



Fostering Knowledge  
and Innovation









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# Message from the Vice Chancellor

**Dr. Halima  
Saado Abdillahi**

Vice Chancellor,  
Umma University



**Education is more than the pursuit of academic excellence at Umma University it is a sacred responsibility to nurture character, leadership, and service to humanity.**

**Since our founding, we have remained committed to integrating Islamic moral values with rigorous academic programs, producing graduates who embody both professional competence and ethical integrity.**

As the first Islamic faith-based chartered private university in Kenya, we are proud of our growth and impact: a vibrant community of learners from across Africa, expanding academic programs in science, technology, health, law, and business, and a record of alumni who are leaders in their fields.

Looking ahead, we are investing in bold initiatives that reimagine the future of learning expanding global partnerships, embracing digital innovation, and embedding sustainability into every aspect of university life. We see education not just as a transfer of knowledge, but as an evolving journey that equips learners with adaptability, creativity, and values to thrive in an ever-changing world. These efforts reaffirm our belief that true education should go beyond informing minds to transforming societies.

Our students, faculty, partners, and friends welcome you to walk with us as we continue to foster knowledge and innovation for the benefit of our nation and the wider world.

Dr. Halima Saado Abdillahi  
Vice Chancellor, Umma University

# About us...

## Dr. Abdulrahman Al-Sumait

Founder,  
Umma University



Umma University is Kenya's premier Islamic faith based institution of higher learning, uniquely positioned at the intersection of values and innovation.

Founded on a vision to integrate Islamic moral principles with scientific, technological, and innovative education, the university has grown into a hub of academic excellence, research, and community service.

This vision was first inspired by the late Dr. Abdulrahman Al-Sumait, renowned physician, philanthropist and humanitarian. Dr. Al-Sumait dedicated his life to advancing education, healthcare, and community development across Africa, guided by the belief that sustainable progress begins with knowledge. His dream was to establish an institution that blends Islamic values with modern academic excellence, shaping generations of graduates to serve humanity with integrity, compassion, and professionalism.

Today, Umma University stands as a living legacy of his commitment to education as a force for transformation.

### Our campuses are strategically located in:

- **Kajiado Campus (Main Campus):** Home to modern lecture halls, laboratories, sports and ceremonial pavilions, and administrative facilities.
- **Garissa Campus:** Serving northern Kenya with tailored programs.
- **Umma University TVET Institute:** Providing technical and vocational education.

Today, We are proud to have served over **10,000 students**, supported by a network of **7,000+ alumni** spread across Africa and beyond. Umma holds the distinction of being the first Islamic chartered private university in Kenya, a recognition of our pioneering role in blending rigorous academics with values-driven education.



# Our Faith & Philosophy

Faith is the heart of Umma University. Guided by Islamic principles, we believe that education is a divine trust, a means of nurturing intellect while shaping moral character.

Our curriculum integrates faith with modern knowledge, ensuring that every graduate leaves not only with professional competence but also with a deep sense of responsibility, humility, and service to humanity.

Rooted in Qur'anic values of honesty, justice, and compassion, Umma fosters an environment where knowledge uplifts and unites. The university actively promotes peaceful coexistence and inclusivity, welcoming students and staff from diverse cultural and religious backgrounds. Through dialogue, respect, and shared purpose, we cultivate a community that reflects the true spirit of Islam one that values wisdom, harmony, and the dignity of every person.

Our philosophy is rooted in the belief that knowledge without values is incomplete. At Umma University, education goes beyond intellectual training it is a holistic journey of moral growth, leadership, and service to society. Guided by Islamic principles, we emphasize the total development of individual talent, moral rectitude, hard work, and competitiveness, encouraging excellence in all spheres of life.

## Values:



Excellence



Inclusivity



Integrity



Collaboration



Innovation

## **"Fostering Knowledge and Innovation,"**

We are driven by an enduring commitment to building a generation of graduates who are not only skilled professionals but also ethical leaders with a global outlook.

***"Fostering  
Knowledge and  
Innovation,"***

# Why Choose Umma University

At Umma, we understand that higher education is not just about earning a degree; it's about shaping a future, nurturing values, and building a foundation for lifelong impact. Choosing a university is one of the most important decisions in a student's life.

