



UNIVERSITY OF EMBU

SESSION TWO ORIENTATION MESSAGES TO FIRST YEAR STUDENTS

MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN, SCHOOL OF LAW

Welcome to the University of Embu, School of Law!

The University of Embu School of Law (SoL) is fully accredited by the Council of Legal Education (CLE). Our law programme is also ISO 9001:2015 certified. The School takes pride in being your law school of choice.

As an area of study, Law is full of stories, tales of oppression and tales of deliverance that will capture your imagination and the students who are happiest here are those who think of their courses not as preparation for exams or preparation for the Bar, but as occasions for conversations with incredibly bright legal minds, students and professors alike. In your four-year journey, you will certainly meet some classmates who will become your best friends and will form a relationship that will last your entire life. I encourage you to form good friendships with those who are upwardly mobile, who can encourage and stimulate you to be the best that you can be.

The School of Law is headed by a Dean who is the administrative and academic head of the School. The School also has three Departments: Commercial Law, Public Law and Private Law. Each department is headed by a Chairman. The School is home to some of the finest legal scholars in the country. You will have the privilege of learning from nationally and internationally acclaimed experts in a wide variety of fields.

At the School, our goal is to provide you with the best legal education to prepare you for your future careers. To do so, you will be exposed to a wide array of courses and experiential learning programs designed to develop and hone your problem-solving and communication skills in order to prepare you for your future career. This broad range of opportunities reflects our core mission to provide internationally recognized legal education through scholarly training, research and innovation for community service and development. In order to achieve the School requirements, you shall be required to attend at least two thirds of the total number of lecturers in a unit in order to be allowed to sit for the end of semester examination in a given unit of the programme. To proceed to the second year of study, you will be required to pass each of the fourteen (14) units offered in the first year. The examination shall consist of continuous assessments tests and



assignments where applicable, and end of semester examinations. The end of semester examinations will comprise 70 percent of the total course marks whereas continuous assessment and assignments, where applicable, will account for 30 percent. For examinations regulations, please read the relevant section of the student's handbook.

Worth noting is that some of the *units* have conditions of enrolment attached to them (a pre-requisite). A pre-requisite is a unit that you must pass before you will be permitted to enrol in a related or subsequent unit (e.g. Tort I is a pre-requisite unit which is required for enrolment in Tort II, Criminal Law I is pre-requisite unit for Criminal Law II...etc.). A student may, on the recommendation of the School Board of Examiners and approval by Senate, be admitted to do special examinations in the course(s) for which the candidate failed to sit ordinary examinations at the prescribed time. Special examinations shall be graded as ordinary examinations. To qualify for the award of the Bachelor of Laws degree you will be required to have at least successfully passed a minimum of 52 units during the four years of study including the attachment.

The School encourages student to dress formal/ decently. In particular, the School encourages students to adopt the Law Society of Kenya advocates dress code which is formal. Subject to approval by the relevant offices, students may seek to transfer from the programmes of study that they have been enrolled into as shall be provided from time to time. GSP students can only seek Inter/Intra School transfer at the beginning of an Academic Year unless otherwise provided

I would like to close by acknowledging the uncertainty of the weeks and months ahead. The COVID-19 pandemic presents great challenges for legal education. However, at the University of Embu, we know that every challenge presents opportunities. Our members of staff are committed to building upon our long tradition of curricular innovation, particularly through online teaching. Nonetheless the changing conditions of COVID-19 may require us to modify our academic plans during the semester and throughout the year. We will continue to communicate as conditions evolve. There is no doubt that our next year together is going to be unique, but the members of staff and I are committed to providing with you the very best educational experience possible. Together, we are strong and resilient and we will successfully navigate these uncertain times. Please know we are here for you and do not hesitate to reach out with any concerns.

Once again, we at the School are delighted that you are here and ready to start the academic year. Remember that the study of law demands dedication of spirit and a willingness to explore. Law is hard work, but it is fun, bizarre, exciting, unpredictable and creative. Make it so!

I wish you a very productive and fulfilling academic year and warmly invite you to visit our website and learn more about the School of Law (<http://law.embuni.ac.ke/>) and the many things that make it a special place.



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Thank you,

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