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THE UNIVERSITY OF LAGOS

ESTABLISHMENT AND LOCATION

The University of Lagos was established in 1962 to meet the manpower needs of the Lagos metropolis and its environs. The University is located in the city of Lagos on the West Coast of Africa. Lagos was the administrative capital of Nigeria before the Federal capital was officially moved to Abuja in 1992. In spite of this movement, Lagos has remained the industrial and commercial nerve-centre of the country. Lagos is one of the ten most populous and fastest-growing cities in the world. The University is made up of three campuses: the main campus at Akoka, Yaba; the College of Medicine in Idi-Araba, Mushin; and the School of Radiography, located at Yaba, Lagos. The three sites are on the Mainland of Lagos, Nigeria.

HISTORY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF GENERAL STUDIES IN THE UNIVERSITY OF LAGOS

The present General Studies Programme was established many years ago, following the statute of the National Universities Commission, which requires all federal universities and other higher institutions of learning to offer students a set of general and diverse courses to complete before graduation. In the past, the courses offered were called General African Studies (GAS), and the coordinating office was known as the GAS Office. It was then headed by Prof Sophie Oluwole of blessed memory.

The GAS Office was then on the ground floor of the Faculty of Arts building. Later, the GAS Office was renamed the GST Unit by the then Vice-Chancellor, Prof Jelili Omotola, and is presently called the Centre for General Studies, an arm of the Vice-Chancellor's Office.

Prof Campbell Shittu Momoh was appointed the pioneer Head of the GST Unit, followed by Prof Kurt Nicholas Don-Pedro, who was succeeded by Prof Peter G.C. Odeigah. Later, Prof Matthew Olusoji Ilori took over as Head of the Centre, succeeded by Prof Oluwayemisi Ayedun Obashoro-John, Prof Immaculata Ifunanya Nwokoro and Prof Aderonke Omolara Lawal-Are, in that order. The Centre is currently headed by Prof Blessing Egbichi Anyikwa.

Prior to the migration of GST courses to the modular curriculum, GST lectures and assessments during the legacy curriculum era were heavily decentralized. Physical lectures were paired with physically proctored on-campus CBT exams. Considering that all faculties were lumped into general clusters, the physical classes were notoriously overcrowded. Hundreds of students from different departments had to physically pack into singular halls, which often caused extreme scheduling conflicts and logistics issues. With the introduction of course modules, hosted on the LMS portal, and the engagement of E-tutors, the process was revitalized in compliance with the digital era. Currently, all interactions between E-tutors and students are domiciled on the virtual Learning Management System LMS portal of the university.

GST DELIVERY MODE

Currently, GST classes are fully virtual and the Learning Management System supports both Synchronous and Asynchronous Learning. With all course modules hosted on the LMS portal in addition to such supporting materials as audio-visuals, links to Open Educational Resources (OERs) and PowerPoint Slides, enrolled students have unlimited access to course materials, thus supporting self-paced (asynchronous) learning. Using such LMS commands as Forum, Chat, and Assignment, E-Tutors are also able to interact with their students and get feedback.

With effect from the 2025/2026 session, in line with the 2-Credit Unit status of GST courses, provision has been made to accommodate GST courses in the University lecture timetable at a specified consecutive two-hour period per week (Fridays, 3:00-5:00pm). This is to facilitate the synchronous learning mode,

enabling students to have real-time access to their E-Tutors, clarify all grey areas, clear all confusions and enjoy a near-classroom kind of experience. The Center ensures that GST E-Tutors for all advertised courses in a semester are virtually present on the LMS portal at the specified time for an impactful session with the students.

In line with the University of Lagos regulation on minimum class attendance and eligibility for examinations, students are expected to record a minimum of **65%** attendance of the total synchronous sessions held for their registered GST courses, and also complete all assignments given. The Center for General Studies and Adetokunbo Babatunde Sofoluwe Centre for Information Technology and Systems (ABS-CITS) hold the right to bar any defaulting student from taking GST examinations.

GST STUDY MATERIALS

The primarily approved study materials for all GST courses are the official e-learning modules in both text and video formats, uploaded on the GST LMS website https://gstonline.unilag.edu.ng Others are downloadable course lecture slides, lecture notes and links to OERs. Although full modules are uploaded on the portal, E-Tutors upload, on a weekly basis, E-notes and study session materials to guide the students on the topic/study session in focus each week.

CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT

Continuous Assessments (CAs)are conducted for duly registered candidates in the second half of each semester. The questions can only be accessed online through the dedicated GST Portal of the University's Learning Management System (LMS). Although the assessments are deployed digitally over a one-week period, they are preceded by a well-publicized timetable specifying the periods allotted to individual faculties. Consequently, continuous assessment periods are guided by strict time slots, i.e. students are assigned specific time allocations or distinct testing windows per course, making it impossible for them to access the assessment portal outside their allotted time. In addition to the official CA for each semester, online attendance and active participation during Friday E-tutoring sessions on the LMS form part of the broader evaluation framework.

GST STAFF

S/No.	NAMES	RANK
1	Prof Blessing Egbichi Anyikwa	Professor and Director
2.	Dr Carol Ngozi Anyagwa	Associate Professor and Deputy Director
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4.	Mr Abayomi Olalekan Salami	Senior Executive Officer
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FUNCTIONS OF THE CENTER FOR GENERAL STUDIES

The Centre performs both academic and administrative functions. These are:

- Arrangement, supervision, monitoring, and coordination of the teaching/tutoring of General Studies Courses in each of the two semesters per session,
- Uploading and monitoring content compliance of all modules on LMS,
- Ensuring synergy between the Centre and the Central Examinations Committee for the setting and conduct of examinations and other academic and administrative arrangements that may be considered expedient,
- Release of Results of GST examinations promptly,
- Attending to students' complaints on GST-related issues,
- Holding of regular meetings with GST Lecturers, Course Coordinators, and Faculty Coordinators with a view to ensuring efficient administrative and academic performance by the Centre in the discharge of its duties and assigned roles to the University in general and the students in particular,
- Keeping records of completed examination materials, results, and other very important documents relating to GST examinations,
- Preparation of Annual Financial Estimates for the Centre's annual financial needs and forwarding the same to the Bursary Department for necessary actions and implementation,
- Regularly sensitizing students on any updated or new GST course inclusions through orientation programmes, and
- Performance of other duties that may arise from time-to-time or be assigned by the Vice-Chancellor.

E-TUTORS OF GENERAL STUDIES COURSES

i. **GST 111: Communication in English Language -** Dr K. Kofoworola (English)
ii. **GST 111: Communication in English Language** – Dr M. Lawal (English)
iii. **GST 112: Nigerian Peoples and Culture -** Dr Friday Aworawo (History and Strategic Studies)
iv. **GST 112: Nigerian Peoples and Culture** – Dr E. Ayodele (Arts Education)
v. **GST 212: Philosophy, Logic and Human Existence -** Dr Peter Osimiri (Philosophy)
vi. **GST 212: Philosophy, Logic and Human Existence -** Dr M. Gbadebo (Philosophy)
vii. **GST 312: Peace and Conflict Resolution** – Prof Omon Osiki (HSS)
viii. **GST 312: Peace and Conflict Resolution** – Dr Hysaint Eiguedo-Okoeguale - (HSS)

DIRECTOR, CENTER FOR GENERAL STUDIES



Professor Blessing Egbichi Anyikwa

DEPUTY DIRECTOR



Dr Carol Ngozi Anyagwa

FACULTY COORDINATORS

S/N	NAME	FACULTY
1.	Dr. Andrew Akanbi	Architecture
2.	Dr A. Banwo	Arts
3.	Dr. Adewoyin A. Samson	Basic Clinical Sciences **(CMUL)**
4.	Professor U.A.C. Okafor	Basic Medical Sciences **(CMUL)**
5.	Dr Samuel Unwana	Communication & Media Studies
6.	Dr Femi O. Alamu	Computing and Informatics
7.	Dr Oyenike Osiagwu	Creative Arts
8.	Dr Olabode Ijarogbe	Dental Sciences **(CMUL)**
9.	Dr Yinusa Oyekunle	Education
10.	Dr Esther Mapayeol	Engineering
11.	Dr Olalekan Adisa Idowu	Environmental Sciences
12.	Mrs Nweke C. Ihuoma	Health Professionals **(CMUL)**
13.	Dr Habeebah Fa-Yusuf	Management Sciences
14.	Dr Onyekachi O. Iroanya	Life Sciences
15.	Dr Elizabeth F. Ajayi	Social Sciences
16.	Dr Joseph Oiseoghaede	Pharmacy **(CMUL)**
17.	Dr Allo Olawale Johnson	Physical and Earth Science

GENERAL INFORMATION ON GENERAL STUDIES (GST) COURSES

GST Courses are compulsory (must be taken and passed before graduation) for all University of Lagos students (UTME and Direct Entrants; DLI and ICE Candidates). 200-level entrants by any means are NOT exempted from 100-level GST Courses.

