



UNIVERSITY OF EMBU

SESSION TWO ORIENTATION MESSAGES TO FIRST YEAR STUDENTS

MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN, SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE



The School of Agriculture (SoA) was established in 2013 as one of the pioneer schools of the University of Embu. Since then the School has remained steadfast in the training of skilled manpower with the capacity to transform the Kenyan agricultural sector in the 21st century. This has been made possible by the well trained and experienced scholars and researchers in the three Departments that form the School of Agriculture: Agricultural Resource Management (ARM), Agricultural Economics and Extension (AEE) and Land and

Water Management (LWM).



The vision of the School is to become a dynamic epicenter of excellence in agricultural training and research for service to humanity. Our mission is to provide high quality education, research and knowledge dissemination based on modern science and environmentally sustainable technologies. The School offers undergraduate courses in Agricultural Education and Extension, Agribusiness Management, Agricultural Economics,



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Horticulture, Range Management, Water Resources Management and Management of Agroecosystems and Environment. At the School, we are aware that farming and natural resource utilization are based on modern science and technologies that rely heavily on proper management of the natural resource base. In this regard, the School has recently developed programmes in Agricultural Biotechnology and Environmental Science among others.

The School is currently headed by the Dean, Dr. Samuel Ndirangu, and three Chairmen of Academic Departments: Dr. Bernard Gichimu (ARM), Dr. Rebecca Yegon (LWM) and Dr. Hezron Isaboke (AEE). Last but not least, the School takes great pride in having highly qualified staff including Prof. Daniel Mugendi (Vice-Chancellor), Prof. Paul Nthakanio (Registrar-PAF), Prof. Gikuru Mwithiga, Prof. Fredrick Njoka and Prof. Felix Ngetich, among other lecturers and support staff.

If you need any further clarification on the information shared, please contact any of the Chairmen of Departments using any of the following emails: isaboke.hezron@embuni.ac.ke, gichimu.bernard@embuni.ac.ke, yegon.rebecca@embuni.ac.ke or the School's Administrative Assistant: kinyua.rachel@embuni.ac.ke. Our school is situated in the former Administrative Building next to the old car park and can be accessed from Embu- Meru Road through University Gate B. Our offices remain open for consultation during week-days from 8:00 am -5:00 pm. [For more information visit the web link to our School: http://agric.embuni.ac.ke/](http://agric.embuni.ac.ke/)

Dr. Samuel Njiri Ndirangu
Dean, School of Agriculture

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN, DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND WATER MANAGEMENT

The focus of the Department of Land and Water Management is training, research and community service in sustainable management of the environment, land and water resources. To achieve this, the Department offers bachelor's programs in Water Resources Management, Management of Agroecosystems and Environment and Environmental Science. The Department also offers postgraduate programmes at Masters and PhD level in Land and Water Management, Management of Agroecosystems and Environment and Soil Science. Training in these areas offers opportunities for self-employment as well as employment in the Public and private sector including government, Non-governmental organizations, private firms, research and academia.

The Department expects all students to attend at least 70% of the lectures and all practicals for each unit on offer in each semester to be allowed to sit for the end of semester examinations. All students are expected to strictly adhere to the University Examination



regulations as outlined in the student code of conduct. Students can access more information on the department at <https://lwm.embuni.ac.ke/>. In addition, a detailed video of the department is provided in the link below;

<https://youtu.be/rTykx8WL5h4>

In case of any questions kindly email dlwm@embuni.ac.ke or call 0101720025.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS & EXTENSION

This Department of Agricultural Economics and Extension offers eight market driven programmes in agricultural economics, agribusiness, and agricultural education and extension. The programmes offered include two diploma, two undergraduate, two masters and two Doctor of Philosophy degree programmes.

All the programmes on offer are regionally and internationally recognized. The Department focuses on training and mentoring students to develop adaptive skills that have made our graduates highly competitive in the job market. This has been made possible by a competent team of experienced and very committed academic staff. Teaching follows a learner-centred approach and the staff employ multiple methodologies to teaching and mentoring students at all levels of training.

Alongside teaching, the academic staff in the Department engage in various professional consultancy works with private organizations, government, non-governmental organizations and international organizations. This is in addition to undertaking cutting-edge research with their students through collaborations/as individuals in agricultural and resource use/economics and extension. The research work focuses on topical issues including climate change & smart agriculture, environmental economics, and the economics of water resources. Other areas of research include agribusiness, farm and food systems, production efficiency as well as technology adoption and transfer among others. Further, as part of our community engagements, the Department continually carries out farmers' training in order to enhance knowledge sharing and partnerships with community-based organizations.

Dr. Hezron N. Isaboke, PhD
Chairman, Department of Agricultural Economics & Extension

