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Update on Use of Daystar e-learning and Digital Library e-resources

Four days following the closure of on-campus instruction on Monday, 16th March 2020, Schools and departments in the Academic Division, supported by the ICT department, have worked round the clock to avail courses on elearning.daystar.ac.ke, the online Moodle platform. Some Faculty are also supplementing this with other popular online systems such as Zoom, among others.

Soon after the shut-down, the University released all students to go home and study online. At the residential Athi River Main Campus, boarding students were given two days until Wednesday 18th March to clear from hostels and also offered transport to Nairobi. International students were placed under the Dean of Students who would address their unique individual needs through the Students Placement and International Relations Office (SPIRO). At the same time, Faculty and staff were instructed to work from home save for a few essential services staff who would be transported to and from work by the University as need would arise.

The move to shift to online instruction was occasioned by the Government directive to suspend public gatherings, including classes in learning institutions, in an effort to mitigate the spread of the global Coronavirus pandemic.

Daystar's adoption of the e-learning mode of instruction is intended to ensure meaningful quality learning continues until the national restriction on public gatherings is lifted. Deans and HODs have committed to ensuring that students remain fully engaged in learning so as to avoid interruption of the University Calendar.

Students who cannot access the e-learning platform are advised to urgently call **ICT on 0709 972 324** or **Email: websmaster@daystar.ac.ke / registrar@daystar.ac.ke** for support. Both ICT and Admissions staff are available to assist where necessary. Instructional content and assignments for the remaining four weeks of the Semester are being progressively uploaded on elearning.daystar.ac.ke since March 16, 2020.

During the shut-down period, the University has deployed Essential services staff, including Customer Care, are in the office daily to support students, Faculty, admissions and general inquiries. The University can be reached daily on **0709972000, 0724 256408 (Switchboard), 0748 100 759 (PR) or 0716 170 313 (Marketing)** from **8:00am to 5:00pm**. Inquiries can also be sent via email to **info@daystar.ac.ke or careersmade@daystar.ac.ke**

For Self-Help to access the Daystar University E-Learning Platform Click:

[How-To-Access-the-Daystar-University-E-learning-Platform](#) and follow the step-by-step instructions given. If you're stuck, call **ICT on 0709 972 324.**

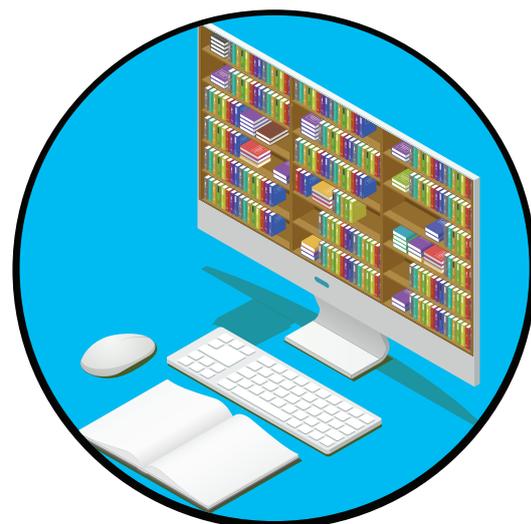
Daystar University Library Preparedness to Support Teaching and Learning of University Academic Programs during Closure

The University Library has facilitated access to its full text digital library and print resources to support teaching, learning and research for the various academic programs during the period of the closure of the University through the following means:

1 The Digital Library

- The library has a rich and diverse virtual collection of full text eBooks and e-journals that library patrons can access off campus through the following link: **ezproxy.daystar.ac.ke** using log in credentials. For example:

User Name: First initial of your first name + last name in full
e.g Daniel Munyoki Onyango use donyango
Password: Your National ID Number or Passport Number



2 The Online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC)

- The Daystar University library OPAC is integrated with the full text eBooks and e-journals that can be accessed through the library webpage, **http://library.daystar.ac.ke/**
This link is accessible off campus.

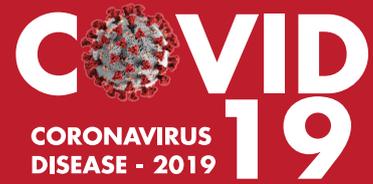
3 Print Library Collection

- The library will renew all books currently on loan to all library patrons for **a period of 30 days** effective Monday 16th March, 2020. Should the need arise to extend the renewal period, the same shall be effected. Please note that this does not apply to library books that are already due. It is expected that Patrons with due library books were able to return them before closure of the University on 16th of March, 2020, by 10pm at the Main Campus Agape Library and 9:00pm at the Nairobi Campus and Law School Library.
- Patrons who did not return overdue library books will be charged overdue library fines as per the library policy.



For online assistance, Patrons can reach the Library on **email library@daystar.ac.ke**

UPDATE on Coronavirus Preventive Measures Adopted by the University



Since Friday 13th March when the Kenya Government announced the first confirmed Corona infection case in Kenya, Daystar University has continued to implement a number of measures to safeguard the community from infection. These include:

- Provision of public information on nature of the pandemic and guidelines for reducing risk to exposure
- Provision of hand sanitizers at strategic high-traffic locations on both campuses
- Shut-down and depopulation of both campuses on 16th March 2020
- Transitioning of learning (content, students and faculty) to the University e-learning platform
- Intense Faculty training and technical support to upload content and register students.
- Awareness campaign among students, guardians, staff and Faculty.

As at 19th March, some departments had recorded 100% uploading of content.

We continue to urge our community members to observe guidelines on personal hygiene and social distance given by the World Health Organization and the Kenya Government through The Ministry of Health. After all is said and done, we pray that everyone will remain safe and focused on what they must do and accomplish, giving thanks to God who is our protection.

In case of Emergency

- Students are encouraged to call **Madison Insurance** on: **0709 922 555 | 020 2864 555**
- Staff & Faculty to call **Saham Insurance** on **0780 711 115 | 0720 717 580 | 0780 335 511**

For further information / help please contact Ministry Of Health emergency teams
on Toll Free Line: **0800 72 13 16 | +254 729471 414 | +254 732 353 535**

Email: **headidsru.mohkenya@gmail.com** or

Dial *265# for updates from the Ministry of Health.

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