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City University Prospectus



PROFILE:

Established in April 17, 2012; City University (CU) is a Not-For-Profit foundation university located in Mogadishu, Somalia that is pioneering quality instruction, research, and service to society. As you will see in the pages to follow, City is literally setting the gold standard for quality education in Somalia. From the foundations program that teaches the language of instructions in a professional format, to the libraries and laboratories, the qualification of our instructors and cutting edge curricula, City University has raised the bar for higher education in Somalia. Our facilities and equipment and our student centric pedagogy are making a tangible difference in the lives of many young people in Somalia.

CU classes started at its K4-Campus, Hodon District of Mogadishu in September 2013. Two more campuses were opened in 2014 in the Bondhere and Abdiaziz Districts of Mogadishu. The language of instruction at City University is English, except in the case of the degree in Sharia & Law where Arabic is the medium of instruction. All CU graduates, including the Sharia and Law students, are required to be proficient in English. City University is authorized as a degree granting institution by the Somali Ministry of Education Directorate of Higher Education and Culture and is a founding member of the Association of Somali Universities (ASU) and Somali Research and Innovation Management Association (SORIMA) and its parent organization EARIMA (East African Research and Innovation Management Association). CU is also a member of the Somali Research and Educational Network (SomaliREN).

President's Message



Peace Be Upon You. Welcome to City University of Mogadishu. I am very proud to be the founding president of this university. City University was created with a distinctive mission: pioneering quality instruction, research, and service to society informed by the latest higher education research. Establishing this aspiring university from scratch has been both exciting and challenging, especially since Somalia is a post-conflict country where the institutions and the infrastructure have massively been destroyed.

In my higher education career spanning over two decades, I have had the privilege of working at some of the world's top universities as a senior professor, international consultant, or a faculty development professional. I am confident that City University will be able to make its dreams and aspirations a reality and will become one of the world's finest universities. This university already distinguishes itself through cutting edge programs and practices that integrate international standards of excellence with local needs and realities.

Since City University opened some four years ago, it has already made great strides and has risen to prominence in the country. As you will see in this document, the university has introduced and successfully implemented some infrastructure and program initiatives unprecedented in the country. This remarkable success is no doubt due to the unwavering commitment and hard work of our talented faculty, productive staff, and diligent students. It is noteworthy that all of our three Vice-Presidents are graduates from leading universities in North America. They have lengthy professional experience under their belt, both in the developed world and in the region. Also, our meticulously recruited faculty members come from various international educational backgrounds, including North America, Europe, South Asia, South East Asia, and Africa.

City University plans in the near future to introduce more undergraduate and graduate programs, centers and institutes, continuing education and technical programs, as well as to further develop and consolidate its research and services productivity, capacity, and culture. I continue to have unshakable confidence that the success of these endeavors will be made possible by the deep commitment and tireless efforts of the remarkable people at City University. My utmost appreciation and gratitude go to our friends, partners, and donors for their relentless and vital support.

In line with City University's moto of knowledge is light, I see the light at the end of the tunnel and a bright future for City University and this country. I invite you to join us and be part of this history in the making!

Warmest Greetings with Peace

Abdullahi A. Barise

Abdullahi A. Barise, PhD
President

Vision:

City University of Mogadishu will strive to become the preeminent leader in instruction, research, and service of society in Somalia and the region, and will pursue international recognition through excellence and rigorous standards.

Mission:

Our primary mission is to educate morally upright, capable leaders equipped with relevant knowledge and transferable high skills to achieve their professional goals and offer leadership and service to their society and nation. Through quality assured excellence in instruction, research, and service, the university seeks to promote the wellbeing of the Somali people and contribute to the development of the nation, the continent, and our increasingly interconnected world.

Core Values:

Our core values are the foundation of our university community culture. They guide the actions, relationships, and decision-making processes of our administration, faculty, students, and staff:

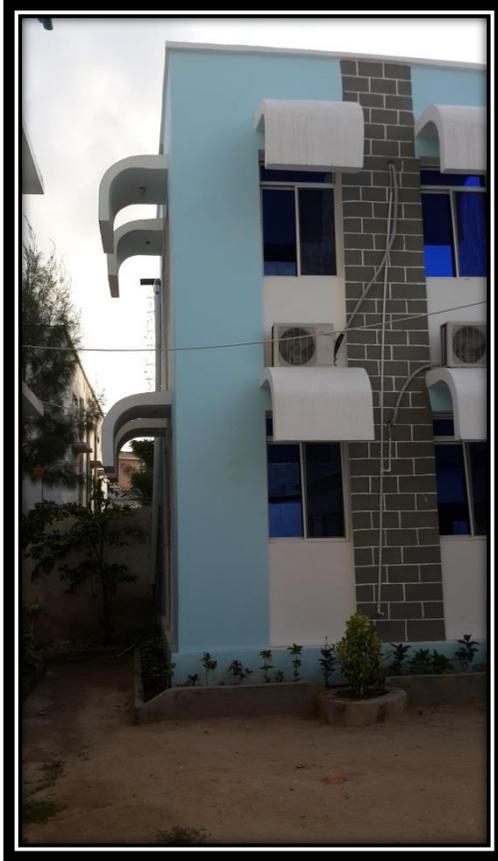
1. **Leadership** through responsibility and teamwork
2. **Excellence** through empowerment and self-confidence
3. **Productivity** through creativity and diligence
4. **Accountability** through integrity and transparency
5. **Service** through caring and sharing
6. **Equality** through fairness and respect
7. **Peace** through inclusiveness and social cohesion

