

# PRESENTATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF YAOUNDE I



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## Historical reference marks & Background Information

**T**he University of Yaoundé I (UYI), Alma Mater, is the mother of Cameroonian universities. In October 1961, following the reunification of the country, higher education was born in Cameroon under the denomination of Institute of University Studies. Thereafter, 26 July 1962 marked the creation of the Federal University of Cameroon which became the University of Yaoundé in 1973. The university of Yaoundé I, together with five other state universities (included the university of Yaoundé II) were created by decree No 93/026 of 19 January 1993 as a result of university reform.

## Our Missions

Pursuant to the provisions of article 2 of the decree No 93/036 of 29 January 1993, the missions assigned to the UY I authorities are as follows:

- Develop and transmit knowledge.
- Develop research and training of men.
- Bring higher forms of culture and research to the highest level and correct pace of progress.
- Facilitate access to higher education to all those who have vocation and ability.
- Contribute to the Support of development, social and cultural promotion
- Foster the use of bilingualism.

## Our Vision

In addition to the aforesaid tasks, our vision comprises the following terms and fundamental concepts:

- Reinforcement of professionalisation by promoting the relevance of curricula in order to meet labour market requirements; concern for quality of the products and the competitiveness of the graduates on the labour market.
- Consolidation of what exists through the rehabilitation of infrastructure and the reinforcement of the academic courses of study and research structure.
- Modernisation of all components of the institution and the development of co-operation for a greater visibility.

## Some Figures

The UY I has 03 campuses (Ngoa - Ekelle, District of the Municipal Lake and Nkolbisson). It covers a total surface of 105.37 hectares. It is a bilingual Institution (French/English) with 05 faculties/Schools, 04 specialised centres, 02 virtual universities and 65 laboratories of research. 42006 students sharing 64 major courses in 54 departments are served by 1042 teachers and 884 administrative and supporting staff.

## Administrative organisation

The Administration of the University of Yaoundé I shall be composed of the following:

- **Rectorate**
- **Central administration**
- **Faculty/School administrations**

The organisation chart of central services of the university provides for a Rector, 3 Vice-rectors, a Secretary-general (Registrar), a Technical Adviser, 4 Departments (Academic Affairs and Co-operation (DAAC), Infrastructure, Planning and Development (DIPD), Administration and Finances (DAAF), Students' welfare (DECOU) and the decentralized structures of the Ministry of Finance (one Financial Controller, one Accounting officer, one chief accountant of accounting).

The administration of each faculty comprises: a dean, 3 vice-deans, a head of division in charge of administration and finances, heads of service and heads of department.

Administration in advanced schools includes the following: a director and his deputy, a director of studies or a secretary-

general as the case may be, a head of division of administration and finances, a bursar and Services.

## Governing bodies

- The council
- The university senate
- The councils and specialised Commissions

## Our faculties and schools

Teaching, training, and research activities are held in the departments and laboratories of the five faculties/schools (3 faculties and 2 advanced professional schools). The three-cycle degree system curriculum, namely bachelor's, master's, and doctorate (LMD/BMD system) has been in force since the academic year 2008/2009. The University of Yaoundé I comprises the following faculties and schools:



### **1 Faculty of Arts, Letters and Social Sciences (FALSS)**

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#### 15 Departments:

- English
- Anthropology
- Arts and Archaeology
- Bilingual studies
- French
- Geography
- History
- African languages and Linguistics
- German language, Literature and Civilisation
- Spanish, Hispano-American and Italian language, Literature and Civilisation
- Negro-African literature
- Philosophy
- Psychology

- Sociology
- Tourism



## 2 Faculty of **Medicine and Biomedical Sciences (FMBS)**

P.OBOX 1364 Yaoundé,  
 Tel.: +237 22 23 12 24  
 +237 22 31 27 33  
 Web site: <http://www.fmsb.uninet.cm>

### 13 departments:

- Morphological Sciences/Pathological anatomy (anatomy-embryology-histology-genetics)
- Pharmacy and African traditional pharmacopoeia
- Physiological sciences and Biochemistry
- Microbiology/Parasitology/Immunology/Hematology
- Internal medicine and Speciality- infectious diseases-cancerology
- Surgery and speciality/Anaesthesia resuscitation(intensive care)
- gynaecology -obstertrics
- Pediatrics
- Ophthalmology, ORL Stomatology and dentistry
- Medical imagery and Radiotherapy
- Public health and medical information
- Coordinator of the cycle of specialisation in public health
- Coordinator of the cycle of specialisation in otorhinolaryngology, ophthalmology and stomatology



## 3 Faculty of **Science (FS)**

P.O.BOX 812 Yaoundé,  
 Tel. +237 22 23 44 96  
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 Web site: <http://www.facsciences.uninet.cm>

### 9 Departments:

- Biochemistry
- Animal biology and Physiology
- Plant biology and physiology
- Inorganic chemistry
- Organic chemistry
- Computer science
- Mathematics

- Physics
- Earth sciences

#### 4 Higher Teachers' Training College (ENS)



P.O.BOX 47 Yaoundé  
 Tel.: +237 22 23 12 15  
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 Web site: <http://www.ens.cm>

#### 13 Departments:

- Mathematics
- Physics
- Chemistry
- Biology
- Geography
- Sciences of education
- French
- English
- Foreign languages
- Philosophy
- History
- Classics



#### 5 National Advanced School of Engineering (ENSP)

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 Website: <http://www.polytechcm.org>

#### 6 Departments:

- Civil Engineering
- Electrical engineering and Telecommunications
- Mechanical and Industrial engineering
- Computer engineering
- Mathematics and Physical sciences
- Coordination and commercialization of Research

## Specialised centres

- University Health Centre (CMS)
- Biotechnology Centre (CBT)
- University Library (BU)
- Information Technologies Centre (CUTI)

## Virtual Universities

- The virtual University of Central Africa (UVAC)
- The National Virtual University (UVN)

## Students and staff welfare

Many services are offered to the University of Yaoundé I, to the students, to the teaching and administrative staff in mobility. Foreign students have the same facilities as the nationals, namely the access to the University Library as well as to university restaurants, to counselling and back-up facilities.

Students admitted to the university are provided with 2 restaurants having an intake capacity of 1 150 and 750 seats. Each of these subsidised restaurants offers approximately 1 000 meals per day, 100 CFA F per meal.

Three halls of residence offer approximately 1120 beds, in individual and common rooms. The monthly rental prices range between 3 000 and 4 000 CFA F for the shared rooms, and 5 000 CFA F for the single rooms.

In addition to the foregoing, the University Health Centre and the University Teaching Hospital Centre provide social and medical care to students. Financial assistance given annually by the Ministry of Higher Education comprises academic excellence,

young science female student, disabled students, and students from poor background - and the *Work Study Programme*.

Infrastructures for shared and individual sports are available in the UYI (Football, Handball, Volleyball, Athletics, Tennis, Handisport, Judo, Wrestling, Basketball etc). The university has 6 student associations, 20 cultural clubs and many scientific circles.

Information Technologies Centre (CUTI) provides the access to the Internet through the campus. There are also Wi-Fi hotspots provided by a partner.

The Services of the Vice-Rector office in charge of co-operation organize the reception of foreign administrative and teaching staffs by helping them obtain all the facilities necessary for an enjoyable stay. The University also makes it easier for them, where necessary, to acquire stay visas in Cameroon. Assistance arrangements are also being set up in various faculties and schools.