

RUAHACATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

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GENERAL INFORMATION ON DIRECTORATE OF POSTGRADUATE STUDIES, RESEARCH, CONSULTANCY AND PUBLICATIONS



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RUCO'S VISION

To be a hub of education excellence and moral finesse.

RUCO'S MISSION

To be a committed institution of higher learning which provides:

- Demand driven quality education to students so as to become responsible professionals with moral and ethical values in the society.
- Quality teaching, research and consultancy for quality manpower output for services and leadership.

GUIDING THEME

“Academic Excellence and Moral Finesse”

ACCREDITATION STATUS

By May 2005, RUCO attained a letter of Interim Authority following a possible recommendation by a technical evaluation team dispatched by the Higher Education Accreditation Council (now called the Tanzania Commission for Universities – TCU)

By October 2005, RUCO attained the status of certificate of Provisional Registration (CPR) No. 21. This empowered the college to recruit students for approved programmes in Law and ICT. This made it possible to recruit the first intake of students for Bachelor of Science in Computer Science (BSc in CS) and Bachelor of Laws (LLB).

RUCO has since received the Certificate of Full Registration from the Tanzania Commission for Universities. The Ruaha University College Charter that spells the day to day of the University was formally signed by His Excellency The President of the United Republic of Tanzania Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete on 31st October, 2012. The move now is for RUCO to become a fully fledged university. A select TCU team did the evaluation for the purpose from 15th January, 2014 to 17th January, 2014.

1.0 INTRODUCTION:

RUCO started with undergraduate programmes with Faculties of Law and Information Communication and Technology (ICT) being the two founding faculties. The University College ever since has continued to grow both in academic programmes and staffing let alone the number of students admitted to the college.

The Postgraduate Studies formally started in the academic year 2009/2010 with the first batch of LL.M students being registered in October, 2009 and for Postgraduate Diploma in Law in October, 2011. The academic year 2010/2011 witnessed the start of Ph D programmes in Law by thesis in the Faculty of Law together with MBA programmes by course work in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences. From there on, Postgraduate study programmes have been on the increase giving way to the start of Masters programmes in Education and Linguistics together with Postgraduate Diploma in Education.

2.0 OBJECTIVES OF POSTGRADUATE STUDIES:

The objectives of conducting Postgraduate Studies at Ruaha University College are in line with RUCO'S Strategic Plan for 2011/12 – 2015/16 in which the programme aims to:

- i) Provide quality education to highly qualified and motivated personnel who are ready to further their education in their respective disciplines.
- ii) Promote Research, Consultancy and Publications to both students and academic staff.
- iii) Sustain Students and staff moral standing and willingness to serve the nation as a whole.
- iv) Augment the national need for high level man power requirements.
- v) Establish networks, linkages and partnerships for the sole purpose of improving the programmes offered.

3.0 PROGRAMMES OFFERED

Currently all Postgraduate Programmes are housed in three Faculties as indicated below:

3.0.1 FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES:

Postgraduate programmes under this faculty are:

- i) Master of Education in Education Planning and Administration (18 months duration)
- ii) Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction (18 months duration)
- iii) Master of Arts in Linguistics (18 months duration)
- iv) Postgraduate Diploma in Education (12 months duration)

3.0.2 FACULTY OF LAW

Postgraduate Programmes under this faculty are:

- i) Ph D – By thesis
- ii) Master of Laws (LL.M) (An Intensive programme of 12 months duration)
 - In Human Rights Law
 - In Trade and Finance
 - In Finance and Banking
- iii) Postgraduate Diploma in Law: (PGDL)
 - Postgraduate Diploma in Law (12 months duration) for holders of the LL.B and
 - Specialized Postgraduate Diploma in Law (12 months duration) (SPGDL): Specialized training in specific fields of Law.

3.0.3 FACULTY OF BUSINESS MANAGEMENT SCIENCES

The faculty offers programmes in:

- i) Master of Business Administration in: (18 months duration)
 - Human Resource Management and
 - Accounting and Finance.

4.0 GENERAL GUIDELINES AND REGULATIONS

All Postgraduate Programmes except for the Ph D in Law are on course work basis while the Ph D in Law is by thesis.

General guidelines and regulations governing each of the programmes are as indicated under each faculty's programmes. However, in order to acquire admission in any of the Postgraduate programmes, the applicant must at least be in possession of a good first degree of an average pass of a B with a GPA of at least 2.7 and above or its equivalent in the course to be studied.

5.0 EXAMINATIONS AND AWARD OF DEGREE/POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMAS

Students undertaking Postgraduate Diploma and Masters programmes by course work will be subjected to course work assessment, University examinations and dissertations except for Postgraduate Diploma students who will not write any dissertation. In order a Masters student to qualify for a Masters degree, he/she must successfully complete the course work, University examinations and the dissertation. For a Ph D in Law award the candidate's thesis must necessarily be passed through by a panel of examiners at his/her Viva Voce. Details for the mode of examination in any of the mentioned programmes are categorically stated in the respective faculties where these programmes are housed.

NB: SHOULD MORE INFORMATION BE REQUIRED TO ANY OF THE LISTED PROGRAMMES, CONTACTS CAN BE MADE WITH THE DIRECTORATE OF POSTGRADUATE STUDIES OR THE FACULTY IN WHICH THE PROGRAMME IS HOUSED.