Campuses:

City University students study in one of three strategically located campuses in Mogadishu. A fourth Campus is under development on the edge of the City:



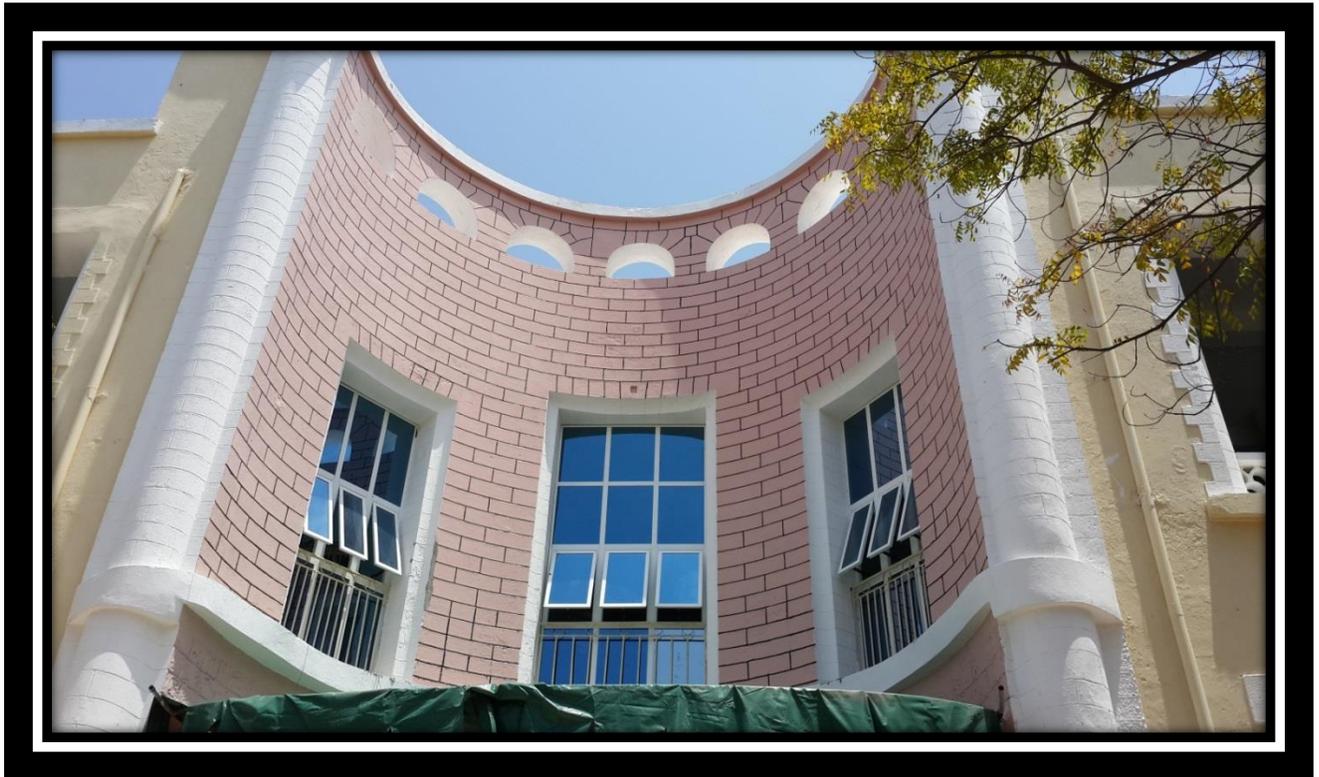
K4-Campus



This campus is composed of six buildings and houses the administration, classes, a stand-alone library building, computer labs, prayer hall building, bookstore and café building. It is also adjacent to staff residential facilities. The University started here at K4 square in the Hodon district of Mogadishu, and is where prospective students and visitors still come for admissions testing and processing.



