

HISTORY OF THE DEPARTMENT

The origin of the department of Agricultural Economics dates back to 1970 when the University of Nairobi and the Faculty of Agriculture were established. Its distinct character over the years has been a commitment to provide excellent formal training in Agricultural Economics, Agribusiness Management, Agricultural Education and Extension and Agricultural Information and Communication Management. The emphasis in the fields of Research, Community Outreach, Teaching and Resource Management. Due to demand for the training in Agribusiness Management, Agricultural Education and Extension for Secondary Teachers and Organizational Personnel the student enrollment has drastically increased.

Degree Programmes

1. BSc. Agribusiness Management
2. BSc. Agricultural Education and Extension
3. Postgraduate Diploma in Agricultural Information Communication and Management (AICM)
4. MSc. Agricultural Economics
5. MSc. Agricultural and applied Economics (CMAAE)
6. MSc. Agricultural Information Communication and Management – Full time and ODEL mode (AICM)
7. PhD Agricultural Economics
8. PhD Agricultural Information Communication and Management (AICM)

OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates of Agricultural and Applied Economics, Agribusiness Management, Agricultural Education and Extension and Agricultural Information Communication and Management are employed in Agribusiness firms, Government, NGOs, Research Institutions, Teaching Profession and many proceed for PhD training. The graduates are in very high demand and are rarely unemployed.

The Department of Agricultural Economics continues to fulfill its mandate to provide high-level manpower for the revitalization of the Agricultural sector with emphasis in agricultural economics research and dissemination of research findings both to the farmers and policy-makers as well as endeavor to up-date and be responsive to the challenges of the labour market and national development of the 21st century.

The adaptation of diverse approaches to the problems of food production and food security are some of the challenges facing the agricultural sector in the country and the developing countries in general. The Department of Agricultural Economics is rising to this challenge through carrying out research and training at undergraduate and postgraduate level as well as providing an opportunity for field attachment to the students at research centers and other related agricultural oriented institutions.

To sustain departmental programmes and build on the resources available, the staff at the department besides teaching is actively involved in research activities and consultancies leaning more towards seeking long-term remedies to the many predicaments facing the agricultural sphere. The Rockefeller Foundation supported projects within the department have enabled the acquisition of the much needed physical facilities, equipment, manpower development through scholarships, linkages with other institutions both locally and internationally, and joint research.

The Department has reason to look forward to becoming a world-class department.

FEES STRUCTURE 2011/2012

(i) Undergraduate

Year of study	Programme	No of units	Tuition	Other charges	Total
1	Agribus. Mgt	14	100800	23500	124300
	Agr. Educ.& Ext	18	129600	23500	153100
2	Agribus. Mgt	14	100800	23500	124300
	Agr. Educ.& Ext	15	108000	23500	131500
3	Agribus. Mgt	7	50000 +	23500	
			Attachme nt	15000	88500
4	Agr. Educ.& Ext	8	57600 +	23500	
			Attachme nt	15000	96100
4	Agribus. Mgt	13	93600	23500	117100
	Agr. Educ.& Ext	14	100800	23500	124300
Total		Agribus. Mgt	48		
		Agr. Educ.& Ext	55		

- **Foreign students pay 25% extra for the above course**

Key

Agribus. Mgt = Agribusiness Management

Agr. Educ.& Ext = Agricultural Education and Extension

(ii) Postgraduate (MSc. CMAAE)

Year of study	No. of Units	Tuition	Other Charges	Total
1	9	112500	67500	180000
2	3	37500	102500	140000

(MSc. AICM)

Thesis	No. of Units	Tuition	Other Charges	Total
Year 1 (Sem 1,2,3)	12	150000	120000	270000
Year 2 (Sem 4,5)			39000	39000
Dissertation				
Year 1 (Sem 1,2,3)	16	200000	120000	320000
Year 2 (Sem 4,5)			39000	39000

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

(i) B. Sc. Agricultural Education and Extension: Module II/ODEL/School-Based.

The following are eligible for consideration for admission:-

- (i) KCSE mean grade C+ or equivalent
- (ii) KCSE mean grade C- or equivalent plus a certificate and Diploma
- (iii) O level Division II or equivalent plus a Diploma
- (iv) O level Division III or equivalent plus a certificate and Diploma
- (v) O level Division III or equivalent plus a three-year Diploma from a recognized post secondary institution for admissions to Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Education and Extension.
- (vi) Diploma from University of Nairobi or other recognized institutions and an aggregate of C in KCSE or equivalent.
- (vii) A level with two principal passes, 1s or equivalent in relevant subjects.
- (viii) P1 from a two year post secondary training institution for entry into Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Education and Extension.
- (ix) Higher National Diploma in relevant fields and should have attained an aggregate of C in KCSE.
- (x) Degree from a recognized university.
- (xi) Equivalent qualification to the above from institutions recognized by senate.

Note: Students Exchange with Bridgewater State University, USA during 3rd year. Unique regional programme in that students undertake Farm Practice and Teaching Practicce. JAB students admitted under module I regulations.

BSc. Agribusiness Management: Module I, II

The following are eligible for consideration for admission:

- (i) Holders of KCSE with mean grade of C+ with passes in Biology or Biological Science, physics and chemistry or physical sciences and mathematics.
- (ii) Holders of KACE with two principle level passes, one of which must be in mathematics.
- (iii) Holders of diploma from recognized Agricultural or veterinary college with passes at credit or Distinction.
- (iv) Holders of degree from a recognized University.
- (v) Holders of a Higher National Diploma from a recognized Institution.

Note: Industrial attachment is core component of the programme.

MSc. Agricultural Economics/MSc Agricultural and Applied Economics

The common regulation for the masters degrees in all faculties of the University of Nairobi shall apply. The following are eligible for admission into the Masters Programme.

- i. Holders of at least an upper second class honours degree or equivalent in agriculture, Food science, Range Management or other subject relevant from a recognized University of Nairobi Senate.
- ii. Holders of lower second class honours degree in the same disciplines as in (i) from the University of Nairobi or from University recognized by senate, with at least two years relevant research experience, with supporting publications.
- iii. Holders of a pass degree in the same disciplines as in (i) and relevant postgraduate diploma from a recognized University or at least five years of field experience and evidence of research publication since graduation.
- iv. Holders of equivalent qualifications from other universities recognized by the University of Nairobi Senate.

(ii) M. Sc. Agricultural Information and Communication Management (MSc in AICM)

The common regulations for the Masters degrees in all faculties of the University of Nairobi shall apply. The following shall be eligible for admission into the Master of Science in AICM programme.

- i. Holders of at least upper second class honours degree or equivalent in any discipline from a university recognized by senate.
- ii. Holders of at least lower second class honours degree or equivalent in any discipline from a university recognized by senate with at least two year relevant experience.
- iii. Holders of pass degree and postgraduate diploma or equivalent in any discipline from a university recognized by senate.
- iv. Holders of pass degree with five years relevant experience.

RESOURCE PERSONNEL

1. Dr. Fred Inuani Mugivane, BSc, MSc, PhD and Chairman of the Department.
2. Prof W. Oluoch-Kosura, BSc.; M.Sc.; Ph.D
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