## **ECON 651 PhD International Economics**

## **Course Description**

The course seeks to sharpen and reinforce the expertise of the student with respect to the economic theories, models and methodologies used for the analysis of key international trade and finance issues in the context of varying institutional arrangements and settings. This course is aimed at providing students with an in-depth and rigorous analysis of advanced international economics by relating the topics to the conditions in Africa. The course has the following specific objectives which seek to:

- Familiarize the student with important facts on the global economy and international economic institutions;
- Acquaint the student with the analytical tools that economists use to investigate international economic interactions;
- Develop an understanding of the mechanisms of international trade and finance, and the way in which participation in the international economy affects consumers, businesses, economic policy and the economy in general;
- Explore the implications of the theories on African economies; and
- Equip students with the skills to develop alternative theoretical and empirical approaches applicable to African economies.