

Pursuit of Global Excellence



Students **Guidebook**

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University Statements

Mission

To generate, disseminate and apply knowledge and skills while sustaining excellence in training, research and community outreach for sustainable development

Vision

A world class university that provides quality education, training, research, science, technology and innovation for socio-economic transformation of society

Philosophy Statement

Pwani University will strive to be creative, dynamic and responsive in providing quality education, training, research, innovation and outreach opportunities for advancement of the individual and society

Core Values

Integrity, Professionalism, Creativity, Inclusivity

Motto

Pursuit of Global Excellence. (Kulenga Ubora wa Kimataifa)

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| List of **Acronyms**

AFP	Administration, Finance and Planning	PU	Pwani University
ASA	Academic and Students Affairs	PUSA	Pwani University Students Association
BPGS	Directorate of Board of Post Graduate Studies	RE	Research and Extension
BUS	Directorate of Board of Undergraduate studies	SASA	School of Agricultural Sciences and Agribusiness
CAF	Curriculum Action Forms	SBE	School of Business and Economics
CAS	Cumulative Average Score	SCU	Students Catering Unit
CATS	Continuous Assessment Tests	SED	School of Education
CCTV	Closed Circuit Television	SEES	School of Earth and Environmental Sciences
CDF	Constituency development Fund	SHA	Social Health Authority
COD	Chair of Department	SHHS	School of Human and Health Sciences
CUE	Universities Standard Guidelines	SHSS	School of Humanities and Social Sciences
DH	Dining Hall	SPAS	School of Pure and Applied Sciences
DISC	Discontinuation	TVET	Directorate of Vocational Educational Training
DOS	Dean of Students	VC	Vice-Chancellor
DVC	Deputy Vice-Chancellor		
FAQs	Frequently Asked Questions		
HELB	Higher Education Loans Board		
PhD	Doctor of Philosophy		

| Message from the **Vice-Chancellor**

Dear Students,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to Pwani University and to extend the collective appreciation of the university community for your decision to join us. We are pleased that you have chosen Pwani University, and we have diligently prepared for your arrival as you commence your studies. As in previous years, we are distributing the Pwani University Students Handbook—an annual publication designed to assist you in acclimating to campus life. This Handbook contains comprehensive guidelines on student-related matters, as well as other general information, which will be valuable during your time here.

Karibuni sana to Pwani University—an institution dedicated to academic growth and development. We welcome you to this community where learning, research, and service are emphasized. As you begin your studies, you will have access to lecture halls, libraries, and opportunities designed to support your educational and professional goals.

At Pwani University, our vision is to be a world-class institution advancing knowledge and holistic education for society's benefit. Guided by our motto, "In Search of Global Excellence – Kulenga Ubora wa Kimataifa," we aim to equip you with skills and values for success both locally and globally.

Our community is built on core values: integrity, professionalism, respect, and inclusivity.

University life will present you with numerous opportunities as well as challenges. You will encounter periods of pressure, uncertainty, and significant personal growth. During such times,

it is helpful to consider the African proverb: "A tree bent while young grows straight and strong." These formative years are integral to your development. Allow these experiences to build your resilience and character. Support is available through the University Counsellor under the Dean of Students' Office, who are committed to assisting you in matters related to mental health, wellness, and personal development. Seeking assistance reflects sound judgment and resourcefulness.

Your growth here extends beyond the classroom—take advantage of opportunities to pursue interests to your build character and create lasting friendships and bonds. I encourage you to join games, sports, fellowships, clubs, and



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VICE-CHANCELLOR

societies, as these will develop your resilience, teamwork, and leadership. Remember to adapt and grow stronger.

Dear students, success is about your growth as a person, not just in your grades. Aim for balance in your mind, body, and spirit. Seek knowledge humbly, be kind in friendships, and pursue your goals with courage. Let your time at Pwani University be one of discovery and transformation.

As you walk these grounds, remember Plutarch's words: "The mind is not a vessel to be filled but a fire to be ignited." Let curiosity guide your studies and your growth here will benefit not only yourself but also your family, community, and the world.

Welcome once again to Pwani University—your new home during these formative years of study. I wish you great success, joy, and fulfilment in every step of your academic and personal journey.

Prof. James Kahindi

Vice-Chancellor, Pwani University





| **Brief** about Pwani University

Pwani University was first established as a constituent college of Kenyatta University on 23rd August, 2007 through a Presidential order. The order elevated the former Kilifi Institute of Agriculture to a University College. It received its first cohort of 200 students on the 29th October, 2007 and on 2nd November, 2007, the then President, His Excellency Mwai Kibaki, officially opened the College.

On the 31st January, 2013, Pwani University was awarded its charter and became a full-fledged university. At the time of elevation, the institution had about 4,000 students taking various programs. The University occupies a land area of about 600 acres.

The first graduation ceremony was held in 2010 for the group of students admitted to pursue various Diploma

and Certificate courses. The first cohort admitted in the university in 2007, graduated in December 2011. Pwani University graduated its first master's degree students in 2014 and in 3rd graduation, 2015 had its first PhD student graduate.

The Structure of the University

The University has three (3) major divisions headed by Deputy Vice Chancellors. These are:

- Academic and Students Affairs
- Administration, Finance and Planning
- Research and Extension

The Division of the Academic and Students Affairs regulates academic matters in the schools and their departments or sections.

The schools are headed by Deans and departments or section headed by

Chairpersons. Currently there are seven schools as shown:

- i) School of Agricultural Sciences and Agribusiness (SASA)
- ii) School of Environmental and Earth Sciences (SEES)
- iii) School of Education, (SED)
- iv) School of Business and Economics, SBE)
- v) School of Pure and Applied Sciences, (SPAS)
- vi) School of Humanities and Social Sciences, (SHSS)
- vii) School of Human and Health Sciences (SHHS)

The schools run the university academic programmes ranging from Certificate to PhDs. To support the schools, to manage the programmes are three (3) directorates. These are:

- (i) Directorate of Board of Undergraduate studies (BUS)
- (ii) Directorate of Vocational Educational Training (TVET)
- (iii) Directorate of Board of Post Graduate Studies (BPGS)

School of Agricultural Sciences and Agribusiness

This school has two (2) Departments: -

- i) Department of Animal Sciences (DAS)
- ii) Department of Crop Sciences (DCS)

School of Education

This School has four (4) Departments: -

- i) Department of Curriculum Instruction and Education Technology (CIET)
- ii) Department of Educational Psychology and Special Needs (EPSN)
- iii) Department of Educational Foundation and Policy Studies (EFPS)
- iv) Department of Educational Administration, Economics and Planning (EAEP)

School of Environmental and Earth Sciences (SEES)

This School has two (2) Departments: -

- i) Department of Community Development
- ii) Department of Environmental Sciences

School of Business and Economics

This school has two (2) departments

- i) Department of Hospitality and Tourism Management (HTM),
- ii) Department of Business Management and Economics (DBME).

School of Humanities and Social Sciences

This School has three (3) departments: -

- i) Department of Social Sciences (DSS)
- ii) Department of Literature, Languages & Linguistics (LLL)
- iii) Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies (PRS)

School of Human and Health Sciences

This School has four (4) departments: -

- i) Department of Nursing
- ii) Department of Foods, Nutrition and

Dietetics

- iii) Department of Public Health
- iv) Department of Anatomy and Physiology

School of Pure and Applied Sciences

This School has four (4) departments: –

- i) Department of Mathematics and Computer Science (DMCS)
- ii) Department of Biological Sciences (DBS)
- iii) Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry (DCB)
- iv) Department of Physics and Sustainable Technology (PST)

The departments administer the various programmes currently taught in the University.

The Academic Division also oversees matters of students' welfare, a department headed by the Dean of Students. This department offers a wide range of services to support students as they undertake their studies. The main goal of this service is to facilitate a student-centered and conducive

learning environment, reflecting the university's vision, mission and objectives. This includes accommodation issues, entertainment, sports, cultural activities, career advisory and placement advisement.

The Administration, Finance and Planning (AF&P) division handles all matters pertaining to the day-to-day running of the university, financial matters and ensuring the institution is on the right track in terms of planning for the future. The Research and Extension (R&E) Division takes care of the other core mandate strategic activities of the University: To undertake research and collaboration with other relevant institutions in areas of academic interests for the sake of improving knowledge and service to the Community.

Key Arms of the University

- i) The University Council: Headed by a Chairperson appointed by the Cabinet Secretary in-charge of Education

- ii) The Senate: Chaired by the Vice-Chancellor of the University
- iii) The Management Board: Chaired by the Vice-Chancellor of the University

These entities have powers to create Committees and Boards to facilitate the day-to-day management of the University and its affairs.

Some of the Key Documents guiding operations of the University are:

- i) The Universities Act 2012; Universities Act 2016
- ii) The University Charter
- iii) The University Statutes
- iv) The University Master Plan
- v) The University Service Charter
- vi) Examination Policy
- vii) University Strategic Plan 2014–2024
- viii) Public Finance Management Act 2012
- ix) CUE – Universities Standard Guidelines
- x) PUSA Constitution

Joining Pwani University

Students admitted to the university go through a registration process as the first activity to become bona fide students of PU. This may be done online or in a temporary registration centre normally set up for this activity. The exercise in most cases continues for about two weeks. Alongside the registration, the new students undergo an orientation process. The office of the Registrar Academics and Students Affairs, in conjunction with the Dean of Students, manages the orientation programme.

Things you need to do to complete registration:

- a. **Fees:** Pay your fees through the eCitizen Platform and log in your student portal to update your status.
- b. **Uploading documents:** Ensure you have uploaded all required documents and passport photos.
- c. **Course Selection:** Select appropriate courses/ subjects on offer for your respective course

on the specific semester. You will be issued with Curriculum Action Forms (CAF's) to guide you. However, check with your COD and /or refer to University Prospectus / or PU Website for more details.

