

**UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA, NSUKKA**

**FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES**

**DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY**

**University of Nigeria, Nsukka**

**Faculty of the Social Sciences**

**Department of Psychology**

*Academic Programmes (PGD, MSc, & PhD)*



## **INTRODUCTION**

The Department of Psychology was established in the University of Nigeria in 1964 under the guidance of Professor Carl Frost of Michigan University, United States of America. It is the first degree-awarding Department of Psychology established in Nigeria and produced its first set of graduates in 1967. The first Head of Department was Mr. J. Anowi, who has been succeeded by others, including the current Head of Department, Dr. Chris N. Uzundu. The Department is staffed with highly endowed academic staff and has produced a lot of graduate and postgraduate scholars who are making outstanding impact in the development of the Nigerian society and elsewhere.

## **HEADSHIP FROM INCEPTION TO DATE**

Prof. Carl Forst	-	1964-1966
Mr. John Anowi	-	1966-1972
Dr. Leonard Bloom	-	1972-1974
Mr. John Anowi	-	1974-1975
Dr. M.C. Adiele	-	1975-1978
Dr. Onuigbo N. Osuji	-	1978-1981
Dr. Azubuike F. Uzoka	-	1981-1984
Dr. Isidore E. Eyo	-	1984-1987
Dr. Hycinth U. Obi-Keguna	-	1987-1991
Prof. Azubuike F. Uzoka	-	1991-1992
Dr. Benic N. Ezeilo	-	1992-1995
Dr. Hycinth U. Obi-Keguna	-	1995-1996
Dr. Onuigbo N. Osuji	-	1996-1997

Prof. Benic N. Ezeilo	-	1997-1999
Prof. Julius O.C. Ozioko	-	1999-2003
Mr. Ignatius I. Iwu	-	2003-2004
Prof. Emeka Okpara	-	2004-2006
Dr. Edwin C. Onyeneje	-	2006-2007
Rev. Fr. Dr. M.C. Ifeagwazi	-	2007-2009
Dr. Leonard I. Ugwu	-	2009-2011
Prof. Peace N. Ibeagha	-	2011-2014
Dr. Chris. N. Uzundu	-	2014- Date.

The PGD, MSc and PhD degree programmes of the Department of Psychology are on the felt need to provide students with advanced knowledge and skill in psychology, to enable them to tackle the various socio-psychological problems arising as a result of the rapid social, economic and technological changes in contemporary society.

The PGD programmes offer a broad foundation in the principles and methods of psychology for the specialist student and for the intending research and professional psychologist. More importantly, the programmes offer certain professionals, e.g. police, prison, army, medical and paramedical, personnel managers, administrators, teachers, etc., the opportunity to acquire knowledge in appropriate fields of psychology for the advancement of their professional practice. The postgraduate diploma programme consists of course work and essay in chosen area of psychology.

The MSc students undertake the programme by course work, project report, and in certain areas undertake three uninterrupted months of internship. The PhD programme is prosecuted by comprehensive research work to be embodied in a thesis. In some cases a candidate may be required to audit course in psychology or other related disciplines. Each PhD student is required to present at least two seminars other than thesis proposal before graduation. The seminars should be in the candidate's area of specialization.

### **Philosophy and Mission Statement**

The Department is strongly oriented to:

- Scientifically studying the behaviour of humankind in order to provide information that would enrich the understanding and prediction of human actions, feelings and thought. It also seeks to enable people to understand and relate with each other very efficiently and effectively.
- In training of students, the Department emphasizes the interrelations of biological, psychological and socio-cultural influences on observed behavioural events. It seeks to provide students with very strong foundation in principles, methods and philosophy of psychological investigation of human and animal behaviour.
- It also offers students professional training and experience in various areas that enable its graduates to establish successful careers as psychologists in research and applied fields such as in medicine, education, industry, commerce, military and paramilitary organizations, social mobilization, human development, administration, correctional and rehabilitation services, and other human behaviour contexts that require adjustment to the various socio-psychological challenges and problems which the social, economic and technological changes in the world are generating.

#### **Aims of the Programmes**

The aim of the postgraduate diploma courses of the Department of Psychology is to introduce the students to the principles, methods and philosophy of the study of human and animal behaviour, with emphasis on the interdependence of biological, psychological, environmental, and socio-cultural determinants of behaviour.

The MSc and PhD programme aim at training the students in advanced techniques in theoretical and applied psychology. The programmes prepare students for work in various fields of applied and theoretical psychology such as experimental, comparative, developmental, social, industrial and organizational, counselling, school and forensic psychology.

#### **Academic Programmes**

The Department runs postgraduate programmes leading to the following qualifications: Postgraduate Diploma (PGD), Master of Science (M.Sc) honours degree and Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D). The PGD programme is a one-year full-time and part-time programme in general psychology. The M.Sc and Ph.D programmes are both full-time and part-time with minimum of four semesters for M.Sc and four semesters for Ph.D, and lead to specializations in particular fields in psychology.

