



Unilorin approves M. Phil. certification

The Senate of the University of Ilorin at its meeting held on August 3, 2021, recalled its earlier decision on the certification of M. Phil. programme on October 10, 2012 and approved the request of the Dean, Postgraduate School as it affected the programme.

This development was conveyed in a memo dated August 30, 2021 and signed by the Deputy Registrar (Academic Support Services, Senate), Mr. A. Abdulsalam and addressed to the Dean, Postgraduate School, University of Ilorin.

PG Board frowns at delayed papers' submission

The Board of the Postgraduate School, University of Ilorin, has expressed displeasure with the delay in submission of papers for consideration at its meeting, saying that the practice from several departments is hindering efficient service delivery.

The Secretary to the Board, Mr. Mansur Adeleke Alfanla, stated this in a memo addressed to all Heads of Departments across various Faculties of the University sequel to the resolutions of the Board at its meeting held on April 21, 2021.

Mr. Alfanla warned that any Department which failed to meet the deadline for submission of papers would not have such processed for the slated meeting.

Ph.D. students must score 50% in oral examination to graduate - PG Board

To be eligible for graduation, every Ph. D. student must score at least 18 out of 36 points or 50% at the end of his Ph. D. oral examination.

This development was part of the resolutions of the 276th meeting of the Senate of the University held on Thursday, April 18, 2019.

In a memo dated April 24, 2019 which was signed by the then Deputy Registrar, Academic Support Services, Mr. Mansur Adeleke Alfanla, and addressed to the Dean, Postgraduate School, the University Senate insisted that the condition has become an important qualification which every Ph. D. candidate must possess before being awarded the highest academic degree.

Pass your communication through Deans, PG School tells Heads of Departments

The Postgraduate School, University of Ilorin, has directed Heads of various academic departments to ensure that issues relating to postgraduate programmes addressed to it are routed through their Deans.

The Secretary to the Postgraduate School, Mr. Mansur Adeleke Alfanla, stated this in a memo addressed to all Heads of Departments sequel to the resolutions of the Board of Postgraduate School at its 301st meeting held on Wednesday, December 15, 2021.

The Board described the practice of relating with the Postgraduate School directly by Departments without the awareness of their respective Deans as a breach of the line of communication, which would no longer be entertained.

Faculty Rep must be at Ph.D. oral defense - PG Board

The Board of the Postgraduate School, University of Ilorin, has directed that the representative of Faculties on the Board of the School be seated at Ph. D. oral defense in the various Departments in their respective Faculties.

This decision was disclosed in a memo addressed to all the Heads of Department dated December 20, 2019 and signed by the Secretary, Postgraduate School, Mr. Mansur Adeleke Alfanla.

The Board also explained that a confirmation of the original copy of thesis for examination must be made by the External Examiner with the assistance of the respective Desk Officer through the Chairman of the panel as well as the verification of the evidence of up-to-date payment of school fees by students before the commencement of the open defense.

Unilorin makes O' Level Credit in English, Mathematics compulsory for PG admissions

Credit pass in English Language and Mathematics at the Ordinary Level has become compulsory for candidates who are intending to pursue one Postgraduate programme or the other at the University of Ilorin.

This development was one of the decisions of the 276th Meeting of Senate of the University held on Thursday, April 18, 2019 at the University Senate Chambers.

With this development, any candidate who does not possess Credit Pass in English and Mathematics in West African School Certificate (WASC) examination or its equivalents would not be eligible for admission into any postgraduate programme at the better by far University.

However, applicants with O' Level Results obtained before 2015 are exempted from the condition.

No evidence of payment of school fees, no exams, PG School warns students

Following the increasing disregard for prompt payment of school fees, the Board of Postgraduate School, University of Ilorin, has warned that students who fail to present evidence of payment of such fees would no longer be allowed to sit for examinations.

The Board, in a memo signed by the Secretary to the Postgraduate School, Mr. Mansur Adeleke Alfanla, and addressed to all Heads of Departments directed that no student should be scheduled for defense unless evidence of payment of the fees is presented. This, according to the memo, applies to examinations for all postgraduate programmes.

Curb delay in completion of postgraduate studies, VC directs

Any academic staff who has less than 3 years to retire from the services of the University of Ilorin would no longer be allocated Postgraduate students for supervision or be part of panel of examiners.

The Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem, gave this approval on September 30, 2019 while reacting to the concerns of the School on the unnecessary delay experienced by some postgraduate students of the University.

He, however, said that in case such supervisees could not complete their work they should be handed over to the Head of the Department for appropriate reassignment to other supervisor(s) as the case may be.

The Vice-Chancellor also approved that a moratorium of 1 academic session be extended to all students that overstayed the approved duration of studies and that whoever fails to finish after the moratorium granted should have his programme terminated forthwith.

Senate streamlines procedure for suspension of studies

The Senate of the University of Ilorin has streamlined the procedures for the suspension of studies by students of the University including those on postgraduate programmes.

At the meeting of the Senate held on Wednesday, August 18, 2021, it was reiterated that students could be allowed to suspend their studies for either a semester or session and that such application must be made before the commencement of the semester or session for which approval is sought.

The application must also be from the University portal and it should be processed through the Faculty Board as it was also stated that no student can suspend study for more than a session at a time.



From The Table Of The Editor-in-Chief

Experiences all over the world have shown that no society or organisation can be smoothly ran without one form of effective communication or the other among its constituents. Communication, to any human organisation or institution, is what oxygen is to human life. It is the lifeblood of every form of association.

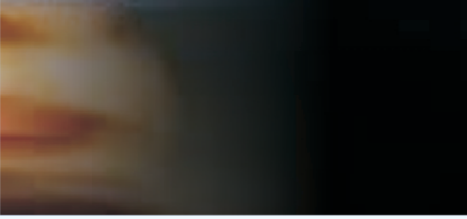
It is in the realisation of this that the management of the Postgraduate School, University of Ilorin, decided to float this publication, which is intended to bridge the communication gap between it and the various academic departments and stakeholders. It is also intended to stimulate healthy and fruitful interactions between the School and students for the benefit of the system.

This publication, which is titled **Unilorin Postgraduate School Digest**, shall be a biannual publication. It will have as its focus and contents major happenings, issues and policy matters that would not only be of interest to its readers but would also enhance effective service delivery.

The **Digest** shall be an In-House news outlet. It is meant to serve the benefit of the generality of postgraduate students, staff and other stakeholders.

Let me, therefore, thank our visionary and award-winning Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem, and other management staff of the University, for their consistent support to the institution's Postgraduate School. I must also thank the Board and Management of the Postgraduate School, University of Ilorin, for approving the publication of this **Digest**.

My special gratitude goes to the Dean, Faculty of Communication and Information Sciences, University of Ilorin, Prof. Lukman Adesina Azeez, who is the Editor, and other members of the reportorial and editorial crew for the time, energy and intellect invested in making this publication a reality. It is my hope



that they would continue to offer their best so that this publication would meet the yearnings of its readers.

I want to use this medium to appeal to Deans, Heads of Departments and other Lecturers, particularly those who are involved in teaching and supervision of postgraduate programmes at different levels to cultivate the habit of perusing this publication as soon as its copies get to them in the interest of quality service delivery. I also enjoin Postgraduate students of this great University to always avail themselves of this medium for up-to-date information on their various programmes and general information on Postgraduate programmes.

Let me promise that the editorial team shall ensure that only factual, timely and relevant information are dished out to readers to promote the essence of the publication.

PG Board approves biannual news publication

The Board of the Postgraduate School, University of Ilorin, has approved the publication of "**Unilorin Postgraduate School Digest**". This was part of the resolutions of the meeting of the Board which held on Wednesday, September 22, 2021.

The contents of the biannual publication would be mainly the major decisions of the Board, Senate approved results and other policy matters.

Meanwhile, an Editorial Board that would see to the regular publication of **UNILORIN POSTGRADUATE SCHOOL DIGEST** has been constituted.

The Board, which has the Dean of the School, Prof. Moji Taibat Bakare-



■ Prof. Moji T. Bakare-Odunola, FSN

While I urge you to keep digesting this digestive **Digest**, you are assured of prompt, effective and quality service delivery for the benefit of all at all times.

Thank you for always being there and do enjoy the carefully packaged contents.