- d. **Course registration:** Ensure you have correctly registered the Courses you are expected to take. Normally there is a maximum of eight (8) courses per semester and a minimum of five (5) unless advised according to the program you are undertaking.
- e. **Interschool transfer:** If you change your mind about the program admitted into, check for instructions on how to make an inter/intra school transfer.
- f. **Digital readiness:** Ensure you have a computer or a smartphone to enable you to participate in digital learning environment
- g. **Location and contacts of Dean/ CODs:** Identify and get location contacts the COD of your respective Department or Dean of your School.

NOTE: After registration, you will be issued with a Student identification Card (ID). Always carry your student ID, and when lost, please report to security for your safety.. This card will be required any time you seek services which you are entitled to as a student of PU. Never share your identification card with another student. This shall constitute a serious offence which may attract a disciplinary action against you.

After registration, ensure you:

- Copy and review your timetable to ensure all is right. Plan your time well to follow the teaching.
- For face to face sessions find and locate the various lecture halls and classes where you will be taking your lectures.
- Get yourself a suitable accommodation either on-campus or off-campus and settle down. For your own comfort and convenience, you may need:
 - a. Mosquito net
 - b. Umbrella

- c. Clothes hangers
- d. Laundry supplies (pegs, pails, basins, soap dish etc)
- e. Stationery (books, pens, pencils, ruler, foolscaps)
- f. Computer/Laptop/Phone.
- g. Beddings/towel (Blankets/ Duvets/Bed sheets/Pillows/ Toiletries.
- h. Notebook for orientation.
- i. Personal Calendar.
- j. Clothes for all weather.

Adjusting to the New Life at the University

Learn; don't necessarily copy other peoples' way of doing things. Therefore, keep an open mind for you to learn, but make independent decisions.

Connect with fellow students: One way you can quickly adjust and cope well with life here is by being ready to face diversity and to learn to live with new people. Engage them in discussions on issues pertaining to sleeping habits, music tastes, friends, alcohol (and other drugs including cigarette smoking).

Getting new friends: Feel free to introduce yourself and interact with fellow students you meet during lectures, in your hostels, or at places of prayer and worship. Building friendships and networks early will make your university experience more enjoyable.

Participation in co-curricular activities:

It is also advisable to take part in clubs, organizations, and other co-curricular activities. These opportunities not only help you settle into the university system faster but also prevent boredom and expand your skills and interests.

Shared accommodation: Negotiate on room organization, cleaning duties, reading, entertainment, among other dynamics of social interactions, while equally respecting their personal space.

Contact janitors and housekeepers for support: Please contact the respective housekeepers, janitors and/or Caretakers for assistance; Each Hostel off-campus has a caretaker. Just let them know in case there is something disturbing you.

Ensure you have contacts in case of emergencies. Note that you can also call the Dean of Students in case these parties cannot sort out your issue.

Make your health a priority: always, remember to safeguard your health. Take the right precautions to protect yourself from contagious diseases, just as we learned to do during the COVID-19 outbreak. Seek urgent medical attention when you are not feeling well. Keep in touch with your parent and guardians at such times.

Make wise decisions: As you begin your journey at the University, you will often be required to make important decisions on your own for the very first time. It is essential that you familiarize yourself with the University rules and regulations to avoid falling into unnecessary challenges. Whether as a student or in your future endeavours, strive to make wise choices about the activities you engage in and how you manage your studies. Always follow all rules to the letter.

Your decisions matter: Plan carefully how you spend your time and the company you keep. Be mindful of decisions such as consuming alcohol like *"mnazi"* in *"mangwes"*, chewing *muguka/miraa*, swimming in the open sea, or going out to clubs for fun. Every choice carries consequences, so think ahead and choose what will build you, not break you.

High Risks of Swimming Open Sea

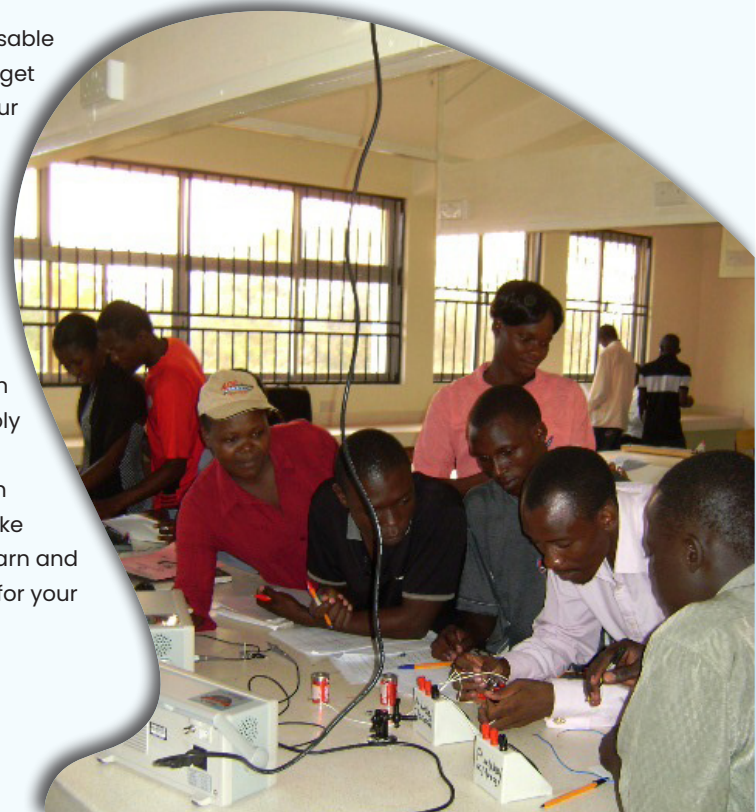
Due to its proximity to the Indian Ocean, Kilifi town and Pwani University environs the Indian Ocean offers a unique scenic reminiscent of the famous "tropical Paradise" hence it is a very popular tourist destination in Kenya. There are beautiful beach lines for those who want to relax and enjoy the sea breeze. However, it is important to note that the beach lines can be risky for swimming. The seabed is dotted with steep cliffs and abruptly experiences some strong under water currents. The water depth changes drastically with the movement of tides. Students are advised to desist from the

swimming excitement. Deep underwater caves make swimming in Kilifi beaches a risky affair.

You are cautioned that it is quite risky to swim along the beaches of Kilifi

Peaceful co-existence

As a PU student, it's advisable to with an open mind to get maximum benefits in your career and social life. You will meet people from different cultures, ethnic backgrounds, religious backgrounds, and people with diverse beliefs and values. You should maintain an open mind to co-exist amicably and peacefully without losing your own values in such circumstances. Make use of this diversity to learn and do as much as you can for your academics.



Office of the **Dean of Students** (DOS) |

The DOS office is entrusted with the responsibility of taking care of student's affairs and addressing their concerns related to the welfare. The DOS office will support students to settle down in their new life, provide accommodation services, provide guidance and counseling, provide guidelines to conduct students' sports, games, entertainments and general career and life mentorship. We firmly believe that a University is a place where faculty and students share academic goals and aspirations freely. In addition, that working together strengthens the teaching and learning process. In this noble idea then the DOS office commits to-

- Excellence in service delivery
- Integrity and Honesty
- Caring for the well-being of members of the University community

As we co-exist we believe that the theme of "Do No Harm to others" is a non-

negotiable value. It is therefore important that an accurate self-understanding becomes your foundation for empathy, compassion and understanding to others. This will lead us to be socially and ethically responsible in our stay as Pwani University community members.

Accommodation

The University has limited space for accommodation. Only a few students can find on-campus accommodation. In most cases, this is reserved for students sponsored by the government (KUCCPS) and joining the university for the first time (Fresher's). Students who miss on-campus accommodation and the Self-sponsored students may have to seek off-campus accommodation. The office of the Dean of Students maintains a register of potential accommodation places within Kilifi Town. Most of these Hostels are available around Kilifi town i.e. "Kibaoni", "Charo wa Mae" and "kwa

Mwango" market Centres.

Make sure you get affordable accommodation in a safe and accessible place that will not inconvenience your movement in and out of campus.

However, note that all students are free to choose to live on- or off-campus. But take precaution of the COVID19 challenge. Contact the DOS in case you have difficulties in locating hostels for accommodation or situations where you have challenges with your place of accommodation.

Catering Services and Shopping

Dining Services for students are available in the main dining hall. Here you are expected to pay for the food at a cashier's desk before you are served. The cashier will then issue you with a receipt, which you show at the counter to get your food. The Students Catering Unit (SCU) provides all the utensils (plates, spoons and cups). Food and all

cutlery should not be removed out of the dining hall. Service in this DH is through the Cafeteria system and students are expected to line-up to get their meals. *Queue jumping violates other people's rights and cannot be tolerated.*

Take note of the times for serving meals, which are provided by the SCU. Menu for meals is posted at the entrance of the DH and on the inside walls. The SCU offices are currently situated near Hostel 4. This Dining Hall (DH) is not restricted to any student whether resident or non-resident. It is against our Public Health policy to eat your meals outside the DH or take meals to the hostels.

Alternative Dining Areas

Students are free to take their meals elsewhere other than the SCU Dining Hall. The students Union (PUSA) also rents out facilities for students to operate canteens where snacks and other light foods are served. Outside the main gate are a number of food Kiosks and hotels. However, you may need to be cautious with food served in these places because

quality and safety is not assured.

There are several places where you can do your shopping. These include: Kibaoni/Charo wa mae area: The shopping centre outside the campus at Gate C; it is also a residential area for many people including some students. It has a lot to offer including: – household items, Stationery, Foods (cooked and those for cooking) on sale – You can get all needs there. There are also butcheries, restaurants and pubs, salons and barbershops (Kinyozi). Dressmaking, tailoring, shoe and bag mending and computer services are also available at Kibaoni.

Tuck-shops: There are two tuck-shops located in the student's common room near hostels and another one in Hostel six, serve your basic needs like food stuff, toiletries etc.

