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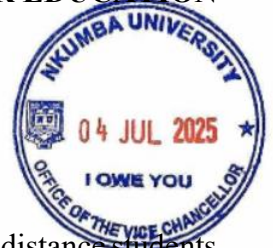
OFFICE OF THE VICE CHANCELLOR

The mission of the University is to provide an environment that enables the cultivation of Competence, Confidence, Creativity and Character in the Academic, Professional and Social Interactions.

4th July, 2025

TO PARENTS, STUDENTS, GUARDIANS AND ALL PARTNERS IN HIGHER EDUCATION

END OF FEBRUARY 2025 SEMESTER CIRCULAR



1. INTRODUCTION

The February 2025 Semester came to an end on 27th June, 2025 for both on campus and distance students. It is my pleasure that I dispatch this circular to all students, sponsors, and other stakeholders of this University regarding the academic activities. On behalf of the Nkumba University Community and on my own behalf, I wish to congratulate you all upon completion of this Semester.

2. CHANGES IN THE UNIVERSITY

- a) **Mr. Ssengendo Francis** was appointed as the new University Secretary replacing **Prof. Francis Kasekende**. We congratulate **Mr. Ssengendo Francis** on his appointment as the new University Secretary of Nkumba University and wish him great success as he takes on this vital role in the leadership and administration of the University. We also thank **Prof. Francis Kasekende** for his outstanding service and leadership during his tenure, and wish him the very best in his future endeavors.
- b) **Sr. Agnes Babirye** was appointed as the Acting Principal, Institute of Nursing and Midwifery effective February, 2025. We congratulate Sr. Agnes and wish her the best of Luck. We also thank **Sr. Harriet Leleru** the outgoing Principal for the dedicated work and contribution to Nkumba University and wish her the very best.

3. ACTIVITIES HELD THIS SEMESTER

a) Collaborations

Nkumba University continues to strengthen its position as a center of academic excellence through strategic collaborations with both local and international partners. These partnerships support research, innovation, infrastructure development, and global academic exchange.

i. Support from TotalEnergies for Petroleum Engineering

In a landmark collaboration with **TotalEnergies**, Nkumba University received advanced **hardware and software equipment** to support the **Petroleum Engineering programme**. This donation included modern computers, specialized engineering software, and technical resources tailored to enhance practical learning and research in the field of petroleum and energy studies.

The contribution by TotalEnergies has significantly boosted the University's capacity to deliver hands-on training, simulate real-world petroleum industry scenarios, and produce industry-ready graduates equipped with digital skills aligned to international standards.

ii. Student Exchange and Staff Mobility

During the February 2025 semester, **Nkumba University** recorded a significant level of international engagement through student and staff mobility under various partnerships and grant schemes, most notably the **Erasmus+ Programme**, **AfricaUniNet**, and **Leonardo mobility schemes**. A total of **25 mobilities** were accomplished, reflecting the University's growing international footprint.

➤ Outgoing Student Mobility

Five students from various academic units participated in **Erasmus+ full semester study programs** at partner institutions in **Belgium, Austria, and Italy**. These included:

- Students from the **School of Education (SEDU)**, **School of Social Sciences (SOSS)**, and **School of Commercial Industrial Arts and Design (SCIAD)**.
- Destinations included **Vives University**, **Artevelde University**, **FH Joanneum University**, and the **University of Cagliari**.

➤ Incoming Student Mobility

Nkumba University hosted **two students** from **Belgium** under **private sponsorship**, both studying **Early Childhood Education** at the School of Education (SEDU).

➤ Staff Mobility

Several senior academic and administrative staff undertook short-term professional exchanges and conference participation, supported by:

- **AfricaUniNet Research Grants** (Austria)
- **Erasmus+ Staff Mobility** (Austria and Italy)

- **International Conference Participation** (Belgium)

Key participants included Deans from SEDU, SCIAD, and SOSS, as well as the Academic Registrar, lecturers, and administrative staff.

➤ **Joint Staff and Student Mobility**

From **June 1st –8th, 2025**, a joint delegation of staff and students visited **Technical University Dresden, Germany** under the **Erasmus+ & Leonardo Mobility Programme**.

- Staff included **Dr. Esther Namugumya** and **Prof. Francis Kasekende**
- Students from **Early Childhood Education** and **Education Planning & Management** engaged in academic and networking sessions.