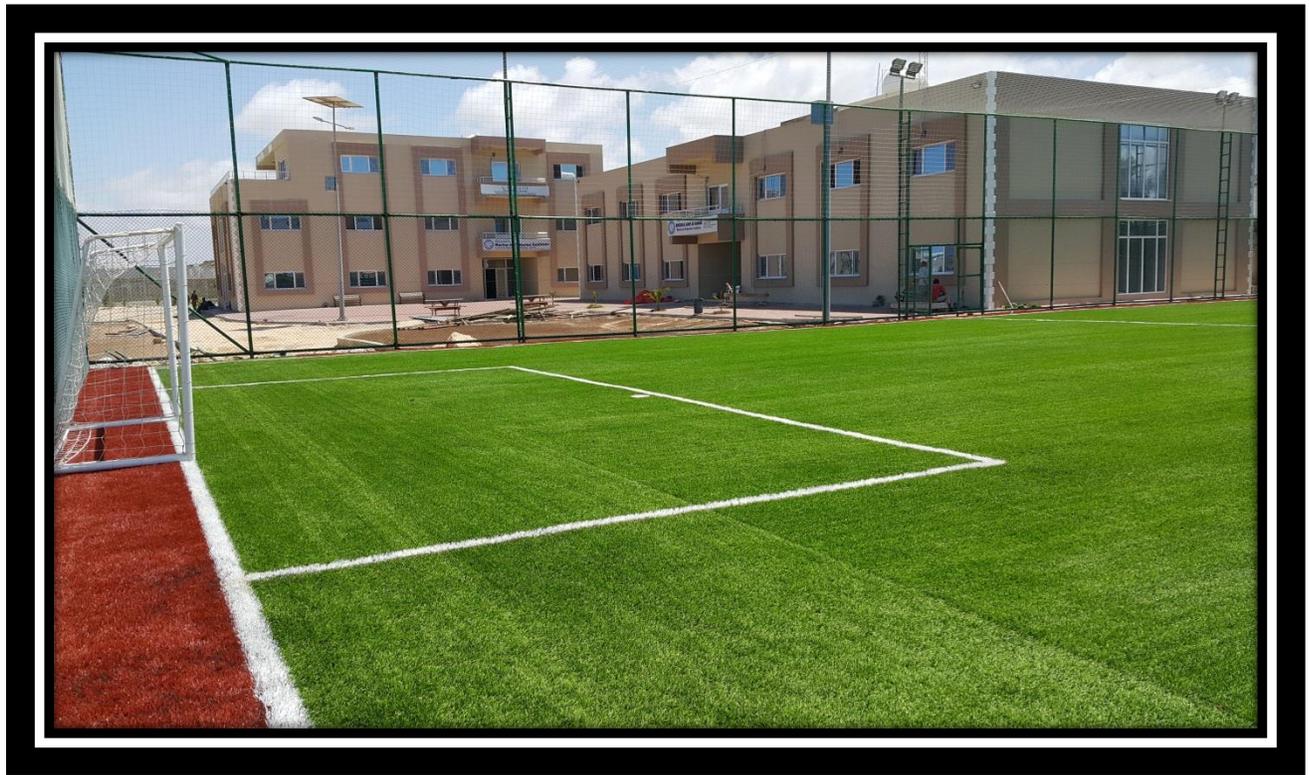
Yusuf Al-Kawnayn Campus



The campus is located opposite the Ministry of Security in Bondhere District of Mogadishu and is the largest of the three facilities currently operated by CU. The campus is composed of four buildings that house offices, classrooms, computer labs, café, mosque, library, science labs, a greenhouse and a basketball field. The campus is also home to a large 500 person capacity air-conditioned conference hall built and equipped theatre style for events and school gatherings.



The Marine Campus



The campus is located in the Abdiaziz district of Mogadishu on the Lido beach. It also has four buildings housing the Mogadishu Marine High School, student dormitories, Marine Sciences college classes, marine vocational training facilities, offices, library, computer lab, prayer hall, a state of the art soccer field, dining hall and a marine laboratory. The campus is also home to the Marine Institute's two boats – an 18' fishing boat with a 25HP outboard engine and a 27' fishing and research boat with a 3Piston inboard engine.



