

## **PRACTICAL INFORMATION FOR 2016/17 INTAKE STUDENTS**

Congratulations for having succeeded to join Pwani University. The office of the Dean of Students will provide with some additional information on some practical matters as you come to PU.

We hope this will help you to prepare and start your studies on schedule. This may not be complete information about everything that you need to know but just a starting point. Note that Pwani University is located in Kilifi town about 60 KM from Mombasa City.

Please take time to visit our university website [www.pu.ac.ke](http://www.pu.ac.ke) to get some information as well.

### **Traveling to Pwani University from Upcountry**

The convenient way to reach Pwani University (Kilifi) by public means from upcountry is to take the Nairobi-Malindi buses. The companies that operate in this route include among others the Dreamline, MASH, Modern Coast, Tahmeed, Chania, Simba coach, BusCar etc . The buses normally depart from Nairobi at about 7.00 pm and arrive Kilifi about 5.00 am. These ones drop you at the Pwani University gate.

Alternatively, one can travel from Nairobi to Mombasa and then connect with Matatus to Kilifi.

### **On -Campus Accommodation**

The University has some limited accommodation space. Although this is reserved for first year students it is not sufficient given the large number of students joining the University this year. For purposes of fairness these shall be allocated on the basis of first-come-first served. In addition one should have paid all the fees for the semester. Booking of hostels shall be done on-line unless otherwise advised on the date of registration.

The PU hostel charges range between 4,500-6,000 per semester (more details given elsewhere). The hostels provide a bed and a mattress. Students have to bring the necessary linen.

### **Off-Campus Accommodation**

Majority of the students will have to seek off-campus accommodation. There are various places within Kilifi town and its environs. The charges/rent ranges from 2,000-6,000.00 per month depending on the type of facility.

### **Weather**

PU is located in a coastal lowland zone. Daily temperatures range from 27-32<sup>0</sup> C on average. The months of Dec-Jan-Feb are considered the hottest while July-August months are relatively cool.

### **Academics in General**

The university academic calendar provides for two semesters each year. Each semester is about 16 weeks. The first semester runs from September-December and the second from January to April. Note that the December break may last for 2-3 weeks. Students take examinations at the end of each semester. Please read the Examination policy carefully.

### **Co-curriculum Activities**

The university has facilities for sports, athletics and indoor games. Students are encouraged to engage in these activities to refresh and sharpen their talents. Also through clubs, theatre groups and societies students can practice and exploit their talents and skills in various fields.

### **Internet services**

PU has various hot spots for secured *wifi* connectivity within the campus. Areas around the library, tuition blocks and the campus hostels have internet. This is in addition to the LAN connections in the computer/cyber cafes. Those with laptops and smart phone will have to register with ICT Department to get passwords to access internet.

### **The registration day**

Ensure you arrive on time for the registration. The exercise normally starts at 8.00 am. You need your **ORIGINAL certificates** and copies plus admission letter to register (*refer to your admission instructions*). You are required to pay full fees.

You will undergo an orientation program to help you settle down as fast as possible.