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WORD FROM

CAMPUS DIRECTOR

I humbly take this opportunity to extend to all a warm and hearty welcome to Mount Kenya University, Mombasa Campus.

Founded in July, 2008 as the very first satellite campus of Mount Kenya University, Mombasa Campus has grown to become the premier campus of the university. Over the years, we have carefully cultivated an environment that provides a perfect blend of serenity and a vibrant learning atmosphere, allowing our students to thrive academically and socially.

Our campus is strategically located within the Mombasa Central Business District (CBD). This prime location facilitates easy access for our students, making commuting convenient for both our full-time learners and working professionals.



**Dr. Pearry Kilei, Campus Director,
Mount Kenya University, Mombasa Campus**

At the core of our operations is an unwavering commitment to excellence. The campus management ensures highest quality education in strict adherence to Mount Kenya University Vision and Mission, alongside a deep concern for student welfare. To achieve high-impact training, the campus is equipped with top-notch, modern learning facilities. Furthermore, to guarantee that we deliver on our promise of academic excellence, we have a highly qualified faculty. Our lecturers do not merely teach; they ensure that our students truly learn, internalise knowledge, and develop critical thinking skills.

We believe in holistic education that transcends local borders. We ensure that our students receive a learning experience of international stature, filled with memorable exposure that prepares them to be global citizens.

In order to accommodate all graduates from high schools and colleges in Kenya, Mombasa Campus proudly hosts the Equip Africa Institute. This is the technical and vocational education and training (TVET) arm of MKU, dedicated to delivering hands-on, skill based courses at artisan, certificate and Diploma levels. This integration creates a seamless academic pathway, allowing graduates from Equip Africa Institute and other TVET colleges within the Coast region and beyond to smoothly advance into related programmes under Mount Kenya University. At Mombasa Campus, you are guaranteed a learning experience comparable to the best in the world.

Once again, welcome to Mount Kenya University, Mombasa Campus—where we are dedicated to Unlocking Infinite Possibilities.



DISCOVER MOMBASA CAMPUS

Mombasa campus is flagship campus of Mount Kenya University in the Coast region. Established in 2008, the MKU Mombasa Campus sits in the heart of Mombasa City CBD. This central location ensures exceptional accessibility for easy commuting by all students. Situated just 534 metres from the ocean, the campus offers a distinct coastal advantage. Students enjoy a vibrant learning experience enhanced by breathtaking sea views and a constant, refreshing sea breeze.

The campus has experienced rapid population growth since its inception, driven by its reputation for quality education. This expanding student body reflects a deep market dominance in the coastal region. Students and employers choose MKU because the institution prioritises high academic standards and impactful career preparation. This sustained expansion firmly establishes the university as a leading provider of private higher education in the region.

Academic excellence at the campus is anchored by a highly qualified faculty dedicated to student success. The university invests heavily in

continuous staff development to keep educators at the forefront of their disciplines. Faculty members actively engage in ground breaking research, publication, and community-centric innovations.

These scholarly achievements enrich classroom learning and provide students with valuable mentorship opportunities. Mombasa Campus offers diversified study modes to accommodate various lifestyles and schedules. Students can choose from convenient options including Day, Evening, Distance Learning, and Distance Institution-Based Electronic Learning .

The curriculum features market-driven programmes designed to meet contemporary industry demands. Academic fields span Business, Information Technology, Social Sciences & Education, Health Sciences, Hospitality & Tourism, and Media and Journalism. These programmes are available across multiple levels, including Certificate, Diploma, Bachelor, Masters, and PhD qualifications.

The campus prides in modern infrastructure designed to foster an ideal learning environment. Students learn in spacious, modern lecture halls equipped with contemporary teaching aids. The campus library provides comprehensive physical and digital research resources for in-depth study. Additionally, specialised science laboratories and a state-of- the-art journalism studio offer practical experience that mirrors real-world professional environments.

A woman with dark hair, wearing a purple top, is standing in a library. She is looking down at a book she is holding. Behind her are tall bookshelves filled with books. Some of the bookshelves have labels like 'PHILOSOPHY' and 'PSYCHOLOGY'. In the background, there are tables and chairs, suggesting a study area.

DISCOVER MOMBASA CAMPUS

Mombasa Campus prioritises holistic student support through professional counselling and wellness services.

Experiential learning is woven into the student journey through guided academic field trips and industry attachments. Beyond academics, students engage in dynamic recreation and sports activities. The campus nurtures talent through active sports teams, indoor games, and cultural talent clubs, ensuring a balanced university lifestyle.

Additionally, the campus drives career readiness through its Centre for Professional Development, offering elite short courses and professional certifications. Students can enrol in Global Languages (such as German), CHRP, ICDL, CPA, CPS etc. These specialized qualifications directly boost student employability and ensure maximum competitiveness in the global job market.





The Ultimate Beach Escape

MKU Mombasa Campus remains deeply committed to societal transformation through active community outreach. The Campus conducts regular corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiatives to uplift the coastal population. These activities include visits to children's homes, environmental clean-ups, and high school mentorship programmes. By engaging in these initiatives, students develop a strong sense of civic responsibility and leadership before entering the global workforce.

Mombasa Campus also proudly hosts Equip Africa Institute (EAI), a dedicated TVET arm of Mount Kenya University. The EAI delivers practical, skills-based training in line with Competence Based Education (CBE) in Kenya, spanning Artisan, Certificate, and Diploma levels. Key technical programmes include Perioperative Theatre Technology, Community Health and Development, ICT, Business etc.



Studies, fun & Serenity

Innovation is a core pillar of the MKU Mombasa campus experience. The Campus fosters student innovations by providing platforms to develop and showcase creative, real-world solutions. Growth is further accelerated through key strategic partnerships with local and international corporate organisations, government bodies, and industry leaders. These collaborations ensure the curriculum remains relevant while unlocking exclusive internship and employment pathways for graduates.



THE VIBRANT STUDENT EXPERIENCE THAT DEFINES MOUNT KENYA UNIVERSITY MOMBASA CAMPUS

At MKU Mombasa Campus, we believe

education goes beyond the classroom and academic requirements. True holistic education nurtures the whole person—intellectually socially, emotionally, spiritually, morally, and professionally.