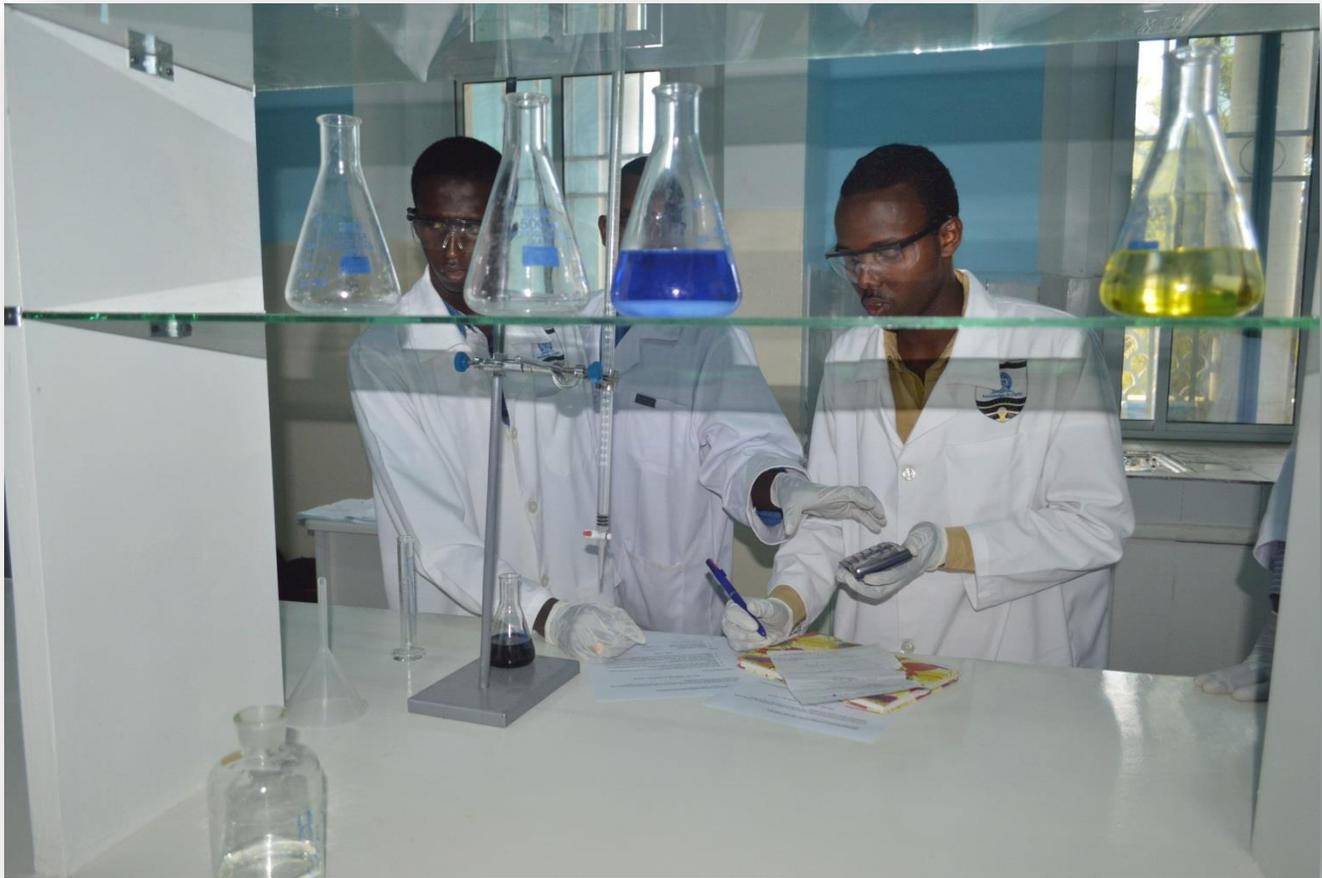


Features:

- ✓ Core i7, i5 & i3 desktops and laptops.
- ✓ Local area Network (LAN) wiring.
- ✓ Inter-campus Fiber Network.
- ✓ All computers wired for Internet access.
- ✓ Anti-Virus, Network & 3D-Printers.
- ✓ Specialized Educational Software.
- ✓ Uninterruptable Power Supply (UPSes).
- ✓ Free wireless Internet for students.
- ✓ Temperature Controlled Setting.
- ✓ Online campus management software.



Science Laboratories:



Well-equipped labs for Chemistry, Biology & Physics are prepared for student education. Local secondary schools also visit our labs to expose their students to the scientific equipment available at CU. Among the items in the biology lab is the LCD microscope pictured here. This microscope can also connect to a projector for the class to share the view of microscopic samples and their features on the wide screen.



The Greenhouse



CU operates a Greenhouse on campus for the benefit of its Agriculture students. Students prepare seeds in the school nursery and grow a variety of vegetables in the greenhouse. Cherry tomatoes, cucumbers, sweet melons, green peppers, carrots, and chili peppers are among the harvest for this semester.



Libraries

CU has three libraries with over 30,000 printed books and a digital library with over 32 million digital resources that offer instant local access to a wide variety of educational resources including video, audio, PDF books and journals. Our students and staff also have subscription to thousands of online scientific journals. Our free standing library building in the K4-Campus has two floors dedicated to stacks & reading spaces.



The other two campuses have libraries within buildings and book sharing between the campuses is simplified by the online library management software we use. A special collection of readers have been procured to allow the different levels of English Language students to borrow, read and write book reports about. Reading space and Wi-Fi services are available in all libraries.



The YK Conference Hall



The conference hall located at the Yusuf Al-Kawnayn Campus is an air-conditioned modern facility with projection and audio-visual equipment. It can seat up to five hundred students and is used for a variety of meetings and events. The hall is used for educational Movies, plays, public speaking practice and student activities. Debates, Jeopardy competitions, and Spelling Bee tournaments are held here. It is also used for meetings, guest lecturer receptions, graduations and other school events.



Transportation Services:



Shuttle bus services are provided for CU Students and staff between the three campuses throughout the day. Departure and arrival times are published every semester. Many students arrive at our K4-Campus using the abundant and inexpensive public transport system and catch the shuttle bus to other campuses.

Religious Services:



Space for meditation and prayer services is provided for the university community in all campuses.



Café & Dining Halls:



CU Students enjoy low cost Breakfast, lunch, snacks, cold and hot drinks at food service facilities in each campus. Camel Lattes and fish-sambusa are very popular with students.



CU Marine & Fisheries Institute Boats:
CU Marine 1 - Research Vessel:



In addition to the 18' boat described below, the Institute operates a 27' fishing and research boat with a 3-Piston inboard engine. Our marine Biologists and marine students have an opportunity to conduct meaningful marine research using our boats and laboratories. Guest lecturers and visitors also enjoy exploratory rides along the beautiful coastlines near Mogadishu.

Marine Boat Two:



The CU Marine & Fisheries Institute operates an 18' fishing boat with a 25HP outboard engine. When the boat is not used for teaching, it goes fishing to help with the cost of running the school.

Guest Lecturers:



The CU Student Affairs office and the Student Government invite a prominent guest speaker every month. Students gather to listen, learn, question and debate the important issues of the day with the visitor. Students are encouraged to be inquisitive, to explore and to expand the boundaries of their understanding of subjects. Prominent speakers include Ministers, Parliamentarians, International Organizations Staff, Prominent Academics, Activists and more.



