

UNIVERSITY OF BOTSWANA

VISION

To be a leading centre for academic excellence in Africa and the world

MISSION

The Mission of the University of Botswana is to improve economic and social conditions for the Nation while advancing itself as a distinctively African university with a regional and international outlook.

To achieve its Vision and Mission, the University values the following;

Students, Staff, Academic freedom, Academic integrity, Cultural authenticity, Internationalism, Professional and ethical standards, Social responsibility, Equity, Autonomy, Public accountability, Productivity and Environmental sustainability. Know them and start living them!!

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Welcome 2 UB & BU



2013/2014 ORIENTATION

First Year Experience

THEME: STUDENTS EXPERIENCE: A TRANSITION TO THE FUTURE

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WELCOME AND KNOW YOUR UB!

The University community welcomes all its new students to Mmadikolo. You are assured that you are in the right place. To make sure you attain your goals while studying here, the University's NDP 10, approved by Council on 5th June, 2008, emphasizes key strategic goals to be attained by the year 2016 and beyond. Six priority areas have been identified;

1. Expanding Access and Participation
2. Providing Relevant and High Quality Academic Programmes
3. Strengthening Engagement
4. Intensifying Research Performance
5. Improving the Student Experience
6. Enhancing Human Resources for Excellence in Service Delivery

Specifically, the Division of Student Affairs, is charged with the responsibility of ensuring the University fulfills its Vision and Mission by developing a student-centred, intellectually stimulating environment by promoting the health, social and welfare of the University community through a range of policies and programmes, but also diverse co-curricular activities and experiences. Four areas are implemented across the division;

1. Empowering students for success
2. Innovating & Changing to meet students' needs
3. Re-engineering processes and procedures for effective service delivery
4. Building a positive University image for competitiveness

The division has come up with various strategies of welcoming you our freshmen to the esteemed institution of learning. The following are available specifically for YOU;

1. FYE 101 course: A course offered by the Faculty of Social Science-Social Work Department, to new students and have interesting topics that will equip you to participate in class, take leadership of your learning, refine your career prospects and just the mostly needed details on what support is available for you in the university.
2. Living and Learning community (LLC) programme: the popular LLC programme equips you with extra-curricular skills that will make your life enjoyable at UB. With their slogan: Live, Learn 2 B U, you will be part of a group of

other students who have formed communities, reside together and participate in a number of activities outside the classroom to ensure engagement in meaningful activities that will support their learning. Join the fun as you take your creativity to another level in these students driven activities. Contact your Resident Assistant, Warden in your Block or Department of Student Welfare for more information.

3. Other key initiatives: contacts the Departments of Culture, Sports and Recreation, Careers & Counselling, Health Services, Disability Support, International students, Health & Wellness, HIV/AIDS, Library Services, etc to find out what is of interest to you. There are loads of support services at your disposal JUST FOR YOU.
4. The Department of Student Welfare overseas orientation in liaison with other service providers.

ORIENTATION OBJECTIVES

The aim is to assist new students to;

1. Complete tasks and official requirements for being bonafide students.
2. Have a smooth transition to University life
3. Know and appreciate resources available for them.
4. Know and appreciate university regulations and procedures for an enjoyable learning environment.
5. Be equipped with information that will help them become strategic partners of the university.
6. Remain focused to achieve their goals.

ORIENTATION THEMES

We have had various inspirational themes in the past which are still relevant: 'Our students, our ambassadors' (2009) 'Shaping our Destiny today' (2010), 'Participation: A life empowering tool' (2011) and without fail is another inspiration from our 2012 theme:

"Promoting our UB values" The theme seeks to appreciate the excellent values we have and that they aren't just on paper but we are living them.

O'WEEK PLANS

The Department of Student Welfare and stakeholders have

arranged programs packed with exciting activities that will make a substantial impact in welcoming our new students as they adjust to university life. Check out the 2012 program and other orientation details on the website: <http://www.ub.bw/info.cfm?pid=999>

The Department has Peer Orientators, who are well trained fellow peers who are now in their upper years, thus well versed with the system. These are identified by blue aprons written: "Ask me about Registration" They will say hello and welcome you with a smile and help you to:

1. Settle smoothly
2. Find your way around
3. Assist you with details on the next stages of your registration
4. Feel at home and enjoy a lasting impression

There will be an orientation week which will have different sessions facilitated by different stakeholders, the details are in the programme mentioned above. Some sessions will be re-arranged during the course of the semester and your attendance will be appreciated.

Highlights of the O'week programme:

- Information stalls will be mounted in front of Block 252, to provide essential information to YOU.
- There will also be a Vice Chancellor's Day (shown on the programme) where you will get an opportunity to interact with UB management and listen to an inspirational speeches from staff and students, particularly the Vice Chancellor himself.
- Faculties will offer their orientation sessions too, meant to address questions on your academic settling, programme and course requirements, registration procedures and thus assist with your adjustment. Contact your Faculty for details.

All these sessions are a **NOT-TO-BE-MISSED**, so make all effort to attend. Please invite your parents to attend these sessions, particularly the VC's address.

Our programs are thus made to give YOU a positive and lasting impression!! Welcome & Enjoy your study life!!!