

Brief History

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DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT

The Department has existed since 1956 when the Royal College, (presently University of Nairobi) was established. The Royal College was part of the University of East Africa. However, the Department has existed under different names in the various times of existence. Upon its inception, the Department offered Diploma courses allied to the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (RICS), of United Kingdom, and admitted the first Bachelor degrees programmes bunch of students in 1967. Up-to 1990 it was called, Department of Land Development, when it split into two sister departments named as Department of Land Development and, Department of Building Economics & Management.

In 2005 when there was a University-wide restructuring and formation of schools, the two sister departments were merged into the Department in its current name and as part of, School of the built environment, (SBE).

PROGRAMMES OFFERED

Summarized here-below are the programmes offered.

UNDERGRADUATE	GRADUATE	POSTGRADUATE
Bachelor of Quantity surveying (BQS)	Postgraduate Diploma in housing administration	Doctor of Philosophy (Ph. D)
Bachelor of Real Estate (BRE)	Masters degree in Construction management	
Bachelor of Construction Management (BCM)	Masters degree in Valuation & property management	
Diploma in Estate Agency & Property management	Masters degree in Housing administration	
	Masters degree in Building management	

Department Milestones

The department held a successful stakeholders consultative workshop on Bachelor of Real Estate on 31st August 2012 at the Nairobi Safari Club (Lilian Towers). The workshop discussed the way forward for the curriculum which was being mounted after the B.A. Land Economics was phased out. The stakeholders expressed concern that the graduates were specializing too early since the Bachelor of Real Estate had two options namely;

- Valuation and Property Management
- Land and Housing Administration

They agreed that the two options should be collapsed into one. This was done and approved by the senate.