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during the 2013/2014 academic year, to join the institutions' 69 undergraduate programmes. The students, who reported on Monday, are registered in the Module I, Module II and Module III programmes. This year's admission in the month of May is a departure from the previous practice of a September admission, and is meant to reduce the waiting period of admitting Module I students which previously took almost two years after successful completion of their

fourth form. The Module I cohort now being admitted sat their KCSE in 2011. The 2012 KCSE candidates will be joining in January 2014 and the 2013 group will join in September 2014 finally reducing the two year period that students had to spend at home before joining campus down to the traditional nine months.

While addressing the students, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. George Magoha said the early admission will fast track pace at the University. He advised them not to get involved in partisan politics which may disrupt their studies. He promised the fresh students that the University will ensure that campus life becomes a fulfilling experience by inculcating positive virtues and preparing them intellectually to face the expectations of the world.

Prof. Magoha welcomed the students to university life and at the same time cautioned them that the freedom they would enjoy on campus is subject to rules and regulations. He advised students not to engage in behavior which comes with a lot of risks including exposure to social risks such as HIV/Aids, and drug and alcohol abuse. The freshers have been undergoing a weeklong orientation in their respective schools before commencing their lectures next week. Most of the other continuing students in the regular program have proceeded on their vacation after completing the 2012/2013 academic year. The freshers were also addressed by heads of departments and student leaders.

The University of Nairobi has over 63,000 students registered in undergraduate and postgraduate programmes. About 48,000 are undergraduates while 15,000 are postgraduates.



First year students follow orientation proceedings at the Main Compus. Over 10,000 undergraduate first years joined the University in May.