

Mak School of Law hosts students from Namilyango College for a familiarization tour

The School of Law (SoL), Makerere University hosted Namilyango College students for a familiarization tour. The group comprising of 60 Senior 4 and Senior 6 learners was accompanied by their teachers. The visitors were received by Dr. Zahara Nampewo, Deputy Principal, SoL.

In their communication to the University prior to the visit, Namilyango College requested for a guided tour of Makerere University. Specifically, the headmaster said, “we have students interested in joining Makerere University and the learners need a word of encouragement so that they can aim higher as well as a brief on what it takes to join”

In her opening remarks, Dr. Zahara Nampewo presented a brief background about SoL. She explained that the School established in 1968 celebrated 50years in 2018 and is a top law school in Africa. “Makerere University celebrated 100 years of excellence and service to humanity in 2022. The institutional strategic direction is to become a research-led university geared towards more research and innovation for solutions to societal challenges”, Dr. Nampewo said.

Highlights about SoL, LLB programme and how to join were shared with the visitors:

- The Bachelor of Laws (LLB) was changed from a 3year to a 4year programme in 1990

The LLB programme is an intensive course that requires a lot of reading and therefore students interested in the programme should be ready to read. The law profession is a continuous reading profession, even when you are a judge, you are always reading to backup your judgments since the law is always changing, lawyers are always reading so you have to be ready to read hard, put in hard work

- The two main avenues one can enroll on LLB is either thru direct-entry scheme (after A Level) or mature-entry scheme (those who have completed other study programmes). All applicants for the programmes have to sit and pass the pre-entry exam before admission. After completing LLB, students undertake the bar at Law Development Centre (LDC) and then apply to be admitted to the bar before practicing as an advocate.

Students were given opportunity to ask questions before departure.

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