Located in the vibrant coastal city of Mombasa, our campus offers a safe, inclusive and student-centred environment where academic excellence is complemented by leadership development, innovation, mentorship, talent nurturing, and comprehensive student support services.

Student life thrives through a wide range of clubs, societies, and associations that provide opportunities for leadership, networking, innovation, community service, sports, culture, and faith-based engagement. Through MKUSA, students actively participate in governance, fostering responsibility, inclusivity, and servant leadership. We are equally committed to student professional wellbeing through services, counselling, chaplaincy services, peer support networks that ensure every student receives the guidance support they need to succeed.



Our vibrant creative arts, sports, and games programmes enable students to discover and showcase their talents while developing teamwork, resilience, discipline, and confidence.

At MKU Mombasa Campus, we intentionally nurture graduates who are academically competent, emotionally intelligent, socially responsible, innovative, and ready to make a positive impact in society. Here, you will find more than a university—you will find a community that supports your growth, values your voice, and helps shape your future. Welcome to a campus where excellence thrives and leaders are nurtured.



Journalism Studio

The Campus has a state of art Journalism and mass media studio which is located at the top roof floor of MKU Plaza, away from the noise that may emanate from the bustle of the town. This also allows the campus to have an open window design showcasing the beautiful background on Mombasa coastal region more depicted by Indian Ocean.

The studio is well equipped with current technology equipment which are currently in use by commercial journalism studios such as teleprompters, cameras, recorders among others. The studio has a newsdesk and a round table for interviews and discussions.

Journalism and mass media students enjoy mentorship and interaction with TV47 and Radio 47 crew as they sometimes use the studio to report news live from Mombasa. Popular shows have also been recorded at the studio.

Journalism and Mass media departments offers diploma and certificate in digital Journalism and mass media.

Team Mombasa Do you recognise them?



Our Alumni

My Journey from Student Volunteer to Studio Trainer

My name is Chrispine Odero, I am a proud alumnus of Mount Kenya University, where I pursued a Bachelor's degree in Journalism and Mass Communication. Looking back, I can confidently say that my time at the university shaped not only my academic foundation but also the direction of my professional life.



I made a very intentional decision during my studies to volunteer in the Multimedia and Technology Department. This decision was inspired by a graduation speech delivered by the founder of the university, Prof. Gicharu, who encouraged students and graduands to embrace volunteering as a way of building experience and preparing for the world of work. That message stayed with me and challenged me to take initiative beyond the classroom.

Acting on that inspiration, I took up the opportunity to volunteer while still a student. What started as a simple step quickly became one of the most transformative experiences of my academic journey.

Through my role in the Multimedia and Technology Department, I was involved in multimedia production, editing, and content creation. I worked closely with technicians, lecturers, and fellow students on various media projects. These experiences helped me build strong technical skills while also exposing me to the discipline, teamwork, and professionalism required in real media production environments.

Beyond the technical growth, volunteering also expanded my network and connected me with people who contributed significantly to my development and understanding of the industry. It was through one of these connections that I secured my industrial attachment at one of the leading media stations in the country. That opportunity became a major turning point, allowing me to gain real-world newsroom experience and further sharpen my skills.

After graduation, I did not take long to transition into employment. The practical experience I had gained as a student gave me a strong advantage and prepared me for the realities of the job market. I was able to step into professional work with confidence, having already been exposed to real studio operations during my time at the university. Today, I am honored to serve at Mount Kenya University as a Journalism Studio Lead and Trainer at the Mombasa Campus. In this role, I support students as they develop their practical skills, guiding them through studio work and helping them connect theory with practice.

I continue to look forward to further career growth and academic advancement while at the university, while also contributing to the growth of students who are walking a similar path to the one I once took.

To prospective students, my message is simple: Mount Kenya University is the place to be. It is a university that gives you more than a degree; it gives you real experience, opportunities to grow and a platform to build your future. If you are looking for a place that will prepare you for the real world, MKU will give you exactly that.

My journey is living proof that when you embrace opportunities, your future begins long before graduation.

Our Alumni



My name is Lilian Majala Mwamburi , and I am honored and a proud alumna of Mount Kenya University. When I first joined MKU, I carried big dreams but also many uncertainties. What I discovered here was more than just a university—it was a community that believed in me even when I doubted myself.

The academic experience at MKU shaped me profoundly. Our lecturers went beyond textbooks, bringing real-world insights into the classroom. They challenged us to think critically, innovate boldly, sharpened my skills, and solve problems that matter. From late-night group discussions in the library, to hands-on practical.

MKU gave me more than academics. Through internships facilitated by the university's strong industry links, and friendships with peers from across Kenya and beyond, I learned teamwork, discipline, and resilience —the very qualities employers value today.

My MKU Journey – From Student to Professional

Because of the foundation MKU provided, I secured a role as an assistant registrar – Admissions and Registration, and I am now pursuing my master's degree. I can confidently say that my degree from Mount Kenya University opened doors and continues to unlock infinite possibilities.

To current students: seize every opportunity. Attend lectures, engage your lecturers, join clubs, and build networks. MKU will give you the knowledge, but it is up to you to transform it into impact.

To the university management and staff: thank you for your unwavering commitment to producing graduates who are not only employable but transformative. The motto “Unlocking Infinite Possibilities” is not just a slogan—I live it every day. I am proud to be an MKU alumna, and wherever life takes me, MKU will always remain a part of my story.

Thank you, and may God bless Mount Kenya University.



Our Alumni

From Bachelor to Master's in Information Technology: My MKU Journey.



My journey at Mount Kenya University Mombasa campus has been one of growth, resilience, and transformation. I began with a Bachelors of business information Technology (BBIT) eager to build a strong foundation in my field. My practical training and interaction with the lecturer went a long way in building my confidence and preparing me for the job market. That foundation gave me the courage to advance to Master's degree, where I deepened my knowledge and sharpened my skills.

Balancing full-time work with part-time studies was far from easy. There were late nights, early mornings, and weekends sacrificed to assignments and exams. Yet the flexibility of MKU's programs and the unwavering support of dedicated lecturers made it possible. Each challenge taught me discipline, time management, and perseverance. Today, I am working as an Assistant Registrar examination in charge of monitoring digital examination, putting into practice knowledge and skills I acquired.

