



Dedan Kimathi University  
of Technology

# THE DeKUT INTERNATIONAL *Student Handbook*



*Better life through Technology*



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### **Motto**

Better Life through Technology

### **Vision Statement**

To be the Premier Technological University Excelling in Quality Education, Research, and Technology Transfer for national development.

### **Mission Statement**

To provide an academically stimulating, culturally diverse, and quality learning environment that fosters research, innovation and technology development towards producing relevant technical and managerial human resources and leaders

to contribute to the attainment of national development goals.

### **Philosophy**

Dedan Kimathi University of Technology is founded on the belief that self-actualization and solutions to global challenges are attainable through a spirit of dedication, self-confidence, determination, and best utilization of resources. The Institution also believes in being globally competitive through employment of global competencies. To actualize its beliefs and goals, the University is committed to investing in her staff, facilities, and systems to ensure an

internationally excellent environment for education and further her aims and objectives. The ultimate goal of this philosophy is to mould Dedan Kimathi University of Technology into an institution known for world-class research, academic excellence, exceptional staff and students, and one that harbors the highest level of innovation, creativity, scholarship, and enterprises.

### **Core Values**

- Innovation
- Scholarship
- Integrity
- Diversity
- Teamwork

## Message from the Vice Chancellor

Prof. Peter N. Muchiri



### Dear International Student;

This handbook offers basic information about Dedan Kimathi University of Technology (DeKUT) for international partners, prospective international students, and interested parties. The handbook provides you with the opportunity to know DeKUT better.

DeKUT was established in 1972 as Kimathi Institute of Technology (KIT) and was upgraded to University status in 2007 as a constituent college of Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology. On 14th December 2012, it was upgraded to full university status after being granted a charter.

The University has made substantial progress since its establishment which includes but not limited to; advanced infrastructure and modern buildings for her teaching and research. It also has a Science Technology Park whose purpose is to create high-tech clusters that serve as catalysts to technology development, economic transformation, and wealth creation with a link to university knowledge generation. The management of DeKUT envisages that this Institution will emerge as a unique technological University with a major impact on national development when it implements most of the development plans embedded in her vision, whose blueprint is Vision 2030.

Internationalization is an essential aspect of our programmes and DeKUT strives to integrate an international and intercultural dimension into her curriculum, research, and service functions. We therefore, appreciate academic exchanges with different countries as we believe it enriches our diversity and this is clearly

captured in the University's Strategic Plan. Our University is committed to serving the needs of international students from all walks of life and from all around the world.

I invite you to visit our website at [www.dkut.ac.ke](http://www.dkut.ac.ke) for more information.

**Message from the Deputy Vice Chancellor,  
DVC Administration and Finance**

Prof. Esther N. Magiri



**Dear International Student,**

Welcome to Dedan Kimathi University of Technology (DeKUT) and Nyeri, Kenya! We are very glad that you have chosen this University, and we look forward to moving with you during your stay at DeKUT. This handbook is designed to help you learn more about our University, town and country. This handbook will provide you with information to make your stay as smooth as possible. The International Office will assist you with the relevant details and information. Please refer to us whenever you have questions or concerns during your stay in DeKUT.

Good luck in all your endeavors and we wish you the best in your stay at DeKUT.

## Welcome To Kenya



Kenya is a country in East Africa and is rich in wildlife, culture, history, beautiful sceneries with friendly and welcoming people. The country's geography ranges from the snow-capped Mt. Kenya to extensive forests and vegetation cover and wide-open plains. Key geographic attractions include the Great Rift Valley, which features extinct volcanoes and hot springs, and Kenya's coastline which exhibits coral gardens and magnificent white sandy beaches. Combined with all this is a well-developed tourist in-

frastructure of hotels, lodges, campsites, and various activities.

The country has a population of more than 47 million people, with about five million residing in her capital city, Nairobi. There are at least 42 ethnic groups with each group having its unique language and culture. Kenya is also home to immigrants of other nationalities, including Europeans, Asians, Arabs and Somalis. Kenya's official languages are English and Swahili.



Wildlife in Kenya



Climb to educate students climbing Mt. Kenya



DeKUT International Students and staff treated to a rare Cultural treat

For more information about Kenya visit: <https://magickalkenya.com/>

## About Nyeri



Nyeri is located in the Central Highlands of Kenya. The city is situated about 150 kilometers north of Kenya's capital Nairobi. It is one of the oldest towns in Kenya having been established in the British colonial era in Kenya. Nyeri is the birthplace of the Boy Scout Movement and hosts the grave of the founder of the Scout Movement Lord Baden Powell. The Town is also the home of the late Nobel laureate Hon. Wangari Maathai. The Town's Roman Catholic Cathedral hosts the remains of the

Blessed Irene Stefani "Nyaatha" an Italian missionary, who was beatified on 23rd May 2015

Nyeri town's central business district is relatively small as compared to other cities in, for instance, Mombasa and Kisumu. While small business activities are vibrant, Nyeri is essentially a government administration city. The town has a relatively low cost of living in comparison to Nairobi and other major urban centers in Kenya.



