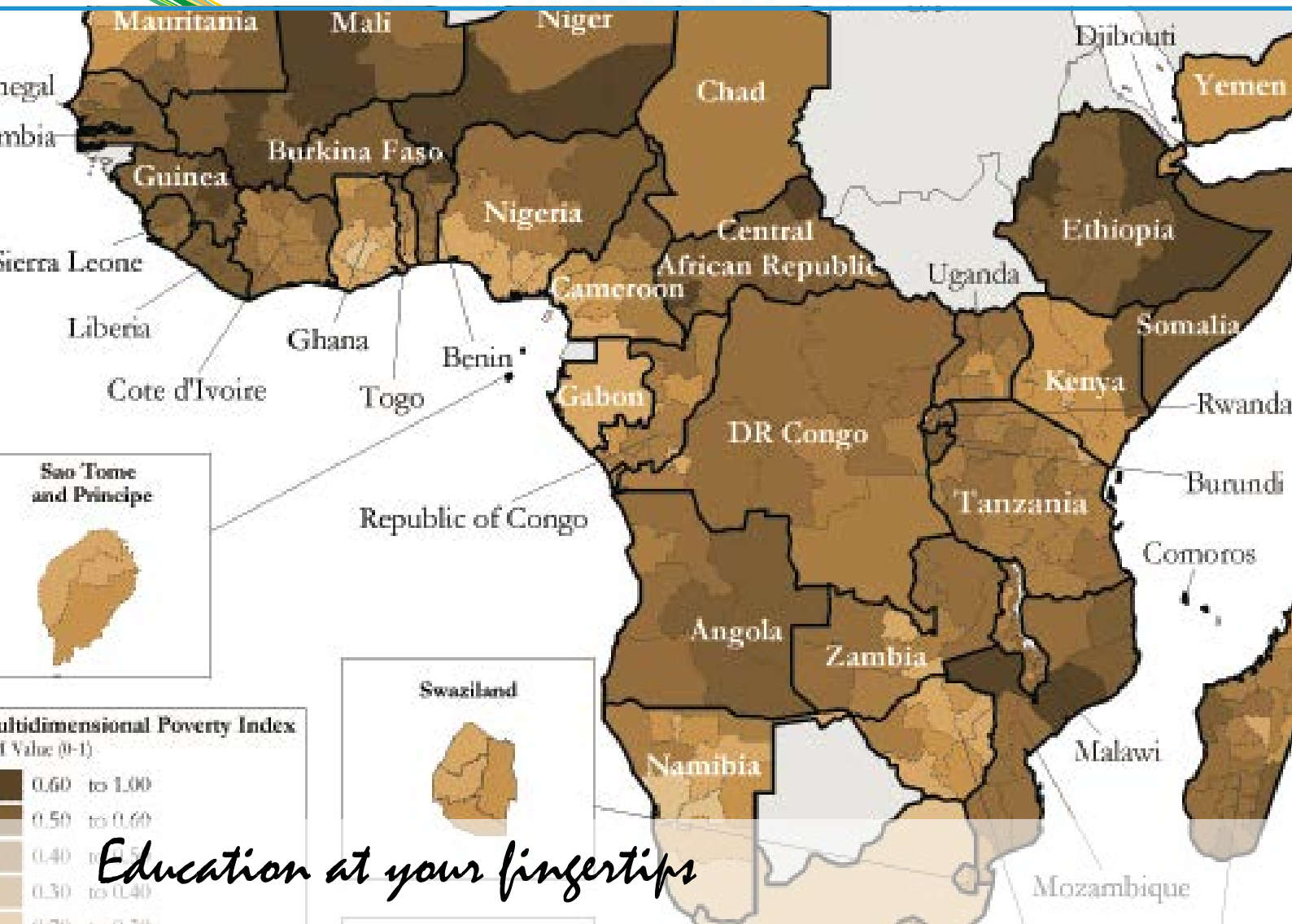




MASENO UNIVERSITY
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eCampus



Master of Arts in Social Policy eLearning Programme

SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES



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1.0 Introduction

Social Policy is one of the academic social sciences, and is based on a distinct empirical focus, i.e., support for the wellbeing of citizens provided through social action. In its academic and operational thrust, social policy draws from the methods and materials used by other social sciences in order to ensure the promotion of human welfare and happiness. It is informed by local, national and international desire to produce specialists that can address local as well as global issues that relate to social development, governance and, especially, poverty eradication in developing countries.

