



FACULTY OF LAW

GOMBE STATE UNIVERSITY

STUDENT HANDBOOK

REGISTRATION

Registration is a responsibility of each student. It is important to stress to students that they are not a bonafide students of this Department until they have duly registered at both the Faculty and Department levels and fully Matriculated. The procedure for the registration exercise sequentially includes:-

1. Attendance of a screening interview where credentials are screened.
2. Filling of forms for payment of relevant fees including accommodation fees, as well as the Faculty and Departmental course registration forms.
3. Registration for identity card (ID) in the University Security Office.
4. Registration as a user of the University Library. The University's academic year comprises of two Semesters. You are expected to register for the two Semesters at the beginning of each session. It is also important to get proper advice with respect to the number and relevance of the courses to register for.

EXAMINATIONS: INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES DURING EXAMINATIONS

(i) Students are advised to be conversant with the rules and regulations governing the conduct of Semester and National Examinations (see Examination Malpractices, Degree number 33 of 1999, guide to students reproduced by the Gombe State University, Gombe). The Department shall spare no student caught either in the Semester or in continuous assessment examinations.

(ii) To qualify for admission into any of the semester examinations, a student must be duly registered for the course units to be examined and must have fulfilled all the other University requirements including payment of prescribed fees. For a student to qualify to sit a final

examination, he/she must satisfy 75% attendance in all lectures, tutorials, and practical classes pertaining to that course unit.

(iii) Final examinations are held at the end of each Semester. The end-of-Semester Examination constitutes 60% of the total score for a course while continuous assessments (CA) in the form of tests, quizzes, practical work and other assignments account for 40% of the total score. Students are required to collect their examination cards from the academic office through the Dean's office, just prior to the commencement of the examinations. The card shall show the candidates' name, registration number, courses registered, instructions and procedure in the examination venue.

(iv) It shall be the responsibility of the each candidate to make sure he/she is registered for the appropriate examination and should obtain an examination card, at least two weeks before the examination.

(v) It shall also be the duty of the candidate to consult the daily timetable to ascertain the papers to be written each day and to make himself/ herself available at the appointment place and time.

(vi) A candidate shall be at the examination venue at least thirty (30) minutes before the advertised time of the examination.

(vii) A candidate is required to supply his/her own pens, pencil, rulers, easers and any materials, which are permitted for the examination.

(viii) A candidate may be admitted up to thirty minutes after the start of an examination, but he/she shall not be allowed extra time.

(ix) If a candidate arrives later than thirty minutes after the start of the examination, then the chief invigilator may, at his/her discretion admit him/her if satisfied that the candidate had good reason for the lateness, provided no candidate for the same examination had left the examination venue before the time. The invigilator shall inform the Board of Examiners, which shall decide whether or not to accept the candidate's paper.

(x) A candidate is not allowed to write on the question paper, not even his/ her name.

- (xi) A candidate may be permitted by the invigilator to leave the examination room during the course of an examination provided that:
- (a) It is not before the first hour and the last fifteen minutes of the examination.
 - (b) The candidate has handed his/her script to the invigilator before leaving the examination venue.
 - (c) A candidate who leaves the examination room shall not be readmitted unless throughout the period of his absence he has been continually under the supervision of an invigilator or an examination attendant.
- (xii) Each candidate shall complete an attendance slip, which shall be collected by the invigilator:
- (xiii) No candidate shall communicate with any other candidate or make any noise or cause disturbance during an examination.
- (xiv) No, book, paper, printed or written document or unauthorized aid may be taken into an examination room by any candidate, except as may be directed by the examiner and examination officer.
- (xv) A candidate must not directly or indirectly give assistance to any other candidate to copy from or use his/her papers.
- (xvi) A candidate is required to deposit any handbag, cellular/mobile phones, jotters or any prohibited materials at the chief invigilator's desk, before the start of an examination.
- (xvii) If any candidate is found to be or is suspected of infringing on the provision of these regulations or in any way cheating or disturbing the conduct of the examination, the invigilator shall submit a report immediately on the prescribed form for "examination irregularity misconduct."
- (xviii) A candidate shall write his/her examination number, in the spaces provided and on the cover of every answer book and every separate sheet of paper used during the examination. No request for extra sheets will be entertained unless his/her paper is confirmed to be exhausted.