( One of the historical gardens in Nyeri)



## About Dedan Kimathi University of Technology (DeKUT)



DeKUT is a Premier Technological University Excelling in Quality Education, Research and Technology Transfer for National Development that was established in December 2012. It is a public University that focuses exclusively on Technology. The Institution endeavours to provide an academically stimulating, culturally diverse and quality learning environment that fosters research, innovation and technology development towards producing relevant technical and managerial human resources and leaders

to contribute to the attainment of national development goals. DeKUT has two campuses: the Main Campus that is located 6 km from Nyeri town along Nyeri- Mweiga Road and Nairobi Campus located at Pension Towers, Loita Street.



Serene Learning Environment

Since her inception, the University has grown in many ways in terms of infrastructure and the student population; which has grown tremendously. In 2019, the University was ranked as the most preferred University in the country, with a 98 per cent uptake of its declared capacity being occupied and in 2020, this rose to 98.8%. Among many reasons for this, like quality education, the serene environment and the focus on holistic development of our students, the timely completion of studies by our students. Currently,

the University has six schools, seven institutes and 24 centres. The University offers a wide range of programs both at the undergraduate and postgraduate levels. These include Computer Science and Information Technology, Engineering, Applied Sciences, Food Science and Technology, Health Science, Business Management and Economics, Geothermal Energy Technology, Geomatics, Geospatial Information Hospitality, Technical and Professional Studies.



Mechatronics Engineering students conducting their practical lessons



International Exchange Students during their internships

The University also offers diploma and Certificate courses for mid-level technical skills. The programs offered by the University are approved by the Senate and the various designated bodies such as the Engineers Board of Kenya (EBK), Nursing Council of Kenya and Commission for University Education (CUE) that was established by the government of Kenya through the Commission for University Education Act, 2010. We provides our students with the skills and competencies they require to adapt to the dynamic realities of the modern labour market not only as workers/ employees but most importantly, as innova-

tors, creatives and job creators. Most of our alumni are making waves in the industries, with a majority of them having secure jobs and those with an interest in entrepreneurship have created lucrative ventures.

DeKUT also recognizes research as a pillar of both institutional and national development and its strategic focus is to provide technical education and create unique structures for research, innovations, extension and technology transfer. Thus, Research and Innovation, Linkages and Technology transfer are key result areas in the University's Strategic Plan.



British High Commissioner, Jane Marriot, listening to some of the DeHUB Innovations from students as part of supporting 30 female entrepreneurs to grow their GreenTech businesses

## Travelling to Kenya

### What you need before traveling to Kenya;

- Apply for passport
- Apply for a visa
- Arrange for a student pass
- Arrange for travel and medical insurance
- Make contact with the Institution.
- Organize yellow fever immunizations with your Doctor
- Confirm overseas access to your funds with your bank
- Make travel arrangements
- Advise Institution of travel details.
- Arrange transport from the airport to accommodation

### What you need before traveling to Kenya;

- Name and contact details of an institution representative
- Enough currency for taxis, buses, phone calls etc. in the event of an emergency

### Important Documents:

- This Handbook
- Passport
- Letter of offer
- Certified copies of qualifications & certificates
- Travel insurance policy

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### Information on Immigration

**1. Passport** - Before your travel, you need to make arrangements to obtain a passport from your government. This basic travel document serves as a formal permit to travel abroad, allows for re-entry in your home country, and serves as proof of identification.

**2. Visa** - Each person planning to visit Kenya from another country is required to obtain a visa. A visa is a permit required for international visitors to enter and remain in Kenya for a specific period. You will need a visitor's visa that can be obtained online via [www.ecitizen.go.ke](http://www.ecitizen.go.ke). You pay \$51 and you are

issued with an e-visa which you present to the Immigration Officers at the airport upon entry. The Visa is valid for 3 months from the time of entry. The application is a simple process and you will probably just need your invitation/admission letters from the Dedan Kimathi University of Technology. This must be done before the student travels to Kenya. Please note that East Africa Community nationals do not have to apply for the visa beforehand as they are issued with an entry visa upon entry into the country.

This is in exception of South Sudan nationals who have to apply and pay for the visa using the normal process.

