Outreach and International Students' Centre (OISC)

CALL FOR PARTICIPATION IN AN INTERNATIONAL FIELD COURSE ON AGROECOLOGY

'Integrated Project Agro- and Ecosystems Engineering':

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A Master of Science (MSc) Field Course, Integrated Project in Agro- and Ecosystems Engineering, funded under the projects Adapting to Climate-Resilient Farming Systems in Western Kenya: The Sustainable Path by Embedding Agroecology in Research, Education and Outreach (ADCLIM) and Strengthening Recordkeeping for more Sustainable and Resilient Smallholder Farming in Western Kenya (FarmRecord4SD) by VLIR-UOS, in collaboration with KU Leuven (Belgium), is scheduled from 2nd to 14th November 2025. This year's course will be hosted by the University of Eldoret (UoE) and evaluated as part of the MSc Course-Seminars.

The Field Course program involves a 3-week training workshop at UoE (Hybrid) and a two-week field course (one week of fieldwork, one week of data analysis, poster preparation and presentation). Multicultural, multidisciplinary teams of seven students will analyse agroecosystems, cropping systems, biodiversity, ecosystem services, soils, climate, and socio-economic conditions at farm and landscape levels to assess the application of the 13 agroecology principles in strengthening community resilience to climate change in Homabay County. They will also identify key constraints and opportunities for sustainable rural development.

Student teams will present findings on a graded poster presentation. A multidisciplinary team of resource persons from both universities will demonstrate field methods, offer guidance, and evaluate the work. The course equips students to address real community problems while fostering networks and collaborations that support their future careers. Applications are invited for the 2025 field Course. Limited spaces are available.

ELIGIBILITY

- 1. Must be registered and undergoing an MSc Programme in any of the Schools at UoE
- 2. Letter of Interest signed by the DEAN or HoD
- 3. A signed commitment letter
- 4. Must not have participated in the previous editions of this course.
- 5. Online application process; https://forms.gle/Rj2fA6VrA4pUC6tXA

Deadline for Submission of Application

An online application must be submitted before **30th September 2025 at 23:59 hrs.** (Kenyan time).

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