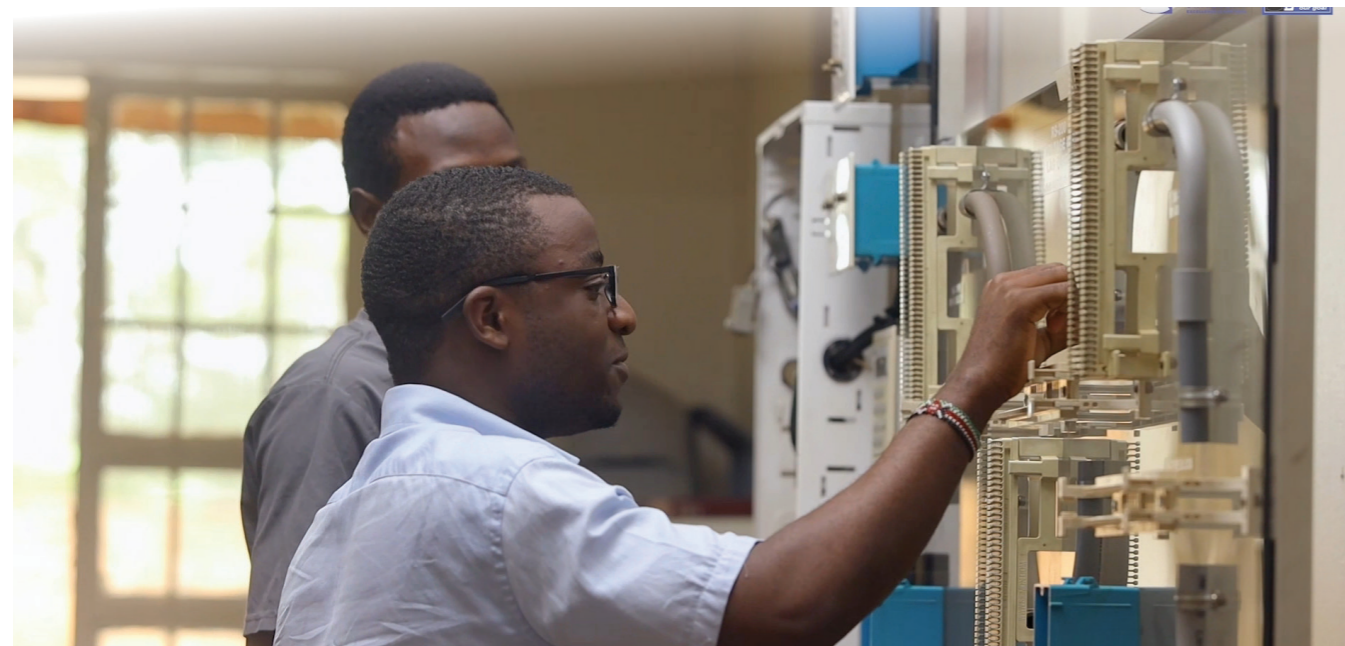
Faculty of Engineering, Applied sciences and computing (Bachelor's Degrees)

Programme	Abbreviation	Duration	Intake
Bachelor of biomedical Engineering	BBE	4 years	March & August
Bachelor of Science in Health Informatics	BHI	3 years	January & September

Faculty of Engineering, Applied sciences and computing (Diplomas)

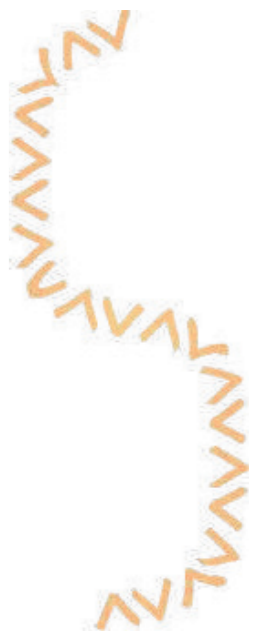
Programme	Abbreviation	Duration	Intake
Diploma in Biomedical Engineering	DBE	2 years	March & August
Diploma in Ophthalmic Technology	DOT	2 years	March & August

Certificates	Abbreviation	Duration	Intake
Higher education certificate in biological sciences	HEC-CBS	1 year	March & August
Higher education certificate in physical sciences	HES-CPS	1 year	March & August

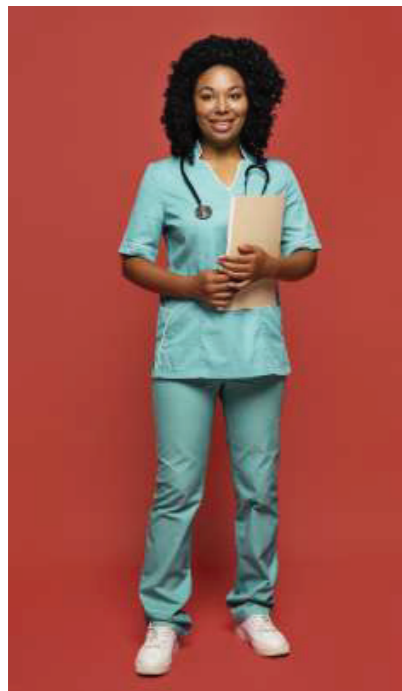


THE STUDENTS' GUILD

The guild office, under the Dean's office is available to address a wide a variety of students' issues while studying at ECU. Students are encouraged to inquire and utilize the services at the Guild Office which is located at Nteyaffa teaching block. Students are also encouraged to participate in all Guild-initiated activities e.g. sports, career guidance, community work, etc. There is a fee that each student contributes to enable the running of activities.