**Here are five reasons why Umma stands out:**

## Accessible Education

Umma University offers affordable fees payable installments, pocket friendly accommodation, and various student financing options including scholarships, interest-free study loans, students are also eligible for HELB Loans.

## Timely Completion

Our trimester academic programs guarantee timely completion without prolonged vacations, our experienced faculty offer mentorship and support to students.

## Resource Rich Environment

With a well-stocked library, Free 24/7 internet/Wi-Fi access, Unparalleled academic resources, State-of-the-Art Facilities including a stadium, swimming pool, and well-equipped laboratories.

## Holistic Development

Benefit from our qualified teaching and non-teaching staff, who foster moral character development, enhancing your academic experience.

## Quality Guaranteed

Umma University is accredited by the Commission for University Education (CUE), Council for Legal Education for School of Law and Sharia and Nursing council of Kenya for School of Nursing and Midwifery, it is also ISO 9001:2015 Certified.

*"...The lecturers at Umma University mentored, supported, and instilled in us the value of integrity...."*

**Zulfikri Said,**  
Bachelor of  
Education Graduate



# Our Academic Programmes

We offer a broad and evolving range of programs that meet the needs of today while preparing for the challenges of tomorrow. Each program is designed to cultivate intellectual curiosity, practical skills, and ethical leadership.

## School of Sharia & Islamic Studies

- ▶ Master of Arts in Islamic Studies
- ▶ Bachelor of Arts in Islamic Studies
- ▶ Bachelor of Arts in Islamic Sharia
- ▶ Diploma in Arabic Language and Islamic Studies
- ▶ Certificate in Arabic Language and Islamic Studies



## School of Nursing & Midwifery

### **Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Direct Entry & Upgrading)**

Accredited by the Nursing Council of Kenya, this school equips students with critical clinical skills and opportunities for placements in Kenya's leading hospitals.





## School of Law & Sharia

### Bachelor of Law and Sharia

Approved by the Council of Legal Education, this program integrates secular law and Sharia, preparing graduates for careers in legal practice, governance, and compliance.

## School of Education & Social Sciences

- ▶ Master of Education
- ▶ Bachelor of Education (Science)
- ▶ Bachelor of Education (Arts)
- ▶ Post Graduate Diploma in Education
- ▶ Diploma in Early Childhood Education

## Our Accreditation bodies include

- ▶ Commission for University Education (CUE)
- ▶ Nursing Council of Kenya (NCK)
- ▶ Council of Legal Education (CLE)
- ▶ ISO 9001:2015 Certification (Bureau Veritas)

## School of Business & Technology

- ▶ Master of Business Administration
- ▶ Bachelor of Commerce
- ▶ Bachelor of Business Management
- ▶ Bachelor of Business Information Technology
- ▶ Bachelor of Science in Computer Science
- ▶ Bachelor of Science in Information Technology
- ▶ Diploma in Business Information Technology
- ▶ Diploma in Business Management
- ▶ Diploma in Business Management with HR
- ▶ Diploma in Business Management with Banking & Finance
- ▶ Diploma in Information Communication technology

Industry partnerships such as Huawei ICT Academy ensure that students gain market ready skills while still in school. To mentor IT students, Umma University has established a University Tech Hub.

# Milestones and Accomplishments

Umma University's journey is one of vision, resilience, and transformation.

From humble beginnings to becoming Kenya's first Islamic faith based chartered private university, every milestone tells a story of growth and purpose.

**2015**

## **Academic Growth**

New programs in Nursing, Computer Science, Business. Installation of the first Chancellor.



**1997**

## **Founding**

Establishment of Thika College for Sharia and Islamic Studies.

**2007**

## **Growth in Partnerships**

Collaboration with the International University of Africa (Khartoum) to offer degree programs.



**2008**

## **Transformation**

Renamed Umma University to reflect a broader vision.



## 2025

### Infrastructure Phase II

Completion of KES 1.4B Ten-Storey Complex with capacity to serve 10,000+ students, a leap in modernization and capacity.

## 2021

### Consolidation

Strengthened research, innovation, and student outreach.