Athletics



City University teams compete in the universities league in football, table tennis, basketball and swimming. Athletic facilities include the ultra-modern football field at the City University Marine campus by the beach, basketball, tennis and gym facilities. Access to the beach at the Marine campus provides convenient swimming facilities for leisure or competitive sports.



Competitions:



From football and tennis tournaments to swimming, spelling and jeopardy competitions, debates and “Its Academic” between high schools sponsored by City University during the 2014-2015 school year, there is always a tournament underway at City.



Winner of the annual Table Tennis championship



Winner of the UN Essay Competition



Spelling Bee Competition for ESL Students.



Team debates for ESL Students & More.

Field Trips & Community Services:



City University students benefit from educational field trips to increase their experience and improve their understanding of the lessons in class. Civil Engineering students visit the largest construction site in Mogadishu – The new Turkish Embassy. Other trips include trips to Afgoye Farms and the Mogadishu Port. Cleaning the beach, helping primary schools and feeding the IDPs are among the common community services provided by City University students on a voluntary basis.



Cleaning Lido beach on community service



STAG & Dr. Moad field trip visit to Afgoye.



Students visiting the Mogadishu Port



Students feeding the IDPs on Community service

Internships While Studying:



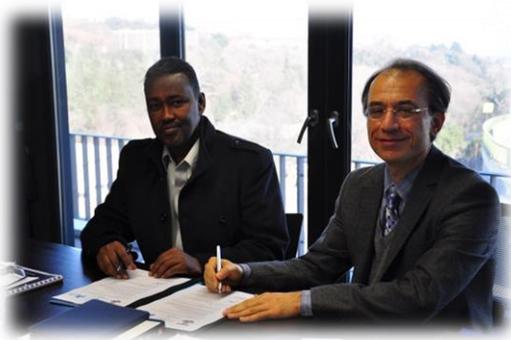
Thanks to the foundations program, CU students with their language skills take advantage of the university's many local and international partnerships and connections to land international internships annually. For the 4th year, CU students are competing for an all-expenses paid international internship to Europe for the summer. Students compete for these opportunities and are evaluated for their GPA, Character, Community Services and essays written by students making the case for their selection. Similarly, both local and international organizations have hired City students as paid interns while in school because of their language and superb educational skills.



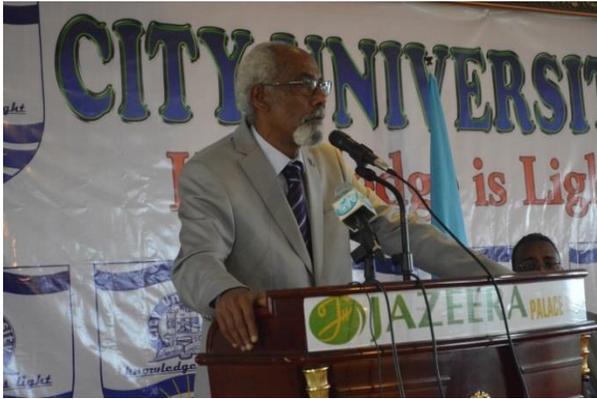
Linkages & Partnerships:



City University has established a number of significant and meaningful relationships with leading local and International institutions and businesses. Our students and staff benefit from these relationships to augment their education and training and to expand their knowledge and experience. The early completion of the foundations program allows CU students to take advantage of the university's many local and international partnerships and connections to land international internships annually.



Visitors & Dignitaries



GOVERNANCE

The Board of Trustees

The highest authority at CU is its Board of Trustees. The Board is made up of respected members of both the academic and the business communities. They help the university fulfil its mission by providing oversight and input regularly. They advocate for the university locally and internationally to build its capacity for today and tomorrow. The Board appoints the President of the university.

The Executive Council

The Executive Council is the highest executive body of the university. It meets monthly and is comprised of executive leadership from across the university. The council's primary function is to advise the President on key issues related to university governance and operations. The council commissions technical committees as needed.

The University Senate

The University Senate is made up of representatives of all constituencies of the campus community, including faculty, staff, and students. The senate provides an opportunity for faculty, staff and students to participate in policy-related decision making. All issues that have an impact on the daily functions of the university are introduced through the appropriate senate committee for discussion, debate and policy recommendations to the Executive Council of the University.



The Student Government

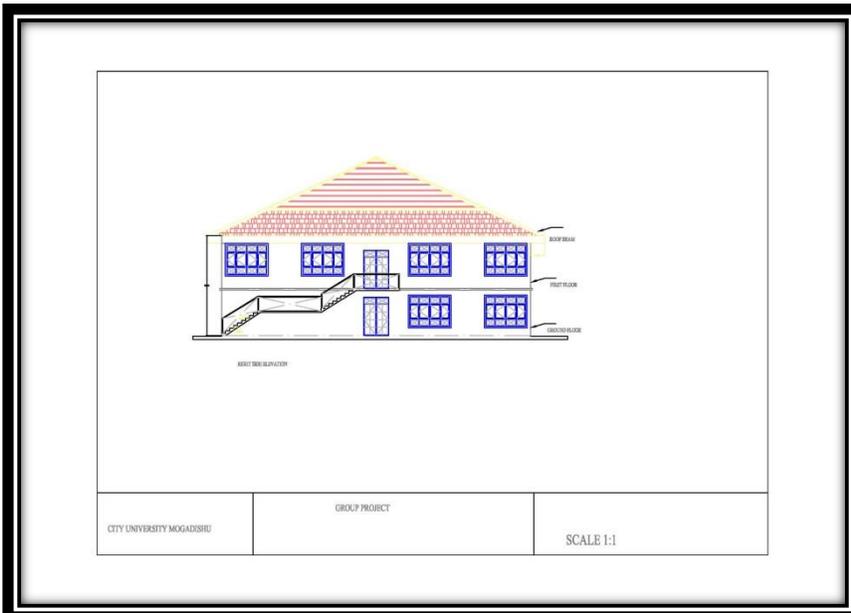
The Students Government is composed of three chambers. The Executive, The Senate and the Judiciary. The Executive runs the day to day affairs of the student government. The senate serves as the legislative arm of the student government and represents students in the University Senate. The Judiciary, among other things, keeps the peace between the legislature and the executive.

