QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

General Questions and Respective Responses

1) When was the University established?

The University was finally established in December, 2002 when it was accredited and granted the right to run university programmes by the National Accreditation Board of Ghana (NAB). The idea for the establishment of a Catholic University was mooted in 1997. The Certificate of Incorporation was received on 17th August, 2001. The launch of the CUCG Fund was done in December, 2001 and officially made public of the establishment of the University on 15th January, 2002 by His Eminence Peter Cardinal-Turkson.

2) Which University is Catholic University affiliated to?

The Catholic University is affiliated to University of Ghana, Legon and University of Cape Coast respectively on different programmes. Out of the Five Faculties, only the Faculty of Education is affiliated to the University of Cape Coast.

3) Do students of the University qualify to access Government student loan schemes?

YES! A student who desires and wishes to acquire the Student Loan Trust Fund is eligible to access the loan trust as a student of the University.

4) Will one be granted a study leave when applied to Catholic University?

YES! There a number of students here on campus granted study leave with pay by the GES from their various metropolitan, municipal and districts directorate of education to further enhance their skills, knowledge and competencies provided they qualify by the GES stipulated regulations.

5) Where is the school established or situated?

The Catholic University College of Ghana, Fiapre is located at Fiapre near the capital town Sunyani of the Brong-Ahafo region of Ghana, West Africa.

6) Does the University have any satellite campus elsewhere?

NO! In the near future, there will be one or two satellite campuses at strategic venues in the dioceses where the university finds appropriate.

7) Where can interested persons get Application Forms to buy?

The Application Forms are available at all Catholic Diocesan Secretariats in Ghana, FedEx office in Sunyani, Campus at Fiapre, and on our website: www.cug.edu.gh A downloaded Application Form shall be valid for processing when accompanied with the Fifty cedi (GH¢50.00) banker’s draft to the Registrar, Box 363, Sunyani.

8) What are the requirements for normal direct entry?

The normal direct admission requirements by standards to enter a university in Ghana include: SSSCE aggregate 24 or better (letter grade A-D), WASSCE aggregate 36 or better (letter grade A1-C6), ‘O’ & ‘A’ Levels and GBCE/ABCE (including credit passes in Mathematics and English Language in all cases).
9) Is there any cut-off point qualification considered for admission?

YES! The University currently uses the standard cut off point of SSSCE aggregate 24 or better; WASSCE aggregate 36 or better; the ‘O’ and ‘A’ levels as well as the GBCE/ABCE qualifications to admit qualified applicant. The Faculties have also additional requirement to be satisfied by the applicant.

10) Does the University run Part-time programmes?

YES! The University currently runs two part-time schedules: Weekend (Saturdays and Sundays) and Night (Monday-Friday evenings between 6:30pm and 9:00pm daily)

11) Is there any Distance programme available?

NO!

12) Does the University have its own hostel on campus?

YES! Currently, students are occupying one of the completed hostels on campus. However, they are not enough as expected. The University augments this shortfall by having partnership with some private hostel providers at reasonably affordable rent for students.

13) Is the road accessible?

YES! Unlike previously, the road is motorable now. Fortunately, the road is under construction courtesy the government of Ghana as part of the Cocobod Funding projects.

14) What about the ease of transportation to and fro campus for students?

For sometime now, transportation has become more convenient, friendly and readily available due to regular maintenance of the only access road to the campus by the management of the university.

15) How affordable is the Fees at the University?

The tuition fee is very much affordable and flexible as well. The Catholic University is not a profit-making-entity; hence fees are pegged at the affordability of clients. It stands out tall among its sister institutions when you talk of lower fees charged.

16) Can Fees be paid in installments?

YES! Parents, guardians and self-financed students who cannot afford to pay in full the semester fees have the comfort of negotiating with the university management on how school fees can be staggered or paid in installment before a students takes a semester examinations.

17) How much is the tuition fees per semester?

The tuition fee per semester is GH¢800.00. This amount of money per semester was paid by the pioneer students in 2003. Obviously, this attests to the credibility of the Catholic University’s quest to make education accessible to the poor but brilliant applicants as well.
18) Does tuition fee increase every academic year?

