

Dear Students,

It is my pleasure to extend a warm welcome to each of you to the of Faculty of Science (FoS). As you embark on your journey from secondary school to university, you are stepping into a world of new opportunities, challenges, and growth. This transition can be both exciting and overwhelming. While you will have the freedom to make choices about your studies, extracurricular activities, and how you manage your time, you will also need to practise self-discipline and be responsible for your actions.

One of the most significant changes you will experience is the academic environment. The programmes at FoS will challenge you to think critically, engage deeply with complex concepts. You will encounter various perspectives and be encouraged to question and explore ideas. It is crucial that you build a network of friends and mentors, participate in group projects, join clubs, and attend events to create lasting connections. Teamwork and collaboration are essential skills that will not only help you succeed academically but also prepare you for your future career.

Your time at the university is an opportunity to grow as an individual, to discover your passions, and to develop resilience. There will be challenges along the way, use them to learn and improve yourself. We are here to support you, don't hesitate to seek help when you need it. Take advantage of the resources available to you: academic advising, counselling services, study groups. Remember, your success here is not just about hard work; it is also about embracing our values of integrity, respect, and teamwork.

Our faculty is committed to excellence, and you will learn from accomplished professors and engage in cutting-edge research. Being in the field of science and mathematics education you are better equipped to lead in technology, healthcare, environmental sustainability, and other critical areas. When finishing your programmes you would be proficient in areas such as biodiversity, blue economy, clean energy, pharmaceuticals, data analytics, artificial intelligence (AI), machine learning, astronomy etc. The integration of AI in various sectors is transforming industries, enhancing efficiency, and generating significant economic value. The blue economy is emerging as a crucial sector, offering new opportunities for sustainable economic growth while preserving ocean health. In fact, you will be the innovators of tomorrow, who will face the challenges, use your expertise in science and mathematics to make informed decisions, contribute to policy development, and address societal challenges. Once again, welcome to the Faculty of Science I look forward to seeing all that you will accomplish.

Warm regards,

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