MKU did more than award me certificates — it shaped my character, expanded my network, and opened doors I once thought were out of reach.

To current and future students balancing work and study: it's tough, but it's worth it. MKU proves that with determination and the right support, you can achieve your academic dreams without putting your career on hold



My journey is living proof that when you embrace opportunities, your future begins long before graduation.



EXPLORING TVET

Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) is increasingly being recognized globally as a cornerstone of sustainable development, innovation and inclusive job creation.

According to UNESCO, over 50% of global jobs require skills, underscoring the critical role of equipping young people with practical, industry-relevant skills. Our school fees are affordable, with flexible payment plans and study modes. Across Africa, the African Union's Continental Education Strategy highlights TVET as central to addressing youth unemployment, particularly in Africa, where over 10 million young people enter the job market annually, yet only a fraction secure decent work. In Kenya, the situation mirrors this global and continental reality.

Every year, over 800,000 young people complete secondary education, but only a small to percentage transition to university. The majority require alternative, accessible, and industry-aligned pathway to employment, entrepreneurship, and lifelong learning.

Equip Africa Institute, therefore, provides a critical bridge between education and the world of work. Mount Kenya University has invested heavily in expanding Equip Africa Institute as its TVET arm and strategically positioned to be the engine of economic growth. We produce technicians, artisans, innovators and entrepreneurs who directly fuel growth in industries such as the blue economy, ICT, logistics, and healthcare. TVET no longer suffers from outdated perceptions where students and parents viewed it as a "second-choice" pathway compared to university.

Equip Africa Institute, Coastal Region, Provides a platform to:

- TVET as the primary pathway to opportunities, innovation and enterprise
- Connect students to employers and high-growth career pathways.
- Inspire Secondary schools students to envision TVET as a successful future

Kenya requires a skilled, adaptive, and innovation-driven workforce and therefore. We welcome all students from the Coast region to study with us.

Join us in January, April, or September intakes. We offer courses in the

- School of Business Management
- Health Sciences
- ICT
- German

We take pride in shaping Kenya's economy by producing students equipped with hands-on skills ready to drive national transformation. Welcome to Equip Africa Institute the regional centre of excellence in technical training and innovation.

A promotional graphic for Equip Africa Institute Mombasa Campus. At the top is the Equip Africa Institute logo with the tagline "Promoting Competence, Innovation, & Excellence." Below this, it says "A TVET College of Mount Kenya University". The central image shows two smiling students, a man and a woman, holding books. To the right of the students is a vertical list of eight schools, each in a colored oval: 1 School of Engineering (orange), 2 School of Computing and Informatics (dark blue), 3 School of Hospitality, Travel and Tourism (grey), 4 School of Social Sciences (orange), 5 School of Business Studies (grey), 6 School of Education (orange), 7 School of Pure & Applied Sciences (dark blue), and 8 School of Health Sciences (grey). At the bottom left, a box says "Equip Africa Institute Mombasa Campus". At the bottom right, a man in a yellow shirt is giving a thumbs up, next to the text "Contact us today +254 709 153 205". The footer contains the email "equipafricathika@mku.ac.ke", the website "www.eai.ac.ke", and social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube, followed by "Equip Africa Institute - MKU".

MKU CHAMPIONS BLUE ECONOMY INNOVATION THROUGH COASTAL REGIONAL RESEARCH WORKSHOP



Mount Kenya University Mombasa Campus recently hosted a Coastal Regional Research Workshop bringing together researchers, students, industry stakeholders, and policymakers to explore Research, Entrepreneurship and Innovation for a Resilient Blue Economy.

The forum, organized in collaboration with the Malindi ODeL Centre, highlighted MKU's commitment to advancing research-driven solutions for coastal and marine challenges while strengthening collaboration between academia, government, and industry.

Key discussions focused on unlocking the potential of Kenya's Blue Economy, including tuna fisheries, maritime infrastructure, marine law, and sustainable ocean resource management.

Speakers emphasized the need to translate research into practical innovations that can drive job creation and sustainable development. The Blue Economy Office representative highlighted the vast opportunities within the maritime sector and the importance of investing in skills and infrastructure to fully harness ocean resources. MKU leadership reaffirmed strong support for research funding, student innovation, and strategic partnerships that promote entrepreneurship and knowledge exchange.

Campus leadership also acknowledged the contribution of key partners such as Ajira Digital, Swahilipot, and Close the Gap in supporting innovation and youth empowerment. They noted that such collaborations are essential in building a strong innovation ecosystem that connects students to real-world opportunities.

Overall, the workshop reinforced MKU's commitment to positioning research and innovation at the centre of regional development, while empowering students and researchers to become active contributors to the Blue Economy and national growth agenda.

Mount Kenya University

STUDENT JOURNEY

Admission & Orientation

The student journey begins with admission, registration, and onboarding into the university community. Through orientation programmes, students are introduced to academic requirements, university services, and learning resources. This phase helps them adapt to university life and establish a strong foundation for success.



Learning, Teaching and Research

Students engage in coursework, practical learning, assessments, and research activities that build knowledge and professional competencies. They develop critical thinking, innovation, and leadership skills while interacting with faculty, peers, and industry experts. This phase prepares them for professional and academic excellence.



Industrial Attachment

Students apply classroom knowledge in real-world work environments through internships, industrial attachments, and field experiences. They gain hands-on skills, industry exposure, and professional networks that enhance their career readiness. This phase bridges the gap between academic learning and workplace practice.



Graduation

Upon successfully completing their academic requirements, students undergo graduation clearance and are awarded their qualifications. Graduation celebrates their achievements and marks the culmination of their academic journey. It signifies their readiness to contribute meaningfully to society and their chosen professions.



Career Placement

Graduates transition into the workforce, entrepreneurship, or further studies with support from university career services. Through job placement opportunities, mentorship, networking events, and alumni programmes, they continue to grow professionally. This phase fosters lifelong learning, career advancement, and a lasting connection with the university.