Additionally, staff from the **School of Sciences (SCOS)** visited the **University of Cagliari in Italy** in early June under Erasmus+.

➤ **Expected International Guests**

Nkumba University is also preparing to host two **International Relations Officers** from **FH Joanneum University of Applied Sciences, Austria**, from **July 7th –10th, 2025**, under the Erasmus+ staff exchange program.

iii. **Digital Enabled Community Centered Early Childhood Development Approach (DECEDA) PROJECT**

Uganda Communications Commission (UCC), through the Uganda Communications Universal Service Access Fund (UCUSAF) extended a grant to Nkumba University for the advancing digital learning for Primary schools in Uganda through the Digitally enabled community-centered Early-Childhood Development Approach (DECEDA). The project will provide infrastructure that will enable primary schools tap into community-based structures and systems coupled with digital technologies to deliver quality education services to underserved rural schools in Uganda by leveraging capacities and well-resourced schools. This is to benefit 31 Primary schools in 5 regions (Central, Eastern, Norther, West Nile and Western) including our very neighbor **Nkumba Primary School**.

4. **BEGINNING OF AUGUST 2025 SEMESTER FOR DAY AND WEEKEND DISTANCE LEARNING STUDENTS**

S/N	Study Session	Group	Activity	Start Date
1.	Distance	Freshers-August 2025 (SBA, SOSS, SCI, SCOS & SCIAD)	Reporting & Orientation	30 th June - 6 th July, 2025

2.	Distance	Continuing-August 2025 (SBA, SOSS, SCI, SCOS & SCIAD)	Commencement of Lectures.	30 th June - 6 th July, 2025
3.	Day	Nursing & Midwifery Students (Freshers)	Reporting & Orientation	14 th July, 2025
4.	Day	Nursing & Midwifery Students (Continuing)	Reporting & Lectures	21 st July, 2025
5.	Day	Freshers-August 2025	Reporting	4 th Aug. 2025
6.	Day	Freshers-August 2025	Orientation-Main Campus	5 th to 8 th Aug. 2025
7.	Day	Freshers-August 2025	Orientation-KC Campus	8 th Aug. 2025
8.	Day	All Freshers & Continuing Student -August 2025	Lectures both Campuses	11 th Aug. 2025
9.	Weekend	Freshers-August 2025	Reporting & Orientation at both Campuses	9 th Aug. 2025
10.	Weekend	All Freshers & Continuing Students -August 2025	Lectures both Campuses	16 th Aug. 2025
11.	Distance	Freshers-August 2025 (SEDU)	Reporting, Orientation & Lecturers	31 st Aug. 2025 to 7 th Sept. 2025

EXAMINATIONS FOR DISTANCE LEARNING STUDENTS - FEBRUARY 2025 SHALL BE CONDUCTED AS FOLLOWS: -

Study Session	Group	Start Date
Distance	Continuing Students (SBA, SCI & SOSS) – Main Campus	23 rd to 29 th June, 2025
	Continuing Students –Liaison Offices (SBA, SCI & SOSS)	30 th June to 6 th July 2025
Distance	Continuing Students (SEDU) –Main Campus	25 th to 30 th Aug. 2025
	Continuing Students (SEDU) –Liaison Offices	1 st to 7 th Sept. 2025

Please note: that the Distance Students from our liaison districts will undertake an online/take home examination. Our IT Team and facilities are well set to handle the process.

5. ACTIVITIES FOR FEBRUARY 2025 SEMESTER

a) The 2nd International Conference on Governance, Leadership and Social Economic Transformation (ICGLST25)

Nkumba University successfully hosted the **2nd International Conference on Governance, Leadership and Social Economic Transformation (ICGLST'25)** on **26th-27th June, 2025** at Protea Hotel, Entebbe, a high-level academic gathering that brought together scholars, practitioners, policymakers, and students from Uganda, Tanzania and South Africa to deliberate on key issues affecting governance and development in the region.

The Conference was organized in collaboration with Mzumbe University (Tanzania) and University of Johannesburg (South Africa), under the theme "Innovative and Accountable Leadership for Sustainable Development" and Prof. Benon C. Basheka gave the key note at the opening of the conference.

b) National Student Patriotism Training Camp - January 2025

In January 2025, Nkumba University was honored to host the National Student Patriotism Training Camp, an intensive civic and leadership development program coordinated by the Patriotism Secretariat under the Office of the President. The training brought together hundreds of students from Universities and tertiary institutions across the country to be empowered with skills and values centered on patriotism, discipline, national service, and responsible citizenship.

