

## **ADDRESS TO FIRST YEAR STUDENTS ON ADMISSION 2015**

### **The Board of Common Undergraduate Courses**

The Board of Common Undergraduate Courses (BCUC) is a multidisciplinary department in the University whose mandate is to administer the regulations, organize the teaching and arrange the examination of all Common Undergraduate Courses.

### **Common Undergraduate Courses**

Common Undergraduate Courses are unique courses in the University. These are courses which are taught to all undergraduate students across the board, regardless of the degree programme that a student is enrolled in.

### **The Courses**

While the University is in the process of developing other common undergraduate courses, currently there are 10(Ten) such courses which have been developed and approved by the University Senate for teaching. The academic Code for these courses is CCS. Therefore, we currently have CCS 001, CCS 002.....CCS 010.

### **Selection of the three courses**

The University Statutes require that all undergraduate students study and pass three Common Undergraduate Courses before graduation. As of now, the selection of the three courses is deliberately designed, such that by the end of the programme, a student whose degree of study is from the Sciences shall have studied two common courses from the Humanities and one from the Sciences. Similarly, a student whose degree of study is from the Humanities shall have studied two common courses from the Sciences and one from the Humanities.

### **Regulations**

Among the other regulations which you will know as you start your lectures, you must always remember the following two:

1. Two courses are **core and therefore compulsory** to all undergraduate students i.e. CCS 001: Communication Skills; and CCS 010: HIV & AIDS.
2. A student is required to study and pass the two core courses and one elective course from the remaining eight, provided that **a Student from the humanities shall choose an elective course from the Sciences, and vice versa.**

### **Course Coordinators**

To ensure that common courses are managed by the professionals, each course is domiciled in the department where it is professionally oriented; and for ease of management, each common course is assigned a coordinator appointed from the department where it is domiciled.

Coordinators of Common Courses play a very significant role and students are advised to know those who will be coordinating the three courses that they will be taking.