The Student Government is a student organizing body of CU that is responsible for creating opportunities for students to interact with each other and a forum in which student can have their voices heard by school administrators.



Student government elections are usually a very competitive affair and Ms. Fadumo Ali Abdi (Political Science Major) was elected as the first president of the City University Student Government in 2013. The current President of the Student Government is Mr. Abdihamid Ali Abdirahman (Marine Sciences Major) and the current Vice President is Mr. Cawil Mohamed Abdi.





Learning Outcomes-Based Education

Stated student learning outcomes guide all curriculum development as well as instructional and assessment practices at City University. Student learning outcomes refer to the knowledge, skills, and attitudes that students are expected to learn at the university. Learning outcomes can be achieved at the university, program, course, and even lesson levels.



City University Learning Outcomes (CULOS)

City University Learning Outcomes (CULOS) are general, transferrable knowledge and skills that every City University graduate is expected to have met, regardless of degree program. City University Learning Outcomes are developed through integrated curricular and co-curricular student experiences. These outcomes are achieved throughout the foundation

program, the university-wide core courses, the degree program courses, and student experiences outside the classroom. The university-level student learning outcomes guide the development of degree program and course-level learning outcomes. As well, instructors use every opportunity to foster CULOS in their teaching and student assessment. Below are the 8 CULOS:

- 1. Critical thinking:** City University graduates will be able to engage in inquiry, value examination, and creative problem solving.
- 2. Communication:** City University graduates will be able to communicate effectively and clearly both orally and in writing.
- 3. Leadership & teamwork:** City University graduates will be able to participate constructively and interact effectively with others to accomplish common goals.
- 4. Technological competence:** City University graduates will be able to properly use and evaluate technology in their professions both ethically and securely.

5. Research: City University graduates will be able to systematically investigate into a research question, exploring, collecting, and analyzing evidence, to establish facts and make informed conclusions.

6. Global awareness: City University graduates will be able to explain globalization and its impact on them and their society, while understanding their own and other culture, and reacting to difference in an enlightened and socially responsible manner.

7. National & Islamic issues: City University graduates will be able to discuss the main features of Islamic civilization as well as the history and socio-politics of the Somali people.

8. Language: City University graduates will be able to communicate fluently in Somali and English, using the academic and professional conventions of these languages.



Contextualized Curriculum and Instruction:

City University strives, whenever possible, to offer Instruction in real-world contexts: through real or realistic case studies, problem-solving, examples, etc. Contextualized curriculum and instruction have proven advantages for student learning and motivation.



Student-Centered Teaching and Learning

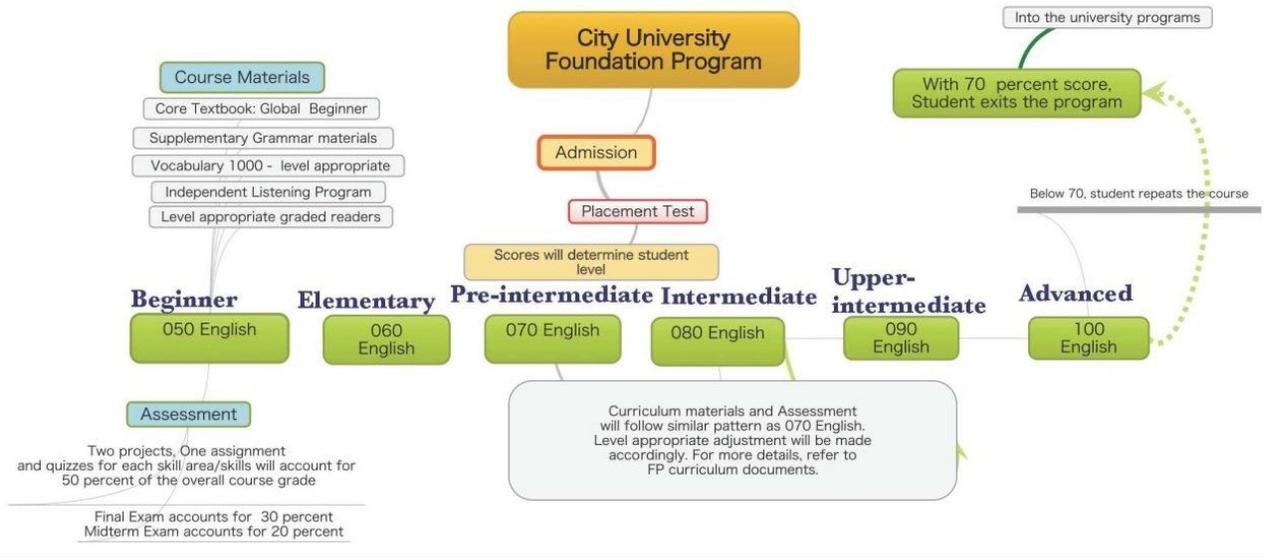
Student centered instruction requires students to be active and responsible participants of their own learning. Student-centered instruction focuses on student engagement and builds on every student’s abilities and learning styles. In other words, student-centered instruction is any well-structured, teacher-guided, student-centered activity that substantially involves students with the course content through talking and listening, writing, reading and reflecting.