## **Entry Requirements**

Candidates for PGD programme are required to be graduates of the University of Nigeria or other recognized University or Polytechnic who possess honours degrees or Higher National Diploma (HND) in addition to credit pass or above in English, Biology or Health Sciences and Mathematics in SSCE or GCE or its equivalent. The programme is specifically designed to give professionals opportunity to acquire knowledge in appropriate fields of psychology for the advancement of their professional practice.

Candidates for M.Sc programme are required to be graduates of the University of Nigeria or other recognized University who have obtained at least the bachelor degree with at least second class honours or its equivalent in psychology, or the postgraduate diploma in psychology with at least credit pass. Candidates who possess qualifications different from above may be considered.

Candidates for the Ph.D programme are required to be graduates of the University of Nigeria or other recognized Universities, who have obtained a Master's honours degree with a minimum of 4.00 grade point –average (GPA) on a 5-point scale or 3.50 GPA on a 4-point scale. M.Sc/Ph.D programmes are experimental, industrial/organizational, social, developmental, counseling, clinical, and psychology.

Foreign candidates who possess equivalent of the above described qualifications are considered.

## **APPROVED POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMMES/ DATE OF APPROVAL**

### **Postgraduate Diploma**

The Postgraduate Diploma Programme last for a period of 12 calendar months (two semesters)

### **Master's Degree**

All Master's Degree Programmes

- (a) Full-time: A minimum of three (3) Semesters and a maximum of six (6) Semesters
- (b) Part-time: A minimum of six (6) Semesters and a maximum of eight (8) Semesters

### **Ph.D**

- (a) Full-time: A minimum of six (6) Semesters and a maximum of ten (10) Semesters
- (b) Part-time: A minimum of ten (10) Semesters and a maximum of twelve (12) Semesters

**LIST OF ACADEMIC STAFF: List of Approved Postgraduate Supervisors with Titles and Affiliations**

S/N	Names	Qualification	Rank	Area of Specialisation
1.	Chris N. Uzongdu	BSc, MSc, PhD (UNN)	Reader	Industrial/Organizational Psychology
2.	Peace N. Ibeagha	BSc, MSc, PhD (Ibadan)	Professor	Developmental Psychology
3.	Chuka M. Ifeagwazi (Rev Fr)	BSc, MSc, PhD (UNN)	Professor	Clinical Psychology
4.	Leonard I. Ugwu	BSc, MSc, PhD (UNN)	Senior Lecturer	Industrial/Organizational Psychology
5	Euckie U. Immanuel	BSc (Villanova), MSc, PhD (UNN)	Senior Lecturer	Clinical Psychology
6	Mary Basil Nwoke (Rev Sr.)	BSc, MSc, PhD (UNN)	Senior Lecturer	Developmental Psychology
7	Ernest I. Onyishi	BSc, MSc, PhD (UNN)	Senior Lecturer	Industrial/Organizational Psychology
8	Lawrence O. Amazue	BSc, MSc, PhD (UNN)	Senior Lecturer	Industrial/Organizational Psychology
9	John E. Eze	BSc, MSc, PhD (UNN)	Senior Lecturer	Clinical Psychology
10	Philip C. Mefoh	BSc, MSc, PhD (UNN)	Senior Lecturer	Experimental Psychology
11	Aaron A. Agbo	BSc, MSc, PhD (UNN)	Senior Lecturer	Experimental Psychology

**POSTGRADUATE EXPERIENCES: No. of PGDs, M.Sc and Ph.D since inception of Postgraduate Studies.**

No of PGDs - About 46, No of M.Sc - 237, No. of Ph.D - 48

## **Statement of competencies/skills acquirable at the end of Postgraduate Studies in the Department.**

The Psychology Department, University of Nigeria, Nsukka undertakes an intensive Postgraduate training in such specialty areas as Clinical, Industrial/Organizational, Social, Developmental, Experimental, Counseling and School Psychology.

Aside the acquisition of managerial competencies/skills that are very useful in industrial and business organizations, general hospital/medical colleges, government ministries and parastatals, schools and higher educational institutions, the military, police, prisons and other correctional institutions; the following specific acquirable competencies/skills are also provided by the Department of Psychology University of Nigeria, Nsukka. Skills on:

- ❖ understanding, predicting and modifying human behaviour;
- ❖ Test construction, administration and interpretation;
- ❖ Psychological approaches to analyzing nagging societal issue, human disorders and abnormal cases.
- ❖ Personnel selection, employee/employer motivation;
- ❖ The developmental life span of humans from conception to death;
- ❖ Management of marriage and marital related adjustment;
- ❖ Policing, security and intelligence, safety, and other forensic expertise;
- ❖ Behavioural modifications;
- ❖ Various therapeutic approaches;
- ❖ Stress management, coping, and relaxation techniques;
- ❖ Analysis and evaluation of job and work performance;
- ❖ Attitude measurement;
- ❖ Advance knowledge in research design, experimentation and data analysis, and many more.

## **DISTINGUISHED GRAND ALUMNUS OF DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY**

- ❖ **Prof. Azubuike F. Uzoka.**

## SOME PICTURES OF ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN BY THE DEPARTMENT









