

## Introduction

The Department of Urban and Regional Planning provides both undergraduate and postgraduate professional training in Urban and Regional Planning. It was established in 1971. Since then, the department has trained most of the urban and regional planners in Kenya and has also trained for Eastern and Southern African countries. While most of the trained Planners have joined their countries' respective ministries as physical planners, many of the planners have found their way into Universities, international organizations and NGOs, whose development activities focus on urban and regional planning, the management of the natural and the built environment and community development.

## Bachelor of Arts in Planning

The Bachelor of Arts (Planning) programme aims to train professional planners in urban and regional planning who are competent to offer planning services to the government, including local authorities, regional development agencies, private sector, non-governmental organizations, and other agencies. The course also caters for those who wish to pursue policy and research oriented careers in planning. In the second category, the programme caters for those who wish to pursue higher degrees in planning at masters and doctorate levels. The programme is designed to balance planning theory, methodology and techniques courses, with those intended to meet planning application needs. The Bachelor of Arts in Planning is a development management oriented programme, tailored to enable the graduate to serve the various sectors of society including the economic sectors.

## Entry Requirements

For KCSE holder or equivalent: Overall Grade C+ and a minimum of Grade C+ in the following subject clusters:

- Mathematics
- Physics, Chemistry Biology
- History, Government, Geography, Christian Religious Education; Islamic Religious Education; Hindu Religious Education;
- Home Science, Art and Design, Agriculture, Aviation Technology, Computer Studies
- French, German, Arabic, Music, Business Studies.

## A holder of KACE (A-level) or equivalent;

- two principal passes in mathematics or economics
- geography, biology, physics, chemistry, history and a credit pass in English language at KCE or equivalent examination.

## Diploma holders:

- KNEC/ordinary diploma/Higher diploma in land surveying, cartography, GIS/RS, photogrammetry, building construction, architecture, applied sciences or related fields with a credit pass or equivalent,
- Diploma certificates from science and technical colleges with credit pass in mathematics, geography, agriculture, forestry or agricultural engineering.

## Degree holders

A holder of University degree or its equivalent from a recognized University in the following subjects: economics, mathematics, geography, land surveying, architecture, building economics, planning, agriculture or any other relevant degree.

## Course Structure and Duration

1. The course is covered in seventy (70) course units consisting of lecturers, studio, workshops, class presentations, fieldwork, demonstrations, supervisions/consultation and professional attachment.
2. Students will undergo continuous assessment by written assignments and/or class presentations and/or studio.
3. Each candidate is required to take all the course units shown during the semester; 1st year - 16 units; 2nd year - 18 units; 3rd year - 18 units; 4th year - 18 units
4. Each academic year is divided into two teaching semesters and a third semester for practical attachment.

COURSE OUTLINE	Hrs
<b>FIRST YEAR</b>	
<b>Semester I</b>	
BUR 101 Introduction to Planning	45
BUR 103 Elements of Physical and Biological Environment	45
BUR 105 Social Concepts for Planners	45
BUR 107 Quantitative Techniques for Planners	45
CCS 001 Communication Skills	45
BUR 109 Presentation Techniques I	135
<b>Semester II</b>	
BUR 100 Economics for Planners	45
CCS 008 Element of Philosophy	45
CCS 010 HIV and AIDS	45
BUR 102 Rural Planning Principles and Techniques	45
BUR 104 Statistics for Planners	45
BUR 106 Presentation Techniques II	135

## SECOND YEAR

<b>Semester I</b>	
BUR 201 Planning Theory and Methodology I	45
BUR 203 Urban Planning Principles and Techniques I	45
BUR 205 Information Technology and Data Systems	45
BUR 207 Land Economics and Administration	45
BUR 209 Transportation Planning I	45
BUR 211 Population and Demography for Planners	45
BUR 213 Rural Planning Studio I	135
<b>Semester II</b>	
BUR 200 Planning Theory and Methodology II	45
BUR 202 Urban Planning Principles & Techniques II	45
BUR 204 Elements of Land Surveying & Cartography	45
BUR 206 Infrastructure & Utilities Planning I	45
BUR 208 Housing & Community Services	45
BUR 210 Transportation Planning II	45
BUR 212 Rural Planning Studio II	135

## THIRD YEAR

<b>Semester I</b>	
BUR 301 Regional Planning Principles & Techniques I	45
BUR 303 Infrastructure & Utilities Planning II	45
BUR 305 Resource & Environmental Planning I	45
BUR 307 Planning Law I	45
BUR 309 Research Methodology	45
BUR 311 GIS & Remote Sensing	45
BUR 313 Urban Planning Studio I	135
<b>Semester II</b>	
BUR 300 Regional Planning Principles & Techniques II	45
BUR 302 Elements of Building Design & Development	45
BUR 304 Resource & Environmental Planning II	45

