KIBAHA BEREA ADVENTIST INSTITUTE

Philosophy of Business Education

Importance and Relevance of Studying Business Administration

1. Foundation for Leadership and Management

Business Administration equips students with essential leadership and management skills needed to run organizations effectively. It prepares future managers, entrepreneurs, and executives to make informed decisions, plan strategically, and lead teams with confidence and integrity.

2. Versatile Career Opportunities

A qualification in Business Administration opens doors to diverse career paths across industries such as finance, marketing, human resources, operations, and entrepreneurship. The skills learned are transferable and applicable in both private and public sectors.

3. Development of Critical and Analytical Thinking

Students learn to analyze business problems, interpret data, and develop practical solutions. These analytical skills are crucial for effective decision-making and innovation in the fast-changing global economy.

4. Understanding of Global Business Environment

The program provides knowledge of international markets, economic systems, and cultural dynamics, enabling graduates to work confidently in a globalized world.

5. Promotion of Ethical and Responsible Business Practices

Studying Business Administration at **Kibaha Berea Adventist Institute** integrates **Christian values** with professional learning, encouraging students to conduct business ethically and serve their communities responsibly.

6. Preparation for Entrepreneurship

The program nurtures creativity, innovation, and business planning skills, empowering students to start and manage their own enterprises successfully.

7. Pathway to Further Studies

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# Philosophy of Christian Education at Kibaha Berea Adventist Institute

At **Kibaha Berea Adventist Institute**, education is more than the pursuit of knowledge — it is a divine calling. Inspired by the **schools of the prophets**, our programs aim to develop the **mind**, **body**, **and spirit**, preparing students for faithful service to God and humanity. Every course, from **Biblical Studies** to **Business Administration**, is taught from a Christian worldview that recognizes God as the ultimate source of wisdom.

"For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak.

And I know that his commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak."

— John 12:49-50

# The Schools of the Prophets

"The chief subjects of study in these schools were the law of God, with the instructions given to Moses, sacred history, sacred music, and poetry."

— Patriarchs and Prophets, p. 594

In the ancient schools of the prophets, the grand object of all study was to **learn the will of God and man's duty toward Him**. Sacred history revealed the footprints of Jehovah, and through faith, students grasped the central truth — the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

A spirit of devotion was carefully cultivated. Students were not only taught the duty of prayer, but also how to pray, how to exercise faith, and how to understand and obey the teachings of the Holy Spirit.

## **Music and Worship**

Music held a sacred role in worship and education. It was used to elevate thought, awaken gratitude, and inspire devotion to God.

"Music forms a part of God's worship in the courts above, and we should endeavor, in our songs of praise, to approach as nearly as possible to the harmony of the heavenly choirs."

— Patriarchs and Prophets, p. 594

Singing, as part of religious service, is **an act of worship** equal to prayer, and the **training of the voice** is a vital element of Christian education.

# **Holy Scriptures** — The Foundation of All Learning

"Bible study is especially needed in the schools. Students should be rooted and grounded in divine truth. Above all other books, the word of God must be our study, the great textbook, the basis of all education."

— Testimonies for the Church, vol. 6, p. 131

At **Kibaha Berea Adventist Institute**, the **Bible** is upheld as the **central textbook**. It provides a simple and complete system of theology and philosophy — a guide to salvation and a lamp for daily life.

The Holy Scriptures serve as:

- A standard of right and wrong, clearly defining sin and holiness.
- A source of spiritual nourishment, like manna from heaven.
- A foundation for all true education, shaping mind, character, and conduct.

"The Holy Scriptures were the essential study in the schools of the prophets, and they should hold the first place in every educational system, for the foundation of all right education is a knowledge of God."

— Counsels to Parents, Teachers and Students, p. 423

### **Rhetoric and Homiletics**

"Those who are trained for service in the Lord's cause should be taught how to talk properly in ordinary conversation and before congregations."

— Counsels to Parents, Teachers and Students, p. 207

The study of **Rhetoric and Homiletics** helps students develop clarity, confidence, and effectiveness in communication. Proper speech, clear enunciation, and expressive delivery enhance one's influence for good.

"A proper presentation of the Lord's truth is worthy of our highest effort... The ability to speak plainly and distinctly, in full, round tones, is invaluable in any line of work."

— Counsels to Parents, Teachers and Students, p. 217

# History

"Sacred history was one of the studies in the schools of the prophets. In the record of His dealings with the nations were traced the footsteps of Jehovah."

— Counsels to Parents, Teachers and Students, p. 379

Through the study of **sacred and world history**, students gain insight into God's providence, the fulfillment of prophecy, and the moral lessons drawn from the rise and fall of nations.

Such study fosters a **broad and comprehensive view of life**, helping learners understand humanity's interdependence and the moral consequences of action.

"An understanding of the customs of those who lived in Bible times, of the location and time of events, is practical knowledge; for it aids in making clear the figures of the Bible and in bringing out the force of Christ's lessons."

— Counsels to Parents, Teachers and Students, p. 518

## **Missionary Work**

"And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ."

— Acts 5:42

**Missionary service** is an integral part of Christian education. Students are encouraged to engage in community outreach, sharing the truth they have learned through acts of service, teaching, and song.

"It is necessary to their complete education that students be given time to do missionary work time to become acquainted with the spiritual needs of the families in the community around them."

— Counsels to Parents, Teachers and Students, p. 545

Missionary work strengthens faith, develops compassion, and provides practical experience in soul-winning.

Even during school terms, students are urged to participate in **city missions**, **village outreach**, and **gospel singing ministries**, spreading hope and light wherever they go.

## **Administration and Practical Training**

"It is a matter of great importance that students obtain an education that will fit them for successful business life."

— Counsels to Parents, Teachers and Students, p. 218

Effective Christian service also requires **administrative and practical skills**. Students are trained in bookkeeping, communication, and management to handle responsibilities with integrity and competence.

A balanced education includes the mastery of basic business skills such as spelling, writing, and accounting.

"Bookkeeping has strangely dropped out of school work in many places but this should be regarded as a study of primary importance."

— Counsels to Parents, Teachers and Students, p. 218

Such training prepares graduates to stand in positions of trust and manage both church and community affairs efficiently.

## **Conclusion**

At Kibaha Berea Adventist Institute, education is more than academic achievement — it is the harmonious development of the physical, mental, and spiritual powers.

Students are trained to think clearly, act responsibly, and serve faithfully — following Christ's example as the ultimate Teacher.

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding."

— *Proverbs* 9:10