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GULU UNIVERSITY GROWING STRONG AFTER 12 YEARS OF EXISTENCE

Introduction

Gulu University started in 2003 with the statutory objects of;

- providing equitable higher education
- increasing the number of basic and applied science teachers
- increasing professionals in agriculture and environmental sciences
- producing engineering and technology graduates and cadres appropriate for rural industrialization
- producing medical personnels, health service cadres for the delivery of medical and health services
- developing human resources to match the management and administrative demands of the decentralized system of government
- undertaking applied research towards rural transformation; and
- generally providing quality training in various disciplines as need may arise.

Vision : To be the leading academic institution for the promotion of rural transformation and industrialisation for sustainable development.

Mission: To provide access to higher education, research and conduct quality professional training for the delivery of appropriate services directed towards community transformation and conservation of biodiversity.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Infrastructure.

The following facilities were developed at the University main campus:

S/NO.	PARTICULARS	NO. OF BLOCKS
i	Faculty of Law	One block with 5 lecture rooms and two offices
ii	Faculty of Medicine new site	One block with 9 lecture rooms each with seating capacity of 70 students. Seven offices, One board room, One Library and One computer lab
iii	Bio-systems Engineering department laboratory	One laboratory block with four offices
iv	Constituent College Lira	A library block was completed in 2011 with a sitting capacity of 100 readers. Academic Registrar's office block completed in 2011. A four lecture room block for Faculty of Management Sciences completed.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES



Undergraduate programmes:

S/N	PROGRAMME	DURATION
1	Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery	5 years
2	Bachelor of Agriculture	4 years
3	Bachelor of Science in Biosystems Engineering	4 years
4	Bachelor of Science in Food and Agribusiness	
5	Bachelor of Science in Midwifery	4 years
6	Bachelor of Science in Public Health	3 years
7	Bachelor of Business Administration	3 years
8	Bachelor of Quantitative Economics	3 years
9	Bachelor of Science Economics	3 years
10	Bachelor of Development Studies	3 years
11	Bachelor of Public Administration	3 years
12	Bachelor of Laws	4 years
13	Bachelor of Science Education (Biological)	3 years
14	Bachelor of Science Education (Physical)	3 years
15	Bachelor of Science Education (Economics)	3 years
16	Bachelor of Science Education (Sports Science)	3 years
17	Bachelor of Science Education (Agriculture)	3 years
18	Bachelor of Science (Computer Science)	3 years
19	Bachelor of Information and Communications Technology	3 years
20	Bachelor of Arts Education	3 years
21	Bachelor of Business Education	3 years
22	Diploma in Pharmacy	3 years
23	Diploma in Computer Science	2 years
24	Diploma in Development Studies	2 years
25	Diploma in Secretarial Studies and Information Management	2 years
26	Certificate in Pharmaceutical and Health Supplies Management	2 years
27	Certificate in Secretarial and Information Management	1 year

Graduate Programmes:

S/N	Programme	Duration
1	Postgraduate Diploma in Financial Management	1 year
2	Postgraduate Diploma in Project planning and Management	1 year
3	Postgraduate Diploma in Procurement and Supply Chain Management	1 year
4	Postgraduate Diploma in Conflict Management and Peace Studies	1 year
5	Master of Business Administration	2 1/2 years
6	Master of Arts in Public Administration and Management	2 years
7	Master of Arts in Conflict Transformation Studies	2 years
8	Master of Arts in Governance and Ethics	2 years
9	Master of Medicine (Surgery)	3 years
10	Master of Science in Applied Tropical Entomology and Parasitology	2 years
11	Master of Science in Agri-Enterprises Development	2 years
12	Master of Science in Food Security and Community Nutrition	2 years
13	Master of Medical Anthropology	

Student enrolment:

- The University started with 194 students registered in 1st year in 2002/03 academic year.



- The students' enrolment grew with time as new programmes were launched and by 2014/15 the enrolment reached a total of 34,787; with 12,132 females and 22,357 males.

Graduation

Gulu University has had up to 10 graduation ceremonies and a total of 7080 graduates supplied to the world of work. Out these 349 are Medical Doctors, 348 are Agriculturalists, 46 Bio-system Engineers, 553 Science teachers, 519 Computer scientists and Information Technologists, 1053 Business Administrators, 242 Quantitative Economists and 47 Economists among others all with bachelor's degrees.

At postgraduate level, a total of 6 PhDs have been produced in Education, Science and Medicine, 5 Masters in Applied Tropical Entomology and Parasitology and 11 Masters in Conflict Transformation studies.

The 11th graduation of 9th January 2016 adds 1,359 graduates to the human resources supplied to make a total of 8,439 graduates from Gulu University.

Partnerships

The University established international and national collaborations and partnerships; and carries out several research projects and other activities. The partners include among others the following:

Partner	Research project/partnership area
ASARECA/CIP	Dissemination of New Agricultural Technologies in Africa (DONATA)
ASARECA	Transfer and dissemination of proven and emerging agricultural technologies in orange fleshed sweet potato in Eastern and Central Africa (ECA)
Inter-University Council for East Africa	Unlocking the potential of edible insects for improved food security, nutrition and adaptation to climate change in the Lake Victoria basin
Autonomous Province of Bolzano, Italy	Community Agricultural Rehabilitation project
World Bank	Scaling-up benefits of Orange-fleshed sweet potato innovations in Eastern and Central Africa (Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania)

