

FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES (FASS)



ORIENTATION SPEECH FROM THE FACULTY DEAN

Dr. Dunlop Ochieng

2022/2023 ACADEMIC YEAR



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Dear FASS students,

It is my pleasure to have this opportunity to welcome you all to the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences for this new academic year, 2022/2023. I thank you all for choosing to study at The Open University of Tanzania and, specifically, the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences. Let me assure you that your choice will be rewarded as planned. It is also my hope that continuing students have enjoyed their studies in the just-ended academic year and are ready to enrol for yet another year in their academic life with the faculty.

Know your Faculty

Dear students,

The Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences is the largest of the five faculties at the university. The faculty offers a wide range of courses and course combinations at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels in six academic departments, as listed here below:

- i. Department of Linguistics and Literary Studies (LLS)
- ii. Department of Sociology and Social Work (SOSW)
- iii. Department of Economics and Community Development (ECED)
- iv. Department of Media and Library Studies (MLS)
- v. Department of Political Science, Public Administration, History and Philosophy (PSPAHP)
- vi. Department of Geography, Tourism and Hospitality Services (GTH)

Dear students,

At the undergraduate level, we currently offer 16 programmes through Open and Distance Learning (ODL) mode of delivery. These include:

- i. Bachelor of Arts in Tourism Management (BATM) – Host Dept: GTH
- ii. Bachelor of Arts in Sociology (BASO) – Host Dept: SOSW
- iii. Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) – Host Dept: SOSW
- iv. Bachelor of Arts in Journalism (BAJ) – Host Dept: MLS

- v. Bachelor of Arts in Mass communication (BAMC) – Host Dept: MLS
- vi. Bachelor of Community Economic Development [BCED] – Host Dept: ECED
- vii. Bachelor of Arts in Economics [BA ECON] – Host Dept: ECED
- viii. Bachelor of Arts in Natural Resource Management [BA NRM] – Host Dept: GTH
- ix. Bachelor of Arts in Population and Development [BA PD] – Host Dept: GTH
- x. Bachelor of Arts in Literature [BA LIT] – Host Dept: LLS
- xi. Bachelor of Arts in Kiswahili and Creative Studies [BA KISW] – Host Dept: LLS
- xii. Bachelor of Arts in English Language and Linguistics [BA ELL] – Host Dept: LLS
- xiii. Bachelor of Library Information Management [BLIM] – Host Dept: MLS
- xiv. Bachelor of Arts in History [BA HIST] – Host Dept: PSPAHP
- xv. Bachelor of Arts in Public Administration (BAPA) – Host Dept: PSPAHP
- xvi. Bachelor of Arts in International Relations (BAIR) – Host Dept: PSPAHP

In order to qualify for the award of a degree, a student is normally required to complete a minimum of between 36 and 40-course units, depending on specific programme requirements. Further details about our programmes are also available on the OUT Prospectus and FASS website: http://www.out.ac.tz/images/news_events/Prospectus and FASS website: <https://www.out.ac.tz/fass/>

Dear Students,

Allow me to tell you a few things about our delivery modes

All undergraduate programmes are delivered by Open and Distance Learning (ODL) mode. Teaching and learning are done through Blended Mode using an e-learning platform (MOODLE). Each course is divided into six knowledge areas. The specific knowledge area contains notes, power point presentation, a video, important references and review questions. A knowledge area is taught for one month, i.e., two weeks for reading the available materials and two weeks for discussion in Moodle and submission of assignments. Since the last academic year, lectures have been offered through zoom for each knowledge area of the six knowledge areas per course in the Moodle platform. The teaching timetable will be available through your Moodle platform. You are all encouraged to participate effectively in Moodle in order to enhance your

Learning. Other Support Services include compact discs (CDs), the Internet (where available), library services and other teaching/learning media. Students should visit the OUT library website: <http://www.out.ac.tz/library/> for online academic resources.

Field Practicum and Field Attachment

In the spirit of blending theoretical knowledge and practical training, all students in the second and third year in the following fields are required to undertake field

practical's/field attachment: Journalism and mass communication, sociology and social work, political science and public administration, geography, tourism and hospitality services, history, philosophy and library services

Continuing students are advised to contact respective heads of department and the FASS Handbook 2022/2023 for more details on modality, duration and fee requirements.

Examination Arrangements

Under normal circumstances, a student is expected to sit for examinations, present in seminars and participate in the Modular Object-Oriented Dynamic Learning Environment (MOODLE) platform. The examinations are normally held in January/February and May/June. However, with open and distance mode, students enjoy quite maximum flexibility with regard to sitting for their examination sessions. For example, if a student fails to sit for the said sessions, they may be given On-Demand Examination (ODEX). This is a flexible mode of examination which is requested by individual students whenever they feel ready for a particular examination. These types of examinations are not strictly scheduled because they are supposed to be 'open' in the sense that they will be taken when a candidate is ready for such an examination. Currently, they are conducted in September of each year, but later will be requested at any time by individual students. Such examinations attract an extra fee which is determined by the university from time to time.

Dear students,

At the postgraduate level, the faculty also offers master's programmes, PhD Programmes, and Postgraduate Diplomas. There are two broad categories of masters's degrees: master's degree by thesis and master's degree by coursework. All master's degrees by coursework are offered through blended mode. The following are 18 master's degrees by coursework offered by FASS in the 2022/2023 academic year.