**3. Student Pass** – In addition to the visa, international students must also obtain a student's pass. This is a document issued to the person(s) seeking to enter and remain in Kenya to receive education or training at an educational or training establishment within the country by which he/she has been accepted as a student. On acceptance at the University, in-

ternational students are sent the acceptance letters together with a Student Pass application form and a Student pass checklist. The student should complete the Student's Pass form immediately and send the form back to the University together with the documents requested on the checklist. The University will then begin processing the documents. It takes a while for the Student's Pass to be issued and the process must begin at least three months before the student arrives in the country.

**Please Note:**

- If the immigration office has not issued the student's pass by the time you report to the University, you are advised to carry a copy of your passport and the university Identification Card with you at all times you travel off-campus. With a Student's Pass, a student can easily get a re-entry pass and thus can visit the neighboring countries and get back to Kenya with no problems. However, an international student who decides to go out of the country without a valid re-entry pass has to apply for a new visa to get back into the country.
- A student pass does not permit any international student to work in Kenya. The student can only seek employment in the country when a work permit is issued by the immigration office in Kenya. All foreigners (whether students or visitors) who remain in the country for over 90 (ninety) days are required by law to register as Foreign Nationals. The University will assist in processing the application.
- Registration with the 'home' Embassies in Kenya All International students are encouraged to register themselves with their 'home' Embassies immediately they report at DeKUT. This is very important because most Embassies keep track of their citizens and their whereabouts. The International Office can provide the contacts for your Embassy.

## Getting to DeKUT

### Travelling

Students can choose to travel by air or by road.

#### For those travelling by air

All international flights to Kenya arrive at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA), Nairobi. To get to Nyeri from JKIA you can take a taxi from JKIA to the City Center then take public transport/Matatu from the City

Center to Nyeri. Alternatively, you can take a taxi at JKIA that brings you directly to Nyeri. Nyeri is three hours' drive from Nairobi. Students are advised to book flights that arrive during the day for ease of connection.

#### For those travelling by road

All public transport vehicles drop off passengers at Nairobi City Center. Once at the City center you can take public transport/Matatu to Nyeri or take a taxi that will bring you to Nyeri.

There are numerous taxi companies that operate from the Nairobi to Nyeri. The taxi charge from the airport to DeKUT is approximately KES. 7000 - 8,000/= but is subject to

review depending on the prevailing conditions. Assistance can be obtained from the International Office on the contacts of some of the reputable taxi companies.

The cost of travel by public transport (matatu) from Nairobi to Nyeri ranges between KES 400 and KES 600. These prices fluctuate from time to time depending on the prevailing circumstances.

#### Please Note:

- The University will not be liable for any negotiations between the students and the transport companies

### What you need upon arrival in Nyeri

- Settle into accommodation
- Purchase household items and food
- Attend international student's orientation
- Get student ID Card
- Attend faculty/course-specific orientation sessions
- Get involved in student life and associations

## Student ID Card

You shall be issued with a smart card after registration. You need the smart card to:

- Borrow books from the university library
- Sit for an examination (without the ID you cannot sit for your exams)

## The passport photo should be

- Color only
- Frontal Aspect, head and shoulders only
- A clear view of the face (no hats, sunglasses or other ob-

- Access University Facilities

To get your Smart Card, you need to send a digital passport photo to the Admissions Office through **admissionsoffice@dkut.ac.ke** and a copy of your passport/East African Passport.

- Neutral background (no trees, designs or other people etc)

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## Living in Nyeri

### Accommodation



There are two accommodation options;

### Hostels

Around the school, there are many hostels that are up to standards and affordable

### Rental houses

There are affordable rental houses in Nyeri town and environs that range from a single room, a bedsitter, one bedroom, two bedrooms, etc.

More information on the available accommodation options can be obtained from the International Office.



## Money and Banking

Kenya has many banks that provide banking services across the country. Within Nyeri town the following banks are available and you can choose from any of these: Absa Bank, Standard Chartered Bank, Consolidated Bank, Equity Bank, National Bank, Family Bank, Central Bank of Kenya, Eco-Bank Kenya and Co-operative Bank of Kenya. Foreign Money Exchange: Most foreign currency exchange services are done by the local banks and a few licensed forex bureaus. Banks do not cash Travelers' Checks over the counter. International students are required to open bank accounts and deposit the checks for a number of days before withdrawing the money. Due to the ever-fluctuating forex market please visit [www.centralbank.go.ke](http://www.centralbank.go.ke) to confirm the exchange rate

## Opening a bank account

1. Visit several banks and decide on which bank suits you best
2. From the bank determine the conditions that non-Kenyans must meet to open an account.
3. Inform the Finance Office about your intention to open an account with the bank.

The working hours for most banks are  
Mon-Fri: 09:00am-15:00pm & Sat: 09:00am-12:00pm.

**Note:**

Banks in Mombasa and the coastal areas open and close half an hour earlier.



