

DEPARTMENT OF HOME SCIENCE AND MANAGEMENT

FACULTY OF AGRICULTURE

UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA, NSUKKA

1. DEPARTMENT OF HOME SCIENCE AND MANAGEMENT



2. DRIVING PHILOSOPHY

Home Science and Management as a profession is a field of study that evolved out of the concern of the home (family) raised by the conditions of the society becoming increasingly dominated by commercial and industrial interests. It is concerned with ways in which the quality and content of family life be enhanced maximally through optimum utilization of its human and material resources. It is an applied field of study that brings together knowledge and skills from different disciplines within the pure and applied arts and sciences to solve the most pressing problems that challenge the families presently, as well as those that are possibly going to emerge in the future. The field of Home Science and Management has developed tremendously within the last few decades in both its outreach and its depth of penetration in order to meet the dynamic nature of the problems and challenges of individuals, families and societies. This is as a result of the developments in science and technology, all of which have affected living conditions of individuals, families and the society at large.

LABORATORIES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HOME SCIENCE AND MANAGEMENT, FACULTY OF AGRICULTURE, UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA, NSUKKA



Fig. 1: Clothing and Textile Laboratory



Fig. 2: Home Management Laboratory/Metabolic Laboratory



Fig. 3: Child Development Laboratory



Fig 4 Food and Nutrition Laboratory

3. DEPARTMENTAL LOGO (NOT APPLICABLE)

4. BRIEF HISTORY OF THE DEPARTMENT

The programme, the first of its kind in the Nigerian University system, was established in 1961 as the Department of Home Economics in the Faculty of Agriculture. The first Head of Department of Home Economics was Madelieine W. Kirkland. The department then offers a programme for the B.Sc degree in Home Economics. All the students were expected to complete, in addition to 48 credit hours in General Studies, certain courses in the Natural Sciences, Sociology and Education. After completion of the second year of the programme then the students specialized in either Food and Nutrition or the Teaching of Home Economics or Textile and Clothing. In 1973/74 the decision was taken to broaden the scope of the Department to provide a nucleus for new academic initiatives in the areas of Food Science, Nutrition and Dietetics. The name of the Department was consequently changed to the Department of Food and Home Sciences. As a result the department offered three separate degree programmes in the following areas:

- (i) Home Science
- (ii) Nutrition and Dietetics
- (iii) Food Science and Technology

In 1980 as a result of the quest to develop indigenous technology, there was a dire need to have a split of the Department of Food and Home Science. The split actually took place and two separate departments were created:

- Department of Home Science and Nutrition
- Department of Food Science and Technology.

Since then the Department of Home Science and Nutrition has continued to offer two of the degree programmes at the undergraduate level, namely:

- Home Science
- Nutrition and Dietetics

In addition to these programmes the Department also embarked on postgraduate studies (M.Sc and PhD) programmes in Human Nutrition in 1981.

Recently, it was realized that graduates in Nutrition and Dietetics were experiencing problems with their professional body, the Nigerian Dietetics Association, and also were finding it difficult to convince employers that these students were qualified to practice Dietetics. This was because the word “Dietetics” was not reflected both in the name of the Department and the certificates. The Department therefore applied for a change of name in order to solve the problem. Senate in the year 2004 (February) approved the change of name, hence the new name, Department of Home Science, Nutrition and Dietetics.

The Department of Home Science and Management got approval to commence the running of Postgraduate Diploma, Master of Science and Doctorate in all the areas of Home Science and Management from 2016/2017 academic session (See Annex B).

The need to expand the scope of the Department was perceived and there was dire need to have a split of the Department of Home Science, Nutrition and Dietetics. The split was considered and approved by the University Senate on Wednesday, August, 31st 2016. Two separate Departments were created:

- Department of Home Science and Management.
- Department of Nutrition and Dietetics (See Annex A).

PAST AND PRESENT HEADS OF THE DEPARTMENT

The Department of Home Science, Nutrition and Dietetics have been administered over the years by the following Heads of Department:

Head of Department	Session(s)
Mrs. V.I. Onuorah	1970/71, 1971/72, 1973/74

Prof. D.O. Nnanyelugo (late)	1981/82, 1982/83, 1983/84, 1985/86
Prof. I.C. Obizoba (Late)	1984/85, 1994/95, 1995/96, 1996/97, 1997/98
Prof.(Mrs.) A.C. Uwaegbute	1994/95
Prof. (Mrs.) E.C. Okeke (Late)	1995/96, 1998/99, 1999/2000, 2000/2001, 2001/2002
Dr.(Mrs.) E.K. Ngwu	2001/2002, 2002/2003
Prof.(Mrs.) H.N. Ene-Obong	2004/2005, 2005/06, 2006/2007.
Prof. (Mrs) N.M. Nnam	2007/2008
Dr. C.I. Iloeje	2008/2009, 2009/2010
Prof. N.M. Nnam	2010/2011, 2011/2012, 2012/2013, 2013/2014
Prof. (Mrs.) E.K. Ngwu	2014 till Date

5. APPROVED POSTGRDUATE PROGRAMMES/DATE OF APPROVAL (SEE ANNEX A)

6. ACADEMIC STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENT

Academic Staff members

C.I. Iloeje, <i>B.Sc., M.Ed., M.Ed., (Nigeria)</i> <i>Ph.D. (Nigeria).</i>	Senior Lecturer
B.O. Mbah, <i>B.Sc., (Texas), PGDE.</i> <i>M.Sc., Ph.D (Nigeria)</i>	Senior Lecturer
G. I. Davidson, <i>B.Sc., M.Sc., (Nigeria)</i>	Senior Lecturer
F.O. Okechukwu. <i>B.Sc., M.Sc, Ph.D(Nigeria)</i>	Lecturer I
S.U. Ozougwu, <i>B.Sc.,M.Sc., Ph.D (Nigeria)</i>	Lecturer I
B.E. Olua, <i>B.Sc., M.Sc., Ph.D (Nigeria)</i>	Lecturer I
C.A. Okonkwo, <i>B.Sc.</i>	Graduate Assistant

7. POSTGRDUATE EXPERIENCES –

- a. NOT APPLICABLE NOW
- b. SAME AS NO. 6 ABOVE

8. STATEMENT OF COMPETENCIES/SKILLS ACQUIRABLE AT THE END OF POSTGRADUATE STUDIES IN THE DEPARTMENT – **(NOT APPLICABLE NOW)**.
9. SOME PICTURE OF ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN BY THE DEPARTMENT – **(NOT APPLICABLE NOW)**
10. ANY DISTINGUISHED GRAND ALUMNUS OF OUR DEPARTMENT – **(NOT APPLICABLE NOW)**