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Makerere Mobile Phone Client to Ease Student Access to Results

The Academic Records Management System (ARMS) Project funded through the Presidential Initiative on Technology Innovations is an engineering research entity committed to the successful development of high-quality and reliable web systems.

The ARMS Project has now developed a Mobile Phone Client for its Student Portal (SP) Online Service Centre. The client aims at enabling the Student Community to easily access their most needed services from anywhere using a Mobile Phone with Internet access.

In so doing, the ARMS Project is fronting the handiness of the Student Portal (SP) services like Efficient Online Registration, Online Student Evaluation of Teaching, Online Students' Informer Services, and Grading, using the most widely available device in the university. The ARMS Project is aware that leveraging the emerging technologies in mobile communications shall go a long way in availing ARMS SP services in a compatible and optimized format on the mobile phone, for the benefit of the student community.

The ARMS Student Portal (ARMS SP) is one of the five (5) Online Service Centres of the system, which is a scalable, robust, versatile, user-centric, web based system, designed to meet the information support needs of Higher Education Institutions. The other four are; The ARMS Internal

Course Examiner's Portal (ARMS ICEP), ARMS Management Information Systems (ARMS MIS), ARMS Administrator's Portal (ARMS AP), and the ARMS Prospective Students Portal (ARMS PSP) for student applications, admission management and application tracking.

The ARMS Project is confident of meeting the needs of Higher Education Institutions based on its design, achieved through actively promoting systematic, disciplined and proven approaches of technology development. The ARMS Project is therefore nurturing engineering students of Makerere University as patrons for eloquent and balanced application of modern-day methodologies, tools, techniques and guidelines, to meet unique requirements of Web Information Systems for Higher Education Institutions, E-Governance, and E-Health amongst others.

The ARMS SP Mobile Phone Client is therefore a timely technological intervention, expected to improve Student responsiveness to Academic Records Management by providing a flexible and reliable tool for use.

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