### **Access to Credit Card**

Most of our local banks are electronically linked internationally. The most widely used ATM network is the “Visa Electron”. Remember to alert your credit card company about your travel abroad.

Master Card and Visa are widely accepted in most regions in the country; American Express and Diners Club less so. Major hotels now also accept payment by credit card, as do major safari companies, travel agencies and restaurants.

### **Currency information**

1 Kenyan Shilling (KES; symbol KSh) = 100 cents.

Notes are in denominations of KSh1, 000, 500, 200, 100 and 50.

Coins are in denominations of KSh 20, 10, 5 and 1

### **Telephone Services**

#### **Mobile/Cellular Phones**

A variety of mobile phone shops are available in Nyeri Town.

Students can get good handsets from reputable mobile phone brands e.g. Nokia, Tecno, Oppo, Infinix, Huawei, Sony, Samsung etc at affordable rates ranging from Kshs. 5000.00 or even more depending on the student’s preference.

#### **Making Phone Calls**

In general, Kenya’s communications system is good and there are many ways to make phone calls. The mobile phone networks available in Kenya host both local and international calls. For mobile phone calls, the country code is +254. The international call prefix is 000 and the trunk prefix is 0.

You will need a Kenyan sim card that you can buy from the three major mobile phone network providers i.e. Safaricom, Airtel and Telecom at their shops that are available in Nyeri and country-wide. These cards will enable one to make international calls to any place in the world. In addition, one can purchase internet bundles that will enable you make calls via whatsapp.

## Power and Appliances

Electricity in Kenya is between 220 and 240 volts, alternating at 50 cycles per second. If you travel to Kenya with a device that does not accept 240 Volts at 50 Hertz, you will need a voltage converter and an adapter that fits the plug sockets in Kenya. Electrical sockets (outlets) in Kenya are the “Type G” British BS-1363 type. If your appliance’s plug doesn’t match the shape of these sockets, you will need a travel plug adapter to plugin. Travel plug adapters simply change the shape of your appliance’s plug to match whatever type of socket you need to plug into.



**Type G adapter**

**Dressing.** Be prepared for a tropical climate, bearing in mind Kenya has a conservative culture. Clothing can be casual during the hot seasons but you may need warm clothing for the wet and cold seasons. Students are advised to dress in a modest way whenever around the campus.

## Health and Wellness

### University Medical Center



The Student Health Services include initial emergency care and first aid for all students. The clinical practitioners attend to common ailments. For more serious cases you may be referred to an external hospital. Patients having health care Insurance plans may then load the costs of such referrals to their insurance firms.



The University Medical Center is open for 24Hrs  
 Contacts: +254724721258  
 E-mail: [medicaloffice@dkut.ac.ke](mailto:medicaloffice@dkut.ac.ke)

### Medical Insurance Cover

International students **MUST** possess valid Medical Insurance Cover that is acceptable in Kenya. All International students are required to submit a valid Medical Insurance Cover to the International Office for verification. The verification must be done before the end of the first month after the Semester begins.

## Hospitals around Nyeri

This is just a small sample of hospitals around Nyeri. Students should refer to their insurance company's website for hospitals within the network for more benefits.

### **The Outspan Hospital**

Along Baden Powell Road  
NYERI, Kenya.  
0722696901  
[info @outspanhospital.org](mailto:info@outspanhospital.org)

### **Mt. Kenya Hospital**

Ring Road  
Nyeri, Kenya

### **Consolata Hospital**

+254 729 098 324  
Mathari, Nyeri  
[info@cmatharihospital.co.ke](mailto:info@cmatharihospital.co.ke)

### **The Karen Hospital**

Caledonia House, Rware  
Kenyatta Road,  
0727 547214

### **Nyeri County Referral Hospital**

Kimathi Way, Nyeri  
0758 722019

### **Bliss Medical Centre**

Jenkim Plaza  
Nyeri  
0780 100927

### **Nanyuki Cottage Hospital**

P. O. Box 95-10400,  
Nanyuki,

### **Nanyuki Teaching & Referral Hospital**

Nanyuki-Rumuruti Rd

### **Aga Khan University Hospital**

Kenyatta Highway  
Nanyuki

## Personal Safety Tips

- Be alert assertive and confident
- Try and walk with other people rather than on your own when in lonely places
- Carry only the money you will need for the day
- Be aware of things around you; avoid long talks on your mobile or texting while walking.



### **In case of fire**

Dedan Kimathi University of Technology has an excellent fire extinguishing system and also sufficient fire assembly point in case of fire outbreak that might occur within the environment of the University.

Ensure you familiarize yourself with the fire extinguisher locations and the building exits.

