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The teaching and engineering professionals have had more first class students than other professionals in the sixteenth Kyambogo University graduation.

The graduation ceremony starts today and ends on Friday.

According to a graduation list which *New Vision* has obtained, the bachelor of education students, registered the highest numbers of graduands with first class degrees at 20.

It was followed by bachelor of information and computing with 17 first class degrees and bachelor of engineering in civil and building engineering with 10 first class degrees.

The others with the high number of first class degrees include bachelor of teacher education, bachelors of vocational studies in agriculture with education and bachelor of economics and statistics. These registered nine first class degrees each.

A total of 187 students will graduate with first class degrees in various programmes.

The overall best performing

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student is George William Kasaazi (bachelor of information technology and computing), who got a cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of 4.88 out of 5.0, while the best female students are Benardette Nakintu Nantume (bachelor of information systems) and Joan Kizza (bachelor of information technology and computing) with a CGPA of 4.83.

The courses with the biggest number of graduands were bachelor of arts with education (582), bachelor of science with accounting and finance (548), bachelor of arts in social sciences (501), procurement and logistics management (383) and economics and statistics (281).

On Monday, Prof Elly Katunguka, the Kyambogo University vice-chancellor, said they will groom the best performers to become PhD holders to join the university as teaching staff.

While addressing journalists at

a press conference, Katunguka revealed that there is need for more professors in the country.

"We have now taken a decision to build our own professors. We have started the graduate fellows programme, where we recruit the best performing students. We give them a contract of four years within which they should have got their masters and then they will have an opportunity to be recruited onto the staff," he said.

Business dominates higher degrees

However, for master's awards, the business profession recorded the highest numbers of graduands.

For instance, the masters in Business administration had 36 graduands, masters in vocational pedagogy had 15 graduands, while masters of education in policy planning and management had 13.

Masters of art and industrial

design, masters of early childhood development and masters of special needs education all had 11 graduands.

Graduation timetable

The graduation ceremony kicks off today with the Graduate School, School of Management and Entrepreneurship and the faculty of special needs education.

On Thursday, students from faculty of arts and social sciences and faculty of vocational studies will be the ones graduating.

The ceremony ends on Friday with graduands from the faculties of education, science and engineering.

According to Kyambogo University statistics, during the three-day graduation period, 8,892 students who qualified for the awards of doctorates, bachelors and masters degrees, diplomas and certificates will graduate. Out of the total, 4,877 are male.