

Brief History -EIE

The department opened in 1964 with 17 students in first year, 20 in second year and only 7 in third year. since then the department continued to grow with assistance from USAID, UNESCO, NORAD, GERMAN COMMODITY AID, BRITISH COUNCIL and The Government of Kenya among others. The original name of the Department was Electrical and Electronic Engineering. This was later changed to Electrical and Information Engineering, the change was to conform to the worldwide trends to embrace Information Engineering as a vital component of engineering science especially electrical engineering.

The department occupies three floors of the American Wing Building on Harry Thuku Road off University Way .The Chairman, who deals with all administration and academic matters in the department, heads the department of Electrical and Information Engineering .It is well equipped with nine laboratories, two workshops, one lecture theatre and several classrooms. It offers BSc., M.Sc. and PhD degrees in Electrical and Electronic Engineering.

The undergraduate course covers a period of five years over which seventy-two course units are covered Each semester course has a total of 45 contact hours including lecturers and tutorials. This forms one course unit .Laboratories, which forms a course unit, cover 60 hours per semester, except in the first year of study where they occupy 45 hours.

There is a practical assignment term of 8 weeks at the end of first years of study .Industrial attachment of undergraduate students is normally arranged during long vacations of the third and fourth years. During the final year, the student has an option to branch off into one of the two main fields i.e.

1.Telecommunications, Microwave and Antennas.

2.Electrical Power Systems, Power Electronics and Variable Machine Drives.

PREVIOUS CHAIRMEN

NAME	FROM	TO
Prof Oduol Vitalis Kalesha	2006	2012
Prof J. M Mbuthia	2002	2003

Dr John Onunga	2000	2002
Prof Elijah Mwangi	1996	2000
Dr. P.H Kamau.	1993	1996
Prof. A.V Otieno.	1987	1992
Prof. R. J. Akello	1985	1987