This information will be pointed out to you during your orientation but is a good practice to review this information periodically. The University facilities have fire extinguishers in strategic places and also conduct fire drills training frequently.

### **Safety during outdoor excursions**

The University's Outdoor Office gives guidance to students regarding safety during outdoor excursions. Generally, the University recommends that students going on outdoor expeditions be accompanied by a guide and or a member of staff.

### **Drug and Substance Abuse**

DeKUT is an alcohol and drug-free zone

### **Smoking**

The DeKUT policy is to provide a smoke-free environment for her employees, customers and the general public.

**Note: Smoking of any kind is prohibited within the University premises.**

### **Security**

Generally, Nyeri is known to be one of the safest towns in Kenya. The areas around the University and the student residences regardless of the distance are well lit using street light. All the University's entry points are manned by security officers further beefing up the security. DeKUT is thus a secure place to live and study.

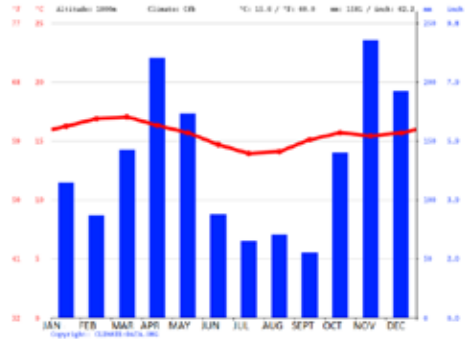
### **Security Contact numbers**

- Always dial 999 for true emergencies
- DeKUT Security Office: +254719741529

## Weather and Climatic Conditions

Nyeri County has relatively warm and temperate climate conditions. It has two rainy seasons, the long rains and short rains. The long rains begin in April and end around May. The short rains begin in October and end around November. January and February are the hottest months while July is relatively cold and you are required to have jackets or suitable clothes for the cold seasons and an umbrella for the rainy seasons.

CLIMATE GRAPH // WEATHER BY MONTH NYERI



An overview of Nyeri weather

## Transport



Matatus in a terminus

The commonly used modes of transport are:

1. Matatu
2. Taxi
3. Buses



## Shopping in Nyeri

The nearest shopping outlets are in Nyeri town. There are several shopping marts such as Navivas, Mathai and Samrat that operate within Nyeri town.

There are a good number of shops, fresh produce markets, hotels, tourist resorts and other leisure facilities. The University has a bookshop where you can shop for your student needs which include Stationery, Learning materials

Souvenirs, selected textbooks and more. The University also has DeKUT Enterprises (DeKUTES) outlet shop where one can get DeKUT yoghurt, DeKUT coffee and merchandise.

## Food and Groceries

The traditional food of Kenya is as mixed and diverse as its tribe's, history and landscapes. Each tribal area has its specialties. The staple and most common food is maize meal commonly known as ugali which is served with stews or Nyama Choma, an East African style of roasted meat. There are hotels and restaurants in Nyeri town that offer different cuisines ranging from African to Asian to European to American to Oceanian and many more. A large proportion of Kenyans food comprises of various types of meat. However, there are also plenty of options of vegetables and cereals for vegetarians.

## Where to Eat

The University has a student cafeteria that offers food at subsidized rates for students. You can also get food from the staff cafeteria and the canteens in some of the hostels. There are also hotels and cafes around the University and Nyeri town that offer a variety of foods at affordable prices.



Nyama Choma



mukimo and beef stew



Githeri



Ugali and Tilapia



Chapati



Pilau

## Public Holidays in Kenya

Below are the Public holidays that are observed in Kenya. Dates not indicated vary from year to year.

Date	Holiday
January 1	New Year's Day
Varies	Good Friday
Varies	Easter Monday
May 1	Labour Day
June 1	Madaraka Day
Varies	Eid al-Fitr
Varies	Eid al-Adha
October 10	Huduma Day
October 20	Mashujaa Day
December 12	Jamhuri Day
December 25	Christmas Day
December 26	Boxing Day Utamaduni Day

## Outdoor Activities

Kenya has a wide variety of outdoor activities you can choose to participate in. The activities include Wildlife safari, mountain climbing, rock climbing, camping, zip-lining, kayaking, water sports, hiking, trekking, nature walks, paragliding, camel safari, snorkeling, scuba diving, swimming and many more. Nyeri is a popular destination for relaxation, business, educational and cultural tourism. It happens to be a giant in food production and a key player in the central tourism circuit.

While in Nyeri you can visit the following for some of the outdoor activities mentioned above; Mount Kenya, Dedan Kimathi University wildlife conservancy, Tafari Castle and Game Lodge, Giraffe Ark, Treetops, Mount Kenya, Sangare Farm House-Mweiga Vilas, Aberdare National Park, Solio Ranch, Italian War Memorial Church, Lord Baden Powell Grave, Mau Mau Caves, Rhino watch sanctuary, Ol Pejeta conservancy and many more can be found online.