The programme is founded on the philosophy of the globe as a social and multicultural community. It aims at developing critical thinking and analytical skills by offering courses that will lead to careers in research, consultancy, and various aspects of social development. The programme will also provide opportunity to develop skills in research, analysis and interpretation of data information that will address developmental needs of the 21st Century. The programme will attract students and practicing professionals interested or involved in all aspects of social policy and development at local, national, regional and global levels. It will be of particular interest to people with an interest in poverty and inequality, ignorance, illiteracy and unemployment, communal and familial problems and disease in Africa and other developing country contexts. The programme will train personnel that will play key roles in Governments, especially those that are in the process of democratization through devolution, decentralization and democratization such as Kenya.

2.0 Programme Objectives

The objectives of the programme are to:

- a) produce graduates with skills and attitudes necessary for the advancement of knowledge, and application of concepts and methods of social development.
- b) equip students from different social science backgrounds with the techniques of policy analysis and research in government and academic fields.
- c) train future teachers of social policy that will develop the discipline in various higher and tertiary institutions of learning.
- d) develop the capacity of national and local authorities to be able to take action with regard to social security and social protection of Kenyans in line with the Kenyan Vision 2030 and the Constitution of Kenya 2010.

3.0 Expected Learning Outcomes

The programme aims at developing graduates who are able to:

- a) undertake search for knowledge and apply the concepts and methods of social research in addressing social challenges in the developing world.
- b) demonstrate mastery of methodological skills in the application of social policy knowledge and perspectives in various contexts.
- c) conduct training and capacity building in social policy analysis and research for leadership at all levels of academia and governance.
- d) provide competent policy management in various contexts towards the attainment of various international pursuits such as the Millennium Development Goals.

4.0 Admission Requirements

Maseno University Rules and Regulations regarding admissions into a Masters degree (paragraph 9.1.3) shall apply.

5.0 Duration of the Programme

The duration of the programme shall normally be two academic years.

6.0 Programme Structure

Maseno University Rules and Regulations regarding the structure of Masters degrees, (paragraph 9.2.3), shall apply.

7.0 Mode of Delivery

The courses leading to the Master of Arts in Social Policy will be delivered using one or a combination of the following modes:

- a) e-learning
- b) Face to Face
- c) Field visits and projects

8.0 Examination

Maseno University Rules and Regulations for Masters Examinations, (paragraph 11.2.3), shall apply.

9.0 Module Distribution

YEAR 1



SEMESTER 1

ASP 801:	Policy Issues in the Developing World	1C
ASP 803	Comparative and International Social Policy	1C
ASP 805	Inequality in the Developing World	1E
ASP 807	Methods of Social Policy Research	1C
ASP 809	ICT Policy for Development	1C
ASP 811	Land and Water Policy	1E

SECOND SEMESTER

ASP 802	Socio-Economic Policy in Africa	1C
ASP 804	Social Change Management	1C
ASP 806	Policy and Poverty in the Developing World	1E
ASO 810	Sector Policy Analysis	1C*
ASO 804	Computer/ IT skills for social research	1C*
ASO 817	Disaster Management	1E*

YEAR 2



SEMESTER 1

ASP 813	Law, Culture and Policy	1E
ASP 815	Housing and Shelter Policy	1E
ASP 817	Education and Literacy Policy	1C
ASP 819	Health, Food and Nutrition Policy	1C
ASP 821	Governance, Devolution and Democracy	1C
ASP 823	Environment and Climate Change Policy	1C