Full-Time Degree Program Durations

<u>No</u>	<u>Course Title</u>	<u>Duration</u>
01.	Undergraduate Degree Programs (<i>Except Medicine</i>)	4.0 Years
02.	Undergraduate Degree in Medicine & Surgery	6.0 Years
03.	Master’s Degree Programs	1-2 Years



The institute provides English as a Second Language, Math, and IT courses. The necessary pre-requisite to quality college education takes up-to six months depending on the results of the English language placement test for admitted students.



Students admitted to the university, but are lacking English language proficiency, are placed in one of six-levels above after testing. Upon completion of level six (advanced) class, students undergo TOEFL preparation lessons to be able to take full advantage of the quality education provided to them at CU.



City University also offers high quality English language classes to members of the public in an English Language Certificate Program that is available both on a part-time and fulltime basis.



TOEFL Preparation Program



The City University Research Operations, Monitoring & Evaluation Office (ROME0) is responsible for City University (CU) research portfolio as well as the monitoring and evaluation of both internal and external projects on behalf of the university or other clients. The research component is mandated to facilitate and support relevant quality research that contributes to knowledge in areas delineated in the CU research priorities.

CURRICULUM STRUCTURE



Core Courses

City university curriculum is divided into three parts. First, all students take the required core courses after they successfully finish their foundations program. These are twelve courses worth a total of 34 credit hours. This shared intellectual experience is designed to immensely contribute to the achievement of the City University Learning Outcomes (CULOS). Second, there are College and Major Program required classes and finally,

depending on their degree program, students will select from the available concentrations in degree programs. This choice will be further reinforced by the free core electives of their major or minor.

University Required Core Courses

<u>Course No</u>	<u>Course Title</u>	<u>Credit Hrs</u>
UNI 100	Transition into the University Context	1
UNI 102	Critical Thinking	3
UNI 123	Academic English	3
UNI 124	Oral & Written Communication	3
UNI 121	Globalization	3
UNI 132	Islamic Civilization	3
UNI 117	Understanding the Somali Society and Culture	3
UNI 135	Arabic Language	3
UNI 145	Somali Language	3
UNI 155	Essentials of Islam	3
UNI 165	Essentials of Information & Communications Technologies	3
UNI 180	Essential Mathematics (Pre-Calculus)	3
	Total	34

Major Courses



During the Post-Foundation years, students will take required and electives major courses as delineated in their specific academic program. All applied degree programs will have meticulously managed internships components. After successful completion of the foundation program, all City University undergraduate degree programs can be completed in four years.

In summary, the main goal of all City University degree programs is to respond clearly to the current and projected economic and social development needs of the country. In all, City University degree programs curricula are designed and delivered in such a way that theoretical, practical, as well as flexible, transferrable knowledge and skills are achieved. In addition to their subject matter knowledge and skills, City University graduates will have the flexible, adaptable skills that it takes to self-employ or get jobs that are not directly related to their technical specialization.

City University offers the following Degrees Programs:

1. Political Science:

- BA Political Science - International Relations
- BA Political Science - Public Relations
- BA Political Science - Conflict, Governance & Peacebuilding
- **MA Political Science - Conflict, Governance & Peacebuilding**

2. Law:

- BA Law
- BA Sharia & Law

3. Business & Administrative Sciences:

- BS Business Administration - Accounting
- BS Business Administration - Banking & Finance
- BS Business Administration - Marketing
- BS Business Administration - Management
- BS Applied Statistics
- **MBA Master of Business Administration**

4. Information & Communications Technologies:

- BS Computer Science
- BS Information Security
- BS Telecommunication & Networks

5. Engineering:

- BS Civil Engineering - Structural Engineering
- BS Civil Engineering - Geotechnical Engineering
- BS Civil Engineering - Water Resources Engineering
- BS Electrical & Electronics Engineering

6. Agriculture:

- BS Agriculture - Crop Production
- BS Agriculture - Rangeland Management
- BS Agriculture - Animal Husbandry