### Future Forward

- School of Engineering
- School of Medicine
- Teaching & Referral hospital

## 2020

### Quality & Accreditation

Adopted ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management System.

Attained University accreditations from;

- Commission of Legal Education
- Nursing Council of Kenya

## 2019

### National Recognition

Awarded Charter by H.E. President Uhuru Kenyatta.

Commission University Education

Launch of the Umma University Student Support Programme (UU-SSP) Financial Aid Programme.

## 2018

### First Milestones in Scholarship

Graduation of the first cohort of Bachelor's degree students.

Hosted First International Research Conference.

## 2014

### Infrastructure Phase I

Officially inaugurated by H.E. William Ruto (then Deputy President).

## 2013

### Expansion & Recognition

Granted Letter of Interim Authority by CUE. Relocation to Kajiado Main Campus.

# Student Life at Umma

Life at Umma is vibrant, inclusive, and holistic. Beyond the classroom, students discover opportunities to grow socially, culturally, and spiritually while building lifelong friendships.

## Diversity & Community

Our student body includes learners from **across Kenya, Africa, and around the globe**. This rich mix fosters cross-cultural understanding and unity.

## Leadership & Governance


Students actively participate in the Student Governing Council, Professional Association, and volunteer programs that nurture responsibility and civic engagement.

## Faith & Culture

Annual Cultural Day, Islamic dhawah Initiatives, and interfaith dialogues promote peaceful coexistence and spiritual grounding

## Sports & Wellness

Football, basketball, athletics, swimming, and indoor games thrive in our modern sports pavilion and recreation facilities. Umma teams proudly compete in KUSA games and regional tournaments.



*"...You're part  
of a family that  
supports your  
growth in every  
dimension..."*



# Research and Innovation

Research at Umma is guided by the conviction that knowledge must serve society. Our faculty and students work on projects that address real-world challenges while advancing scholarship.

## Annual Research & Innovation Symposium

A platform for faculty and students to showcase solutions in fields such as health, ICT, Islamic finance, and SDGs.

## International Engagement

Participation in global conferences positions Umma as a knowledge hub.

## Hackathons & Applied Learning

Events like the 2025 Hackathon on AI & Automation reflect our commitment to preparing students for the future of work.

## Publications & Thought Leadership

Faculty regularly contribute to academic journals, especially in Islamic finance, nursing, and education.



# Financial Aid & Student Support

We believe that financial limitations should never hinder the pursuit of knowledge. Through the Umma University Student Support Programme (UU-SSP), the institution provides a range of financial aid options; including scholarships, bursaries, and interest-free loans; to ensure that every deserving student has access to quality education.

Special consideration is given to students from marginalized communities, orphans, and those demonstrating exceptional academic performance or leadership potential. In addition to tuition support, the program also offers mentorship and career guidance, empowering students to make the most of their university experience.

This commitment to accessibility reflects Umma's enduring mission: to open doors of opportunity, nurture talent, and transform lives through education grounded in values and service.







# Alumni Impact

Our alumni embody the spirit of leadership and service, carrying Umma's values into diverse spheres of influence. Our 7,000+ alumni network is spread across Africa and beyond, serving in government, academia, NGOs, business, and religious institutions.

## **Sheikh Salum Nayabagabo**

Mufti of Burundi, providing spiritual leadership and promoting interfaith harmony.

## **Abdikhadir Ahmed Aw-Ali**

President of the North-East State, Federal Republic of Somalia, driving peacebuilding and governance.

## **Abdijabar Isaack Hussein**

Registrar at the Magistrate Court, advancing justice and legal reform.

## **Swaleh Osore**

Sharia Manager, KCB Bank's Islamic Banking Division, bridging faith-based ethics with modern finance.





# Achievements & Rankings

Umma University is renowned for academic excellence, innovation, and community impact. It provides high-quality education, fostering critical thinking, research, and solutions to contemporary challenges.

The university is also deeply involved in community initiatives, promoting cultural understanding and sustainable development, solidifying its leadership in higher education.

