

INTRODUCTION

About Uganda Martyrs University

Uganda Martyrs University acknowledges the late Archbishop Kiwanuka as the Father of Catholic higher education in Uganda. When he first conceived the idea in the 1940's, circumstances did not allow establishing a University at that time. However this proposal was renewed during the 1980's, and was endorsed by the Uganda Episcopal Conference in 1989. The University was officially launched in 1993 by His Excellency Yoweri Kaguta Museveni President of the Republic of Uganda. It received its civil Charter on 25th April, 2005.

Uganda Martyrs University (UMU) is a faith-based private University owned by the Episcopal Conference of the Catholic Bishops of Uganda. UMU started with two faculties, 84 students and 7 staff members. UMU now has a total enrolment of over 5,000 students following different programmes which include full time, part time and distance learning programmes and 300 staff members. UMU'S Main Campus is located at Nkozi in Mpigi district, about 82kms away and 3kms off the Kampala-Masaka highway. It is situated along the Equator with Environmentally friendly Campus ideal for study, learning and reflection and a beautiful view of Lake Victoria.

Vision and Mission

UMU's Vision is to be a student-centred, comprehensive and research intensive University that is uniquely Ugandan in character, a University that is imbued with Christian values, an institution that is of national and international acclaim, and an institution that is responsive to the needs of the Church and the people of Uganda. The Mission of the University is to provide quality higher education, training and research for the betterment of society guided by ethical values.

The Mission of the Office of the Dean of Students

The Office of the Dean of Students serves a central role in student social life and development at UMU. The Office is committed to promoting a campus environment that fosters academic success, personal

growth and student development. We encourage students to actively pursue their academic and life goals.

Purposes of the Office of the Dean of Students

Our core purposes are to:

- ✚ Provide overall support and administration for University Student Services.
- ✚ Promote a campus environment which cultivates a sense of belonging.
- ✚ Provide opportunities for students to develop essential life skills.
- ✚ Create opportunities for students to integrate curricular and co-curricular learning.
- ✚ Maintain discipline within the student body.
- ✚ Encourage students to become engaged in campus, local, regional, national and global issues.
- ✚ Act as a liaison between the students' body and the University administration.

Departments in the Office of the Dean of Students

The Office is responsible for students' welfare, health, accommodation, meals and extra-curricular activities. Under the Dean's office, there are sub-departments that work hand in hand for the wellbeing of the students. These are;

- ✚ Warden's Department
- ✚ Catering Department
- ✚ Infirmary Department
- ✚ Students' Union
- ✚ Sports Department
- ✚ Counseling Department
- ✚ Alumni Relations Department

Sports Department

This department is headed by the Sports Tutor. The department of sports and recreation offers welfare and sports skills services to the students through comprehensive, dynamic and exciting inter-hall championships scheduled each semester. University students are also involved in various National and International Sports Competitions.

Student Union

The Student Union is a link between the students' body and the University Administration. It is headed by a Union President who is democratically elected by the students in accordance with the students' constitution.

Catering

UMU Catering Services is the authorized service provider of meals. The quality meals offered include breakfast, lunch, and dinner served at a friendly cost. UMU Staff Pub is also operational with meals, snacks, beverages and takeaway.

Warden's Department

- ✚ The Warden assumes overall responsibility for the management and administration of the Hall, its students and property.
- ✚ Monitors the general health of students in close collaboration with the University Nurse.
- ✚ Responsible for booking and use of vehicles for both the staff and students.
- ✚ Keeps all the University keys.
- ✚ Allocates rooms to students in University Halls of residence.

Alumni Relations Department

- ✚ Creating and updating the Alumni data base
- ✚ Coordinating UMU Alumni activities and functions
- ✚ Collaborating with Alumni leadership; strengthening the Alumni Association by regularly engaging the Alumni participation in the UMU activities and support UMU
- ✚ Liaising with the Director of Quality Assurance and the research directorate in carrying out tracer studies about the University Alumni
- ✚ Managing the Alumni web site and all the online communications with the Alumni
- ✚ Creating avenues of interactions between the Alumni and the students
- ✚ Through the Alumni, Create internship or work opportunities to students and other Alumni

Infirmary (AAR)

a) Health related services

- ✚ Diagnosing
- ✚ Prescription
- ✚ Health education
- ✚ Medication

b) **Counseling**

UMU provides Counseling services through the office of the University Counselor. Counseling service helps students who need assistance and guidance about daily life problems which might hamper their steady progress in academics or prevent them from enjoying their life in general. Such problems embrace a whole range of health (medical and psychiatric) problems, social, marital, sexual, academic, spiritual and other problems. The counseling services are aimed at meeting the psychological needs of students by providing a safe, supportive, and confidential environment that promotes self-awareness, fosters responsibility and respect, and teaches effective coping strategies. The University counselor is available every Wednesday.

AAR Health Services

Uganda Martyrs University partnered with AAR to provide medical services to students at an affordable fee. Below are the AAR services;

Inpatient Services

Accidents and emergencies, intensive care and theatre hospital accommodation, nursing fees, medical expenses and ancillary charges, surgeons', consultants', anesthetists', medical practitioners, prescribed medicines and drugs, reconstructive surgery following an accident or following surgery for an eligible medical condition, internal prostheses, X-rays, MRI and CT scans, pathology, diagnostic tests & procedures, chemotherapy and radiotherapy, Accidental damage to natural eyes, accidental damage to natural teeth, physiotherapy, blood transfusion among others.

Outpatient treatment

Primary consultations and treatment, medical practitioner s' fees, prescribed medicines, drugs and dressings, X-rays, pathology, diagnostic tests &

procedures, Specialists & Consultation fees for consultations, prescribed medicines, drugs and dressings, physiotherapy, health education, oncology tests, drugs & consultation fees including cover for chemotherapy and radiotherapy, MRI and CT scans, out-patient minor surgical operations, antenatal/postnatal examination and treatments, post hospitalization treatment, pap smear, 24 hour nurse Advisory Services, Referrals within and outside AAR where a specialist's opinion is required, Family planning advice and procedures, Counseling, HIV/AIDS global fund drugs for HIV for first line if where located available.

Rescue and Evacuation

Uganda Martyrs University students are entitled to road ambulance services in Uganda.

Accessibility

Students can access services in all AAR clinics and over 100 sub-contracted centers that traverse the country in the year. Note: Infirmery is run by AAR

Security and Safety

The personal safety and security of each student is both an individual and community concern. The University has partnered with Security Group (Uganda) Limited to provide security services. While UMU strives to provide a campus environment free of undue risks to persons and property, it is each person's responsibility to pay attention to his or her surroundings, to avoid hazardous situations, and to exercise his or her own best judgment to maintain personal safety and well-being.

Uganda Martyrs University Anthem

Inspired by those by whose name we are called
the Martyrs of Uganda;
source of our strength, our courage and our hope;
guide us in virtue to lead the world
Virtute et sapiential!

May we remain faithful to the name;
Uganda Martyrs University;
a place of love, where it is good to be;
guide us in wisdom to lead the world
Virtute et sapiential!

Uganda Martyrs University

Making a difference



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