Explore Malindi

Vasco daGama Pillaris Malindi's is the most iconic historical landmark. Built by the Portuguese explorer Vasco da Gama in 1498, it remains one of the oldest European monuments in Africa. Located along the Indian Ocean coastline, the site offers breathtaking ocean views and excellent sunset photography opportunities.

Gede National Monument, also known as the Gedi Ruins, is an ancient Swahili-Arab settlement hidden within a lush forest near Watamu. Dating from the 12th to the 17th century, the ruins are considered one of Kenya's most significant archaeological and historical sites.

Other notable attractions in and around Malindi include Golden Beach, Malindi Museum, Arabuko Sokoke Forest, and Mambrai Sand Dunes.





Welcome to MKU Malindi Centre

It is my pleasure to welcome you to Mount Kenya University Malindi Centre. As a centre committed to academic excellence, innovation, and student success, we continue to provide a conducive learning environment that empowers our learners to achieve their educational and professional aspirations.

We are proud of the growth and achievements recorded at the centre and remain dedicated to offering quality programmes, excellent student support services, and opportunities for personal and professional development. I encourage all our students to remain focused, embrace lifelong learning, and actively participate in the various academic and co-curricular activities available to enrich their university experience.

On behalf of the management and staff, I thank you for choosing Mount Kenya University and for being part of our vibrant academic community. Together, we will continue to build a culture of excellence and make a positive impact in our communities and beyond.



As you pursue your studies, you will have the opportunity to explore the coastal lifestyle, enjoy the region's renowned cuisines, and experience some of Kenya's most iconic tourist attractions. From the historic Vasco da Gama Pillar and the serene Mamburi Heritage Site to the breathtaking beaches along the Indian Ocean, Malindi offers an inspiring setting for learning, personal growth, and cultural immersion.

**John Muhia- Centre Coordinator, MKU
Malindi Centre**



MKU MALINDI ODEL CENTRE: ADVANCING ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

MKU Malindi ODEL Centre operates as an integrated academic and professional training hub comprising three functional divisions. The Centre delivers maritime education, Open, Distance and E-Learning (ODEL), Equip-supported programmes, and professional training courses designed to enhance workforce readiness and industry competence.

The MKU Malindi ODEL Centre was established in 2012 at Alnuru, Malindi, before relocating to its current permanent premises in 2021 to support institutional expansion and improve service delivery.

As a strategic academic institution, the Centre plays a critical role in advancing maritime education, skills development, and professional training in alignment with both national and international standards.

The Centre recognizes and appreciates the unwavering support of the University's top management, whose vision, commitment, and sustained investment have been instrumental in its growth.

Through continuous provision of infrastructure, training equipment, human resources, and operational support, the University has strengthened the Centre's capacity to deliver quality academic programmes and maritime training.

Students at the Centre are enrolled under multiple flexible learning pathways, including:

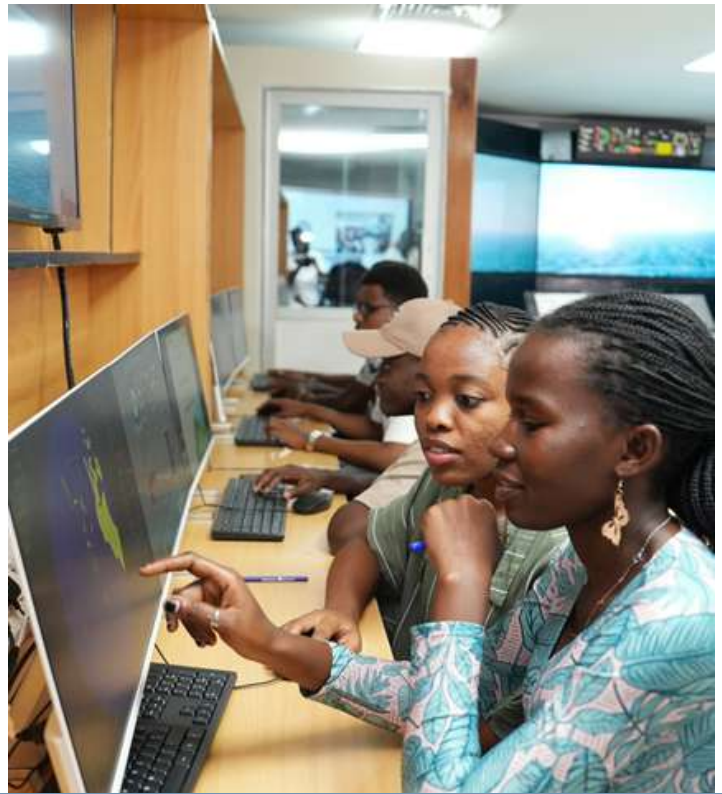
Open, Distance and E-Learning (ODEL), Digital and Blended Learning (DIBEL), EQUIP-supported programmes and Maritime and STCW-aligned professional training

This multi-track approach enhances accessibility, flexibility and responsiveness to the evolving needs of learners and industry stakeholders

Facilities and Infrastructure

The Centre is equipped with modern facilities that support both academic learning and specialized maritime training.

1. One multipurpose hall with a seating capacity of approximately 500 students
2. Additional lecture halls for instructional delivery
3. A fully equipped library
4. Two computer laboratories with scalable student capacity



The Centre promotes holistic student development through various recreational and co-curricular facilities aimed at enhancing student engagement and wellness.

Available facilities include:

- Indoor games equipment
- Pool table
- Chess boards
- Darts and other indoor games
- Television screen
- DSTV subscription for educational content and live sports coverage

These amenities contribute to a vibrant and supportive campus environment that encourages both academic and social development.

Key Strengths of the Centre

Strong Leadership: The Centre benefits from effective leadership that provides strategic direction, operational oversight, and institutional accountability.

Teamwork and Institutional Cohesion: A committed and collaborative staff culture supports efficient operations and promotes a shared institutional vision.

Integrated Training Model: The seamless integration of ODEL, DIBEL, EQUIP, and Maritime programmes enables coordinated delivery of diverse learning opportunities under one framework.

Specialized Maritime Infrastructure: The availability of STCW-aligned maritime training facilities enhances industry relevance, practical learning, and compliance with professional maritime standards.



