

# Diploma Prospectus

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# The University of Ibadan

## **Vision**

The vision of the University of Ibadan is:

*To expand the frontiers of knowledge and transform the society through innovation.*

## **Mission**

Towards the actualization of the above vision, the mission of the University is:

*To be a world class institution where conditions for learning are excellent, research and services are outstanding, and where staff and students are worthy in character and sound judgment.*

## **Brief History**

The University of Ibadan, Nigeria's premier university was established in 1948 as a college of the University of London, on the recommendation of the Asquith and Elliot Commissions on Higher Learning in the British colonies in West Africa. The then University College was first located at the 56th Military General Hospital, about eight kilometers from the present location of the University of Ibadan. A total number of 104 students, including 3 females, began to receive lectures as pioneering students on January 18, 1948. The student population has ever since then been increasing annually, from 1,000 in 1958 to over 17,303 full time students in the 2003/2004 session.

The high level of academic standards maintained by the University of Ibadan, which has enabled her to produce world-class scholars, is acknowledged worldwide. For instance, the University was acclaimed a Centre of Excellence for Medicine and Neurosciences in 1978 and 1985 respectively. The University of Ibadan is also WHO's Centre for Virology Research and Diagnosis as well as IAEA Collaborative Centre for Research and Training in Radio Photos and Immunoassay. In addition to being a recipient of the UNESCO chair in Adult Education and Shell Petroleum Development Corporation chair in Petroleum Engineering, the University has produced most of the current teaching and non-teaching staff in Nigerian universities, while some full-fledged universities like Ilorin and Jos started off as campuses of the University of Ibadan.

## **The Distance Learning Centre**

The idea of distance education was conceived by the Department of Adult Education of the University of Ibadan in 1972. The proposal for the commencement of the various programmes was presented to the Senate of the University in 1976. Later, the National Universities Commission also gave its approval on the condition that it would be a self-financing programme. Hence, the present-day Distance Learning programme started first as External Degrees and later changed to External Studies programme of the Department of Adult Education in 1988, with courses from the parent department (Adult Education) and two other departments. Guidance and Counselling, and Teacher Education.

By 1993, four more departments – Special Education, Library Science, Educational Management and Physical and Health Education had joined the original three departments to offer courses leading to the award of the Bachelor of Education (B. Ed) degree. In 1998, the programme was extended to the Faculty of Agriculture.

In order to keep pace with global developments, the name of the centre was changed from Centre for External Studies to Distance Learning Centre in 2002. Since inception, the centre has graduated over 4,000 students.

The Distance Learning Centre's programme of studies is the same as that offered for full-time students of the University of Ibadan. The only difference is that it is designed primarily to suit those in the working class, whose schedules, distance, financial condition and other situations may not permit them to undergo full-time studies at the university. These students read their study-packs at their convenience, communicate with their lecturers from time to time, and only come into residence six weeks in a year for revision and examination. In addition to its Head Office at Moroundiya Site, Idi-Ose, Along Moniya Road, on the New Ibadan – Ilorin Expressway, Ibadan and the office at 20 Awolowo Avenue, Old Bodija, Ibadan; the centre also has information offices in Lagos and Abeokuta, and plans are underway to add new ones.

## **Courses**

The following Diploma courses are currently offered by the Distance Learning Centre, University of Ibadan.

1. Diploma in Industrial Relations and Trade Unionism
2. Diploma in Adult Education and Community Development
3. Diploma in Human Kinetics and Health Education
4. Diploma in Librarianship
5. Professional Diploma in Educational Management
6. Diploma in Teacher Education
7. Diploma in Theatre Arts
8. Professional Diploma in Statistics
9. Diploma in School Media Programme
10. Diploma in Social Work
11. Diploma in HIV/AIDS and STIs
12. Diploma in History and Diplomatic Studies
13. Diploma in Applied Psychology
14. Diploma in Communication and Language Arts
15. Diploma in Applied Yoruba
16. Diploma in Management Studies

## *Duration*

All diploma courses are run through a period of 3 years.

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