Naivas Supermarket: It's approximately 500m from the University gate. As you come from Mombasa, it is located immediately after the Kilifi Bridge. It is therefore accessible by foot from the University. You can also use Boda Boda

or tuk tuk to reach the shopping mall. It is currently the largest shopping outlet which offers a wide range of products. There are other small supermarkets at the town centre.

Open Air Markets: There is an open market at the "Charo wa Mae" trading centre for groceries and old wares (mitumba). This market is very active on Fridays. Also, about one (1) km on the way to Malindi i.e. "Koroshoni" (former Cashew nut factory) there is a weekly open market of a wide range of household items. It is open on Saturdays only.

Oloiptip Market and Kilifi Stage: This is another shopping centre with groceries and other household inputs. It is at the main Kilifi stage (Town Centre). This place offers book shops, electronics stores, clothing malls etc.

Next to this Main stage are the County Government offices, the General Post Office, Kilifi referral Hospital, Police station and Aga Khan Hospital- Kilifi.



| Finance Matters

Financial Aid and Bursaries

Limited opportunities for financial support exist through the Dean of Students office. The office tries as much as possible to link needy students with potential donors. If you have an idea of a potential donor(s) please see the DOS for support/ recommendations.

The University shall normally communicate through its official channels the availability of internal bursaries or scholarships to students. Such financial aids if available are disbursed in accordance to the bursary allocation guidelines. Students are encouraged to try as much as possible to explore other sources of funding for their studies. The Constituency development Fund (CDF) and County/Ward Bursary are some of the options. Those eligible should apply for HELB loans. Please consult the DOS for further advice.

NOTE: Needy students should register with the DOS immediately they join the university.

How do I keep my Finances Safe?

It is always wise to have an account where you can keep your finances to avoid mismanagement or losses. Some students may already be having bank accounts. Those without bank accounts may open them right here in Kilifi in the following banks: -

- Equity Bank: Located at Kilifi Town opposite Barclays Bank and has an ATM at the entrance.
- Cooperative Bank: Located along Hospital road at Kilifi Town has ATMs.
- Imarika Sacco close to COOP Bank.



- ABSA Bank: Located opposite the Equity Bank and has ATM at the premise
- Post Bank and Imperial Bank: These two are located next to each other at the Kilifi Shopping Arcade.
- KCB: Located opposite Cooperative Bank. It has an ATM within the university.
- National Bank: Located next to Kilifi Shopping Arcade.
- Diamond Trust Bank: Located next to Naivas Supermarket.

Always be careful how you handle your money and you are advised never to leave your money in your room, no matter how safe you think it is.

NB: Do not take loans on 'Fuliza' because this will endanger your financial health, including that of your family.

Beware of Conmen!

Any official transactions concerning University fees should be done directly from the bank. The banks will inform the University on your transaction. You should keep your Bank slips as proof of payment. The University normally update your

status within 24hrs. Check your portal to confirm. Avoid any intermediaries in your transactions. The risk is high when freshers are reporting and at the end of each semester.

Fees

All first years are expected to have received their fee structures attached to their admission letters. Your fee balance will always be shown in your fee statement, which can be accessed through the student portal in the University Website. Get the necessary information to start operating your account.

Any changes in the fees will be communicated by the Finance division through various ways such as circulars, letters and through PU student emails.

Transport

Cars on Campus

A student with a motor vehicle within university premises should get a written permission from the administration on condition that he/she provides the required documents. Vehicles are parked at the owners' risk.

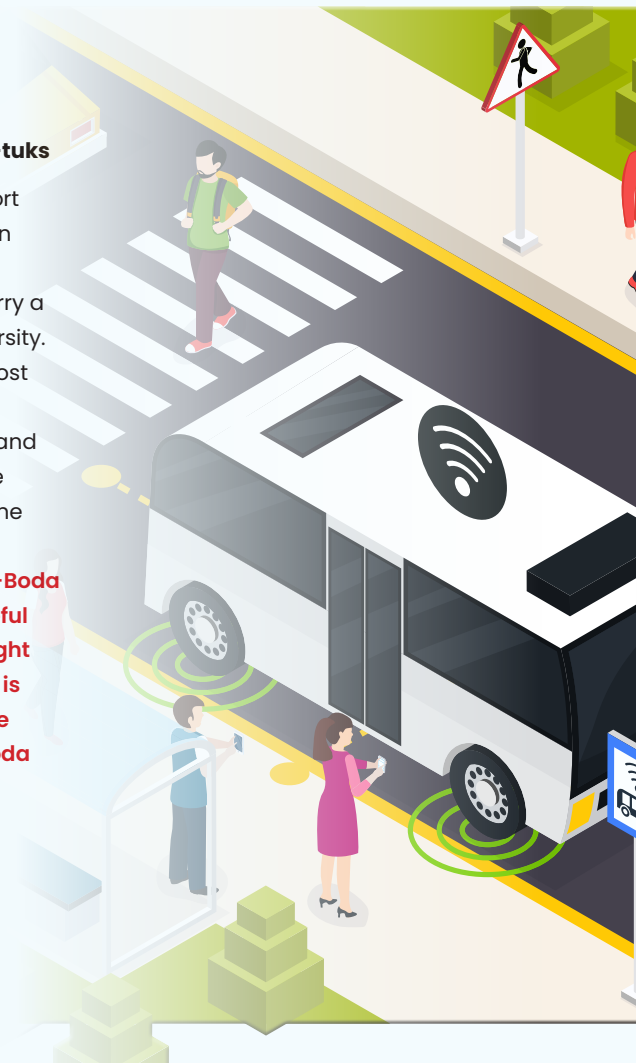
Bicycles

This is one of the means of transport to the University particularly for students staying far. However, those riding bicycles should observe rules and rights of other pedestrians. The University currently does not have Bicycle Park or areas designated for bicycle parking. There is no provision for security even where parks are provided. Students riding bicycles should ride carefully not to cause accidents. In addition, they should park them in places that are not near entrances to avoid inconveniencing other road users.

Motor cycles, Boda-Boda and Tuk-tuks

This is a common means of transport around Kilifi. They are allowed only in some areas within the campus. You can use them when you have to carry a bulk luggage to and from the University. However, you are cautioned that most riders are not trained and some are completely ignorant of traffic rules and regulations. As such, they can make some irrational decisions while on the road.

Note that most tuk-tuks and Boda-Boda are not licensed or insured. Be careful when using them particularly at night because the conduct of the drivers is unpredictable. Be sure to record the registration plate number of the boda boda.





Health & Medical Matters |

Kilifi and the Coastal region where Pwani University is located is a zone with high incidences of Malaria. Avoid exposing yourself to mosquito bites. Ensure that you sleep under a treated mosquito net. Staying late in the night outside e.g. flower gardens or in “mangwes” puts you at high risk.

Ensure the conditions around your room do not encourage breeding of mosquitoes.

Consult the Students Health facility or the Dean of Students’ office for any “special” or pre-existing medical issue/conditions as you join the University.

All students are advised to register with SHA or take a Medical Cover in case of need for hospitalization.

Medical Attention while on Campus

The PU students Health facility is accessible 24 hours to provide medical services and preventive programs for students (medical fees are paid-up alongside tuition fees). You need to produce your student I.D. and proof of completion of paying the required fees in order to receive services at the Health Unit.

The Students’ Health facility offers services such as routine medical and injury care, physical examinations/health Courses, laboratory services, physical therapy and a full-service pharmacy. It has a Laboratory from where medical examinations can be carried out to facilitate quick diagnosis.

The pharmacy is stocked with essential drugs for curative and emergency conditions. In addition, students and staff can get counselling and family planning advice from this facility. Students feeling unwell should visit the health unit. In case of severe cases or emergencies, inform the Hostel janitor to organize to get sick student to the health unit.

The PU Health Unit also has an Ambulance used to handle emergencies within the university. If a student falls sick in any part of the university and cannot walk to the health unit, he/she can contact the nearest security officer or the Dean of Students. For those residing in the hostels and, for all night cases students can contact the Janitors or the security Guard on night duty to assist. Cases which the university health unit cannot handle are normally referred to the Kilifi County Referral Hospital or Coast Referral and General Hospital- Mombasa or any other relevant health facility.

Dentistry/Optical & Dermatological Attention

Dental and optical services are not offered at the PU Health Unit. Students who may need such services will be required to make their own private arrangements to access them. Such services are mostly available in Mombasa; however, some are available in Kilifi.

Aids Control Unit

The University has an HIV/AIDS unit. It provides HIV/AIDS Counselling, testing, and post-testing services.

This unit has a fulltime employee who is also a counselor. Students can get free advice on general matters about HIV/ AIDS anytime within working hours. The unit works closely with students' Peer Educators on matters of behavior change, communication and other issues related to HIV/AIDS.

It has an advisory service to support PLWA, prevention of Mother-Child transmission and matters of male

circumcision. Feel free to interact with the officer in charge to know more about HIV/AIDS. General Guidance and Counselling services are also available.

Career Guidance & Counselling Services |

Pwani University students are encouraged to reach out for counseling services when undergoing psychological, social or academic issues

and challenges.

Counseling services are both preventive and curative and are offered for individual, family and groups settings.

Some of the issues for which students may seek counseling include but are not limited to; fear, anxiety, stress, anger management, depression, addictions, relationships, loss and grief, family concerns, unplanned motherhood and fatherhood, loneliness, suicidal ideation/thoughts and varied life decisions.

Any serious challenge that affects a student's academics and threatens to derail the goal of graduating at the top calls for urgent attention in counseling.

Counseling services includes mentorship programs for students being cognizant of the fact that most of our students are in their 'critical

twenties' and need help in the maturing process to become wholesome productive adults.

Counseling services provide skills training in areas of need such as self-awareness, stress management, social skills and self-esteem and study skills among others, to help with self-management.