**Rated #1 in Campus Aesthetics**  
by Kenyayote (2024).

**Named Most Beautiful University in Kenya**  
(Kenyan Magazine, 2025).

**ISO 9001:2015 Certification**, affirming our quality management systems.

**Students crowned winners at Pwani Innovation Campus Tour and participants in the Entrepreneurs' Den competition.**

## Awards & Recognition

### 2025

- **Champions of Digital Transformation**  
Educational Titan in Higher Learning Institutions
- **Kenya Red Cross**  
Position 1, Lower Eastern Region First Aid Competition  
Lower Eastern and position 4 Nationally

### 2024

- **State Islamic University**  
(Syarif Hidayatullah Jakarta, Indonesia)  
Appreciation for commencement of partnership
- **Pwani Innovation Week 2024**
  - **Best Campus Award** – Position 1 (awarded to our student, Abubakar Ismail, Best Campus Ambassador in Blockchain Technology)
  - **Leadership Ambassadors** – Position 1

### 2023

- **Huawei ICT Academy**  
Recognition for participation
- **Feed the Needy Initiative**  
Certificate of Appreciation for partnership in supporting orphans in Kajiado
- **Kenya Red Cross**  
Position 1, Lower Eastern Region First Aid Competition

### 2022

- **Ministry of Education**  
Recognition Award for significant contribution towards organising the International Literacy Day
- **Kenya Prisons Service**  
Certificate of Appreciation for supporting mindset education and religious training programs for inmates, and their second graduation on 1st March 2022

### 2021

- **The Muslim Media**  
**Award of Excellence:** 100 Most Influential Kenyan Muslims, for positively impacting the Muslim community in Kenya through business initiatives

### 2015

- **Commission for University Education**  
Recognition for participating in the 13th Exhibition by Kenyan Universities

# Umma Leadership

Umma University operates under a robust governance framework that upholds transparency, accountability, and strategic leadership.

The University Council provides policy direction and oversight, ensuring that all programs align with the institution's mission and national higher-education standards.

At the apex of leadership is the Chancellor, who serves as the tertular head of the university, offering guidance and representing Umma in national and international forums.

The Vice Chancellor oversees the university's academic and administrative functions, supported by a team of dedicated deputy vice chancellors, deans, and departmental heads. Together, this leadership embodies the spirit of collaboration, integrity, and innovation that defines Umma University.



**Dr. Abbas Gullet**

Chancellor, Umma University



**Dr. Halima Saado Abdillahi**

Vice Chancellor, Umma University



# UMMA University Council



## Standing from left to right;

- Mr. Abdalla Abdulkhali  
– Council Member
- Sheikh Mohamed Al Khamis  
– Council Member
- Dr. Noor Mohammed Ali  
– Council Member
- Mr. Ali Sahal Idris  
– Council Member
- Prof. Abdullatif Essajee  
– Council Member

## Seated from left to right;

- Prof. Ismail Ateya Lukandu  
– Council Member
- Dr. Abdulrahman Saleh Al Muhailan  
– Chair of the Council
- Dr. Halima Saado Abdillahi  
– Vice-Chancellor and Secretary to the Council
- Ms. Rahma Jillo  
– Council Member

## Not pictured:

Prof. Maged Al-Sherbiny  
– Council Member

Eng. Abdallah Obeikan  
– Council Member

Prof. Kamal Obeid  
– Council Member

# Infrastructure & Facilities

Umma University blends architectural beauty with modern functionality. Our facilities are designed to support academic excellence, spiritual growth, and student wellness.

## Learning Spaces

81 modern classrooms, 6 state of the art laboratories, and a fully digitized library.

## Auditorium & Conference Halls

A 416 seat auditorium, 650 seat exam hall, and dedicated student conference center.

## Recreation & Sports

A gymnasium, sports pavilion with swimming pool, and multipurpose halls for co curricular activities.

## Faith & Community

A grand mosque, ceremonial pavilion, and communal dining facilities.

## Residential Life

Modern hostels, staff housing, and dining facilities to support a vibrant campus community.





Our commitment to growth is evident in ongoing and future projects that expand opportunities for students and enhance campus life.