Malindi ODeL Centre Expands Access to TVET Education



The introduction of Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) programmes at the Mount Kenya University (MKU) Open, Distance and e-Learning (ODeL) Malindi Centre has significantly enhanced access to skills-based education for learners in the coastal region. By offering flexible and convenient learning opportunities, the Centre has enabled many students to advance their education while balancing work and other commitments.

Malindi Centre, the youngest among the Equip Institutes, commenced operations in May 2022 under the management of the MKU ODeL Centre Coordinator. Despite its relatively recent establishment, the Centre has experienced remarkable growth, enrolling over 300 trainees to date. Its steady expansion reflects the growing demand for quality TVET programmes and the Centre's increasing relevance in the region.

The Centre currently offers a wide range of market-driven programmes, including Community Health, Health Records and Information Technology, Perioperative Theatre Technology, Business Studies, Information Technology, Tourism and Travel Management, Beauty Therapy and Fashion Design, Front Office Management, Maritime Transport, and Social Work and Community Development.

The Centre has recorded significant milestones in the delivery and management of TVET programmes.

However, from May 2026, trainees will be assessed directly by Mount Kenya University following the conferment of Qualifications Awarding Body (QAB) status to the University by the Technical and Vocational Education and Training Authority (TVETA). This achievement strengthens the University's capacity to deliver, assess, and certify TVET programmes internally, while enhancing quality assurance and streamlining academic processes.

The future outlook for the Centre remains promising. Its strategic location within a highly populated educational catchment area provides access to a large pool of potential students from surrounding secondary schools. Additionally, the government's transition towards Competency-Based Education and Training (CBET) places the Centre at a competitive advantage, having already embraced the CBET model. Furthermore, the government's scholarship-based financing framework for higher education presents new opportunities for increased enrolment and access to vocational training.

As the Centre continues to grow, it remains committed to providing industry-relevant training that equips learners with practical skills and competencies needed to thrive in the modern workforce.

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MKU MARITIME ACADEMY

Aspiring to join the blue economy? join Maritime Academy

The Maritime Academy is a dynamic and fast-growing maritime training institution committed to developing highly skilled seafarers and maritime professionals ready to thrive in the global blue economy. The Academy offers internationally recognized training in maritime safety and competency, fully aligned with the Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping (STCW), ensuring graduates meet global industry requirements.

With a strong focus on excellence and industry relevance, the Academy continues to position itself as a leading regional centre for maritime education, training, and research. Through practical, safety-oriented instruction and hands-on learning, trainees are equipped for diverse career pathways in cargo shipping, offshore operations, and the expanding international cruise industry. Since its establishment, the Academy has trained over 1,300 students, with more than 500 graduates successfully securing placements in ships and maritime organizations worldwide, reflecting its growing global impact.

To enhance training quality, the Academy has invested in advanced simulator facilities that meet international standards, including a 1+8 multifunctional desktop classroom capable of operating both Navigation Simulator and GMDSS Simulator modes, as well as a fully immersive Bridge Simulator. These systems are central to training in Bridge Resource Management (BRM), Electronic Chart Display and Information System (ECDIS), Radar Navigation, ship handling, and emergency response operations.

In addition, the Academy continues to expand strategic partnerships with maritime stakeholders, shipping agencies, and recruitment organizations to strengthen internship opportunities, cadet placements, mentorship, and employment pathways.



With a strong vision for innovation and global competitiveness, the Maritime Academy remains committed to empowering young professionals with world-class maritime skills while contributing to the sustainable growth of Africa's blue economy.

We provide internationally recognized maritime training, hands-on practical experience, and personalized mentorship to guide aspiring seafarers through every step of their journey. Beyond training, we offer career guidance on cruise ship opportunities, certification requirements, and pathways into the international maritime workforce. For anyone dreaming of working aboard cruise ships, the Maritime Academy is where that journey begins and where maritime careers are launched.

Secret Shores: Charting Dreams Across Oceans

Over two decades ago, I took my first step into the maritime world through Maersk, the largest shipping company in the world. On that very first day, the Managing Director welcomed me with words that still resonate deeply: “Welcome to the biggest shipping company in the world.” That moment was more than an introduction—it was the beginning of a journey across horizons I had never imagined.

From East Africa to distant continents, I worked alongside colleagues from every corner of the globe, moving cargo that fuels economies and connects nations. Each shipment carried more than goods—it carried opportunity, progress, and the promise of a world without borders.

The maritime journey has been both challenging and fulfilling. What keeps me anchored is the knowledge that every effort contributes to something greater: safeguarding our oceans, driving global trade, and weaving together the fabric of international cooperation.

The maritime sector is not just an industry—it is a calling. It is for those who dare to dream,



Joyce Kaburu-Senior Manager, Maritime Academy

who have the courage to chart new waters, and who believe that the horizon is not a limit but an invitation.

To anyone standing at the edge of uncertainty, I say this: the sea rewards visionaries. Step aboard, embrace the challenge, and let the currents of possibility carry you to places you never imagined.

What is a Seaman's Book?

A Seaman's Book, also known as a Seafarer's Identification and Record Book (SIRB), is an essential document for anyone pursuing a career at sea. It serves as both an identification document and an official record of a seafarer's sea service and employment history.

The document is required for joining most commercial vessels and helps seafarers track their experience, which is vital for career progression and certification.

In Kenya, Seaman's Books are issued through the Kenya Maritime Authority (KMA). Applicants are typically required to have a valid ID or passport, a medical fitness certificate, relevant maritime training certificates such as STCW Basic Safety Training, and other supporting documents.

For aspiring seafarers, obtaining a Seaman's Book is one of the first and most important steps toward a successful maritime career.



Maritime Education & Training

MKU Maritime Academy: Shaping Kenya's Blue Economy, One Mariner at a Time



Kenya is now a rising hub for maritime training and research. Maritime studies are more than an academic pursuit – they are a gateway to a world of opportunities. They connect you to international networks, equip you with strategic skills, and position you to serve and lead in one of the most dynamic industries on earth.