Climb to educate Students climbing Mt. Kenya





**Mt. Kenya**



**Aberdare Country Club**



**DeKUT Wildlife Conservancy**



**Tafari Castle**

## **Touristic Places to Visit Outside Nyeri**

### **1. Mombasa**



Mombasa is the largest town on the Kenyan coast with white sandy beaches and deep blue waters, beautiful stellar beaches and revitalizing sun for that beautiful tan. Mombasa has several historical sites and attraction like the Fort Jesus, pembe za Ndovu, Haller Park Mombasa and Mombasa Marine Park.

## 2. Nakuru

Nakuru is known for the thousands of Flamingoes, it provides the visitors with one of Kenyan best images, joined into a massive flock. Lake Nakuru National Park is home to rhinos, giraffes, lions and leopards. Lake Nakuru is an algae-filled soda lake that attracts thousands of flamingos. Lookout points such as Baboon Cliff and Lion Hills offer views of the birds, the lake and mammals including warthogs and baboons. Nakuru is a breathtaking site and it has become world-famous for flamingoes.



Flamingoes Zebras and Wildebeest at lake Nakuru

## 3. Naivasha

Naivasha is known worldwide for Hells Gate National Park and is famous for hot springs and geothermal spa



Geothermal Spa

A section of Hells Gate National Park

#### 4. Maasai Mara

Simply known as The Mara. The Mara is a large national game reserve in Narok, Kenya, contiguous with the Serengeti National Park in Tanzania. It is named in honor of the Maasai people, the ancestral inhabitants of the area. Maasai Mara is one of the most famous and important wildlife conservation and wilderness areas in Africa, world-renowned for its exceptional populations of lion, African leopard, cheetah and African bush elephant. It hosts the Great Migration, which secured it as one of the Seven Natural Wonders of Africa, and one of the Ten Wonders of the World.



Wildebeest at the Mara

#### Lamu

Lamu is a place like no other, a peaceful tropical island where life is lived at its relaxed rhythm, but a place whose history is as mysterious and fascinating as the winding streets of its medieval stone town. Lamu old town is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.



Flamingoes Zebras and Wildebeest at lake Nakuru

## Student Life

The University prides herself in being able to provide an academically stimulating, culturally diverse and quality learning environment. As an international student you will enjoy a conducive learning environment, qualified lecturers, latest equipment and facilities.

### Academics Semester Dates

Dedan Kimathi University of Technology (DeKUT) has a trimester system of study. Through this application of the trimester system of study, we ensure that DeKUT students complete their courses within the shortest time possible. Students taking four years courses graduate within three and half years while those taking five years courses graduate within four and half years.

Semester 1: January – April

Semester 2: May – August

Semester 3: September – December

### Equations of Academic Qualifications

International students are required to apply for recognition and equations for their academic certificates before enrollment and the process of equation and recognition is done through the Commission for University Education (CUE) – Kenya through their website. <https://recognition.cue.or.ke> .

### Student Rules and Regulations

All students are bound by the Kenyan Constitution and other applicable laws while inside and outside of the University. International students are also required to abide by the University Student Regulations.

## Campus Life

DeKUT provides a very conducive environment for social life. First, there are fun days organized by the student welfare department to bring all students together and enhance their bond, there are clubs and societies in the University formed by students and they always organize hikes and fun expeditions done during the free times of the students.

DeKUT has diverse sporting activities within the campus which include rugby, football, hockey, basketball, volleyball, handball, netball, softball, chess and athletics.



Additionally, in February 2015 the University initiated a Mt. Kenya climbing expedition dubbed “Climb- to-Educate Initiative”. This program is aimed at enhancing relations between DeKUT students and staff and cultivating harmony and integration within the University operations. International students can liaise with the Dean of Students Office on how they can be integrated into the sports activities.



Something interesting goes on at the Campus almost every day. There might be a public lecture, musical, sports or clubs' events taking place or a program presented by the residents at the hostels. Your student life will be richer if you get involved in campus activities, or even extend yourself beyond the campus.

There are numerous clubs and societies that range from religious to academic to social and many more. You can contact the Dean of Students' Office through deanofstudents@dkut.ac.ke.

### **Student Clubs and Unions**

There are several clubs and unions in the University. Currently, there are about 37 registered clubs and societies that are active. Others are in the process of being registered. They are divided into Academic, Social, Association and Faith-based clubs.