BUR 306 Urban Design & Site Planning	45
BUR 308 Planning Law II	45
BUR 310 Organizational & Political Context of Planning	45
BUR 312 Urban Planning Studio II	135

## FOURTH YEAR

<b>Semester I</b>	
BUR 401 Management Techniques	45
BUR 403 Regional Development Theory	45
BUR 405 Planning Research Project	180
BUR 407 Regional Planning Studio I	135
<b>Semester II</b>	
BUR 400 Planning Practice & Administration	45
BUR 402 Planning Development Project	225
BUR 404 Regional Planning Studio II	135

## Master of Arts in Planning

### Introduction

The Master of Arts in Planning Programme aims to train a high caliber of professionally qualified personnel in Urban and Regional Planning. The programme provides planners with the requisite skills and specialized knowledge needed to address numerous challenges associated with rapid urbanization and resource use in Africa. The Department of Urban and Regional Planning has been a leading institution for training professional planners in the entire Eastern and Southern African region.

The regulations and syllabus for the degree of Master of Arts in Planning have recently been revised to introduce a new approach in planning and provide flexibility for candidates to pursue the course on a semester basis.

The programme incorporates theoretical foundations of planning and a strong practical and professional training, along with multi-disciplinary knowledge in planning areas, methods of research and analysis and computer application skills. The course is intended for graduates and professionals with relevant educational background and experience who wish to take up planning roles with public, private, voluntary and international agencies working at local, sub-national, national and international levels.

### Entry Requirements

A holder of a Bachelor's degree, of at least upper second class honors in planning, architecture, land economics, building economics, civil engineering, design, surveying, agriculture, law, economics, geography, sociology, government, anthropology, social work or any other relevant discipline from the University of Nairobi or any other institution recognized by Senate as being of comparable academic status.

A holder of a Bachelor's degree, of lower second class honors in any of the degree categories specified above with a relevant postgraduate diploma or other equivalent qualifications from the University of Nairobi or any other institution recognized by Senate as being of comparable academic status or with at least two (2) years of relevant work experience.

A holder of a pass degree in any of the degree categories specified in above with a credit in a relevant postgraduate diploma or other equivalent qualifications from the University of Nairobi or any other institution recognized by Senate as being of comparative academic status, and at least (5) years of relevant work experience.

### Course Structure and Duration

The programme is covered in thirty-four (34) course units consisting of lectures, seminars, fieldwork, practical (studio), research project and examinations.

A candidate shall be allowed to take a minimum of three (3) course units and a maximum of nine (9) course units per semester.

The programme shall be covered in a minimum of four (4) semesters and a maximum of twelve (12) semesters.

All courses, seminars, studio, research project and examinations are compulsory. The programme shall proceed from levels one to four:

The Research Project shall constitute four (4) course units while the Rural, Urban and Regional Planning Studio shall constitute two, three and four course units respectively.

The programme is examined through written examinations, course work, planning studio and research project.

### COURSE OUTLINE

Code		Hrs
<b>LEVEL 1</b>		
BUR 501	Introduction to Planning	45
BUR 503	Theory of Planning I	45
BUR 505	Planning Principles and Techniques I	45
BUR 507	Statistical Methods in Planning	45
BUR 509	Socio-Economic Indicators in Planning	45
BUR 511	Management Techniques for Planners I	45
BUR 513	Rural Planning Studio	90
BUR 515	Information Technology in Planning	45
<b>LEVEL 2</b>		
BUR 500	Theory of Planning II	45
BUR 502	Planning Principles and Techniques II	45
BUR 504	Land Use Determinants I	45
BUR 506	Planning for Transportation	45
BUR 508	Planning for Engineering Services	45
BUR 510	Research Methods for Planners I	45
BUR 512	Urban Planning Studio	135
<b>LEVEL 3</b>		
BUR 601	Planning Principles and Techniques III	45
BUR 603	Land Use Determinants II	45
BUR 605	Theory of Resource Use in Planning	45
BUR 607	GIS & Remote Sensing applications in planning	45
BUR 609	Research Methods for Planners II	45
BUR 611	Urban Project Implementation	45
BUR 613	Environmental Management in Planning	45
BUR 615	Research project I	45
<b>LEVEL 4</b>		
BUR 600	Management Techniques for Planners II	45
BUR 602	Regional Planning Studio	135
BUR 604	Research Project II	90

**Bachelor of Arts (Urban and Regional Planning)**

**First Year (TOTAL OF 18 UNITS)**

1 <sup>st</sup> Sem - (Tuition)	Kshs. 216,750
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sem - (Tuition)	Kshs. 190,250
<b>Total</b>	<b>Kshs.407,000</b>