MKU Maritime Academy: Shaping Kenya's Blue Economy, One Mariner at a Time
Launched on 25th September 2024 and accredited by the Kenya Maritime Authority (KMA), MKU-Maritime Academy has quickly established itself as a pioneer in Kenya's private maritime training sector. Its mission is clear: to drive the nation's Blue Economy by delivering world-class education and positioning Kenya as a regional hub of maritime excellence.

WHAT SETS US APART?

01

Qualified Team

A team of highly qualified maritime professionals ensuring unmatched quality.

02

Cutting-edge facilities

Cutting-edge World class facilities including a Bridge Simulator, multi-functional classrooms, and a Survival Centre, ensuring delivery of hands-on, globally benchmarked training.

03

Global reach & partnerships

Through global reach and partnerships with leading maritime institutions in UAE, India, Oman, and Korea, the Academy is aligning its programs with international standards. These collaborations are already adding value to curriculum development, staff and student exchanges, and joint research programs.

At Mount Kenya University Malindi Centre we support student life cycle by making sure that we aid student learning, research and help them embrace innovations and talents.

The University has on compound cafeteria to take care of their meals, a vehicle to help with trips and logistic and we operate an open door policy to serve our community. Once you join MKU you become part of a successful student and alumni family.

To the youth and professionals seeking a path that blends adventure, leadership, and impact: we are calling upon you. The MKU Maritime Academy is ready to guide you, mentor you, and open your world to possibilities that stretch far beyond our shores. We will not only unlock infinite possibilities but a world of opportunities for you!





Mount Kenya University Maritime Academy's Full Bridge Simulator is a state-of-the-art maritime training facility designed to replicate a real ship's control bridge, providing students with a realistic and safe environment to develop essential navigation and ship-handling skills before going to sea.

The modern simulator, valued at approximately KSh 30 million, enables trainees to experience real-life maritime operations using industry-standard equipment, including navigation displays, radar systems, communication equipment, steering controls, and alarm systems.

Through the simulator, students learn how to navigate and control vessels, interpret radar and electronic charts, communicate effectively as ship officers, maneuver and dock ships, and respond to various onboard emergencies. The system can recreate a wide range of realistic scenarios, including rough sea conditions, storms, poor visibility, port approaches, collision avoidance situations, and equipment failures.

BRIDGE

BRINGING THE SEA INTO THE CLASSROOM

By immersing learners in authentic maritime environments, the Bridge Simulator enhances practical training, builds confidence, and equips future seafarers with the skills required to operate safely and effectively in the global maritime industry.





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STCW

SURVIVAL POOL



Maritime Academy features a state-of-the-art survival training pool designed to provide realistic, hands-on instruction in Personal Survival Techniques (PST), a core component of the Standards of Certification, Training, Watchkeeping (STCW) Course.

The pool measures 12 metres in length, 8 metres in width, with a depth of 7 metres and a shallow end of 4 metres. Its depth is intentionally designed to simulate deep-sea conditions, allowing trainees to gain practical experience in life-saving survival skills while awaiting rescue in emergency situations.

Within this facility, students are trained to respond effectively to various maritime emergencies, including:

- Man overboard situations
- Ship sinking scenarios
- Onboard fire outbreaks requiring vessel evacuation



The survival pool represents ocean conditions, while the diving platform simulates a sinking vessel. Here, trainees learn how to safely abandon ship by jumping from height into water, using proper survival techniques before boarding life rafts.

During practical sessions, students are equipped with internationally approved life jackets and immersion suits in compliance with International Maritime Organization (IMO) regulations. This ensures that all trainees, regardless of swimming ability, can safely participate in the course. Training is conducted by qualified STCW instructors and deep-sea lifesaving professionals, ensuring the highest standards of maritime safety education.



fire fighting Centre

Recognizing that fire outbreaks are a serious risk onboard vessels such as ships, yachts, and cruise liners, Mount Kenya University Maritime Academy provides comprehensive fire prevention and firefighting training at both basic and advanced levels.

The Academy's advanced Fire Fighting Laboratory is a two-storey training facility comprising eight specialized demonstration and simulation rooms. The laboratory offers both theoretical and practical firefighting instruction, preparing students to effectively manage and control onboard fire emergencies.

Training includes:

- Fire detection using smoke detector systems
- Fire outbreak simulation in controlled environments
- Fire suppression techniques
- Fire containment procedures
- Emergency evacuation protocols
- Use of firefighting hydrants and extinguishers

Students are provided with industry-standard protective and safety gear similar to what is used aboard marine vessels. They are trained on how to properly wear the equipment, assess fire classes, identify hazards, and apply the correct firefighting methods using appropriate extinguishers.

Additionally, the Academy integrates first aid training into its firefighting curriculum, equipping students with the skills needed to assist injured persons during emergencies.

Upon completion, graduates possess the practical competence to:

- Identify different classes of fire
- Operate firefighting equipment safely
- Implement fire control strategies
- Respond confidently to onboard emergencies
- Provide basic first aid support

These world-class facilities underscore Mount Kenya University Maritime Academy's commitment to producing highly skilled maritime professionals prepared for real-world challenges at sea.





Launched in June 2025, the Perioperative Theatre Laboratory is a modern training facility located on the second floor of the Maritime Academy building.

Designed to replicate a real hospital operating theatre, the laboratory provides students with hands-on experience in surgical procedures, patient care, and emergency medical response.

The facility includes changing rooms, a patient waiting area, a recovery room (Post-Anaesthesia Care Unit), a sterilization room, and a fully equipped operating theatre. Students are trained on the complete surgical journey, from patient identification and pre-operative preparation to surgery, post-operative monitoring, and recovery.

Within the theatre, learners gain practical exposure to the roles of various healthcare professionals, including surgeons, anaesthetists, theatre technicians, and nurses, helping them understand the importance of teamwork in delivering safe and effective patient care.

The laboratory also emphasizes infection prevention and control, with students learning how to clean, disinfect, and sterilize surgical instruments and reusable materials according to professional standards.

PERIOPERATIVE THEATRE : A Hub for Practical Medical Training

In addition to supporting healthcare training, the facility serves the Maritime Academy by providing practical instruction in Elementary First Aid, Medical First Aid, and Medical Care. This equips maritime students with essential medical skills needed to respond to emergencies while at sea.

