



UNIVERSITY of
RWANDA

SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM AND COMMUNICATION

• **HISTORY OF HIGHER LEARNING
EDUCATION IN RWANDA:**

Research activities in UR-School of Journalism and Communication

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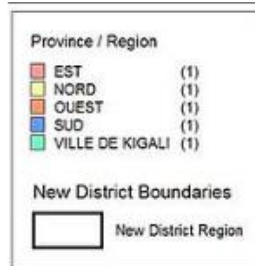
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INTRODUCTION

- RWANDA is a land locked country situated between east and central Africa
- It has 13 Millions of Population
- 26338 km Squares
- RWANDA is among populated countries in Africa

MAP OF DISTRICTS OF RWANDA



Rwanda -
New Province / Regions and New Admin District Boundaries





KEY DATES IN HISTORY

- 1894 : INTRODUCTION OF WHITE PEOPLE AND COLONISATION BY GERMANY
- 1900: FIRST CATHOLIC MISSION (SAVE-SOUTH PROVINCE)
- 1914-1918 : FIRST WORLD WAR
- 1918 : BELGIUM REPLACED GERMANY IN RWANDA
- 1962 : INDEPENDENCE
- 1990 : LIBERATION WAR BY RPF
- 1994 : GENOCIDE AGAINST TUTSI

KEY DATES IN EDUCATION

- The National University of Rwanda (NUR) was created in November 1963 by the Rwandan government with support of the Congregation of the Dominicans from the Province of Quebec (Canada).
- On its opening, University has 3 faculties : Medicine, Social Sciences and Teacher Training College (ENS) with 51 students and 16 lecturers

KEY DATES IN EDUCATION

- 1966: The National Institute of Education
- May 1973: Faculty of Applied Sciences
- October 1973: Faculty of Law was created.
- June 13 1979: The Faculty of Agronomy

KEY DATES IN EDUCATION

- October 1st, 1981: NUR creates another Campus in North (RUHENGIERI)
- April-July 1994: Genocide against Tutsi in Rwanda (number of its staff and students are killed or exiled.)
- January 1995: Reopening of the NUR but in one campus Butare-Huye

KEY DATES IN EDUCATION

- April 25th, 1996: Creation of the School of Information Sciences and techniques (ESTI which become SJC in 2000)
- 2013 : The one Public University of Rwanda was created (from 6 HLI in Rwanda) <https://ur.ac.rw/>
- In 2023 , UR has around 30000 students
- 2000 Lecturers
- 6 Colleges
- 9 Campuses (Through all Provinces)

RESEARCH IN SJC:

- Created in 1996 in Huye/Butare Campus
- 2011 shifted in Capital city Kigali
- 2018 The School Back in Huye campus
- By 2023, It has around 130 students and 30% are female.
<https://cass.ur.ac.rw/School-of-Journalism-and-communication>
- 13 Permanent academic staff
- 3 years programs but by 2023 we shift to 4 years programs
- The school has a radio station -Radio Salus

RESEARCH BY LECTURERS

- The college has a directorate in charge of research
- At the School and Departmental Level, the Coordinator is the Dean or Head of the Department (HoD)
- At least 3 publications per year
- In the area of :
 - gender and development
 - Media and Communication
 - Communication and social Justice
 - Communication for Development

RESEARCH BY STUDENTS/ Industrial attachment

- Industrial attachment, also known as an internship, is a practical training program designed to give students hands-on experience in their field of study.
- In SJC, industrial attachment programs are designed to expose students to the real-world environment of journalism and Communication and help them develop the skills and knowledge necessary to become successful journalists or Communicators.
- The duration of industrial attachment programs is limited on one month (We plan to increase it till 2 months). During this time, students are usually placed with media organizations such as newspapers, magazines, television or radio stations, or online news outlets.

RESEARCH BY STUDENTS/ RESEARCH PROJECTS

- In SJC, we consider research projects more important for advancing. Research projects are required for completing a degree. In SJC Research work is mandatory but public presentation not necessary. If we analyze publication of our students' final work, majority concentrate their research on media :
 - 1. Media impact** can be both positive and negative.
 - 2. Media ethics:** This area of research focuses on the ethical dilemmas faced by journalists, including issues related to privacy, accuracy, and conflicts of interest

RESEARCH PROJECTS

- 1.Digital media:** As technology continues to transform the media industry, many students in SJC are interested in researching the impact of digital media on traditional forms of journalism.
- 2.A few students work on Public relations and communications

CHALLENGES:

- Majority focus on media and forget Communication and PR
- Limited Funding
- Human Resources(only one Ass Professor,....)
- Collaboration and Networking

APPRECIATION

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