

Brief History of the Department

The Department of Psychology was established in 1988 in the Faculty of Social Sciences at the College of Education and External Studies. The initial primary function of the Department was to service the newly established Faculty of Education by teaching Educational Psychology courses in the Bachelor (B.Ed) degree programme. Since then, however, the Department has extended its service teaching to the Faculty of External Studies; the Department of Nursing; Faculty of Science (B.Ed Science) and (Department of Agricultural Economics (Agric. Education & Extension).

During the recent restructuring of university programmes, the Faculty of Social Sciences was merged with the Faculty of Arts within the College of Humanities & Social Sciences. The Department of Psychology is therefore currently housed at the Faculty of Arts but continues with its service teaching role in the various other departments.

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3. [Prof. Priscilla W. Kariuki](#) 1997-2003
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