- i. Masters of Social Work (MSW)
- ii. Master of Arts in Gender Studies (MA GS)
- iii. Masters of Science in Economics (MSc. Economics)
- iv. Masters in Community Economic Development (MCED)
- v. Masters of Arts in Monitoring and Evaluation (MA M&E)
- vi. Masters in Tourism Planning and Management (MTPM)
- vii. *Master of Arts in History (MA HIST)*
- viii. Masters of Arts in Natural Resource Assessment and Management (MANRAM)
- ix. 9. Master of Arts in International Cooperation and Development (MA ICD)
- x. Masters of Science in Humanitarian Action, Cooperation & Development (MSc HACD)
- xi. Masters of Arts in Governance and Leadership (MA GL)
- xii. Masters of Arts in Kiswahili (MA Kisw)
- xiii. Master of Arts in Linguistics (MA Ling)

- xiv. Master of Arts in Geography (M.A. Geog)
- xv. Master of Arts in Mass Communication (MA MC)
- xvi. *Masters of Arts in Journalism (MA Journalism)*
- xvii. Masters of Arts in Library Information Management (MLIM)
- xviii. Post Graduate Diploma in Social Work- (PGDSW)

The duration of postgraduate programs with coursework is, on average 18 months. A minimum of 18 units (including dissertation) must be passed for the award of any master's program and 12 units for the award of any postgraduate program

PhD And Masters By Thesis

Dear students

The faculty offers master's by thesis in all specializations and a Doctor of Philosophy degree. Interested students are required to apply through the postgraduate directorate by submitting a proposal/concept note. Upon admission, the student will be assigned a supervisor(s) appointed by the senate on the recommendation of the faculty. The duration for a master by thesis is maximum five years, while for a doctor of philosophy degree maximum duration is six years.

Minimum entry qualifications are as specified in the OUT General Regulations Governing Masters and undergraduate Degrees as provided in the OUT Prospectus. For specific details about each of the FASS programmes, please visit FASS website: <https://www.out.ac.tz/fass/>

Non-Degree Programs

The faculty currently offers four non-degree programs, namely Certificate in Monitoring and Evaluation, Diploma in Monitoring and Evaluation, and Certificate in Social Work NTA level 4 and Diploma in Monitoring and Evaluation NTA Level 5. The duration of the programmes is one year for a certificate and two years for a diploma.

Dear students,

You have chosen to study through Open and Distance Learning (ODL) mode, and you, therefore, need to abide by the values and norms embedded in it. The key norms in an ODL mode of learning are self- discipline, commitment, determination and time management. Students are advised to set a specific time for studies and attach themselves to a particular study group.

Communication is an important tool that facilitates effective learning and teaching in ODL system. It is highly advised to communicate with course instructors through e-mail by using official student email accounts that will be given to students by directors of respective regional centres. Telephone calls may be used when it is quite necessary. The instructor is supposed to respond to a message in three days'. If s/he fails, a student can send him/her a reminder and wait for another three days. If one gets no response even after a reminder, then s/he can call the dean, who closely monitors the student-

instructor interactions to see how active they are and intervene if and when the need arises. At the departmental level, WhatsApp groups have been established for each programme in order to enhance communication and learning.

Dear Students, here below are the contacts of the dean and heads of the department

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Table 1 Contacts of coordinators of different programmes

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1.	Media and Library Studies	Library studies	Mr. Aziz Kagugu	0762512521
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		Bachelor of Arts in Sociology (BASO)	Dr. Straton Ruhinda	0784697834
		NTA Level 4, 5 and 6 (Certificate and Diploma in Social Work)	Dr. Fauzia Mohamed	0782 374953
3.	Linguistic	Linguistic courses	Mr. Moshi	0687885849

	and Literacy Studies		Masatu	
		Literature courses	Ms. Caroline	0656223661
		Kiswahili	Mr. Emmanuel Msangi	0767519226
		MA Kiswahili	Dr. Omary Mohamed	0785259095
4.	Geography, Tourism and Hospitality Services	Bachelor of Tourism Management	Dr. Veronica Nyerere	0689 868027
		Non-degree Programme Tourism	Dr. Theresa Mugobi	0757 160110
		Bachelor of Natural Resources Management	Dr. Ruth John and Habiba Ally	0756650132
		Bachelor Population and Development	Dr. Anna Wawa	0754 430075
5.	Economics and Community Economics Development	M.Sc. Economics	Mr. Abdul Kilima	0788513483
		M&E	Ms. Janeth Gwimile	0785395454
			Mr. Henry Tumaini	0762411034
			Mr. Abdul Kilima	0788513483
		B.A - Economics	Mr. Godfrey Gradius	0754067357
		Diploma in M&E	Ms. Zakia Ituja	0716959300
		Certificate in M&E	Ms. Zakia Ituja	0716959300
		BCED	Mr. Fidelis Kisusi	0713910438
6.	Political Science, Public Administration, History and Philosophy (PSPAHP)	BAPA BAIR	Ahmed Mussa Revocatus Bin'Omukama	0714060617 0754204500

I encourage all students to access the FASS website. The website contains all the important information about the faculty and its programmes which may not easily be found in the general OUT prospectus. Our faculty website is accessible at: <https://www.out.ac.tz/fass/>

Lastly, I wish you all a successful academic year



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