

PREPARING FOR UNIVERSITY EDUCATION: ESSENTIAL TIPS

Depending on your final admission details – course of study, duration, location and character of the University, the following are essential success tips:

- Endeavour to resume with your classmates and attend the orientation programme
- Determine to make a success of your stay in the institution
- Your first day in school could shape your future on campus and beyond
- Hone your note-taking, writing and ICT skills; never rely on xeroxed notes
- Make a positive impression upon, and connect with, your lecturers and school mates
- Be a pace-setter, not a camp follower; identify and learn from good role models
- Avoid outlandish dress and hair styles, and demeanour – avoid scandals and negative profiling
- Build a positive profile from the first day and seek to exert a positive influence
- Choose your friends carefully; if you can, select who you share a room with
- Your first semester is crucial – its results could determine your final grade!
- Be punctual and self-disciplined; manage your time to accommodate curricular and co-curricular activities
- Endeavour to attend all lectures, laboratory sessions and other scheduled events
- Develop your initiative; be strategic and forward looking
- Be confident in your God-given ability but don't be over-confident
- Be a bookworm, read beyond your course – a reader is a leader!
- Work hard as if your success depends entirely on it; pray hard knowing that it is a crucial ingredient of success
- Be a six-o'clock (not six-thirty) person, driven by faith-induced values

AS YOU PREPARE TO TAKE THE UTME:

- Realize that you are embarking on perhaps the most critical phase of your life

- Decide what course or degree programme will suit your dream career and job
- Choose a University and the degree programme that best suit your career goals
- Study hard and prepare well – with divine wisdom – to pass the UTME and screening

As Vice-Chancellor of Caleb University, a faith-based University that is committed to preparing qualified young men and women for local and global leadership, I strongly recommend my University for what we offer:

- a quiet and serene environment- far from the madding crowd - ideal for reflection
- a dream landscape – rolling hills, lush vegetation, clean air
- a compact and cosy campus setting – every part of the campus is within trekking distance
- an experienced and competent teaching staff
- state-of-the art laboratory and studio facilities
- marketable programmes targeted at the international job market – hence our emphasis on competence in English and French
- all programmes duly accredited by the NUC
- fully residential
- uninterrupted academic sessions
- zero tolerance for misconduct; bonus points for exemplary behaviour
- direct texting & e-mailing of students’ results to parents
- possibilities of in-course industrial experience
- positive impact and competitiveness of alumni
- a “can-do” spirit captured in the Biblical Caleb’s declaration- “we are well able”!

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