The training, which ran for several days at the Nkumba University Sports Grounds, was concluded with a closing ceremony was graced by H.E. the President of the Republic of Uganda H.E Yoweri K Museveni and the First Lady and Minister for Education and Sports Maama Janet K Museveni.

c) Launch of ROWAShi by Stephanie A. Urchick -Rotary International President

Nkumba University proudly hosted the historic **launch of ROWAShi (Rotary Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Initiative)**, a transformative program aimed at promoting sustainable access to clean water, sanitation, and hygiene in communities. The event, held at the **Nkumba University Main Campus**, was graced by Stephanie A. Urchick the **Rotary International President**, marking a significant milestone in the University's engagement with global humanitarian efforts.

The presence of the Rotary International President at Nkumba underscored the importance of partnerships in driving community-focused development initiatives. The President commended Nkumba University and Rotary Uganda for their shared commitment to empowering youth, advancing public health, and improving lives through service.

d) Guild Election

Nkumba University successfully conducted its **31st Guild Presidential Elections** on **26th April 2025** at the Main Campus, where students from the Day, Weekend, and Distance Learning programmes exercised their democratic right to elect student leadership.

We extend our congratulations to **H.E. Derick Mawanda** (Registration No. 2200103020), a third-year Bachelor of Laws (LLB) student, who emerged as the **31st Guild President** of Nkumba University. His election marks a significant milestone in student governance and representation at the main campus.

Simultaneously, elections were also held at the **Kampala Campus**, where students elected their **9th Guild Governor**. We congratulate **H.E. Jamirah Nansubuga** (Registration No. 2300101227), a second-year Bachelor of Public Administration and Management (BPAM) student, on her successful election to lead the Kampala Campus student community.

The newly elected student government will officially assume office on 28th July 2025, following a comprehensive induction and orientation exercise organized by the Dean of Students' Office. Their term of office will run until 6th April 2026.

The University commends all students for their peaceful participation and reiterates its commitment to fostering student leadership, democratic engagement, and inclusive governance across all campuses.

a) Cultural Gala

On Saturday, 19th April 2025, Nkumba University came alive with color, music, and tradition as the Caretaker Government of the Guild successfully organized a Cultural Gala at the University Sports Grounds. The event brought together various cultural associations within the University to compete and celebrate the diverse heritage that defines the Nkumba student community.

The Gala provided a vibrant platform for students to showcase their traditional dances, attire, language, poetry, food, and drama. The Iteso ethnic group emerged as the overall winners of the competition. They were closely followed by the Basoga, who took second place, and the Baganda, who proudly finished in third place.

The University applauds all participants and the Caretaker Guild leadership for organizing such a successful and meaningful event. The Cultural Gala continues to be a cornerstone of Nkumba University's commitment to promoting diversity, inclusion, and cultural expression within the academic environment.

b) Health Week

As part of its commitment to student and staff welfare, the 30th Guild Government of Nkumba University organized a successful Health Week, offering free medical services to both students and staff members. The initiative aimed at promoting health awareness, encouraging preventive care, and providing accessible health services within the University community.

Throughout the week, various health services were provided, including general medical check-ups, **HIV** testing and counseling, dental care, reproductive health services, mental health awareness, and nutritional guidance. The event was well attended and welcomed by the University community, reflecting a growing awareness of the importance of health and wellness in academic life.

6. TUITION PAYMENT AND REGISTRATION AT THE BEGINNIG OF THE SEMESTER

All students are reminded to enrol for their course units through the student portal as well as register with the Academic Registrar's Office. Both enrolment and registration **MUST** be done within the first two weeks of the semester. Register every course-unit, missed paper(s) and retakes. Students, who will not abide by this regulation, shall not be permitted to sit for the end of semester examinations.

A reminder to all continuing students to follow the tuition payment policy (40:40:20).

- a) Pay 40% of the tuition fees in the first 6 weeks (1½ months) of the Semester to access lectures and Course works. Failure to pay this percentage within the 6weeks will lead to a surcharge of Ugx.50,000/=.
- b) Pay the other 40% of the tuition fees by the 8th week of the Semester to access lectures and centralized tests.
- c) Paying the remaining 20% before sitting Final Examinations.

7. FEES FOR AUGUST 2025 SEMESTER

Fees for all Continuing students remains unchanged, however, there is an increment of tuition fees for LLB Students for the **August 2025 Intake**.