7. Marine & Fisheries:

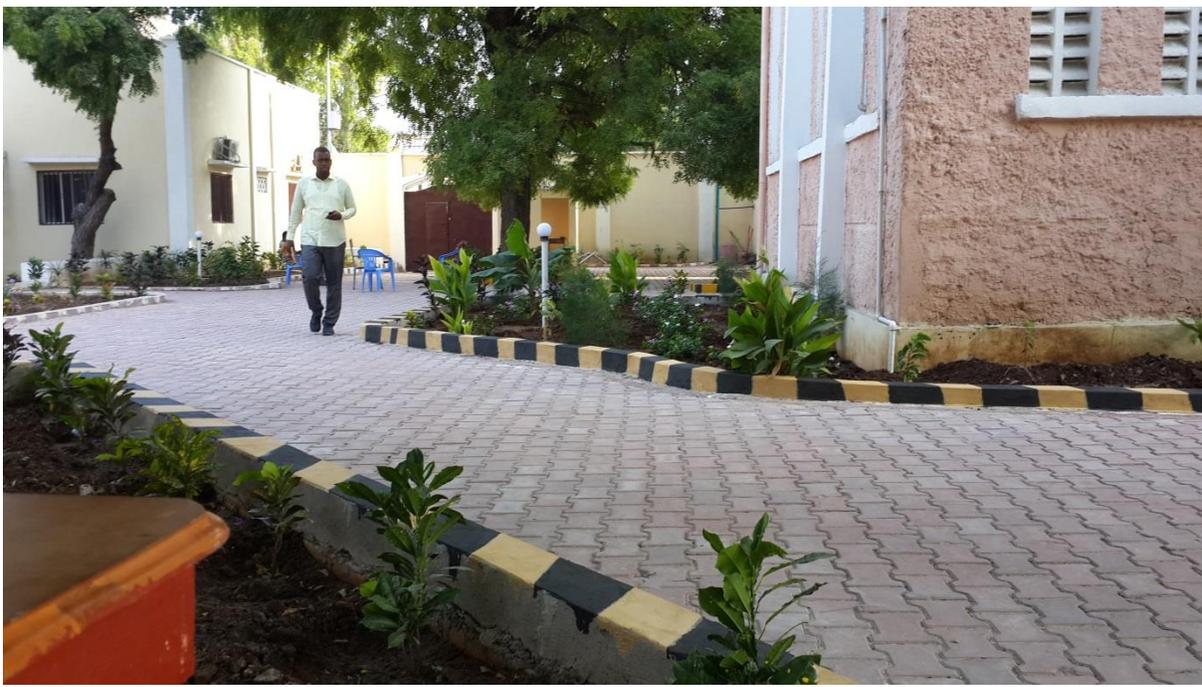
- BS Fisheries & Aquatic Sciences
- BS Nautical Science & Maritime Transportation
- BS Oceanography
- BS Shipping & Ports Administration

8. Health Sciences:

- BS Medicine & Surgery
- BS Nursing

9. Certificates & Diplomas:

- English Language For Academics - Foundations
- English Language Certificate Program
- Various Certificate Programs
- Various Diploma Programs



UNIVERSITY GRADING SYSTEM

City University follows the grading system below

Range of Marks	Grade	Grade Points Average (GPA)	Explanation of Codes	
90-100	A	4	Exceptional	Achievement that is <i>outstanding</i> relative to the requirements.
85-89	A-	3.7	Excellent	
80-84	B+	3.3	Very Good	Achievement that is <i>significantly</i> above the requirements.
75-79	B	3	Good	
70-74	C+	2.3	Above Average	Achievement that <i>satisfactorily</i> meets the requirements.
65-69	C	2	Average	
60-64	D	1	Poor	Achievement that <i>minimally</i> meets the requirements
0-59	F	0	Fail	Achievement that <i>does not</i> meet the requirements.

Grades Not Calculated in the GPA

Codes	Explanation of Codes	
AU	Audit	A notation that indicates a course is taken without credit
EL	Experiential Learning	A grade that indicates the student has been granted credit based on work or life experience such as structured internships, volunteer work/travel, self-study, or training
EX	Exemption	A grade that indicates a student has been exempted from a course requirement on successful completion of an equivalent course
FL	Fail	Achievement that does not meet the course requirements in courses graded Pass/Fail
I	Incomplete	A temporary grade that indicates that the student has not completed all course requirements
P	Pass	Achievement that meets the course requirements in courses graded Pass/Fail
TR	Transfer Credit	A grade that indicates the student has been granted credit for an equivalent course taken at another institution
W	Withdrawal	A grade that indicates the student has withdrawn without penalty



ADMISSIONS

Admission Requirements

Admissions into the degree programs of City University require the successful completion of Secondary Education and a passing grade in the Entrance Exam. Similarly, all students will take an English Language placement test to determine their level of proficiency.

All students are placed in the appropriate level of a foundation program with emphasis on English language skills development. Students will also learn Mathematics and Computers. City University runs on a semester schedule, including an active summer term. Student intake will take place only in the Fall and Spring Semesters.

If you attended another university, please also provide the following:

1. A copy of the applicant's university degree(s) certified by the educational institution and relevant authorities.
2. A copy of the applicant's transcript of academic records (of each academic year), certified by the educational institution and relevant authorities.
3. A document explaining the grading system of the applicant's university.
4. If the documents are in a language other than English, a certified translated copy must accompany the original documents.

SCHOLARSHIPS

About 70% of students admitted into City University receive some form of scholarship to help with the cost of their education. Most students get merit scholarships as a result of their scores in the entrance examination. The university also provides a limited number of need-based scholarships. Students who pass the CU Entrance Exam may apply for scholarships. First In Class Scholarships are special scholarships offered to the top students in their secondary school. These students are entitled to full 100% tuition waiver scholarships provided they pass the entrance examinations at CU.

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