(xix) The use of scrap paper is not permitted. All rough work must be done in the answer book and crossed neatly through, or in supplementary answer books, which must be submitted to the invigilator.

(xx) Except for the printed question paper, a candidate may not remove from the examination room or mutilate any paper or other materials supplied.

(xxi) Smoking, drinking, chewing and eating in the examination hall is strictly prohibited.

(xxii) Calculators are not allowed except where their use is authorized and specified by the examiner.

(xxiii) A candidate is not allowed to enter an examination venue with any inscription on any part of the body e.g. palm, arm, thigh e.t.c, if such inscriptions bear any relevance to the examination.

(xxiv) Candidates shall not use other people to sit for any University examination on their behalf.

(xxv) Candidates wishing to do some revision before the commencement of examinations shall do so outside the examination venue.

(xxvi) Silence shall be observed in the examination venue. The only permissible way of attracting the attention of the invigilator is by a show of the hand.

(xxvii) At the end of the time allocated, each candidate shall stop writing when instructed to do so and shall gather his/her scripts together in order for collection by the invigilator.

(xxviii) Students shall remain seated while invigilators go from row to row to collect answer scripts.

(xxix) Failure to observe any of the rules above, shall prime facie constitute examination misconduct.

EXAMINATION OFFENCES AND PENALTIES

(i) Expulsion

The following offences shall carry the punishment of expulsion

- Impersonation at examinations. This may involve the change of examination numbers or names or answer sheets or the intentional use of someone else's examination number.
- Introduction of relevant foreign materials and cheat notes into the examination hall.
- Exchange of relevant materials in the examination hall which may involve.
The exchange of question papers containing materials, collaborating/copying from each other and exchange of answer scripts.
- Theft/removal of examinations scripts or materials.
- Mischief by fire to examination scripts or materials.
- Copying from cheat notes.
- Consulting cheat notes..
- Facilitating/abetting cheating.
- Failure/refusal by a student to appear before the examination regulations and irregularities committee (ERIC), the second time, after there is evidence that he/she received the letter of invitation.
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(ii) Rustication for a short period

The following offences shall carry the punishment of rustication for one session.

- Non-submission or incomplete submission of answer scripts.
- Introduction of foreign materials to the examinations hall.
- A student who has been rusticated for one academic semester if he/she is found guilty of repeating an offence for which the punishment is warning.
- Non- appearance at the Senate Committee (i.e. ERIC) if there is evidence of invitation.

(iii) WRITTEN WARNING

The following offences shall attract a written warning:

- Speaking/conversation during examination.

- Writing on question papers or scraps of paper.

COMPUTING RESULTS

(i) Grade Point (GP)

This is a point system corresponding from the F to A classification of scores, as shown in time below

Earned marks (%)	Letter grade	Rating	Grade point
0- 44	F	Fail	0
45- 49	D	Pass	2
50- 59	C	Good	3
60- 69	B	Very good	4
70- 100	A	Excellent	5

(ii) Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA)

This is obtained by totalling the grade points multiplied by the respective credit unit for all semester to-date and dividing by the number of credits units completed.

(iii) Registered Credit Units (RCU)

This is the sum of the credit units of the various courses registered by the student during a semester.

(iv) Credit Units Earned (CUE)

This is the sum of the credits units of all the courses passed by the student during a semester examinations.

(v) Total Registered Credit Units (TRCU)

This is the sum of credit units of all the courses registered by the student from the first year of study to the particular semester under consideration.

(vi) Total Credit Units Earned (TUCE)

This is the sum of the credit units of all courses passed by the student from the first year of study to the particular semester under consideration.

PROBATION AND WITHDRAWAL

(i) Probation

A student is on probation if his/her CGPA drops below 1.50, which is the minimum tolerable level for the first time.