Below are some of the clubs:

1. AIESEC in DeKUT Club
2. International Association for the Exchange of Students for Technical experience (IAESTE) DeKUT Club
3. The ANSWAR Muslims (AM-DeKUT)
4. Gym And Fitness Club
5. Christian Union of DeKUT (DeKUT CU)
6. Salsa Untamed Club
7. Catholic Action
8. Dedan Kimathi Dancing Club
9. Computer Society of Kimathi (CSK)
10. The ROTARACT Club of DeKUT
11. SHORIN RYU Karate Club
12. Kenya Red Cross (DeKUT Chapter)

## Student Welfare Services

DeKUT has a Directorate of Students Welfare which houses, the Dean of Student's Office, Counseling Center, Sports Office as well as Chaplaincy Office. All these are in place to cater for the wholesome and well-being of students. Contacts: +254798598810

## Services for persons living with Disability

Dedan Kimathi University of Technology (DeKUT) is committed to ensuring that all our students and staff are treated equitably. Since its inception, the University has been committed to understanding and applying the Social Model of Disability, thereby not focusing on an individual's medical condition or impairment, but instead identifying the impact of disability that prohibits disabled people from achieving equality and inclusion of their needs. DeKUT developed and promulgated the 1st Disability Mainstreaming Policy in 2010 and later revised it in 2017. The University has made appropriate adjustments to all its physical structures, practices, and environments to ensure that PWDs (students, employees or visitors) can participate equally and without exclusion in the workplace, training rooms, and other social and sporting facilities. Part of the efforts to realize this vision was developing a transport system (TukTuk) within the University that takes care of students and staff living with disabilities.



**Launch of the TukTuk**

## Cultural Adjustment

Everyone who moves to a new country experiences a period of adjustment and adaptation to the new culture. This is entirely normal, usually unavoidable, and it does not mean anything bad about you or your new home. It can be a very significant learning experience because it makes you more aware of your own culture as well as the new culture you have entered.

In order to adjust to the new culture you need to: Understand that your reactions are normal, be open- minded and curious about your new environment, make friends with the local students and also other international students, if you struggle with academics, talk with your professors and advisors, try a new activities that you can't do in your home country, Don't forget the reasons you came to Kenya.



A group of Kikuyu women performing a traditional dance



A group of Luos performing a traditional dance



Souvenir



The Maasai

When culture shock hits you, just remember that it is a normal part of being an international student. The University through the International Office organizes cultural events and awareness forums for international students to help international students integrate and assimilate into the local culture easily.



International Students during a coffee hour session



International Students visit to samburu National Park



## Kiswahili Classes

The University through the Institute of General Studies offers Swahili classes for students who wish to learn the language. It is offered as a short course and a certificate is awarded at the end of the programme.

### Some Local Kiswahili Utility Words

#### GENERAL GREETINGS

Habari/ Nzuri

How are you/ Good

Hujambo/Sijambo

How are you/I am fine



English	Kiswahili	English	Kiswahili	English	Kiswahili
No worries	Hakuna Matata	Boy	Mvulana	Get tired	Choka
Here	Hapa	Gentleman	Bwana	Luck	Bahati
Haste	Haraka	Bus	Basi	Not yet	Bado
Okay	Sawa	Cold	Baridi	Road	Barabara
Welcome	Karibu	Tea	Chai	Letter	Barua
Accident	Ajali	Joy	Furaha	Food	Chakula
Write	Andika	Laundry	Dobi	Toilet	Choo
Father	Baba	Medicine	Dawa	College	Chuo
Mother		Do	Fanya	Doctor	Daktari
Sister	Dada	Anger	Hasira	Class	Darasa
Girl	Msichana	Darkness	Giza	Driver	Dereva
Phone	Simu	Child/Baby	Mtoto	Goodbye	
				Kwaheri	
Thank you	Asante	Clothes	Nguo	Indeed/yes	
				Ndiyo	
Thank you very much	Asante Sana	House	Nyumba	Warning	Onyo
Go	Enda	Danger	Hatari	School	Shule
Above	Juu	Bathe	Oga	Law	Sheria
		How much	Ngapi?	Permission	
				Ruhusa	
Coffee	Kahawa	Sorry	Pole	Night	Usiku
Paper	Karatasi	Friend	Rafiki	Morning	Asubuhi
Chicken	Kuku	Work	Kazi	Afternoon	Alasiri
Come	Kuja	Love/Like	Penda	Evening	Jioni

