

UNIVERSITY OF ILORIN, ILORIN, NIGERIA

SCHOOL OF PRELIMINARY STUDIES

ADVERTISEMENT OF SPS PROGRAMME FOR 2026/2027 ACADEMIC SESSION

Applications are hereby invited from suitably qualified candidates for admission into the School of Preliminary Studies (SPS) of the University of Ilorin for the 2026/2027 academic session. Successful candidates who complete the programme and pass the final SPS examinations, in addition to meeting the minimum UTME cut-off point approved by the University, shall be considered for admission into degree programmes. Admission shall be based on academic performance and departmental quotas.

In line with the University's commitment to academic excellence and merit, the top ten (10) students in each of the subject areas—Sciences, Arts, and Commercial—who meet the University's entry requirements are eligible for admission into highly competitive programmes, including: Anatomy, Physiology, Doctor of Pharmacy, Physiotherapy, Doctor of Optometry, Veterinary Medicine, Nursing, Economics, Accounting, Banking and Finance and English Language

Please Note: This opportunity **does not apply to the MB; BS and Law programmes**. These opportunities are in addition to the standard courses offered at the School of Preliminary Studies.

Admission Requirements

Category 1: Arts and Arts Education:

Applicants must pass five subjects at credit level at not more than two sittings in the SSCE/GCE conducted by WAEC, NECO or NABTEB, which should include the major subjects of study. Two of the five subjects must be from Arts while the other subjects may be from the Social Sciences. Note that credit grades in English Language and Mathematics are compulsory for eventual admission into any programme at the University of Ilorin.

Note: There is no preliminary programme for B.A. (Hons.) English

Category 2: Agriculture, Arts, Engineering and Technology, Environmental Sciences, Life Sciences, Management Sciences, Physical Sciences, Social Sciences, Science Education, and Technology Education

Applicants must pass the following subjects at credit level: English Language, Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics and Physics at **NOT** more than two sittings in the SSCE/GCE conducted by WAEC, NECO or NABTEB

Specific requirements: The Faculty of Agriculture will accept a credit grade in Agricultural Science in place of a credit grade in Biology.

Category 3: Social Sciences

Applicants must pass the following subjects at credit level: English Language, Mathematics and three from Economics, Government, Geography and Commerce at **NOT** more than two sittings in the SSCE/GCE conducted by WAEC, NECO or NABTEB.

Specific requirements: Department of Psychology requires a credit grade in Biology at O' level and candidates choosing the course must sit for Biology at UTME. The UTME Subjects' combination for other Social Sciences courses is English, Economics, Government and any one of Geography and Commerce.

Duration of Programme:

The programme lasts for one academic session.

Eligibility:

The preliminary studies programme is primarily open to applicants from the Catchment States of the University of Ilorin (i.e., Benue, Kogi, Kwara, Nasarawa, Niger, Plateau, Sokoto, and Zamfara). However, applicants from other states of the Federation are also given considerable opportunities.

General Conditions:

1. Without prejudice to the admission requirements stated above, the Board of the School, in its policy thrust of inclusiveness in university education, has approved that applicants who have credit pass in minimum of three (3) O' Level subjects may apply for the programme; PROVIDED that they MUST have registered for and obtained credit pass in the deficient subjects before being considered for admission into degree programme.
2. Candidates who want to study Engineering must obtain credit grades in Chemistry, Mathematics and Physics at O'level and sit for English Language, Chemistry, Mathematics and Physics at UTME.
3. Candidates MUST write the 2027 UTME with a relevant subject combination to any programme in either Arts or Sciences and MUST obtain the minimum UTME cutoff point approved by the University.
4. Consideration for admission into programmes shall be based on performance and quota for each programme.
5. Students who passed the school's end of the programme examinations but could not obtain the minimum JAMB/UTME cutoff point approved by the university can BANK the Remedial result for use the following year only; PROVIDED that the minimum JAMB/UTME cutoff point approved for the following year is obtained.
6. Applicants are to note that the programme is residential.

Venue of Programme:

The venue of the programme shall be at the School of Preliminary Studies, Fufu, Ilorin South Local Government Headquarters, Kwara State.

Method of Application:

Candidates are to visit the University of Ilorin website www.unilorin.edu.ng and follow the link for the 2026/2027 Remedial Application. Application forms are to be completed online after a payment of ₦15,000.00 (Fifteen Thousand Naira) only, aside from application fee charges for using an Interswitch-enabled ATM card (Master or Verve card) by the concerned body.

After the completion of the form, each candidate MUST download a Local Government Confirmation Form, which MUST be endorsed by the Chairman/Secretary of his/her local Government Area.

A candidate who is offered admission will be expected to bring the form and SSCE/GCE certificates/result slips during registration.

Classes will begin on Monday, 19th October 2026.

Mr. M. A. Alfania

Registrar