



# **MASENO UNIVERSITY**

## **UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2012/2013**

**THIRD YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR  
THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS IN  
DEVELOPMENT STUDIES/POLITICAL  
SCIENCE/INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS & DIPLOMACY  
WITH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
(CITY CAMPUS)**

**DDS 309: RESEARCH METHODOLOGY  
DIR 311: RESEARCH METHODS  
DPS 309: THEORY & METHODS OF POLITICAL  
INQUIRY**

*Date: 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2013*

*Time: 5.30 – 7.30 p.m.*

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**DDS 309: Research Methodology/DIR 311: Research  
Methods/DPS 309: Theory And Methods Of Political Inquiry  
Instructions: Answer THREE Questions**

1. (a) Define research.  
(b) Discuss any four methods of identifying a research problem in social sciences.
2. (a) Define sampling.  
(b) Discuss the following sampling research techniques;
  - (i) Multi-Stage Sampling
  - (ii) Cluster sampling
  - (iii) Purposive sampling
  - (iv) Snowball sampling
3. With the use of examples, discuss any four methods of data collection.
4. Examine the significance of ethics in social sciences research.
5. Using examples, explain the following:
  - (i) Hypothesis
  - (ii) Variable
  - (iii) Census
  - (iv) Triangulation