(ii) Withdrawal

A student is placed on withdrawal if his/her CGPA remains below 1.50, the minimum tolerate level for two consecutive semesters.

(viii) Academic standing / Classification of degree

(a) Academic Standing

A student in this Department is said to be 'acceptable or good academic standing' if his/her CGPA is 1.50 or higher. However, to be allowed to proceed to the next level of study, a student must earn a minimum of 24 credit units per session (2 semesters). For example, a student who has spent three or more academic sessions in the Department, but earned only 70 credit units cannot be allowed to proceed to the 400-level; such a student is still, in effect, a 300 level students. This is however distinct from the minimum of 30 credit units per session which student must maintain in order to graduate within the minimum prescribed period for course programmes in the Department.

(b) Classification of Degrees Awaded

Classification of degrees is based on the cumulative grade point average (CGPA) at the point of graduating as shown in the table below.

CGPA	Class of degree
4.50 – 5.00	First class
3.50 – 4.49	Second class (upper division)
2.40 – 3.49	Second class (lower division)
1.50 – 2.39	Third class
Below 1.5	Fail

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The University has made available a good number of sporting facilities ranging from football, lawn and table tennis, volley ball, basketball, badminton etc. There is a shopping complex and restaurant and eateries available on the campus. The University's Zoo is located just behind the Department/Faculty.

LIST OF COURSES FOR THE FACULTY

100LEVEL FIRST SEMESTER COURSES

COURSE CODE	COURSE TITLE	C/UNITS	STATUS
LWPU-101	Legal Method I	2	Core Course
ENGL-103	English Grammar	4	Core Course
ENGL-105	English Literature	3	Core Course
GENS - 107	Logic and Philosophic Thought	3	Core Course
SOLG-109	Introduction to Psychology	3	Core Course
	Non Law Elective Course	3	Core Course

ELECTIVE COURSES

BUSS-111	Introduction to Business Administration	3	Elective
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POLS-113	Introduction to Political Science	3	Elective
SOLG-115	Introduction to Sociology	3	Elective
IRST- 117	Basic Arabic I	3	Elective

100LEVEL SECOND SEMESTER COURSES

LWPU-102	Legal Method II	2	Core Course
LWPU-104	English Literature	3	Core Course
GENS-106	Logic and Philosophic Thought	3	Core Course
SOLG-108	Introduction to Psychology	3	Core Course
GENS-110	History and philosophy of Science	2	Core Course
GENS-112	Nigerian People and Culture	2	Core Course
	Elective Non Law Course	3	Core Course

ELECTIVE COURSES

IRST 114	Basic Arabic II	3	Elective
SOLG-116	Introduction to Sociology II	3	Elective
SOLG-118	Introduction to Psychology II	3	Elective

200LEVEL FIRST SEMESTER COURSES

LWPU-201	Law of Contract I	4	CoreCourse
LWPU-203	Nigerian Legal System I	4	Core Course
LWPU-205	Constitutional Law I	4	Core Course
COSC-207	Introduction to Computer Applications	3	Core Course

	An Elective Law Course	4	Elective
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ELECTIVE COURSES

LWPU-209	English Family law I	4	Elective
LWPU-211	Criminology	4	Elective
LWPU-213	Administrative Law I	4	Elective
LWPU-215	Islamic Law of Muamalat I	4	Elective

200LEVELSECOND SEMESTER COURSES

LWPU-202	Law of Contract II	4	CoreCourse
LWPU-204	Nigerian Legal System II	4	Core Course
LWPU-206	Constitutional Law II	4	Core Course
	An Elective Law Course	4	Elective
	Elective Non Law Course	3	Elective

ELECTIVE COURSES

LWPU-208	Administrative Law II	4	Elective
LWPU-210	English Family Law II	4	Elective
LWPU-212	Criminology II	3	Elective
LWPU-214	Islamic Law of Muamalat II	4	Elective

300LEVEL FIRST SEMESTER COURSES

LWPU-301	Criminal Law I	4	CoreCourse
LWPU-303	Law of torts I	4	Core Course

LWPU-305	Commercial law I	4	Core Course
	Elective Law Course	4	Core Course
	Elective Non- Law Course	3	Core Course