The Perioperative Theatre Laboratory reflects Mount Kenya University's commitment to experiential learning and the development of highly skilled professionals ready to meet the demands of the healthcare and maritime industries.



Partnerships

MKU Maritime Academy Partners with Abu Dhabi Maritime Academy to Advance Maritime Training

Mount Kenya University (MKU) has signed a landmark Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Abu Dhabi Maritime Academy to strengthen maritime education and training in Kenya. The agreement was signed by Prof. Simon Gicharu and Dr. Yasser Al Wahedi.

The partnership will enhance the capacity of MKU Maritime Academy in Malindi through curriculum development, knowledge transfer, trainer development, and the introduction of industry-driven programmes in maritime studies, safety, and emerging technologies such as AI.

The collaboration will also promote joint research, faculty and student exchanges, internships, cadetships, and industry engagement opportunities, equipping graduates with globally competitive skills for the maritime sector.

The MoU reinforces MKU's commitment to supporting Kenya's Blue Economy agenda and strengthening its position as a regional hub for maritime education and training. Since its establishment, MKU Maritime Academy has continued to expand its programmes, training seafarers through internationally recognized courses and producing professionals for the global maritime industry.



This initiative reflects MKU's dedication to innovation and excellence in education while contributing to Kenyas' Economic growth

Webinar

Opportunities in the Blue Economy - Discovering the vast potential of the Blue Economy

With
Ambassador Nancy Karigithu, CBS,
Special Envoy for the Blue Economy, Kenya

On 21st May 2026, the MKU Maritime Academy proudly held its inaugural webinar, marking a significant milestone in our journey to advance maritime education and awareness.

We were deeply honored to welcome Ambassador Nancy Karigithu, CBS, Kenya's Special Envoy for the Blue Economy, as our distinguished guest speaker. With over 37 years of service in the maritime sector, Ambassador Karigithu brought a wealth of experience and insight to the titled "Opportunities in the Blue Economy – Discovering the Vast Potential of the Blue Economy", discussion.

The webinar attracted nearly 600 participants from diverse backgrounds, underscoring the growing interest in this vital sector. For close to two hours, Ambassador Karigithu captivated the audience with her expertise, offering practical wisdom on how untapped Kenya can harness the opportunities within the Blue Economy.

She emphasized the importance of investment, research and innovation in creating sustainable economic activities that can generate employment, particularly for the country's youth.

MKU MARITIME ACADEMY MAKES WAVES WITH FIRST BLUE ECONOMY WEBINAR

She also commended MKU for its bold step of investing in maritime education and training and challenged the Maritime Academy to expand its curriculum with courses tailored to the evolving needs of the industry. Such initiatives, she noted, will ensure regional seafarers and onshore maritime professionals are fully equipped to thrive in the global maritime space.

The audience responded enthusiastically, applauding her contribution and calling for a continuation of the conversation. Feedback revealed that only 8% of participants were fully aware of the Blue Economy concept, while an overwhelming 97% expressed interest in a follow-up session.

In response, MKU Maritime Academy is excited to announce Part 2 of the Webinar, scheduled for July 2026. This upcoming session will delve deeper into the Blue Economy, offering participants another opportunity to engage, learn, and explore new possibilities.

Full details of the event will be updated on our social media pages.

MARITIME ACADEMY OFFICERS ATTEND ADVANCED MARITIME TRAINING IN SOUTH KOREA



The Maritime Academy has also forged powerful alliances with other leading maritime institutions across the globe including the Korea Institute of Maritime & Fisheries Technology (KIMFT). Officers from the Maritime Academy recently benefitted from this partnership through an intensive international four-week Train the Trainer capacity building program for marine engineers held in Busan, South Korea in the month of May 2026. The prestigious program brought together a delegation of Kenyan maritime professionals with the aim of strengthening Kenya's maritime education and aligning it with global industry standards.

The training focused on equipping maritime trainers and marine engineers with advanced technical knowledge, modern safety methodologies, and emerging trends shaping the future of global shipping. The program combined high-level theoretical learning with practical exposure to some of the world's leading maritime infrastructure and technologies.

Key academic modules emphasized advanced Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping (STCW) compliance, emergency response protocols, and the growing digitalization of maritime operations. Participants also explored maritime decarbonization strategies, including innovations in marine engineering designed to support alternative green fuels such as ammonia in line with the International Maritime Organization's (IMO) Net-Zero by 2050 targets.

Speaking after the training, Eng. Kiso noted that the experience provided critical technical insights and innovative approaches that will help bridge existing gaps within Kenya's maritime sector.

The training marks an important step in enhancing the capacity of Kenya's maritime training institutions and promoting localized innovation within the blue economy sector.

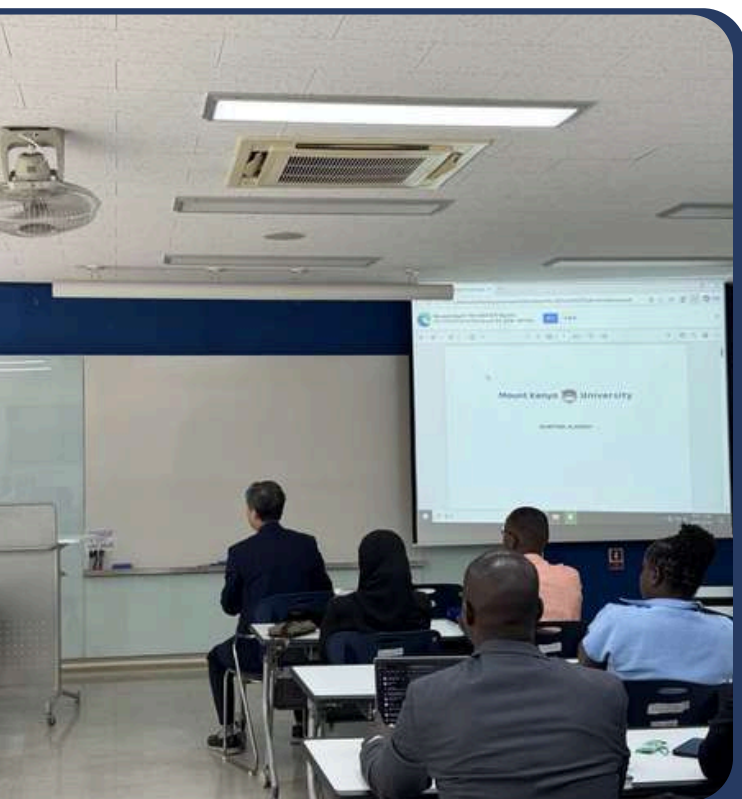


FROM KENYA TO KOREA

As a marine engineer and an MKU maritime Academy trainer I got the privilege to join a prestigious delegation of Kenyan candidates in Busan, South Korea. This intensive "Train the Trainer" capacity-building for marine engineers of Kenya initiative is strategically designed to absorb world class advancements and elevate Kenyan seafaring education to a truly global standard.