Pwani University has a Career Services Office to assist you in all matters pertaining to your career. The office is in charge of programs such as career orientation, work based-learning, incubation and innovation, employment information and linking students with industries for internship, attachments and mentorship.

We invite you to reach out and book sessions as your need arises

You can also reach us through calls, SMS or WhatsApp on

Mobile No. 0721839327 or

via our **e-mail address:** counseling@pu.ac.ke



Mails & Communication

In-coming Mail

In-coming mail for students are received at the University registry then sent to the DOS office. At the DOS the mails are delivered at the mail desk where students can pick them. For ease of accessing your mails please ask those sending the mails to include your admission and mobile phone number. The officer in-charge will call you to pick your mail.

Mail can be sent through the Kilifi Post offices situated along Hospital road in Kilifi Town. With new developments on communication, students are encouraged to open email accounts and make use of them for communications.

Communication to Students

Communication to students is majorly through the Notice Boards and the PU website. Such notice boards are fitted in strategic points within the University. The University has also secured some of

them. Some of the locked notice boards include the ones located the Library, main admin office etc. The University also compliments this with other modes of communication including use of the PU website, emails, bulk SMS and sometimes the social media.

Newspapers and Newsletters

The local daily newspapers are provided at the University library. Please visit the library every day to access the local daily newspapers.

Accessing On-line library materials

The library maintains a variety of on-line reference materials and journals. If you have a laptop, tablet computer, or smart phone you can access them on-line in any of the many hotspots in the tuition blocks. They include books, newsletters journals etc.

The university also publishes a newsletter "The Campus Bullet-In" biannually. This



newsletter is free to students and members of staff.

Reading Areas

The University has provided several outdoor places for reading; They include, Reading Sheds strategically spread across the compound. They are fitted with seats and a flat board for writing. Students can read here or conduct group discussions.

Library

Within the library there is space for reading. Here you have to maintain silence. It may not be conducive to hold discussions here. Reading tables: Reading tables and chairs have been placed along the corridors adjacent to the tuition blocks. Each table has 4-6 chairs. Students can hold discussions here or do their assignments.



Clubs & Societies

Pwani University has many clubs, organizations and societies registered officially under the Dean of Student's Office. Membership in the academic community accords students' certain freedoms and responsibilities. There are different categories of clubs and societies based on Academic, departmental, media, music/performing, arts, recreational, religious and other special interests. Some of them include: -

- Environmental science Club,
- Animal Science Club
- Red Cross Society,
- Geography society
- Christian Union,
- Muslim Association,
- Chama cha Kiswahili
- Catholic Students Association
- SDA
- PACE
- Psychology Students Association
- Integrity Club
- Jasiri-Kenya Scouts Association

- Ajira Digital Club

In these clubs and societies, you will have an opportunity to develop skills in teamwork, conflict management, budgeting, planning and leadership among other skills. At Ajira digital, you can even learn to make money online.

The clubs and societies on campus should reflect the values and attitudes of our academic community. As a community of Pwani University, our clubs and societies need to adhere to the mission of the University and its supporting by-laws, statutes, and policies. Therefore, all student groups are expected to be familiar with and conduct themselves in accordance with the "Student Code of Conduct". For purposes of order and smooth operation of Clubs and Societies, it is expected that each of these organizations will develop and maintain a list of its students, the group's constitution and bylaws.

Above that, the clubs and Societies

should have an advisor/Patron who is a PU faculty or staff member

NOTE: The University discourages clubs/ association/ groups founded on Ethnic grounds. Such groupings will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the University.

Why get involved in Clubs / Organizations?

Participation in Clubs and societies has a wide range of benefits. You get to know more from others and you may have an opportunity to be exposed to new ideas in life. In particular, clubs and societies may: -

- Help you to meet people and make friends.
- Help you meet and associate with people in the corporate world and thus establish contacts that may get you employed.
- Help you develop friendships that may provide support during difficult

times.

- Give you a chance to contribute/ work with the community (e.g. through community service) which provides a sense of purpose.
- Skills learned in these clubs / organizations and experiences are important to you in your future employment and career. Remember some employers are keen on the role you play in assisting the society.
- You get opportunities to build your leadership skills.

How Can I find out about Clubs and Organizations?

You can check from the Dean of Students Affairs Office or through PUSA offices.

Leaders of the clubs and societies will decide for recruitment of new members in the beginning of the academic year.

Choose which club /society to join.

Note that some clubs have regular and specific dates and times of meetings while others do not, so it is your duty to be on the lookout.

However, do not join too many clubs as this can eat into your time for studies

Manage time to avoid Stress

Lack of time management will be a major cause of stress while you go through your studies if you are not careful. It is good to plan your time well by: -

Setting priorities: Know what needs to be done before another, sorting out major tasks from minor ones, urgent and non-urgent and long-term from short-term goals

Forward Planning:

It is not about being too rigid; it is about budgeting your time and knowing clearly what you would like to do at a particular time. It saves you from confusion.

Avoid procrastination:

Always do what you should at that time, never push it ahead or postpone in that way you avoid accumulating too much work. Just plan and concentrate but take breaks as necessary.

Other important problem-solving skills you may need:

1. First identify the problem you have
2. Identify the priorities and goals
3. Identify the possible solutions
4. Consider each solution vis-a-vis your priorities and goals
5. Choose the best option and plan to implement your solution

What may not be an infective way to handle your problems?

- Smoking
- Alcohol consumption
- Taking drugs
- Unhealthy diets
- Overworking
- Negative thoughts

| General **Code of Conduct**

Pwani University is committed to providing and maintaining a peaceful and conducive environment for all members of the community. All students have a responsibility to ensure that this is not violated. Students are reminded to abide by the rules and regulations as provided in PU 6 form, which all students sign before joining the university. The rules and regulations can be availed to you on request by the DOS. This handbook has some of the rules and regulations particularly those dealing with Examinations and on-campus accommodation.

NOTE: that we are all governed by the Kenyan State Laws. Any offenses that contravene the laws of the land will mean that such an offender shall be subjected to the state law over and above the Pwani University rules and regulations.

Motor Vehicle

A student shall not keep a motor vehicle on University Premises without written permission from the Registrar. Such permission will not be given without proof of a current driving license, a valid road tax license and a current certificate of insurance. Such permission may be refused or withdrawn without assigning any reason thereof.

Responsibility of University property

- (i) A student or group of students will be held responsible for any damage to University property resulting from misuse or willful destruction of such property by the student or group of students.
- (ii) Any student involved in willful destruction of university property and/ or engaged in arsonist acts will be expelled.



Academic Responsibility

Attendance of lecturers, tutorials, seminars, practical's and other scheduled courses of instruction are compulsory. The Dean of relevant School must authorize non-attendance due to illness or other good cause.

Noise and Disturbance

- i) Any student found misbehaving in the hostel shall be referred to the University security office for further action and appropriate action taken as per the rules of the university.
- ii) All forms of noise or disturbances will not be tolerated in the campus. Noise by playing loud music in or near tuition blocks, offices and hostels is strictly prohibited.
- iii) It shall be an offence against University regulations to create unreasonable noise or behave in an unruly or rowdy manner to the disturbance or annoyance of other occupants of University premises.

Loss of or Damage to Student's property

- i) The University disclaims all responsibility for losses of or damage to student's property while on University premises.

Fire Fighting Appliances and other facilities

- i. All students must ensure that there is no wastage of electricity, water and other facilities provided. Lights and fans in classrooms must be switched off if not in use.
- ii. It shall be a serious offence against University regulations to interfere with, damage or remove, other than for firefighting purposes, any firefighting appliances.
- iii. Conducting any form of commercial business and use of electrical heating appliances/ cooking in the hostel rooms is strictly prohibited

Procession and demonstration

- i) It shall be a serious offence for any student or group of students whilst within the University to convene,

organize, participate or in any way be involved in any demonstrations, gathering or processions or in any unauthorized ceremonies, gatherings or demonstrations for which permission has not been obtained from the University or Government authorities.

- ii) It shall be a serious offence for any student or group of students to organize or participate in pickets or in any manner prevent any student or member of staff from performing their normal duties.

Drunkenness/Fighting

- i) Pwani University compound is an Alcohol and Drug free zone. Drunkenness and disturbances of other students because of drunkenness will constitute a serious offence.
- ii) It is an offence to attend lecturers, practical's or any University function while drunk/under the influence of drugs/narcotic substances.
- iii) Fighting amongst students or staff



of Pwani University in the University sanctioned activity is prohibited.

Drug-Taking and Possession of drugs

- i) It is a serious offence against University regulations to be in possession of or take drugs as a student of this University within its precincts.
- ii) Storage of alcoholic drinks/ drugs/narcotics in the hostels or compound is strictly prohibited.

Weapons, Pornography and Extremism

- i) Being in possession of dangerous weapons such as firearms, pangas etc. or any explosive materials within the University is a serious crime leading to automatic expulsion.
- ii) Production and /or circulation of pornographic material, gun running, money laundering and other cyber-crimes will lead to expulsion from the University
- iii) It is a serious offence to use the internet or platforms of the internet and social media to attack, deface

or malign the character and integrity of another student or staff of the University.

- iv) It is against these rules for any student to engage, support or facilitate acts and actions associated with Violent Extremism against other students or faith-based groups of the University.

Correspondence

- i) Correspondence to the press or other mass media by members of the University in their individual capacity, individual students or officials of the students' organization and other students should bear their individual names and their private addresses.
- ii) No student shall make any public statement on behalf of the union or other societies on matters affecting the University without special authority from the Vice Chancellor.
- iii) Correspondence by individual students or by officials of the Students' Organizations

(including students' societies) to representatives of foreign governments, or other sponsoring bodies, shall be sent through the office of the Dean of Students, who will forward as appropriate.