**2<sup>nd</sup> Year (TOTAL OF 18 UNITS)**

1 <sup>st</sup> Sem - (Tuition)	Kshs. 212,750
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sem - (Tuition)	Kshs. 191,250
<b>Total</b>	<b>Kshs.404,000</b>

**3<sup>rd</sup> Year (TOTAL OF 18 UNITS)**

1 <sup>st</sup> Sem - (Tuition)	Kshs. 212,750
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sem - (Tuition)	Kshs. 191,250
<b>Total</b>	<b>Kshs.404,000</b>

**4<sup>th</sup> Year (TOTAL OF 18 UNITS)**

1 <sup>st</sup> Sem - (Tuition)	Kshs. 212,750
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sem - (Tuition)	Kshs. 191,250
<b>Total</b>	<b>Kshs.404,000</b>

**GrandTotal (TOTAL 72 UNITS) Kshs.1,619,000**

**Master of Arts (Urban and Regional Planning)**

**First Year**

1 <sup>st</sup> Sem - (Tuition)	Kshs. 254,750
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sem - (Tuition)	Kshs. 227,250
<b>Total</b>	<b>Kshs.482,000</b>

**2<sup>nd</sup> Year**

1 <sup>st</sup> Sem - (Tuition)	Kshs. 248,750
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sem - (Tuition)	Kshs. 256,250
<b>Total</b>	<b>Kshs.505,000</b>

**GrandTotal Kshs.987,000**

	B.A
Medical p.a	6,500.00
ICT p.a	7,000.00
Caution Fees (once)	5,000.00
Library p.a	4,000.00
Registration p.a	1,000.00
Examination	8,000.00
Student Organization	1,000.00
ID Card p.a	1,000.00
Activity p.a	2,000.00

**NB: Fees are subject to change**

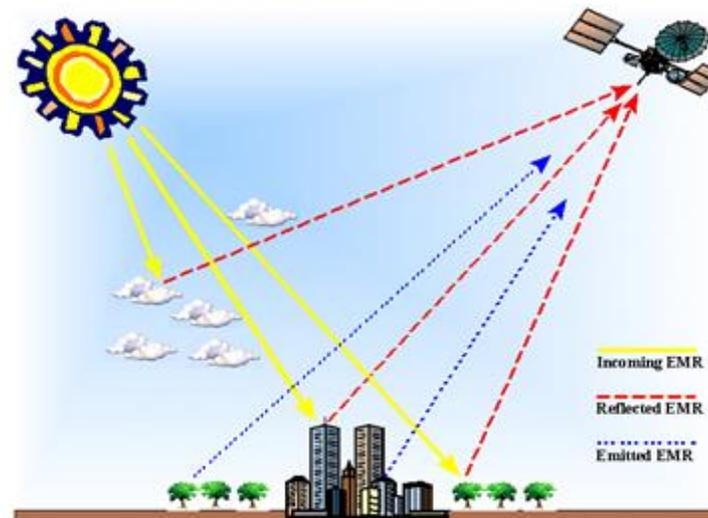
	M.A
Medical p.a	6,500.00
ICT Services p.a	7,000.00
Caution Fees (once)	5,000.00
Library p.a	5,000.00
Registration p.a	1,000.00
Examination p/unit	1,000.00
ID Card p.a	1,000.00
Activity p.a	2,000.00
Student Organization	1,000.00

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<b>DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN PLANNING (B803),</b>	<b>YEAR 1</b>	<b>YEAR 2</b>	<b>YEAR 3</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>
<b>TUITION</b>	480,000	480,000	480,000	1,440,000
<b>ICT SERVICES - (PER YEAR)</b>	7,000	7,000	7,000	21,000
<b>THESIS EXAMINATION</b>	-	-	50,000	50,000
<b>REGISTRATION (PER SEMESTER@2250)</b>	4,500	4,500	4,500	13,500
<b>ID CARD ( PER YEAR)</b>	1,000	1,000	1,000	3,000
<b>CAUTION - (ONCE)</b>	5,000	-	-	5,000
<b>MEDICAL FEE (PER YEAR)</b>	6,500	6,500	6,500	19,500
<b>ACTIVITY-( PER YEAR)</b>	2,000	2,000	2,000	6,000
<b>LIBRARY (PER YEAR)</b>	5,000	5,000	5,000	15,000
<b>STUDENT ORGANISATION(PER YEAR)</b>	1,000	1,000	1,000	3,000
<b>Grand TOTAL</b>	<b>512,000</b>	<b>507,000</b>	<b>557,000</b>	<b>1,576,000</b>



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