

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF TANZANIA



DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY PHILOSOPHY AND LIBRARY STUDIES HEAD OF DEPARTMENT SPEECH ON ORIENTATION DAY

Dear students,

First and foremost, let me on behalf of all academic and administrative members of staff of the Department of History, Philosophy and Library Studies extend my warmest welcome to all of you, new and continuing students to the department for the 2020/2021 Academic Year.

Sincerely, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you all new students for your wise decision to choose our disciplines, and for being among very few who merited university studies. Bravo to you all!

Once again, welcome to the Open University of Tanzania, specifically to our beloved Department of History, Philosophy and Library Studies which is under the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (FASS). Our department is located in BLOCK C, Room No. CF 06 at the Head Office, Dar es Salaam. However, help with the admission process, registration and/or academic advice, can be obtained from OUT Centres and coordination units which are in almost all regions of Tanzania and of course in Kenya, Rwanda, Malawi and Namibia.

I hope that this Orientation program will serve as an opportunity for you to gain essential information about the programmes in the department and how they are run.

1.1. Background:

The department of History, Philosophy and Library Studies (HPLS) was formerly known as the Department of History, Philosophy and Religious Studies (HPRS) until 2013 when the Bachelor of Library and Information Management was introduced and hosted in the department. So the department operates under two subsections, which are History coordinated by Mr. Paschal Mheluka, and Library Studies coordinated by Ms. Juliet Msuya.

1.2 Undergraduate Programmes

At the undergraduate level, the department has two programs to cater to undergraduate students; which are:

- Bachelor of Arts in History (**BA Hist.**)
- Bachelor of Library and Information Management (**BLIM**)

Courses offered by our department and academic staff who instruct them and their phone

numbers are given hereunder to facilitate consultation and contact.

S/No	Course Code	Course Name	Course Instructor	Phone number
BACHELOR OF ARTS IN HISTORY (BA HISTORY)				
Level 1 Courses				
1	OHI 131	Introduction to African History	Mr. CosmasKawonga	0753434797
2	OHI 132	History of Tanzania	Mr. Paschal Mheluka	0757836806
3	OHI 133	Theory and Practice in Africa History	Mr. Reginald Mwakilambo	0754408058
4	OHI 134	The Political History of Zanzibar	Mr. Nassor Suleiman	0777424767
5	OHI 135	Themes in African Prehistory	Ms. HiltrudaMahudi	0787042943
6	OPR 121	Introduction to Critical Thinking and Argumentation	Rev. AlexKasisi	0756091379
Level 2 Courses				
7	OHI 231	History of East Africa	Mr. Dennis Konga	0763918456
8	OHI 232	History of West Africa - Elective	Mr. CosmasKawonga	0753434797
9	OHI 234	Globalization and African History	Mr. ManoniMatunge	0769001023
10	OHI 235	History of South Africa to Recent Past - Elective	Ms, HiltrudaMahudi	0787042943
Level 3 Courses				
11	OHI 331	Africa and the Black Diaspora	Mr.Nassor Suleiman	0777424767
12	OHI 332	History of Central Africa	Paschal Mheluka	0757836806
13	OHI 333	History of North Africa - Elective		
BACHELOR OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION MANAGEMENT (BLIM)				
S/No	Course Code	Course Name	Course Instructor	
Level 1 Courses				
1	OLM 101	Introduction to Library and Information Sciences	Dr.AthumanSamzugi	0754605302
2	OLM 102	Information Sources and Reference Services	Ms.ChausikuMwinyimbegu	0655395044
3	OLM 103	Information Society	Mr. MugisshaKafuma	0682911761
4	OLM 104	Organization of Knowledge	Mr. Aziz Kagugu	0687687169
5	OCP 100*	Introduction to Microcomputer Studies and Information Technology		
6	OFC 017*	Communication Skills		
Level 2 Courses				
7	OLM 201	Information Technology and its Application in LIS	Mr Boniface Mbangala	0763727929
8	OLM 202	Principles and practices of Records Management	Ms. JuliethMsuya	0717276894
9	OLM 203	Collection Development and Management	Ms.ChausikuMwinyimbegu	0655395044
10	OLM 204	Research Methods in Library and	Mr. Nelson Msagati	0758277543

		Information Sciences		
11	OLM 205	Publishing and Book Trade Industry	Dr. Athumani Samzugui	0754605302
12	OLM 206	Practicum	Ms. Julieth Msuya - Coordinator	0717276894
13	OLM 207	Information Systems Design, Analysis and Evaluation - Elective	Mr Nelson Msagati	0758277543
14	OLM 208	Multimedia Studies - Elective	Mr. Aziz Kagugu	0687687169
Level 3 Courses				
15	OLM 301	Information and Knowledge Management	Mr. Ntimi Kasumo	0717995086
16	OLM 302	Management of Libraries and Information centres	Mr Ntimi Kasumo	0717995086
17	OLM 303	Legal Issues and Professional Ethics	Dr Lilian Isowe	0713 441604
18	OLM 304	Entrepreneurship and Information Marketing	Mr. Mugisha Kafuma	0682911761
19	OLM 305	Digital Libraries	Dr Lilian Isowe	0713 441604
20	OLM 306	Research Proposal	Ms. Julieth Msuya - Coordinator	0717276894
21	OLM 307	Sectoral Information Systems and Services for Users with special Needs - Elective	Ms. Julieth Msuya	0717276894
22	OLM 308	Database Management and Information Retrieval- Elective	Mr. Boniface Mbangala	0763727929

N.B: A student should select one elective course in level 2 and 3

1.3 Certificate and Diploma Programmes

Our department also offers Certificate and Diploma programs in Library and Information Studies. These programs are hosted in the Institute of Continuing Education (ICE).

1.4 Postgraduate Programmes

At the postgraduate, level the department offers the following programmes.

1.4.1 Masters Programmes

There are two broad categories of master programs that the department offers at the present time.

1.4.1.1 Master of Arts by Thesis

This caters for candidates who wish to study postgraduate programme under the distance mode. Under this category, the department offers the following programmes

- M.A. in Library and Information Studies
- M.A. in History

1.4.1.2 Master of Arts by Coursework

Under this category, the department currently offers Master of Library and Information Management (MLIM) only .

1.4.2 Doctor of Philosophy Degrees

PhD degree programmes are available for all discipline specialities offered at the Masters level. These programmes are offered through distance education mode and can be accomplished only by way of a thesis.

1.5 Assessment Criteria

Students' assessment in all the programmes is through course work and examinations. All courses shall be examined during the academic year in which they are studied. The examinations shall consist of a written test and examination at the end of each course. The test shall account for 30%, while the written final examination shall account for 70% of the total marks.

For Postgraduate :Except for the dissertation, the students in each course are evaluated as follows:

Total marks **50%**

- One Timed Test.....20%
- One Term Paper.....30%
- Examination.....50%
- **Total.....100%**

The pass mark for each examinable course shall be 50%. A candidate who may not have completed course work shall not be allowed to proceed for research work.

1.6 Teaching

There will be course multimedia content on the online platform called Moodle. Therein you will find course outlines, notes, discussion forums, videos, PowerPoint presentations, review questions and references, just to mention a few. Your registration into Moodle will be automatic upon registering with the university and paying fees. You need a user name and a password to enter Moodle. You can get this password from ICT personal in regional centres all over the country, or you can request it by mail from ict.helpdesk@out.ac.tz

There will also be technology-mediated teaching through Zoom teleconferencing software starting from 4th December 2020. There will be more orientation by other departments of the university on how this technology works.

Lastly, I wish you all a successful Academic Year!

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