- iv) Invitation to Government Ministries, representatives of foreign governments or other important persons to visit the University in their official capacity shall be notified to the University authorities in good time.

| On-Campus Accommodation Services

Room Allocation and Clearance

- i) No student is forced to occupy the university's rental accommodation. An application for on-campus accommodation is neither a guarantee for offer of the space applied for nor any space at all.
- ii) The process of this application will be based on
 - First come first served basis
 - Availability of spaces
 - by a draw when the first two methods cannot be applied (lottery basis)
- iii) Once allocated a room, the student will not be allowed to transfer or exchange except on medical or such other approved special grounds.
- iv) No refund will be given after payment. Any overpaid money will be carried forward or transferred to tuition.

- v) Students shall be expected to share rooms, in addition to other facilities of common use e.g. wardrobes and reading tables. Those who refuse to share common facilities will lose their residence for the rest of their stay in the University
- vi) Every student is expected to sign an inventory form accepting responsibility of the condition of the room on allocation.
- vii) Students should clear from the hostel by signing out with the housekeeper at the end of the semester. A student who fails to clear and leaves their room locked will be surcharged Kshs.3500/= to cover opportunity costs. In addition, the room will be broken into to access the facility and any extra expenses incurred will be charged to the student.

Selling and Buying of Rooms

Students involved in buying and selling of rooms will be fined and expelled from the room immediately. They will not be allocated a room whatsoever in the University for the duration of their study.

Use of the Facilities in the Rooms

- i) Misuse and destruction of property in the hostels by a student or a group of students will constitute a serious offence, and the students or group of students involved in such an act will be charged for any damage caused.
- ii) Students will be responsible for the security of their property. The University will not be held responsible for the loss or damage to students' property while in the halls of residence. Students are supposed to lock their rooms at all times and carry the key with them while on session.

- iii) Cooking is not allowed in the rooms. It is not only risky to students but also to University property. Any losses or breakages will be surcharged accordingly and the students will be expelled from the hostels.
- iv) Removal of furniture and equipment from students' rooms or any other part of the hostel, without permission from the Accommodation office is forbidden, those found will be surcharged accordingly.
- v) It is a serious offence for any student whilst in residence to organize or participate in any demonstrations or ceremonies/ parties for which permission has not been granted.
- vi) There should be no undue noise in students' rooms and common rooms at any time as it disturbs students who study in their rooms. Students disturbed in this way either by their roommates or those in the neighboring rooms have the right to report the disturbances to the Housekeeper or the Janitor on duty immediately for appropriate action.

Causing of continuous disturbance will lead to loss of one's residence for the rest of one's stay in the University.

- vii) Being in possession of drugs such as alcohol, cocaine, bhang, or any illegal or banned drugs will not be allowed in the hostels. Anyone found will be expelled from the hostels.
- viii) Drunkenness, unruly or rowdy behavior within the halls of residence shall be considered an offence. Those charged with the offence of disturbing the peace in the halls will face loss of residence for the rest of the academic year.
- ix) Drinking in the halls of residence or common rooms is an offence. Those found doing this will lose their rooms for one

academic year.

- x) Drug abuse is a serious violation of the University rules and persons found to be engaged in such conduct are a danger to the rest



- i) of the student community and will face loss of residence for the rest of their stay in the University
- xi) Threats, incitements, insults and fights are an offence. Those found guilty will lose their rooms for the rest of their stay in the University.
- xii) No stickers or campaign posters should be placed on the walls of halls of residence and writing in the walls. Costs of removing the same will be charged to the student concerned.
- xiii) Involvement in pornography, prostitution activities, gun running, money laundering and other cybercrimes will lead to expulsion from the hostels.
- xiv) Involvement in business activities focusing on profit gain such as photocopying shop, scanning, lamination, saloon, barber shop will lead to expulsion from the hostels.
- xv) The Accommodation Services staffs have the right to carry out unannounced room inspection periodically.

- xvi) Non-resident students are not allowed to use the university hostel facilities like washing clothes, Ironing and bathing. Those found misusing the facilities these will be surcharged.

Visitors to the Rooms and Cohabiting

- i) Male Visitors to the lady's hostel will be permitted between the hours of 10.00am to 10.00pm and the vice versa. Those found violating these rules will lose their residence for one academic year.
- ii) Visitors are NOT allowed in the rooms overnight. Disciplinary action will include loss of residence for the rest of one's stay in the University.
- iii) Cohabiting is unethical and it is prohibited. Those found practicing it will be expelled from the hostel.

Theft Cases

- i) Any student found guilty of theft will face immediate expulsion from the hostels as well as suspension from the University pending determination

of the case by the Senate Students Disciplinary Committee.

- ii) Proven cases of theft will lead to non-allocation of hostel space in future.
- iii) All theft cases will be dealt with according to the Rules and Regulations governing student conduct as well as according to the Law of the Land. Report all theft cases to Security Services rather than taking the law into your hands.

Disciplinary Procedures relating to Hostel Accommodation

- i) The Accommodation Officer is empowered to act against any hostel resident who is in breach the above Rules and Regulations in line with the provisions of Pwani University statutes and Rules and Regulations Governing students conduct in the University.
- ii) Upon acting, the Accommodation Officer shall communicate in writing to the Dean of Students and any other university organ related to the

matter.

Alcohol Use

- i) Use of alcohol within the university learning environment is not allowed. Students attending lectures or lab practical's while drunk will attract disciplinary action.
- ii) Alcohol shall not be taken in the hostels. In any event you are cautioned that excessive alcohol consumption affects your health and reasoning. If you must drink then do it responsibly.
- iii) Production of Pornographic materials
- iv) It is a serious offence against University rules and regulations to be involved in production, publish, or circulate any pornographic materials in PU student hostels. Students are cautioned not to engage in such acts within and outside PU.
- v) Those caught in this matter shall be expelled from the hostels immediately and

disciplinary action taken in line with the rules and regulations governing student conduct in this university.

What it means when you join Campus?

- From the day you join Pwani University, your studies are programmed. You have a starting and exit point. You have to take responsibility to make this program materialize and graduate on schedule.
- Students of Pwani University are expected to attend all classes on-line or in-person. They sit for exams such as CATS or Final examinations either on-line or in-person.
- A student should attend classes promptly in whichever mode being offered for courses that he/she has registered for.

NOTE: If you plan to be out of campus and there is a possibility of missing a CAT, Practical or class or even main examinations, consult with your

lecturer and COD. You are advised to get a written authorization and or fill appropriate forms. Seek advice from the COD, Dean of school or the Dean of students.

Your Admission Number

It is always important to remember your Admission Number all times. All admission numbers are unique to each individual and forgetting it or making errors on the same in any document can have consequences.

When does Learning begin?

Learning starts immediately after the registration and orientation process ends. Ensure you check the Timetable at the students' notice boards or University website and develop your mini timetable for your Courses and Lecture halls. Lectures take place between 7.00 am to 8.00 pm during Weekdays depending on the mode of delivery.

Change of Programme (Course)

A student may decide to change his/



her program within the first year due to genuine reasons. A window of transfer to other programs will be declared by the Registrar ASA. A student will only be allowed to change a course if he/she has qualified to enroll in the new course/program subject to the University policy on this matter. Remember that this change must be cleared through KUCCPS.

- Intra - school - change of course from one department to another within a school.
- Inter - school - change of course from one school to another

The office of the Registrar (Academic and Students' Affairs) shall advise on the Inter and Intra school transfers.

The University issues a calendar of activities each semester. This almanac shows the major academic activities. Change of dates for any activity that affects or touches on students in any way will always be communicated in good time. Such communication is normally by circulars and shall be posted in all notice boards.

Co-Curriculum Activities

Students at PU get involved in various co-curriculum activities with unlimited potential to offer leadership by proposing, through the DOS to start others. Among the possible activities include the following:

Academic & Professional

- Debate Club / Public Speaking Club
- Academic societies (e.g., Law Society, Engineering Society, Literature Club)
- Student Research & Innovation Club
- Entrepreneurship & Business Club
- Coding/Robotics Club
- Model United Nations (MUN)
- Career & Leadership Development Forums

Arts, Culture & Media

- Drama/Theatre Club
- Dance Troupe (traditional & contemporary)

- Music/Band/Choir
- Poetry & Creative Writing Club
- Photography & Film Club
- Campus Radio/ Podcasting
- Fine Arts & Crafts Club
- Cultural Associations (ethnic or regional student groups)

Sports & Recreation

- Athletics & Running Club
- Football, Basketball, Volleyball, Rugby Teams
- Table Tennis, Badminton, Lawn Tennis
- Swimming Club
- Hiking & Adventure Club
- Martial Arts & Self-defense Club



Chess &
Board Games

Club

- Aerobics/Yoga/Zumba

Community Service & Social Impact

- Environmental & Wildlife Conservation Club

- Peer Mentorship Programmes
- Volunteerism & Charity Club
- Health & Wellness Awareness Groups (e.g., HIV awareness, mental health support)
- Blood Donation Drives / Red Cross Chapter
- Student Ambassadors / Campus Tour Guides

💡 **Faith & Values**

- Christian Union (CU)
- Muslim Students Association (MSA)
- Interfaith Dialogue Group
- Meditation & Mindfulness Circles

🌐 **Technology & Innovation**

- Tech Developers Hub
- Artificial Intelligence & Data Science Club
- E-sports & Gaming Club
- Media & Digital Content Creation Hub
- Hackathons & Start-up Incubation Teams

These groups normally plan activities

that are not necessarily indicated in the University Academic calendar. The affected groups normally fix such activities in a way to avoid interruptions on the academic calendar and duly communicate to all concerned students.



| University Examinations

All courses are normally examined at the end of the semester in which those courses are taken. The examinations shall normally be offered in a sit-in or online arrangement.

Please check the Examination timetable issued before the examinations start. Familiarize yourself with venues where you will sit for the exams. In case a unit is omitted from the timetable, inform the lecturer or COD concerned.

Continuous Assessment Tests and University Examinations

Continuous assessment tests (CATS) normally contribute 30% and End Semester exams contribute 70%. Each course will have 2-3 CATS from which an average score will be worked out. CATS can be given in various forms; on-line, sit in, take-away, or open book depending on the programme.

