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End of Semester Examinations: A Collective Effort, An Individual Responsibility.

As the university community prepares for the commencement of end-of-semester examinations on Monday 19th January 2026, this period marks an important milestone in our shared academic journey. Examinations are not only an assessment of knowledge, but also a reflection of collective commitment, discipline, and integrity across the institution.

Academic excellence is achieved through collective effort. From academic and administrative staff who prepare, invigilate, and support the examination process, to support services that ensure conducive learning environments, every role contributes to the credibility and smooth running of examinations. This coordinated effort reflects our shared professionalism and integrity, ensuring that assessment processes remain fair, secure, and merit-based.

At the same time, examinations call for strong individual responsibility. Students are encouraged to prepare diligently, manage their time effectively, and adhere strictly to examination regulations. Personal integrity, discipline, and respect for academic standards are essential not only for success in examinations, but for the development of character and professional readiness beyond the university.



Group discussion among students

The examination period also calls for consideration and inclusivity. Quiet study spaces, respect for schedules, and mutual support among peers contribute to a positive environment where everyone has the opportunity to perform at their best. Small acts of cooperation collectively make a significant difference.

As we enter this important phase, let us remain focused, supportive, and purposeful. Through shared responsibility and individual accountability, we reinforce a culture of excellence and integrity, signifying our commitment to co-creating sustainable futures for ourselves and for generations to come.

The Office of Career Services, wishes all students the very best as they undertake their end-of-semester examinations.

Student-Led Cyber Solution Aims to Protect Every Click



From left. Mr. Johnpaul Ekisa, Ms. Jacky Karimi, Mr. Victor Inzoberi

A student innovation group, CyberSentinels, has developed an innovative cybersecurity solution dubbed SmartSafeClick, a browser extension designed to protect users from harmful, fraudulent, and misleading online links in real time.

Led by Johnpaul Ekisa from the School of Engineering and Technology, pursuing BSc. Computer science in his third year from Busia County alongside team members Jacky Karimi and Victor Inzoberi, the project responds to the growing threat of online scams, phishing attacks, fake job advertisements, and malicious websites that continue to compromise personal data and digital security.

SmartSafeClick works seamlessly within a user's web browser, scanning links before they are opened and instantly alerting users to potential risks. This proactive approach helps prevent data loss, identity theft, and exposure to online fraud, thereby promoting safer digital interactions across emails, social media platforms, and messaging applications.

Beyond real-time protection, SmartSafeClick places strong emphasis on digital safety education. The platform guides users on how to identify suspicious links, understand common scam tactics, and cultivate responsible online habits. Through this awareness-driven approach, students and staff are empowered with practical skills to make informed decisions in an increasingly digital environment.

By combining advanced cybersecurity protection with user education, SmartSafeClick stands out as a practical and impactful innovation, contributing to the creation of a safer online ecosystem within the university community and beyond.

Featured Researcher



Dr. Justin Kyalo is a development scholar with extensive experience in community-focused and policy-relevant research. His scholarly work examines conservation agriculture, rural livelihoods, climate resilience, and grassroots empowerment, with a particular focus on Kenya's arid and semi-arid lands (ASALs). His research adopts interdisciplinary approaches that integrate development studies, sociology, and agricultural development to generate evidence for inclusive and sustainable rural transformation.

He serves as a Lecturer in the Department of Social Sciences, School of Humanities and Social Sciences at Machakos University, and is currently the Chairman of the Department of Social Sciences. In recognition of his academic excellence, he was awarded Lecturer of the Year (School of Humanities and Social Sciences) at Machakos University in 2023.

Dr. Kyalo holds a Doctor of Philosophy in Development Studies and a Master of Science in Development Studies (Project Management option) from Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture & Technology (JKUAT). He has an active publication record in peer-reviewed international journals, with research outputs addressing agricultural development, livelihood outcomes, community participation, and natural resource management.

He has demonstrated capacity in research grant attraction, having secured competitive funding for development-oriented research projects, and continues to engage in collaborative research initiatives. Dr. Kyalo is actively involved in postgraduate supervision, mentoring Master's and PhD students in development-related fields.

In recognition of his scholarly standing, Dr. Kyalo serves as an External Examiner for the Department of Social Sciences and Development Studies at the Catholic University of Eastern Africa (CUEA). He also contributes to the academic community as a peer reviewer for several reputable journals, including the International Journal of Research and Innovation in Social Science and the Journal of the Kenya National Commission for UNESCO.

Read More on our website

Rugby Fixtures Update

The rugby match between MksU and JKUAT – Karen Campus, which was scheduled for last Saturday 10th January 2026, was postponed.

Tomorrow 17th January 2026, MksU Rugby Team will play MKU at Goan Institute, Nairobi.



Football Fixtures Update

On Sunday 25th January 2026, the MksU Staff Team will play a friendly match against Matuu Heroes (Seniors).



Staff Football Team

Students Football Team



This will be followed by a match between the MksU Students' University Team and their counterparts from Matuu Heroes.

Master of Design Exhibition

Date : Friday, 23/01/26

Venue : Room 10

Undergraduate Exhibition

Date : 27th Jan 2026

Venue : Design studio I & II & Room 10



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Machakos University has notified all students that **end-of September- December 2025 semester examinations will begin on 19th January 2026**, and only those who have **fully cleared their fees**, including the household component for Years 1, 2, and 3, will be able to **access and download their examination cards** via the student portal. Students with outstanding balances are advised to clear and confirm their financial status with the Finance Office in good time, as **no student will be allowed to sit for examinations without a valid examination card**.

The University wishes all students every success as they prepare for and undertake their examinations.

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