Please note the changes as follows:

a. School of Law:

- i) LLB: Ugx.2,412,800 per semester. For more information, please contact the office of the Academic Registrar.

Please be informed that you can now deposit tuition fees in **Centenary Bank** under the account details below:

Account Name: Nkumba University Collection Account

Account Number: 3100110589

8. TUITION PAYMENT PROCEDURE AND OTHER RELATED FEES

All students are advised to pay their tuition and other fees, in a more convenient way by following simple steps to generate their payment invoice before proceeding to pay fees in the bank:

- a) Browse to <https://student.nkumbauniversity.ac.ug>
- b) For continuing students, log on using your credentials, (User name and Password). For first time students (freshers), enter your student number as both your user's name and password (your student number can be found on admission letter)
- c) The System will give you an access code and temporary password. Sign into your Portal using the access code and temporary password. The System will prompt you to change the temporary password to a desired password of at least six characters.
- d) Once logged in, make the payment reference "bottom left corner of the active window). Make an appropriate selection, enter the amount you intend to pay and click generate reference button.
- e) Take a picture or print the reference number
- f) Present the reference number at the bank counter along with the amount. Please remember to include the bank charges.

OR

Please dial *272*6# to get the Payment Reference (MTN or Airtel).

- g) You can get assistance from both the University (**NUICTS, ACADEMIC REGISTRAR AND FINANCE STAFF**) and the Banks. Seek for help from University Staff whenever you are stuck on the following telephone contacts:
 - Timothy Odeke +256782741948
 - Hakim Mulinde +256783637895
 - Robert Kitaka +256774264949
 - Mustafah Kato +256775386886
 - Vincent Malunda +256772919146

9. ADMISSIONS AT NKUMBA UNIVERSITY

Nkumba University is currently receiving applications for admission to both Kampala and Main campuses for the August 2023 Semester for all programmes.

The University offers courses on Certificate, Diploma, Degree, Postgraduate Diplomas, Masters, and PhD by research. "O" level leavers can also be admitted to Certificate programmes. So, inform all friends, relatives and other interested people to join the programmes.

Applications can be made online by visiting <https://admissions.nkumbauniversity.ac.ug/> or physically visiting the Front Desks at both Nkumba University Kampala and Main Campus; Application fees are **UGX 50,000/=** for all programmes.

Please dial *272*6# to get the Payment Reference (MTN or Airtel).

10. PhD PROGRAMME

Nkumba University runs PhD programmes by Research. The programme takes a minimum duration of three years. In the first year, the candidates are equipped with advanced research skills. Admission to the PhD for the August 2025 Intake is ongoing at a fee of **Ugx.100,000/=**. Interested students may contact **Ms. Joan Mugisa, Nkumba University on +256773226896** for more information.

Please dial *272*6# to get the Payment Reference.

11. STUDENTS' LOAN SCHEME OFFERED BY HIGHER EDUCATION STUDENTS FINANCING BOARD (HESFB)

The Higher Education Students Financing Board is a government department through which government manages the students' Loan Scheme. So, students who are pursuing studies in science related programmes Computer Science, Public Health, Science Education, and Environmental Science may apply for the student loan. **The forms for 2025/2026 are out and can be got from the website indicated below.**

Interested students can contact the Higher Education Students Financing Board on website: www.hesfb.go.ug, or contact Mr. Christopher Kimuli, Nkumba University, on +256 772 919 146.

Modalities of the Loan Scheme

The loan scheme is intended for students who are admitted to University's academic programme but cannot afford higher education fees. The loans are payable on very modest terms (7% Interest) to enable them to pursue their studies.

**Higher Education Students Financing Board
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E-mail: info@hesfb.go.ug**

12. 27TH GRADUATION CEREMONY AND COMMENCEMENT LECTURE

Nkumba University is pleased to announce two major events scheduled for **October 2025** as part of its academic calendar. These events will be held under the shared theme, “**Unlocking Potential: The Journey from Learning to Leading,**” which reflects the University’s commitment to nurturing students into impactful leaders.

a. Commencement Lecture –Wednesday 22nd October 2025

The annual **Commencement Lecture** will take place on **Wednesday, 22nd October 2025**, at the **Nkumba University Sports Ground**. This lecture serves as the official opening of the academic year and aims to inspire both new and continuing students. A distinguished keynote speaker will deliver insights on leadership, innovation, and the transformative power of education.

b. 27th Graduation Ceremony – 25th October 2025

The University will hold its **27th Graduation Ceremony** on **Saturday, 25th October 2025**, also at the **Nkumba University Sports Ground**. During this ceremony, degrees, diplomas, and certificates will be conferred upon students from various faculties and campuses who have successfully completed their studies.

13. ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES

Nkumba University offers academic programmes at the following levels.

Level	School	Duration
Certificates	SBA, SCOS, SOSS, SCIAD, SEDU, SCI	1 and 2 years
Diplomas	SLAW, SBA, SCOS, SOSS, SCIAD, SEDU, SCI	2 years
Certificate in Nursing.\Certificate in midwifery	SCOS	2½ years
Bachelors	SLAW, SBA, SCOS, SOSS, SCIAD, SEDU, SCI	4 and 3 years
Post graduate diploma	SBA, SCOS, SOSS, SEDU, SCI	1 year
Masters	SLAW, SBA, SCOS, SOSS, SCIAD, SEDU, SCI	2 years
PhD (by Research)	Postgraduate studies & research: SOSS, SCIAD, SBA, SCOS, SEDU	3-5 years

Key:

SLAW	-	School of Law
SBA	-	School of Business and Administration
SCI	-	School of Computing
SCOS	-	School of Sciences
SOSS	-	School of Social Sciences
SCIAD	-	School of Commercial, Industrial Art and Design
SEDU	-	School of Education

14. DISTRICT BASED SCHOLARSHIPS

Nkumba University is offering partial study scholarships for **five (5) students** who have successfully been admitted for a degree programme from **each district of Uganda**. This opportunity is open for those who are joining the University for the first time.

Application forms for the scholarships are obtainable from individual District Offices. For details, please visit the Academic Registrar's Office.

15. SPORTS ACTIVITIES

Nkumba University continues to demonstrate a strong presence in national and inter-university sports competitions as our teams actively participate in the **2025/2026 season** across various disciplines.

i. Basketball Teams in League Action

Both the Men's and Women's Basketball Teams are actively competing in the ongoing 2025/2026 basketball league season. The Men's team has already played five competitive games, showing promising performance and teamwork. The Women's team has successfully completed the first round and is currently preparing for the second round of the league, with renewed focus and determination.

ii. Volleyball Teams Earn Promotion and Prepare for International Tournament

The Men's and Women's Volleyball Teams celebrated a major achievement at the end of the previous season, having both earned promotion to higher competitive levels in the national Ugandan Volleyball League. As a testament to their progress, both teams will be representing Nkumba University at the prestigious Dr. Apuru Okol International Memorial Volleyball Tournament scheduled for June 2025 in Kumi. The teams emerged the best scooping the tournament Trophy and other awards.

iii. Football Team Performance and Individual Recognition

The University Men's Football Team delivered a commendable performance in the University Football League (UFL), advancing to the quarter-final stage before exiting the tournament. Despite the

elimination, the team received notable recognition when its captain, Lubega Ismael (Reg. No. 2300102354), a Year 2 Bachelor of Public Administration and Management student, **was voted** Best Defender of the 2024/2025 UFL Season, a remarkable individual honor for Nkumba University.

16. SECURITY

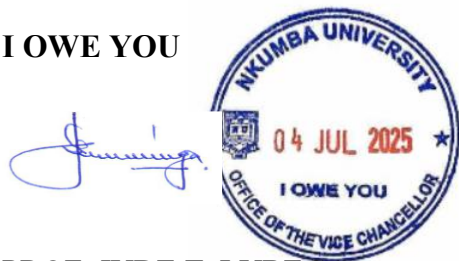
Generally, the Security situation at the University Main Campus and at Kampala Campus has been stable throughout the Feb 2025 Semester.

17. CONCLUSION

Nkumba University is encouraging the parents and students to embrace the “**Bring your own device**” policy. Students are required to have their own study aids like laptops and other practical apparatuses to enable them have ample time to practice what is being taught in class.

Wishing you Happy Holidays and May God bless all of you.

I OWE YOU



PROF. JUDE T. LUBEGA
VICE CHANCELLOR

Cc: The University Secretary
The Academic Registrar
The University Librarian
The University Bursar
The Director, Quality Assurance
The Director, Kampala Campus
The Director, DPSR
The Dean of Students
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The Guild President
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