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# **FACT SHEET**

**FOR THE  
ACADEMIC YEAR 2023/2024**



<b>INSTITUTIONAL DETAILS</b>	
<b>Official Name:</b>	University of Nairobi (UON)
<b>City and Country:</b>	Nairobi, Kenya
<b>Vice Chancellor:</b>	Prof. Stephen Kiama Gitahi
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.uonbi.ac.ke">www.uonbi.ac.ke</a>
<b>Foundation:</b>	The University of Nairobi is the oldest and largest University in Kenya. It was Established in 1956 as the Royal Technical College. The University of Nairobi became a fully fledged University on 1 <sup>st</sup> July 1970. UoN is a comprehensive University that offers market-driven undergraduate, master and doctoral academic programmes as well as a strong and vibrant research culture with a reputation for excellence.
<b>Organization:</b>	Main Campus is located in the Central Business District (CBD) of Nairobi. There are also other campuses located within the city and other parts of the country (Mombasa and Kisumu).
<b>Faculties and Campuses</b>	11 faculties spread over the city: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Faculty of Agriculture – Upper Kabete</li> <li>• Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences – Main Campus</li> <li>• Faculty of Built Environment and Design – State House Road</li> <li>• Faculty of Business and Management Sciences – Lower Kabete</li> <li>• Faculty of Education – Kikuyu</li> <li>• Faculty of Engineering – Main Campus</li> <li>• Faculty of Health Sciences – Kenyatta National Hospital</li> <li>• Faculty of Law – Parklands</li> <li>• Faculty of Science and Technology – Chiromo</li> <li>• Faculty of Veterinary Medicine – Upper Kabete</li> </ul>
<b>Students:</b>	45,000 Students 1,400, International students
<b>Staff:</b>	1,500, Academic Staff – 2,300, Administrative Staff & Technical staff
<b>Rankings:</b>	CWUR- May 2023 - Placing within the top 7 percent of universities worldwide -



<b>INTERNATIONAL OFFICE</b>	
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.uonbi.ac.ke">www.uonbi.ac.ke</a>
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<b>Erasmus+ code</b>	UoN
<b>Erasmus + PIC</b>	999890648
<b>Erasmus Organization ID</b>	E10209065
<b>Erasmus + Institutional Coordinator</b>	Mr. John A. O. Orindi <a href="mailto:johnorindi@uonbi.ac.ke">johnorindi@uonbi.ac.ke</a>
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<b>ACADEMIC INFORMATION</b>	
<b>Academic Calendar:</b>	The UoN academic year begins in September and has two semesters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First Semester: September – January</li> <li>• Second Semester: February – June</li> </ul> Each term consists of 13 weeks of classes and 2 weeks for exams. Orientation days are planned to welcome exchange students at the beginning of each semester. Attendance at these sessions is compulsory
<b>Course offer for students at UoN:</b>	Website to access information on courses offered at UoN; <a href="https://uonbi.ac.ke/search-programme">https://uonbi.ac.ke/search-programme</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Faculty of Agriculture</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Faculty of Built Environment and Design</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Faculty Business and Management Sciences</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Faculty of Education</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Faculty of Engineering</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Faculty of Health Sciences</a></li> </ul>



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<b>Usual workload:</b>	12 Units per year - 6 units per semester for most Bachelor and Master Programmes. *However this may vary in certain programs like Medicine and Engineering and Ph.D.																																	
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<b>Language of Instruction:</b>	Courses are taught in English. The University recommends exchange students to have at least B2 level of English.																																	
<b>Language learning:</b>	Exchange students can enroll in Swahili and other languages that are offered in the Department of Linguistics and Languages. There are specific courses targeting UON exchange students at a reduced price.																																	
<b>Nomination Procedure:</b>	Students and staff going on outward mobility are nominated by the Dean of the Faculty or the Chairman of the Department. Students are selected on the basis of Academic performance and conduct.																																	



<b>PRACTICAL INFORMATION</b>																			
<b>Visa:</b>	All International Students have to apply for a student visa. Please note that a tourist visa is not enough to stay in Kenya for over three months. More information can be found at: <a href="#">Immigration Services</a>																		
<b>Health cover:</b>	All international students, including Erasmus, are required to have medical cover in the event of a serious illness or injury during their stay in Kenya. However students and staff can access medical services for minor diseases and injuries from the <a href="#">University's Health Services</a> .																		
<b>Housing:</b>	The University of Nairobi has accommodation facilities but due the large number of our students, we are unable to accommodate all of our students. However, UON has partnered with some institutions that provide accommodation facilities for our staff and students. UON has direct agreements with some residence halls. More information can be found on: <a href="#">Accommodation</a>																		
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<b>Students with disabilities:</b>	Information about facilities to welcome students with disabilities available on individual request depending on special needs. Please contact <a href="mailto:dean-students@uonbi.ac.ke">dean-students@uonbi.ac.ke</a> during the nomination process detailing which disabilities and needs should be covered. Final acceptance will be done on a case by case basis.																		
<b>Welcome and integration activities:</b>	The International Office in conjunction with the office of the Dean of Students organizes leisure and cultural activities for exchange students and offers a language tandem programme, so an international student can meet a local student and an exchange conversation in each other's language.																		