Academic Awards

Pass mark in all courses shall be 40% (except for Nursing and Diploma Animal health course which is 50%)

Result slips and Transcripts

Provisional Results slips will be given at the end of each academic year while Official University transcripts will be issued after graduation. This statement shows your academic performance. The result slip/transcript will show lateral grades and cumulative average score (CAS) with the following letters:

- Pass (P)
- Academic Warning (AW)
- Incomplete (I)
- Withdrawal (W)
- Discontinuation (DISC)

‘What is an Academic Warning (AW)?

A student who fails in more than three courses in one semester shall be given an academic warning.

A student who fails in more than half of

the Courses taken in any one academic year shall be given an academic warning.

What is an Incomplete (I)?

An Incomplete grade (I) is issued at the end of semester only. It is assigned to a student who, because of reasons acceptable to the senate, is unable to complete the work or course. Further registration or class attendance shall not be a requirement to complete the course.

What is Withdrawal from a unit (W)?

A student can withdraw (W) from a unit without any penalty within the first four weeks in the semester. The student must withdraw officially by completing the WITHDRAWAL FORMS from the Registrar Academic and Student Affairs.

Withdrawal is done only in special circumstances in the fourth week provided reasons are acceptable to the lecturer concerned, COD, Dean of school, and approved by the University Senate.

What earns you a Discontinuation (DISC)?

A student who fails in all courses (Courses) taken in one semester will be discontinued. A student whose cumulative failures after an academic warning from the previous semester are more than half the Courses taken, in two consecutive semesters will be discontinued. A student who fails a retaken course shall be discontinued. A postgraduate candidate who fails **MORE THAN Two (2)** courses prescribed in an academic year or fails a Supplementary Examination shall be discontinued.

A candidate who is discontinued shall have the right of appeal to the Chair of the PUS.

Failed Examinations

A student who fails to score above the pass mark shall retake courses or repeat the program as may be provided by the examination policy. Familiarize yourself with the examination policy.

Examination Rules and Regulations

The University Examination Policy offers a wider and in-depth position of the University as far as examinations are concerned. It is advisable to refer to the Examination Policy document. This is available in the University website. Below are some of the rules and regulations on sit-in University Examinations.

- 1) Candidates should be seated in the examination room at least 30 minutes before the examination starts. No candidate shall be allowed into the examination room 30 minutes after the start of the examination.
- 2) Candidates must sign the Examination Attendance Register (Appendix K – PU/EXAM/FORM/03) and shall be required to produce the official University Identification Card or authenticated pass from the Examination Office.
- 3) No candidate shall be allowed to leave the examination room before

30 minutes have elapsed from the start of the examination.

- 4) All answer booklets used in the examination room shall be provided by the invigilators.
- 5) No unauthorized books, papers, printed or handwritten materials shall be brought into the examination room by the candidate.
- 6) No **computerized** and electronic devices, mobile phones and **other devices with capabilities to store data** shall be brought into the examination room by the candidate. Calculators shall, however, be allowed if authorized by the Chief Examiner.
- 7) When candidates discover that an incorrect examination question paper has been distributed, they must return the same to the invigilator immediately. The correct paper shall be sourced from the Examination Office and administered while the incorrect paper shall be considered leakage

and shall be handled as stipulated in Section 3.3.18 of the examination Policy.

- 8) Candidates shall not leave the examination room with any answer booklet. All rough work shall be written at the back of the answer booklet and labelled as such.
- 9) No communication whatsoever shall be allowed between candidates. In case of any problem, invigilators should be notified by a show of hand by the candidate.
- 10) Walking out of an examination in protest disqualifies a student

from the examination and shall be treated as an examination irregularity.

- 11) Causing a commotion for whatever reason when an examination is in progress shall constitute an examination irregularity.
- 12) Disorderly conduct or disturbance in or near the examination room by candidates or their allies shall be treated as an examination irregularity.
- 13) All answer booklets shall be submitted to the invigilator by the candidate before the candidate leaves the examination room.

Under no circumstances shall an answer booklet be accepted if it has been taken outside the examination room by a candidate.

Such cases shall be treated as examination irregularities.

- 14) No candidate shall be allowed to leave the examination room 30 minutes to the end of the examination. Candidates shall remain orderly and seated as the invigilators collect the answer booklets.
- 15) Any other Act that the University, from time to time, shall declare.

Examination Offence and Penalty

Where a rule is broken some penalties have been set aside to punish those committing the offence:

	OFFENCE	PENALTY
1	Possession of and/or copying from unauthorized material brought to the examination venue by the candidate or by other persons.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">i) Suspension from the University for one academic year and on re-admission the candidate to retake the unit whose examination results were cancelled.ii) A written warning.

2	Copying from other candidates' examination work in the examination room.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Cancellation of both of the candidate's examination results in the course concerned. ii) Suspension from the University for one academic year and on re-admission the candidate to retake the unit whose examination results were cancelled. iii) A written warning.
3	Circulating/exchanging/ issuing unauthorized written, electronic or any other material to other candidates during an examination.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Cancellation of both of the candidate's examination results in the course concerned. ii) Suspension from the University for one academic year and on re-admission the candidate to retake the unit whose examination results were cancelled. iii) A written warning.
4	Communicating orally or through gestures with other candidates during the examination.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) The candidate shall be deemed to have failed the unit. ii) A written warning.
5	Possession of electronic gadgets such as mobile phone, MP3/MP4 player, iPod, Bluetooth facility, programmable calculator or any other such an unauthorized equipment/gadget in the examination venue.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) The candidate shall be deemed to have failed the unit. ii) A written warning.
6	Use of a mobile phone, MP3/MP4 player, iPod, Bluetooth facility, programmable calculator or any other such an unauthorized equipment/gadget in the examination venue.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Cancellation of the candidate's examination results in the course concerned. ii) Suspension from the University for one academic year and on re-admission the candidate to retake the unit whose examination results were cancelled. iii) A written warning.

7	Possession of used or unused examination answer booklets in the examination venue during an examination other than the material issued by the invigilator.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Cancellation of the candidate's examination results in the unit concerned. ii) Expulsion from the University.
8	Continuing writing even after the invigilator has announced the expiry of the time allocated for the examination.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Cancellation of the candidate's examination results in the unit concerned. ii) The candidate shall be deemed to have failed the unit. iii) A written warning.
9	Carrying one's booklet out of the examination room.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Suspension from the University for one academic year and on re-admission the candidate to retake the unit whose examination results were cancelled. ii) A written warning.
10	Carrying another candidate's answer booklet(s) out of the examination room.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Cancellation of the candidate's examination results in the unit concerned. ii) Expulsion from the University.
11	Candidate whose answer booklet has been taken out of the examination room without his /her knowledge or consent.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Cancellation of the candidate's examination results in the unit concerned. ii) Re-sit the unit as a special examination if absolved from any complicity or conspiracy.
12	Destroying evidence which may be used as proof of an examination irregularity.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Cancellation of the examination results for candidate(s) involved. ii) Expulsion from the University.

13	Obstructing the invigilator while he/she is performing his/her duties and/or use of personal violence and/or threats against the invigilator on matters relating to the sitting of an examination.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Cancellation of the examination results for candidate(s) involved. ii) Expulsion from the University.
14	Willful disruption of examinations attributable to a candidate's behaviour during University examinations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Cancellation of the examination results for candidate(s) involved. ii) Expulsion from the University.
15	Presenting oneself in the examination venue under the influence of alcohol and/or drug abuse.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Expulsion from the examination room. ii) Mandatory counseling and/or medical treatment until declared fit to resume studies. iii) Re-sit the examination as supplementary examination when next offered. iv) A written warning.
16	Smoking in the examination room.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Expulsion from the examination room. ii) Cancellation of the examination results for candidate(s) involved. iii) Re-sit the examination as supplementary examination when next offered. iv) A written warning.
17	Conspiracy to impersonate other candidate(s) during an examination.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Cancellation of the examination results in the unit concerned for the candidate being impersonated. ii) Expulsion of both candidates from the University.

18	Possession and/or use of another candidate's Examination Card.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Cancellation of the examination results in the unit concerned. ii) Suspension from the University for one academic year and on re-admission the candidate to retake the unit whose examination results were cancelled. iii) A written warning.
19	Availing one's Examination Card for use by another candidate.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Cancellation of the candidate's examination results in the unit concerned. ii) Suspension from the University for one academic year and on re-admission the candidate to retake the unit whose examination results were cancelled. iii) A written warning/nullify the unit registered.
20	Presenting an invalid Examination Card to the invigilator during an examination.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Cancellation of the candidate's examination results in the unit concerned. ii) The candidate shall be deemed to have failed the unit. iii) Suspension of the candidate from the University for One Academic Year. iv) A written warning.
21	Possession of a forged Examination Card.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Cancellation of the examination results in the unit concerned. ii) Expulsion from the University.
22	Presenting oneself for an examination in a unit one has not duly registered for.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Cancellation of the candidate's examination results in the unit concerned. ii) A written warning.

23	Sitting examination without payment of requisite fee.	i) Cancellation of the candidate's examination results in the unit concerned. ii) A written warning.
24	Plagiarism/ unacknowledged sources/ copying in a thesis and or Academic reports	i) Expulsion from the University for the candidate (continuing student) or withdrawal of Award (graduate).
25	Proven commission of examination offence(s) more than once.	i) Expulsion from the University.

Examination Regulations for Programmes in Health Sciences

The Nursing and Public health programme has an additional set of rules and regulations governing its examinations

H1. The Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Public Health Degree Programme shall be completed when a registered student has taken and passed all the prescribed 62 Courses as well as four University common Courses. The Programme is spread over eight teaching semesters of 13

weeks each and four clinical placements of 16 weeks each.

H2. The PU Examination Regulations shall apply.

