

MUNI UNIVERSITY



**VICE CHANCELLOR'S SPEECH DURING THE
ADMISSION CEREMONY FOR FIRST YEAR
STUDENTS OF 2021/2022 ACADEMIC YEAR**

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HEALTH SCIENCE CONFERENCE HALL**

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Protocol observed

1.0. Welcome remark

Welcome and congratulations upon making it to university and particularly Muni University.

Muni is the sixth Public University in Uganda. Please note the following issues for your success in Muni University:

1.1. Vision Mission Statement

Our Vision is to be “A model University of transformation and development”

Mission is “To provide quality education, generate knowledge; promote innovation and community empowerment for transformation”

Motto is “Transforming Lives”

Our Core values are Quality, Equity, Responsiveness, Professionalism, Innovativeness, Accountability and Honesty.

2.0. Academics and discipline

This is paramount while here in the university. Make every effort to study and complete your programme timely. Do not miss lectures unnecessarily. Take your academics very serious because it is what has brought you to this place. Success in academics cannot come without discipline. Be disciplined for success.

3.0. Covid – 19 Pandemic

Covid-19 is real. We need to be vigilant and continue to follow the Standard Operation Procedures (SOPs) especially frequent Hand Washing, Sanitizing, Social Distancing and always wear your face mask properly covering both the nose and the mouth. For those who have not received the Jab, **I am directing each of you to take action and vaccinate before the commencement of your class. Compliance with the GoU directives on COVID19 shall ensure we are all protected against COVID 19, which doesn't seem to be abating.** Our staff at

the University Clinic shall assist you to get vaccinated. Ensure you submit a photocopy of your vaccination certificate for file record.

4.0. Health seeking behavior

Many students have poor health seeking behavior. You don't have to wait for the sickness to get bad before you can call on the clinic. The university clinic offers free services and some drugs are available. For complicated issues we shall refer you to the Arua Regional Referral Hospital for better management. Also avoid self-medication without proper diagnosis.

5.0. Accommodation

We are non-residential university for now. The university does not provide student accommodation but we coordinate accommodation for students with private hostel owners. The university has approved hostel facilities for the safety and security of the students. **Your environment and friendships you establish has great influence on your success, foresight and quality of your stay. Make better choices.**

We want to encourage you to reside in the approved hostels.

6.0. Social life

There is a growing tendency of ladies getting pregnant yet they report as singles. There are students who are cohabiting among themselves. This will inhibit your excellence in academic performance. It is not possible to do well when you are a wife, mother, husband and father. Why can't you wait until you complete your studies then go to marry and enjoy your marriage?

Another area of social life is **clubbing**. Many students go out at night for clubbing. You are only risking your life and hence your future.

7.0. Strikes

In Muni University these are no-go areas. Having disagreements with the management and the system is not a crime but we have mechanisms to handle these disagreements. Use the Guild leadership, the Dean of Student's Office, The Faculty Dean's office and any other relevant channel to resolve your issues. Going on strike only worsens the issues at hand. Desist from it.

8.0. Co-curricular activities

Endeavor to participate in any co-curricular activity of your choice. Be part of the community outreach. Do not limit your learning to the campus environment be able to explore and reach out to learn more.

9.0. Need to love your neighbors

My dear students, staff, management, and the community, we need to support each other in this journey of life and that can only be achieved when there is true love among us.

I wish all of you a profitable and enjoyable stay here in Muni University.

Transforming Lives

For God and my Country