

## **DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAMMES**

### **B.A. HISTORY PROGRAMMES**

#### **Philosophy**

The philosophy underpinning our programmes in History draws from the understanding that studying the past deepens our awareness of the present and equips us with the capacity to make proper judgments. These courses are designed to imbue in students the appreciation of human values, and the skills that will enable them to make critical, objective, perceptive, relevant and applicable analysis of social reality.

#### **Objectives**

The objectives of the B.A. History (Single and Combined Honours) programmes are:

- To give students a thorough understanding of Nigerian history and historiography planted firmly in the context of African history and historiography.
- To educate students on historical movements of global importance from other continents so as to enable them acquire better knowledge of the world and thus promote world peace.
- To make students comprehend the historical forces and developments which have shaped and are still shaping the lives of the peoples of Nigeria, Africa and the entire world.
- To develop in students a sense of commitment and capacity to consciously relate to these forces and developments in such ways that Nigerian and African unity, independence and prosperity can be achieved and sustained.
- To provide students with advantages usually associated with historical training viz: critical and analytical faculty and balanced judgment needed for excellence in administration and management.

#### **Degrees Awarded**

The Department awards the degree of Bachelor of Arts B.A. (Hons.) History on successful completion of the B.A. programme. In addition to the B.A. History (Single Honours), the Department awards B.A. Combined Honours degree in collaboration with appropriate Departments of the University.

#### **B.A. History (Single Honours)**

#### **B.A. History and Economics (Combined Honours)**

#### **B.A. History and English (Combined Honours)**

#### **B.A. History and International Relations (Combined Honours)**

#### **B.A. History and Philosophy (Combined Honours)**

#### **B.A. History and Political Science (Combined Honours)**

#### **B.A. History and Religious Studies (Combined Honours)**

#### **B.A. History and Sociology (Combined Honours)**

In addition, allowance is made for B.A. Education History.

## **REQUIREMENTS FOR THE AWARD OF A DEGREE**

### **1. Single Honours.**

In order to graduate in B.A. (Single Honours) degree, candidates studying for the four-year degree must pass a minimum of 135 units of compulsory and elective courses as specified in this brochure. In addition, candidates must pass 12 units of Special Elective courses, making a total of 147 units.

A Direct Entry student requires 105 units of compulsory and elective courses, as specified, as well as 12 units of Special Electives making a total of 117 units.

## 2. Combined Honours

In order to graduate in the B.A. (Combined Honours) degree, candidates studying for the four-year degree must pass a minimum of 135 units and 12 units of Special Electives making a total of 147 units. The core courses must include the compulsory courses for combined honours programme in history and the required courses as specified by the other department.

A Direct Entry candidate requires 105 units in the core courses and 12 units of Special Electives making a total of 117 units.

## LEVELS OF PERFORMANCE

For the purpose of University Examinations, a candidate shall be regarded as having attained in a course, a level of achievement ranging between the grades of A and F. The overall performance of a candidate in an entire examination shall be determined by means of a weighted grade point average (GPA) obtained by awarding credit points in respect of each course multiplied by the numerical value of the grade obtained.

Grade	Achievement Level	Marks	Credit points per unit
A	Excellent	70-100%	5
B	Very Good	60-69%	4
C	Good	50-59%	3
D	Satisfactory	45-49%	2
E	Adequate	40-44%	1
F	Fail	39% and below	0

At the end of a semester, the current cumulative status of a student is indicated as follows:

Pass Candidate has passed all courses

CSO Candidate has courses still outstanding against him/her

PRO Candidate is on Probation having scored a cumulative grade point average of below 1.00 at the end of that semester.

WDR Candidate is required to withdraw from the University having failed to register for two consecutive semesters OR having scored a cumulative grade point average of below 1.0 in two successive semesters.

A candidate who has satisfactorily completed all requirements for the award of a degree with an overall grade point average of not less than 1.50 shall be awarded the Honours degree as indicated below:

4.50-5.00 First Class Honours

3.50-4.49 Second Class Honours (Upper Division)

2.40-3.49 Second Class Honours (Lower Division)

1.50-2.39 Third Class Honours

A candidate who does not reach the standard to qualify for a Honours degree may be awarded the Pass degree provided the overall grade point average is not less than 1.00.

## IMPORTANT POINTS TO NOTE

1. Each student MUST complete all registration formalities for each semester within the prescribed period of time. Failure to observe this important requirement could lead to loss of studentship for the semester.

2. Before registering for a course, the student must meet the prerequisites/co-requisites or equivalent courses as prescribed for that course either within or outside Department of History.
3. Any addition to or reduction in the number of courses/total number of units for which a student is formally registered must be made with the consent of the Staff Adviser and/or Head of Department. In addition, the instructor of the affected course(s) must be duly informed. Failure to comply leads to a grade of 'OF' or cancellation of grade.
4. A student may withdraw from a course for which he/she was registered without incurring the penalty of a grade of 'F' for the course only by observing the due process.
5. Permission to withdraw must be sought by completing a Withdrawal Form countersigned by the Course Instructor or the Head of the Department in which the course is being offered. Withdrawal without penalty will be granted up to the end of the fourth week from the commencement of the semester in which the course is offered.
6. Candidates are expected to adhere strictly to the minimum and maximum number of units required for registration in any semester. Permission to register for more than maximum number of allowed units shall NOT be granted.
7. Students are required to attend classes regularly and punctually. Examiners reserve the right to stop a candidate from writing an examination if the candidate is deemed not to have fulfilled the minimum attendance requirement for the course which is 75%.
8. Students in the Department should feel free to discuss all academic and allied matters with their Staff Advisers and/or Head of Department.