H3. The overall assessment of the student's performance in each unit shall be done at the end of every semester. Assessment shall comprise of CATs and a written final examination.

In some Courses, oral and practical examinations shall be administered as part of CATs.

H4. The written final examination shall have the following:

i. Multiple choice Questions

(MCQs): 20 questions of one mark each, totaling to 20 marks

ii. Short Answer Questions (SAQs): Eight questions of five marks each, totaling to 40 marks

iii. Essay Questions: Two questions of 20 marks each, totaling to 40 marks

H5. Each theory unit shall be assessed out of 100%, the marks being distributed as follows:

i. The written examination: 70%

ii. Take away assignment:

10%

iii. Sit-in CAT: 20%

- H6. A supplementary examination shall be marked out of 100% and the maximum score awarded shall be 50%.
- H7. To sit for a University examination, **a candidate MUST have attended 95% of the prescribed class work.**
- H8. All clinical rotations are compulsory for candidates to meet the minimum University and Professional Regulatory Board requirements.
- H9. A candidate is expected to have **at least a 95% clinical placement attendance.**
- H10. During training the Nursing

students shall be assessed in the practical areas listed below: These practical examinations shall be marked out of 100%, with a pass mark of 65%

- a) Total nursing care of a patient (Medical/Surgical/ Pediatrics')
- b) Total psychiatric care of a mentally ill patient
- c) Labour and delivery
- d) Baby at risk
- e) Administration of BCG (Bacillus Calmette- Guérin) - TB vaccine
- f) Management of Maternal Child Health/Family Planning (MCH/FP) Clinic

- g) Ward/unit management
- h) Clinical teaching
- i) Classroom teaching in the School of Nursing
- j) Research project

H11. For all clinical placements, clinical follow up, clinical teaching and continuous assessment will be carried out.

H12. The key competencies to be achieved by the students during the training are stipulated in the student's Log Book.

H14. The letter grades for the marks scored per unit shall be indicated as follows in the Academic transcript

Letter Grade	Marks Scored (%)	Remarks
A	75 and above	Distinction
B	65 to 74	Credit
C	50 to 64	Pass
F	49 and below	Fail

Incomplete Examination

All Courses offered in the Programme are a pre-requisite to proceed to the next academic year. A candidate must pass all the prescribed Courses before proceeding to the next academic year. Examination will be incomplete without the CAT marks.

Examination Failure

- i) A candidate who fails more than half the Courses taken in any one semester shall receive an Academic Warning (AW) from the Dean of the School on approval by the PUS.
- ii) A candidate who fails half the Courses prescribed in an academic year shall be allowed to take supplementary examinations in the failed Courses before proceeding to the next academic year.
- iii) A candidate who fails more than half the Courses prescribed in an academic year, or

fails in ANY supplementary examination, shall repeat the whole year and register for ALL the Courses offered at that level.

- iv) A candidate who fails all the Courses in any one semester, or fails ANY unit after repeating the year, shall be discontinued.
- v) Special examinations will be arranged for students who fail to sit for examinations during the normal examination season for reasons acceptable to the SBE.
- vi) Appeal against discontinuation shall be addressed to the Chair of the PUS. Classification. Degrees in Health Sciences shall not be classified.

Computer, ICT & Internet Use

🌐 Staying Safe Online: Responsible Use of the Internet & Social Media

The internet is a powerful tool for learning, networking, and entertainment—but it also comes with risks. As a university student, how you use the online space reflects your values, reputation, and future opportunities. Here are key tips:

🔒 Protect Your Personal Information

- Avoid sharing sensitive details (ID numbers, addresses, phone contacts) publicly.
- Use strong, unique passwords and change them regularly.
- Enable **two-factor authentication (2FA)** for your email and social media accounts.

🤝 Be Respectful & Responsible

- Post content that upholds dignity

and respect for others.

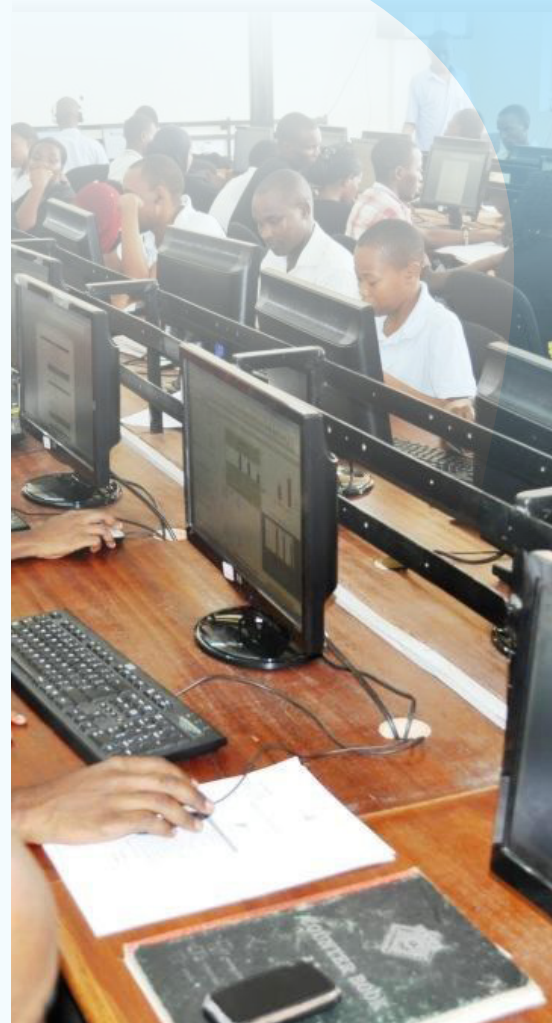
- Remember that what you share online can last forever—even deleted posts can be traced.
- Avoid cyberbullying, hate speech, or spreading harmful rumors.

📖 Use Social Media Wisely

- Follow pages, groups, and networks that build your academic, professional, and personal growth.
- Limit time spent scrolling aimlessly—schedule breaks and set boundaries.
- Think before you post: *Would I be comfortable if my lecturer, parent, or future employer saw this?*

🛡️ Guard Against Online Risks

- Do not click suspicious links or download unknown



attachments—they may contain malware.

- Be cautious about “too good to be true” online offers or investment scams.
- Verify news sources before sharing to avoid spreading misinformation.


Manage Your Digital Footprint

- Review privacy settings on your accounts to control who sees your posts.
- Regularly “clean up” your online presence—remove content that no longer represents who you are.
- Build a **professional online identity** (e.g., LinkedIn) that supports your career goals.

Seek Help When in Doubt

- Report cyberbullying, harassment, or suspicious activity to the university ICT office or relevant authorities.
- If you feel overwhelmed

by online content, talk to a counselor or a trusted mentor.

 **Golden Rule: Use the internet and social media to build yourself, not to break others and destroy your peace. Internet never forgets. You can delete your account but you cannot delete your digital footprint.**

For more information on the computer and internet use, please contact or visit the ICT department of Pwani University located at the Admissions Block or email: ict@pu.ac.ke

All Pwani University students are issued with an PU email address and a password after they are registered. Please remember to change the password immediately you open your account for the first time. This email will enable you to access of information ranging from personal information (results, fee status, timetable, university calendar etc.) to other public announcements or notices.

Students email address shall appear in the following format: - surname.firstname@school.pu.ac.ke and password shall be their full admission number e.g. E35S/0685/2010

All students are encouraged to use these facilities in a responsible way

| Pwani University **Students Association (PUSA)**

PUSA is the governing body of students at Pwani University through which students organize their activities and express their views and opinions in the university. It is the mouth piece of the student community. It is led by student leaders elected by the students themselves. The elections are held every year in the beginning of the second semester, normally before 15th March as per the PUSA 2010 Constitution and Election guidelines of 2020. Funding of PUSA is largely from the contribution of PU students. Each student pays a specified subscription fee each semester. To propagate good financial management practices, PUSA funds are subjected to audit every financial year. Students through their leadership are encouraged to ensure there is prudent utilization of their funds. The Student Council of PUSA consists of the following: -

The Chairperson

Overall head, presides over meetings, represents PUSA at University Council and in the student disciplinary committee. He/ she performs other duties as stipulated by the PUSA Constitution.

The Vice chairperson

Facilitates community service and related projects. Deals with students' welfare issues

Secretary General

Spokesperson of PUSA. Will communicate resolutions of congress to students and relay other necessary information.

Gender and Social Welfare Secretary

Deals with gender issues and represents students in the Bursary and welfare committees. Handles issues of students who require special attention. Works with the DOS to improve the welfare of students with various disabilities

Academic Affairs Secretary

Deals with Academic issues pertaining to students. Plays an important role in organizing career activities on campus. Represents students in the academic board.

Sports and Entertainment Secretary

Deals with organizing activities of students. He/she works closely with various sports captains, club and societies leaders to organize/regulate activities.

Financial Secretary

Handles PUSA finances. Develops the PUSA budget and finances its implementation school. For more information on PUSA visit the PUSA offices next to our Students Common Room.



SECURITY

On-Campus Security

A hired security firm and the University security supervision team provide security within the campus. The security personnel are assigned duties in specific demarcated locations within the university compound. In addition, the University has installed closed circuit television (CCTV) to boost security for students. However, this is not adequate to keep you safe. Please be alert always about your safety. As a community it is a good idea we adopt the strategy of "Being your neighbors' keeper". That way we can enjoy our safety in the University. This is achieved by reporting all cases that appear to pose a risk to our security to the relevant authorities in the university.

Security off- campus

Kilifi is a relatively calm place with very few incidences of insecurity. The local authority has installed security lights on the main streets. The regular

and administrative police make patrols in the night to curb cases of crime. Avoid staying too late into the night.

Residents of Kilifi also have a community organized patrol arrangement. They have a vehicle with its sides inscribed "AMINI KILIFI". In case of a problem you can call their emergency number 0705 555 400 and talk to the case manager

University Security Offices

Report all cases that need to be handled legally at the security offices situated in the new administration block Room No.485 top floor. University has its own security officers who supervise the hired security service.