YOUR PROFESSIONAL NOTE



DRESS CODE

In order to promote a professional training environment, ECUREI expects students to be attired in a professional manner while on clinical rotations or on hospital grounds. Students will be expected to wear clinical coats with visible name tags. A Professional medical practice dress code is expected to be maintained by each student during regularly scheduled practice times and this will be communicated to you during orientation

CONFIDENTIALITY

You are required to respect the confidential nature of all information that you have access to including but not limited to Patients' Personal Health Information available to you orally contained in the patient medical records, or maintained on the ECUREI's electronic systems.

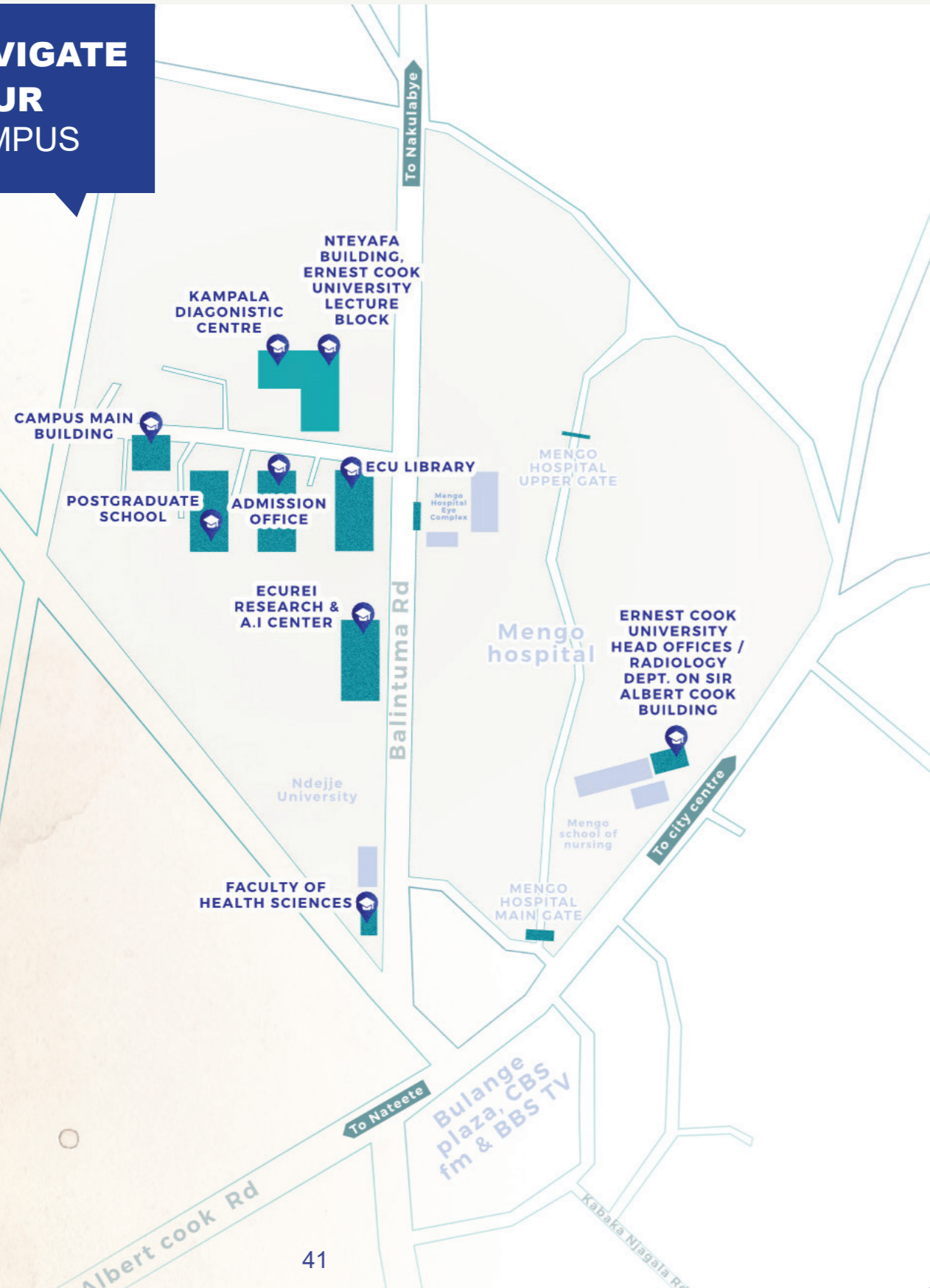


COMMUNICATION CHANNELS

Students are advised to use the following lines of communication, in the order listed to communicate clinical, security and administrative needs;

1. Dean of Students
2. Guild president
3. Courses Coordinator
4. Program Heads
5. Academic Registrar
6. Administrator
7. Quality Assurance Officer or Publicity

NAVIGATE YOUR CAMPUS



PARTNERSHIPS & COLLABORATIONS

GOVERNMENT AGENCIES & LOCAL GOVERNMENTS					
HOSPITALS & HEALTH FACILITIES					
REGULATORS					
AFFILIATIONS					
NGO & DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS					
SUPPLIERS & PRIVATE PLAYERS					
EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS					

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