NUFFIC- Netherlands	Enhancing Capacity for Agricultural Research Training (ECART)
Family Health International (FHI 360)	Gulu University Support for Site Assessments and Evaluations Under Uganda Community Connector – Program Module 3
Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture (RUFORUM)	Transforming Universities to Stimulate Pro-Poor Agri-Enterprise Development in Eastern Africa using Value Chain and the Round Table Approach to Postgraduate Training
Welcome Trust.- United Kingdom	Training Health Researchers into Vocational Excellence
National Institutes of Health (NIH) USA	Medical Education Partnerships Initiative (MEPI)
United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)	Peace and Reconciliation Research Capacity Building Programme
DED-Germany	Community Outreach Peace Project (COPP)
Gross Cultural Foundation of Uganda, CCFU	Pluralism Knowledge Programme (PKP) Project
DelPHE-United Kingdom	Development Partnership for Higher Education (DelPHE) Project
DANIDA-Denmark	Governing Transition in Northern Uganda: Trust and Land. Building Stronger Universities (BSU) project for Strengthening Institutional Research capacity and dissemination
Government of Uganda/ World Bank	Millennium Science Initiative Trypanosome project
University hospital of South Manchester, University of Naples, McMaster University, Canadian Network for Surgery, Peace Corps USA, University of Viena, University of Oklahoma, Kansas University	Medical Education and training

Establishment of a Constituent College and two campuses

Following the Cabinet guidance, Gulu University Council started a Constituent College in located at the former Baala stock form. The Constituent College opened doors to the first cohort of students in 2012/13 academic year. The students who have completed programmes in Midwifery, Public Health, public Administration and Business Administration will be conferred their degrees at the 11th Gulu University graduation ceremony on Saturday 9th January 2016.



Kitgum Campus

Owing to demand from the public for higher education opportunities for the population in the region Gulu University opened a campus at Kitgum town in 2011/12 and has been running programmes in Business studies and accounting, Public administration and Education. Three hundred students study at that campus and the first cohort of Kitgum campus students had their graduation in November 2014

Hoima Campus

On the request of Bunyoro Kitara Kingdom Gulu university signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) leading the University to open a campus at Hoima town to provide opportunity for the population to access higher education from a public institution. The initial programmes offered are in Agriculture and Environment, Computer Science and Information Technology, Business studies, Accounting and Education.

The staffing

The University started with 84 members of staff in 2002/2003 academic year. The staff number grew up as the number of students and new programmes increased. The staff numbers have grown up to 421. (Academic Staff: 241, Non Teaching Staff: 180)

ONGOING DEVELOPMENTS

Gulu University main campus



- Under the African Development Bank loan funding through government, we are constructing the following facilities:
 - Construction and equipping of modern Library
 - Construction and equipping of a Multifunctional Bio-Sciences Research Laboratory
 - Construction and equipping of Agriculture Lecture Block
 - Constructing of a Health Sciences/College Teaching Hospital block in Lira

The Planned infrastructure developments

- Establishment of an Industrial park
- Construction of a Multidimensional Business Centre
- Construction of Faculty of Science lecture block and offices
- Construction of the ICT block to provide Work Space for ICT Staff, dedicated Equipment room at Main campus and the other campuses

High value projects

Agricultural Value Chain Products:

- Gulu University has developed several value chain products from cassava. The project produces ready to eat porridge from cassava flour. The product is ready for commercial production and can be very useful in school feeding programme and disaster management relief supplies. This project will provide market for cassava farmers as suppliers of raw cassava in the region and reduce poverty as per government programme. To this end the University is establishing a cassava processing plant, Research laboratory and Business Incubator under the ADB-V project.
- The University produced several products from Mango seeds such as weight loss or reduction extract, animal feed and carbonated charcoal for treating cases of poisoning and water purification. The commercial production of these items will increase the value of mangos to farmers.
- The University is in the process of acquiring 3,000 hectares of land along the Nile in Alero and another 2,000 hectares in Amuru sub-counties. The university plans to establish commercial Palm Oil plantation and a processing plant under University/Private Partnership arrangement. The project will encourage the local farmers to be out growers. This project will empower the farmers economically and it is also environmentally sustainable.
- The University is negotiating with Uganda Prisons for some land at Luturo in Lamwo District. This is a high altitude zone for commercial growing of tea, grapes, wheat and other horticultural crops. Much of our agricultural research on temperate crops will be conducted in this site

BioTraumaX: (With support from Presidential Science Initiative)

Gulu University was established at a time when there was serious rebel activities operating in the region. Many people were disfigured by rebels of Lord's Resistance Army. We also take note political instability in eastern DRC, South Sudan and many other African countries. The front line soldiers and civilians get traumatized in civil conflicts. There are also increasing road accidents and other congenital deformities that will require specialized treatments to handle such rising cases of deformities. It is against this background that we plan to establish a Biomedical Trauma and Disease Treatment Centre of Excellence (BioTraumaX) at Gulu University. We are collaborating with the University of Cornell and Florida International University in the US to establish the BioTraumaX Centre. The Centre will be self-sustaining as it will be offering highly specialized treatment, attracting patients across Africa and beyond.

The establishment of the Centre may require an initial support under the Presidential Science Initiative. But our American friends are willing to assist us get international funding sources ones the project has started.

OTHER STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

Gulu University acquired 600 acres of land in Purongo at Latoro bordering river Aswa:

- The University is developing a business plan for establishing a 3 or 4-star Hotel with a golf course on the land.
- The University plans to develop a Wildlife Education Centre on this land. We are aware there is Murchison Falls National Park in the region, but we also know that many people, especially the children in the vicinity cannot visit the park. The establishment of Wildlife Education Centre here will help the young people in the region to appreciate wild animals as we attract tourists from other parts of the world.
- Under Public/University/Private partnership engagement, the university has planned to build a Mini Hydropower on River Aswa. It will also help to provide internship training to engineering students.
- We have planned the Scaling out of the Student-Centered Outreach model. This is where a number of actors will be involved in community agricultural training.