Report any signs or behavior that can lead to insecurity to the nearest security office. The University will provide more information on security measures on campus from time to time

To enhance security:

- i) Keep an eye on your belongings while in the buildings. Report suspicious and criminal activity

to the university security

- ii) Lock and secure your room door when leaving. Avoid the habit of leaving keys at the top door beam.
- iii) Do not leave valuables or money out in the open in your room or office.
- iv) In case of a fire breakout:
- v) Please sound an alarm by calling other students, hostel staff and the security personnel near you.
- vi) You should exit the site immediately but calmly through the designated exit routes.
- vii) Forget what you have left behind and save your life.
- viii) Move to the nearest fire assembly point.

Please remember that all hostels have firefighting appliances located in strategic positions. Take time to read the instructions on the labels. These may become handy in case of an outbreak of fire.

Note: We normally have fire talks with the students on how to stop the fire and prevent it from spreading by using different fire appliances (extinguishers). The fire wardens who are in the university give these talks. We can avoid fire disasters here at Pwani University when you and I stay away from it! All students are encouraged try and to make Pwani a conducive place to live and study. This way we shall be proud to have been to PU. Do not hesitate to visit the Dean of Students Office in case you have challenges, questions or even compliments.

General Safety Tips

Stay Safe · Stay Smart · Stay Responsible

Road & Transport Safety

- Use designated crossings.
- When on boda-bodas: wear a helmet, don't overload, avoid night rides, mark the number plate of rider
- Use trusted public transport only.

Beach & Water Safety

- Do not swim along Kilifi beaches – strong tides & hidden caves make it dangerous.
- Visit the beach in groups, never alone.
- Follow lifeguard and safety warnings.

Personal Safety

- Keep valuables secure.
- Walk in well-lit areas, preferably in groups.
- Save emergency numbers in

your phone.

- Living off-campus? Choose secure housing, lock your doors, and inform friends of your movements.

Health & Wellness

- Stay hydrated in the coastal heat.
- Eat well and rest enough.
- Visit the University Health Unit when unwell.
- Seek counselling support if stressed.

Campus Life & Responsibility

- Read the Students' Handbook – know your rights & responsibilities.
- Respect staff and fellow students.
- Report harassment or unsafe behavior.
- Look out for your friends.

Money & Lifestyle

- Budget wisely – prioritize

essentials.

- Avoid betting & gambling – it drains your money and focus.
- Beware of “quick money” schemes.
- Practice discipline now for independence later.

If in danger call security on: 0754 675 602

Your safety is your success. Look out for yourself and your friends.

Karibu
Pwani!



Students Portal:

1. How do I Login to the student portal for the first time?

Access the Pwani University Portal (www.pu.ac.ke)

Click on Students Portal or click this link <https://student.pu.ac.ke/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2f>

Log in with username: “your Reg. No”. (e.g. SB30/PU/XXXX/22 and default password: *pwani2018*. Change the default password to your own

Click “Go to your Home page”

Click on “Admissions”

Upload the following items: – Passport size photo (Note: Any other –photo will be rejected during verification process) – KCSE Certificate/Result Slip – National ID/ Birth Certificate – Secondary School Leaving Certificate –Signed Acceptance Letter –PU/ADMS/ FORM/16 (New Students only)

2. Use this link for step by step process:

<https://admissionletters.pu.ac.ke/doc/how-to-login-to-student-portal.pdf>

3. How do I get my admission letter?

To download the admission letter, click on the link below: –

<https://admissionletters.pu.ac.ke/undergrad.php>

Enter your KCSE Index number and click Log in.

Type it in the format XXXXXXXXXXXX/2024 where XXXXXXXXXXXX is the index number and 2024 is your KCSE year.

4. What do I do if I have forgotten my portal password?

Send a request for password reset through this link: <https://helpdesk.pu.ac.ke/>

Concerns Related to Fees

5. How do I pay school fees?

Follow this link for guidance: <https://www.pu.ac.ke/forms/e-citizen%20payments%20guidelines.pdf>

6. How do I pay for application?

You can pay school fees on or before reporting but it is recommended to pay before reporting to avoid last minute rush.

7. How do I apply for HELB and Scholarship?

<https://portal.helf.co.ke/auth/signin>

(Are you stuck?

Contact: 0794953769 for guidance).

8. Are there bursaries and

University scholarships?

Yes, there is an internal bursary program to assist very needy students to pay the tuition fee. Usually, allocations vary depending on the funds available against those in need.

Questions on Accommodation

9. Does Pwani University have accommodation?

Yes, we have accommodation facilities which students book online through the Pwani university website (<https://student.pu.ac.ke/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2f>). Priority is given to students registered for the semester. The bed capacity is limited and hence booking is on a first come first served basis. Book early to avoid disappointment.

10. How much is the hostel fees?

Male Hostels: 12,000 per academic year

Female hostels: 11, 000 per

academic year (add the link)

Questions on Health matters

11. Where can I get medical attention while at Pwani University?

Pwani University operates a health facility within the campus in Kilifi for bona fide student's outpatient consultations for common ailments. However complicated cases are referred to the Kilifi County Referral Hospital for further treatment and management. Apart from the County Referral Hospital, there are many alternative good hospitals and health facilities within the CBD. Students who are referred to other hospitals bear their own costs of treatment. All students are advised to register with SHA or have a personal insurance medical cover in order to access external medical attention easily.

Questions on co-curricular activities

12. Can I explore my talents at Pwani University?

Yes. The University invests in Sports and Performing arts to provide opportunities for students to grow their talents. Also, there are many clubs and societies registered for students to choose.

13. Does Pwani university have a student body?

Yes. Pwani University students Association (PUSA), holds Student Elections every year to elect their leaders who represent the comrades in various management issues affecting them

14. Are there counselling services at Pwani University?

Yes. The university runs a counselling facility for the students on a 24-hour basis.

Contact the Student Counsellor. Do not suffer alone. Get

Professional help

15. Does Pwani university have a catering facility

Yes. The university offers subsidized and quality meals

Deferring Studies

16. What do i do if i had deferred my studies?

Share a copy of the deferment letter to student finance via: finance@pu.ac.ke.

Your account will be activated. Always make sure you differ officially in writing and resume officially in writing to Registrar -ASA so that your file has the necessary documents to support your resumption of studies.

Interfaculty Transfer

17. When can I apply for a faculty transfer?

Transfers are done within 2-3 weeks of the beginning of the First semester

18. What are the eligibility requirements?

Vacant slot: The new course/ faculty must have space. (E.g. BED SNE),

Meet admission criteria or cut-off points, such as KUCCPS minimums.

Meet the subject requirements.

19. How do I apply for interfaculty transfer?

Submit online application via the student portal. (<https://schooltransfer.pu.ac.ke/>)

Check portal regularly (status updated within 2 weeks). All interfaculty transfers are now also approved by KUCCPS.

If successful, collect your New admission letter from Admissions office Room 1 Old Administration Block, and register in new faculty by Week 4

20. Are transfers final? Yes - once the Dean's Committee approves

and the deadline lapses, no late applications or appeals are received.

21. What is the chance of success in interfaculty transfers?

It depends on the availability of spaces in the target faculty, and cut off points will determine whether you will succeed with the inter-faculty transfer

22. What happens after approval?

You must report and register in the new faculty by a set deadline (usually around Week 4)

23. How long does the process take?

Up to 2 weeks for portal update and committee approval. Final registration usually by end of Week 4

Semester Registration

24. Why should I register for the semester?

Students are supposed to register for the semester to be able to know the billing amount for the academic semester.

Units registration – This is done per semester after which it generates exam card and this is after payment of the required fees.

25. Academic year

Degree – Bachelor's degree programme academic year constitutes of two semesters except for Medicine which has four sessions per academic year.

TVET – Diploma – The Diploma Programme academic year constitutes of three terms.

TVET – Certificate – The Certificate Programme academic year constitutes of two terms

26. Nominal roll

Students are supposed to sign a nominal roll for the semester after registration of units.

The nominal roll is signed at the office of the dean of the respective school.

27. What if I am self-sponsored student?

The university requires: A written application/letter to the Registrar via the Director, Board of Undergraduate studies. (registrar-acad@pu.ac.ke)

| Important **Contacts**

GENERAL ENQUIRIES	COMPLAINTS CAN BE DIRECTED TO
<p>Dean of Students Office, Room 12 old Administration Bldg. Mobile: 0717 686 741 Email: dean-sa@pu.ac.ke</p> <p>Accommodation Office (next to Hostel 5) ACCOMMODATION OFFICERS MRS. DORCAS M MANGI- 0726525973</p> <p>HOUSE KEEPERS ANDERSON MVOI - 0720 642 295 MS. DAISY KIRETI - 0712 561 784</p> <p>JANITORS NZAI KOMBE - 0723 642 781 DOUGLAS KAHNDI -0710 585 301 MOHAMED ABDALA -0720 974 954 ROMANA BELIO - 0721 945 158 GRACE SALAMA -0703 364 626 Email: accommodation@pu.ac.ke</p>	<p>COMMISSION ON ADMINISTRATIVE JUSTICE "Office of The Ombudsman" Head office: 2nd floor, west end towers, opposite Aga khan High school off Waiyaki way, Westlands, P.O. Box 20414 – 00200, Nairobi. Tel: +254 20 2270000 +254 20 2303000 +254 20 2603765 +254 20 2441211 +254 20 8030666 Toll Free Line: 0800 221 349 SMS Short Code: 15700 (safaricom subscribers only) email: info@ombudsman.go.ke (for general inquiries): complain@ombudsman.go.ke (for complaints)</p> <p>THE COMPLAINTS OFFICER Pwani University P.O Box 195, Kilifi. Email: complaints@pu.ac.ke Tel: 0772 200 400 Office No. 444 New Administration Block</p>


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