Oduonla, as the Editor-in-Chief while the Dean of the Faculty of Communication and Information Sciences, University of Ilorin, Prof. Lukman Adesina Azeez, as the Editor and the Deputy Editor, **UNILORIN BULLETIN**, Mr. Abubakar Imam, would assist him. Other members of the Editorial Board of the publication are the Secretary to the Postgraduate School, Mr. Mansur Adeleke Alfanla; the Sub-Dean (Academic), Postgraduate School, Dr. S. A. Aderibigbe and Dr. D. A. Ariyoosu, Sub-Dean (Administration), Postgraduate School, University of Ilorin.

The Board had since swung into action with the production of the first edition of the biannual publication.

PG School assures examiners of prompt payment of honorarium

Arrangements have been perfected by the management of the University of Ilorin to ensure prompt payment of honorarium to examiners.

This was disclosed in a memo dated February 4, 2022 from the Office of the Secretary to the Postgraduate School and addressed to all the Heads of Department.

While the memo explained that on no account should a student be made to pay for the defense of his final examination, it assured that everything worth doing shall be done to ensure that the payment of the honorarium is effected as at when due.

PG School regulates Ph.D. Oral Examination

The Postgraduate School, University of Ilorin, has directed that the defense of Ph.D. thesis should hold not later than 3 months after the registration of title of the Ph.D. thesis.

A memo from the Deputy Registrar and Secretary to the Postgraduate School, Mr. M. A. Alfanla, also explained that the first step should be followed by the submission of the constitution of panel of examiners as well as the hard and soft copies of the thesis for anti plagiarism test.

It also directed that the submission of pre-assesment forms for the Ph.D. oral examinations to the Postgraduate School should not be later than 2 weeks before the date of examination.

PG School makes Handbook mandatory for students

Henceforth, both the newly admitted and returning students of the Postgraduate School, University of Ilorin, must purchase a copy of the Postgraduate Handbook.

The decision to this effect was taking at a meeting of the Board held in June 2021.

It was further decided that any student who failed to show evidence of purchase of the Handbook would not have his or her results processed and considered by the Board.

Unilorin affiliates UITH PGD programme

The Senate of the University of Ilorin has, at its 289th Meeting held on Tuesday, January 4, 2022, approved the affiliation of Postgraduate Diploma in Health Information Management programme ran by the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital (UITH), Ilorin, to the Centre for Affiliated Institutions of the University.

This approval was contained in a memo signed by the Deputy Registrar, Academic Support Services, Senate dated January 5, 2022 and addressed to the Director, Centre for Affiliated Institutions, University of Ilorin.

Unilorin's First Class, Second Class Upper degree holders exempted from PG Qualifying Examinations

The Board of the Postgraduate School, University of Ilorin, has reiterated the University's Senate policy of exempting applicants who graduated with First Class or Second Class (Upper Division) degree from the University of Ilorin from participating in the qualifying examinations organised by the institution to select candidates into various Master's degree programmes.

However, such graduates are not exempted from the oral interview which usually followed the written test.

The condition, however, is not applicable to those who applied to other departments apart from the departments they graduated from.

Senate approves commencement of Ph.D. in Clinical Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical and Medicinal Chemistry

The Senate of the University of Ilorin has approved the curriculum for the running of the Doctor of Philosophy programmes in Clinical Pharmacy and Pharmacy Practice and also Pharmaceutical and Medicinal Chemistry as well as Postgraduate Diploma in the latter.

The Senate made the approval at its 289th Meeting, which held on Tuesday, January 4, 2022.

The approval was contained in a memo signed by the Deputy Registrar (Academic Support Services, Senate), Mr. A. Abdulsalam, dated January 5, 2022 and addressed to the Director, Academic Planning Unit.



■ Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem, Vice-Chancellor, University of Ilorin

Senate approves M. A. Peace and Development Programme

The Senate of the University of Ilorin has approved the commencement of Master of Arts in Peace and Development as an academic programme, which would be ran by the institution's Centre for Peace and Strategic Studies in conjunction with the Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution, Abuja.

The approval was contained in a memo signed by the Deputy Registrar (Academic Support Services, Senate), Mr. A. Abdulsalam, dated January 5, 2022 and addressed to the Director, Academic Planning Unit.

Unilorin approves M. Sc., Ph.D. programmes in Applied Geophysics

The Senate of the University of Ilorin has considered and approved the curricular for the running of Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy degrees in Applied Geophysics.

The development was contained in a memo signed by the Deputy Registrar (Academic Support Services, Senate), Mr. A. Abdulsalam, which was dated January 5, 2022 and addressed to the University's Director, Academic Planning Unit.