## List of Appendices

Appendix 1: List of programmes offered at Dedan Kimathi University of Technology

### Schools And Academic Programmes

Academic Units and Programmes	Programme Duration
<b>SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ph.D. Mechanical Engineering</li> <li>• Master of Science in Civil Engineering</li> <li>• Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering</li> <li>• Master of Science in Biomedical Engineering</li> <li>• Master of Science in Electrical and Electronics Engineering</li> <li>• Master of Science in Machine Tool Design and Manufacturing Engineering</li> <li>• Master of Science in Advanced Manufacturing &amp; Automation Engineering</li> <li>• Master of Science in Industrial Engineering and Management</li> <li>• Master of Science in Telecommunication Engineering</li> <li>• Bachelor of Science in Electrical and Electronic Engineering</li> <li>• Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering</li> <li>• Bachelor of Science in Mechatronic Engineering</li> <li>• Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering</li> <li>• Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering</li> <li>• Bachelor of Science in Telecommunication Information Engineering</li> <li>• Bachelor of Education in Technology (Civil Engineering)</li> <li>• Bachelor of Education in Technology (Electrical and Electronic Engineering)</li> <li>• Bachelor of Education in Technology (Mechanical Engineering)</li> <li>• Bachelor of Technology in Building Construction</li> <li>• Postgraduate Diploma in Technical and Vocational Education</li> </ul>	
<b>SCHOOL OF BUSINESS MANAGEMENT AND ECONOMICS</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ph.D. in Business Administration &amp; Management</li> <li>• Master of Science in Supply Chain Management</li> <li>• Master of Science in Project Management</li> <li>• Master of Science in Business Analytics</li> <li>• Master of Science in Economics</li> <li>• Master in Business Administration</li> <li>• Bachelor of Purchasing and Supplies Management (BPSM)</li> </ul>	

- Bachelor of Commerce (BCOM)
- Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA)
- Postgraduate Diploma in Project Management
- Diploma in Business Administration (DBA)
- Diploma of Purchasing and Supplies Management (DPSM)

#### CHOOL OF COMPUTER SCIENCE AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

- Ph.D. in Computer Science
- Master of Science in Computer Science
- Master of Science in Cyber Security
- Post Graduate Diploma in Animation and Visual Effects
- Bachelor of Science in Computer Science
- Bachelor of Business Information Technology (BBIT)
- Bachelor of Science in Information Technology (IT)

#### SCHOOL OF NURSING

- Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Direct Entry)
- Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Upgrading)

#### SCHOOL OF SCIENCE

- Ph.D. in Chemistry
- Master of Science in Chemistry
- Master of Science in Applied Statistics
- Master of Science in Leather Technology
- Bachelor of Science in Industrial Chemistry
- Bachelor of Science in Leather Technology
- Bachelor of Science in Actuarial Science
- Bachelor of Science in Mathematics and Modeling Processes
- Bachelor of Science in Polymer Chemistry
- Diploma in Leather Technology

#### INSTITUTE OF TOURISM HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT

- Master of Science in Sustainable Tourism and Hospitality Management
- Bachelor in Sustainable Tourism and Hospitality Management
- Diploma in Sustainable Tourism and Hospitality Management
- Certificate in Institutional Accommodation and Catering Operations
- Mountaineering and Outdoor Expeditions Guiding

**INSTITUTE OF FOOD BIORESOURCE TECHNOLOGY**

- Ph.D. in Food Science and Technology
- Master of Science in Food Science and Technology
- Bachelor of Science in Food Science and Technology
- Bachelor of Science in Nutrition and Dietetics
- Diploma in Food Science and Technology
- Diploma in Coffee Technology and Cupping
- Certificate in Coffee Technology and Quality Management

**INSTITUTE OF GEOMATICS, GIS & REMOTE SENSING (IGGReS)**

- Ph.D. in Geomatics & Geospatial Information Science
- Master of Science in Geospatial Information Systems and Remote Sensing
- Bachelor of Science in Geomatics Engineering and Geospatial Information Systems
- Bachelor of Science in Geospatial Information Science and Remote Sensing

**GEOHERMAL ENERGY TRAINING AND RESEARCH INSTITUTE (GETRI)**

- Master of Science in Geothermal Energy Technology
- Post Graduate Diploma in Geothermal Energy Technology
- Bachelor of Science in Geology

**INSTITUTE OF CRIMINOLOGY, FORENSICS AND SECURITY STUDIES (ICFoSS)**

- Master of Science in Forensics and Security Management
- Bachelor of Science in Criminology and Security Management
- Diploma in Security Management

**INSTITUTE OF TECHNICAL AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES (ITPS)**

- Diploma in Building Technology
- Diploma in Fashion Design & Interior Decoration
- Diploma in Electrical & Electronics Engineering (Power Option)
- Certificate in Building Technology
- Certificate in Fashion Design and Interior Decoration
- Certificate in Electrical and Electronics Engineering (Power Option).

**PROFESSIONAL AND CERTIFICATION COURSES**

- Level 1 (Siemens Certified Mechatronic Systems Assistant)
- Level 2 (Siemens Certified Mechatronic Systems Associate)
- Level 3 (Siemens Certified Mechatronic Systems Professional)









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