The knowledge and expertise gained through these international engagements play a vital role in strengthening maritime education in Kenya and preparing future seafarers to compete effectively in the global maritime industry. It is motivating to know that our trainers are continuously enhancing their skills to ensure that we receive training that meets international standards."

– **Fatma Hassan, Marine Engineering**



Our Trainers



Kevin Sumbati - Perioperative Theatre Lab Instructor

“When I joined nursing school 10 years ago, I never imagined the journey ahead would lead me to where I am today. During my first hospital rotation in Meru, I struggled with fear and self-doubt. Although I understood the theory, my hands trembled every time I prepared to give an injection.

Later, during my maternity rotation, the thought of assisting in childbirth felt overwhelming. Together with my colleagues, who shared the same fears, we encouraged one another and successfully completed the training. Today, I am an instructor, confidently teaching perioperative theatre and maritime students the practical skills they need for their careers. I have also overcome another challenge—public speaking. I once avoided leadership roles because I feared speaking in front of people, yet now I regularly teach large classes with confidence.

My message to aspiring healthcare professionals is simple: do not let fear stop you. Confidence comes with practice, perseverance, and support. What starts with trembling hands can grow into a career of skill, leadership, and inspiring others.”

Overcoming Fear

“As a Survival Pool Instructor, I vividly remember my first experience stepping into the training pool. My greatest fear was jumping into water that was 7 metres deep, and even more intimidating was climbing the 5-metre platform before making the leap. To me then, jumping from such heights felt almost impossible—a frightening experience that nearly discouraged me from pursuing my dream career.

However, I chose to confront that fear rather than let it define my future. Today, I not only confidently make those jumps, but I also train students on how to jump safely, survive, and respond effectively in maritime emergencies. Overcoming my fears taught me that true growth begins when we challenge our limitations. It allowed me to achieve my lifelong dream, and my message to others is simple: never allow fear to stand between you and your ambitions. I made it—and you can too.”



Brian Tenge Ndiema - Survival Pool Instructor



Ms. Aisha-Instructor

Our Trainers

Success at sea, much like success in the classroom, isn't about luck, it's about readiness. My journey has taught me that the maritime industry rewards the disciplined. To the younger generation: don't just study for the grade; study for the moment you'll be on a vessel and your knowledge/ training becomes someone's lifeline. Stay curious, stay rigorous, and keep your eyes on the horizon.

If there's one thing the sea teaches you, it's that you can't control the wind, but you can adjust your sails. Being part of this institution has been my anchor. To the students coming up: work hard and prepare now so that when your opportunity docks, you're ready to board. Maritime life isn't just a job; it's a lifestyle of constant learning. See you on the high seas!

Eng. Kiso Kamwende was born and raised in Mt. Elgon, a region far from the ocean where life revolved around farming and rivers. Despite growing up away from the sea, he developed a passion for marine engineering while studying at Friends School Kamusinga.

After completing his secondary education, he joined Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology (JKUAT) to pursue a Bachelor's Degree in Marine Engineering, turning his childhood dream into reality.

Upon graduation, he undertook sea-time training in South Korea with Wooyang Shipping Company and later served with Polaris Shipping Company. Through dedication and hard work, he earned his Certificate of Competency (CoC) as an Engineer Officer of the Watch (EOOW) Class III/1, qualifying him as a certified Marine Engineer Officer.

In 2021, Eng. Kamwende transitioned into maritime education and training, beginning his teaching career at Bandari Maritime Academy in Mombasa. He has since contributed to the growth of several maritime training institutions, including Mount Kenya University Maritime Academy, PMTI, Harbour View Maritime Training Centre, and Kisumu Maritime Centre. Today, he serves as an Instructor and Deputy Manager at Mount Kenya University Maritime Academy, where he has helped establish world-class Maritime Education and Training (MET) programmes.



Eng. Kiso Kamwende
Instructor & Deputy Manager

Today, he serves as an Instructor and Deputy Manager at Mount Kenya University Maritime Academy, where he has helped establish world-class Maritime Education and Training (MET) programmes. Through modern facilities such as a Full Mission Bridge Simulator, Survival Training Pool, and Firefighting Training Centre, he continues to mentor future seafarers and advance maritime training in Kenya. His journey demonstrates that determination and vision can overcome any geographical limitations.

Mount Kenya University



Unlocking Infinite Possibilities



MARITIME ACADEMY

COURSE	DURATION	TUITION FEES (KSHS)
STCW Basic	7 Days (63 hours)	15,000/=
STCW Revalidation	2 Days (15 hours)	15,000/=
Advanced Fire Fighting	5 Days (40 hours)	20,000/=
Medical First Aid	5 Days (40 hours)	20,000/=
Medical Care	5 Days (40 hours)	20,000/=
Crowd and Crisis Management	2 Days (15 hours)	15,000/=
Seafarers with Designated Security Duties	1 Day (8 hours)	3,500/=
Electronic Chart Display and Information Systems (ECDIS)	5 Days	30,000/=
Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS)	14 Days (120 hours)	35,000/=
Ship Security Officer	2 Days (15 hours)	50,000/=
Engine Room Resource Management	5 Days (40 hours)	20,000/=
Bridge Resource Management (BRM)	5 Days (40 hours)	20,000/=
Survival Craft & Rescue Boat	5 Days (40 hours)	18,000/=



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