YES! This is based on policy direction; the tuition fee is adjustable upwards every academic year but very minimal with insignificant effect. As an institution poised to make higher education accessible to all, especially the poor, it is mindful of the financial disposition of parents and guardians.

19) Is there a policy on higher placement of applicants with professional certificates/diplomas?

YES!! Depending on the entry point of the applicant’s academic qualification and the relevance of the course to be pursued in the Catholic University, the Admissions Committee considers a case-by-case situation of applicants and advances the applicant appropriately based on their transcripts and certificates presented.

20) What are the undergraduate options available in the various faculties of the University?

A. BSc. Economics and Business Administration options:
   - i. Accounting
   - ii. Management
   - iii. Economics
   - iv. Banking & Finance

B. i. BSc. Computer Science  ii. BSc. Actuarial Science  iii. BSc. Mathematics with Finance
   - iv. Mathematics with Economics

C. BSc. Public Health options:
   - i. Health Education
   - ii. Health Management
   - iii. Health Informatics

D. BEd. (Bachelor of Education) options:
   - i. English Language
   - ii. Mathematics
   - iii. Accounting
   - iv. Computer Science
   - v. Geography
   - vi. History
   - vii. Religious Studies

E. BA Religious Studies with Education

21) Are there any Graduate Programmes?

Yes! Currently, the University runs:

   - i. Post-graduate Diploma in Education
   - ii. MA in Religious Education & Pastoral Ministry

22) Any future programmes to be introduced?

YES! The University will soon introduce BSc. programmes in Nursing, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences; as well as MA / MBA in Business Administration and Management.

23) Is there any prescribed dress code for students?

NO!!! The students are encouraged and entreated to be decent and modest in dressing and behaviour at all times. Academic and administrative staff often interact with and admonish students to dress according to time, situation, location, and event where necessary.
24) Does the University have any collaboration with a foreign University for exchange programmes?

YES! The university collaborates with Radbau University in Holland on exchange ICT programmes. Students and staff come down here to share technology, skills and knowledge with our students as we also send students to Holland on the same mission. There is also a special collaboration with Fordham and St. John’s Universities in New York on Conflict Resolution with emphasis on Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR).

25) Is the Catholic University opened to Catholics alone?

NO! NO!! NO!!! The University, although Catholic in character and in principle, it is at the same time circular in its academic and social programmes and activities. Presently, there are quite a sizeable number of students who are Moslems, Pentecostals, Charismatics, Methodists, Anglicans, Presbyterians, Jehovah Witnesses, just to mention but a few.

26) Does the University admit foreign students?

YES! The doors of entry are open to all persons desirous of pursuing academic excellence and moral discipline in the university irrespective of culture, race, tribe, religion, sect, or geographical location except insanity or madness.

27) What is the duration of a degree programme and with what qualification?

Normally, a degree programme last for four academic years. However, depending on one’s qualification at the entry point, the individual can use two or three academic years to complete a degree programme in the university.

28) Are students of the University well protected and secured?

YES! Even though majority of the students are staying outside the campus, effective measures are put in place with regular interactive orientation on security tips by experts and staff through student advisory groups make them feel greatly safe, secured and well protected as students.

29) What facilities are available for students’ academic work?

The serene environment coupled with the modern facilities such as well furnished computer laboratories, well stocked modern library complex, lectures halls and classroom, hostels, clear internet connectivity, as well as basic logistics and materials necessary for complete but holistic academic activities make the Catholic University a one-stop educational institution to study at.

30) Any recreational or educational activities on campus?

At the moment, the university is in the process of creating recreational facilities to enable effective socialization activities among students and staff on campus.

31) Does the University partake in organized programmes on a national scale?

YES! Students of the university, especially those in the Faculty of Public Health and Allied are engaged in national immunization, malaria control and HIV/AIDS programmes. The university participates in games and other activities on national scales. Eg. the PUSAG games, etc.
32) Who are the owners of the Catholic University?

The Catholic University College of Ghana, Fiapre is founded and owned by the Ghana Catholic Bishops’ Conference (GCBC.)

33) What is the current population of the students in the University?

Currently, the student population stands at 3,720 plus at the beginning of the 2011/2012 academic year.