### Sustainability & Technology:

- ▶ Solar energy installations powering parts of the campus.
- ▶ Upgraded sewer treatment and water systems for a greener environment.
- ▶ Campus wide Wi-Fi, e-learning resources, and Microsoft Dynamics ERP integration.



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# Community Commitment

Umma University exists not only to educate but also to serve society. Inspired by our faith-based philosophy, we extend our impact far beyond campus.

## Key Areas of Impact:

### Education Access

Umma University offers Affordable fees payable installments, affordable accommodation, and various student financing options including scholarships, interest-free study loans, students are also eligible for HELB Loans.

### Youth Empowerment

Career talks, mentorship, and outreach programs in high schools across Kenya prepare learners for higher education.

### Healthcare

Our Nursing and Midwifery School runs free medical camps, maternal health programs, and blood donation drives. We have partnerships with Red Cross that benefit the school and the community.

### Environment

Tree planting, clean-up campaigns, and climate awareness activities align with Kenya's 15-billion tree initiative.

### Peacebuilding

Da'wah conferences, interfaith dialogues, and cultural events promote unity, respect, and tolerance.

*“Service to humanity  
is at the heart of  
Umma’s identity.  
Our graduates leave  
with not just degrees,  
but a duty to uplift  
society.”*



# Vision for Tomorrow

Looking to the next decade,  
Umma is charting a bold course:

## Academic Expansion

Launch of the School of Engineering, new programs in Renewable Energy, GIS, Islamic Finance, and Journalism.

## Healthcare Leadership

Establishment of a Teaching & Referral Hospital to serve both as a training center and a hub for community healthcare.

## Global Excellence

Deepening partnerships with international universities and industries, expanding student exchange and joint research.

## Digital Transformation

Smart classrooms, AI-driven learning, and cutting-edge ICT infrastructure.

## Sustainability

Renewable energy systems, eco-friendly architecture, and climate resilience initiatives.

## Leadership Development

Producing ethical, globally competitive graduates ready to lead Africa into the future.

# Global Partnerships

**Umma's strength is amplified through collaboration.  
We partner with universities, professional bodies, and  
industries worldwide to enrich learning and research.**

From our beginning as Thika College for Sharia and Islamic Studies to our transformation into a fully chartered university, Direct Aid Society has been instrumental in financing infrastructure, providing scholarships, and championing community programs that keep education within reach for thousands, especially those from marginalized communities.

Alongside Direct Aid Society, we deeply value the contribution of all our partners and stakeholders whose collaboration strengthens our capacity to deliver world-class education, foster innovation, and transform communities.

Placement Partners: Hospitals and clinics across Kenya, including KUTRRH, Garissa County Referral, and Nairobi South Hospital. Through these partnerships, our students gain international exposure, practical skills, and a network that transcends borders

## Academic Partnerships

- International Institute of Islamic Thought **(IIIT)**
- Kenya Libraries and Information Services Consortium **(KLISC)**
- The Judiciary **(Kenya)**
- Huawei Technologies Co., Ltd. **(HUAWEI)**
- International University and College System Malaysia **(INTI)**
- International University of Africa
- Ivey Business School – **Western University**
- Universitas Islam Negeri **(UIN)** Jakarta Indonesia
- United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees **(UNHCR)**
- Women in Cyber Security Middle East **(WiCyS ME)**

## Financial Institutions Partnerships

- Africa Education and Development Trust **(AEDT)**
- Kenya Commercial Bank **(KCB)**
- Gulf African Bank Limited **(GAB)**
- KCB Foundation
- KCB SAHL Bank
- NCBA Bank



**Umma University is more than an institution, it is a movement of knowledge, values, and service.**

From our humble beginnings in 1997 to our new chapter status today, we have nurtured thousands of graduates who embody the spirit of integrity, innovation, and leadership.

As we open a new chapter with the commissioning of the Al-Sumait complex and the launch of future programs, we invite students, parents, partners, and stakeholders to walk this journey with us. Together, we will foster knowledge, advance innovation, and build a future defined by peace, progress, and ethical leadership.



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and Innovation





*“...We nurture leaders  
for the world...”*



## Welcoming the President during the Commissioning of Dr. Abdulrahman Al-Sumait Complex and Groundbreaking of School of Engineering Phase III







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