THE COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

The College of Humanities and Social Sciences is the largest and one of the oldest colleges in the University. It is an amalgam of Humanities and Social Sciences, two fields that are essentially akin as they both dwell on understanding the world and society better, thus fostering a more livable environment for humanity in its entirety. We believe that "as humans, what binds us together is far greater than what drives us apart," and this makes it essential that we collaborate to make our lives better, and also co-exist harmoniously.

College Leadership

The College has a Principal and a Deputy at its helm, in the names of:

Principal – Prof Edward Kasujja Kirumira (Sociology)

Deputy Principal – Prof Abasi Kiyimba (Literature)

Academic Administration

For purposes of academic administration, it is divided into six units, five of which are called schools headed by Deans, and one institute headed by a Director.

1. The School of Social Sciences – Dean Dr Elia State
2. The School of Liberal and Performing Arts – Dr. Patrick Mangeni
3. The School of Languages, Literature and Communication Dean Dr Aaron Mushengyezi
4. The School of Psychology – Dean Dr. Julius Kikooma
5. The School of Women and Gender Studies – Dean – Dr. Josephine Ahikire
6. Makerere Institute of Social Research – Director – Prof. Mahmoud Mamdani

It also has support administrative sections that provide services such as Human Resources, Communications office, Library services, College Academic Registry, and Finance. In addition, it has general services centres such the Centre for Languages services and the Centre for Psychological services.

Facts and figures

The College has a total of 8500 students, 300 academic staff and 80 non-academic staff, and runs 28 graduate and 14 undergraduate programmes. The academic staff are supported by a part-time teachers in areas of critical need.

Research and Publication

The College has had a long tradition of Research and Publication. Initially, it was a very humble effort; but in recent times, it has grown in both scope and volume.

School of Social Sciences

In the school of Social Sciences, research has grown around the following general areas:

- Uganda's Foreign Policy in the Security Complexes in the Great Lakes Region from 1986
- Agricultural Liberalisation, Gender Relations and Livelihood patterns in Central Uganda
- Gender vulnerability to HIV/AIDS and changes in risk behaviour
- Faculty capacity building Fund
- Conflict and Post conflict reconciliation in Uganda
- Public Policy, changing Gender Relations, Ideologies and Identities in Uganda
- The Political economy of Disease in the context of conflict

School Languages Literature and Communication

The School of languages, Literature and Communication has had a long Research tradition in collaboration with partners like UNESCO, NUFU, SIDA and others, focussing on areas of language and society and the role of oral tradition in understanding contemporary society. Out of these, major Research projects have grown such as:

1. The Orature Project (in Oral Literature and Society) – UNESCO funded
2. Oral Culture and Social Change NUFU funded
3. Delphe Project -Training Students and Teachers to Write and Illustrate Bi-Lingual Books for Primary School Children in Northern Uganda (British Council funded)

School of Liberal and Performing Arts

- Taking the Field into Action: Social Engagement and Strengthening Peace and Conflict Studies at Makerere University
- Water for Life (WIL) (Development Studies)
- SIDA Project III
- University of Bergen Exchange for Students and Staff
- NOMA (Both research and training for Food Science and Human rights)
- Norwegian College of Dance, Performing Arts and Film (Dance) both research, collaborative with exchange of students and staff and training
- Peace and Conflict Studies Programme between Turkish Cooperation Development Agency

School pf Women and Gender Studies

- Gender and Economic Development Programme

School of Psychology

Makerere Institute of Social Research

MISR has a vibrant research tradition and history, and in recent times, the Rockefeller funded PhD programme in Social Studies, now its fourth intake, had generated a lot research data.

In addition the major projects, there is a lot of research undertaken by graduate students, funded by Carnegie, Sida, NUFU and other Research and development partners.