ELECTIVE COURSES

LWPU-307	Human Rights law I	4	Elective
LWPU-309	Health Law/ Law and Medicine I	4	Elective
LWPU-311	Info. & Communication Technology I	3	Elective
LWPU-313	Introduction to Islamic Law I	4	Elective
LWPU-315	Islamic Law of Contract	4	Elective

300LEVEL SECOND SEMESTER COURSES

LWPU-302	Criminal Law II	4	CoreCourse
LWPU-304	Law of Torts II	4	Core Course
LWPU-306	Commercial Law II	4	Core Course
LWPU-308	Application of Computer to Legal Studies	3	Core Course
	Elective Law Course	4	Core Course
	Elective Non- Law Course	3	Core Course

ELECTIVE COURSES

LWPU-310	Human Rights Law II	4	Elective
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LWPU-312	Health Law/ Law and Medicine II	4	Elective
LWPU-314	Info. & Communication Technology II	4	Elective
LWPU-316	Introduction to Islamic Law II	4	Elective

400LEVEL FIRST SEMESTER COURSES

LWPU-401	Property Law I	4	Core Course
LWPU-403	Equity and Trust	4	CoreCourse
LWPU-405	Evidence	4	Core Course
	An Elective Law Coure	4	Core Course
	Elective Non Law-Course	3	Core Course

ELECTIVE COURSES

LWPU-407	Conflicts of Laws I	4	Elective
LWPU-409	Environmental law I	4	Elective
LWPU-411	Law of Banking I	4	Elective
LWPU-413	International Trade & investment Law I	4	Elective
LWPU-415	Alternative Dispute Resolution I	3	Elective

400LEVELSECOND SEMESTER COURSES

LWPU-402	Property Law II	4	Core Course
LWPU-404	Equity and Trust II	4	CoreCourse
LWPU-406	Evidence II	4	Core Course

	An Elective Law Course	4	Core Course
	Elective Non Law-Course	3	Core Course

ELECTIVE COURSES

LWPU-408	Conflicts of laws II	4	Elective
LWPU-410	Environmental law II	3	Elective
LWPU-412	Law of Banking II	4	Elective
LWPU-414	International Trade & investment Law	4	Elective
LWPU-416	Alternative Dispute Resolution	3	Elective

500LEVEL FIRST SEMESTER COURSES

LWPU-501	Jurisprudence & Legal theory I	4	CoreCourse
LWPU-503	Company Law I	4	Core Course
	2 Elective Law Courses	8	Elective
	Elective Non- Law Course	3	Elective

ELECTIVE COURSES

LWPU-505	Islamic Jurisprudence I	4	Elective
LWPU-507	Oil & Gas Law I	4	Elective
LWPU-509	Labour/Industrial Law I	4	Elective

LWPU-511	Islamic Law of Crime & Torts I	3	Elective
LWPU-513	Islamic Law of Procedure & Evidence I	3	Elective
LWPU-515	Islamic Family Law I	3	Elective
LWPU-517	Islamic Law of Succession I	4	Elective
LWPU-519	Revenue/Taxation Law I	3	Elective

500LEVELSECOND SEMESTER COURSES

LWPU-500	Jurisprudence & Legal Theory II	4	CoreCourse
LWPU-502	Company Law II	4	Core Course
LWPU-504	Final Year Long Essay	6	Core Course
	2 Elective Law Courses	8	Elective

ELECTIVE COURSE

LWPU-506	Islamic Jurisprudence II	4	Elective
LWPU-508	Oil & Gas law II	3	Elective
LWPU-510	Labour/Industrial law II	3	Elective
LWPU-512	Islamic Law of Crime & Torts II	3	Elective
LWPU-514	Islamic Law of Procedure & Evidence II	3	Elective
LWPU-516	Islamic Family Law II	3	Elective
LWPU-518	Islamic Law of Succession II	4	Elective
LWPU-520	Revenue/Taxation Law I	3	Elective