DISCONTINUED GST COURSES

With effect from the 2002/2003 session, GST 104 (History and Philosophy of Science); GST 106 (Use of English, Communication and Oral Composition), and GST 113 (Philosophy and Logic) were discontinued as part of a major nationwide restructuring mandated by the National Universities Commission (NUC) which was geared towards streamlining the General Studies curriculum across Nigerian universities. GST 103 (Nigerian Peoples and Culture) was equally discontinued but later reintroduced through the approval of the Senate. Also, in the 2012/2013 Session, GST 102 (Philosophy, Logic and Philosophy of Science) was rested. However, students who were admitted before 2012/2013 still had to offer and pass it before graduation. From the 2025/2026 Session, with the introduction of CCMAS, GST 201 (General African Studies), GST 214 (Basic Computer Studies), GST 307/ENT 211 (Entrepreneurship and Business Innovation Studies), GST 105 (Use of English/ Library) and GST 102 (Philosophy, Logic and Philosophy of Science) were discontinued, while GST 111 (Communication in English), GST 212 (Philosophy, Logic and Human Existence) and GST 312 (Peace and Conflict Resolution) were introduced. A new course code - GST 112 – was created for Nigerian Peoples and Culture.

GRADING SYSTEM FOR GST COURSES WITH EFFECT FROM 2002/2003 SESSION

Beginning with students (UTME and Direct Entry) admitted from the 2002/2003 Session, examination for GST Courses was determined on a Pass (40% and above) or Fail (39% and below) basis, and WAS NOT used in the computation of Grade Point Average (GPA). For students admitted BEFORE the 2002/2003 session, the grades of GST Courses were used in the computation of GPA.

It is necessary to explain the fact that the results of GST Courses not being used in the computation of GPA did not imply that they were not important for graduation. For example, if a student failed an elective course, whose grade was used in the computation of GPA, he or she would still graduate if the required number of units for graduation had been passed. However, a student would not graduate without passing all the GST Courses, even if their results were not used in the computation of GPA.

With effect from the 2025/2026 Session, however, and with the introduction of the Core Curriculum and Minimum Academic Standards (CCMAS) framework of the National Universities Commission (NUC), GST Courses are now weighted with 2 Credit Units. As a result of this, they are used in the computation of Grade Point Average (GPA) as in the Pre-2002/2003 Session era.

GST MOP-UP EXAMINATION FOR FINAL YEAR AND EXTRA YEAR STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF LAGOS

The Centre for General Studies (GST) **Mop-Up Examination** for **Final Year** and **Extra Year** students at the University of Lagos is conducted at the end of the second semester of every session and is exclusively at the discretion of the Vice-Chancellor. It is designed to provide eligible students with an opportunity to complete all outstanding GST course requirements, an essential condition for graduation. It is intended for final-year students who are yet to pass one or more GST courses, as well as extra-year students who still have pending GST courses but have passed the minimum number of units (128 Units for UTME and 96 Units for Direct Entry).

All eligible students are advised to ensure that they have fulfilled the necessary registration requirements and to verify the courses they are expected to write. Furthermore, eligible students are expected to submit a letter at the Office of the Centre for General Studies, duly endorsed by their Course Adviser and Head of Department. For further inquiries and updates on examination timetable, venue, and other important guidelines, students are expected to contact the Centre for General Studies (GST) Office or visit the University's official communication platforms.

It must, however, be noted that conducting the Mop-Up Examination is not automatic but is subject to the review by the Vice-Chancellor every session and, more importantly, approval by the Senate. In addition, students are encouraged to prepare adequately for the examination and arrive at their designated venues early with their valid University identity cards and any other required examination materials. Compliance with all University examination rules and regulations is mandatory.

The University of Lagos remains committed to supporting students in completing their academic programmes successfully. Eligible students are, therefore, encouraged to take full advantage of this opportunity to clear their outstanding GST courses and meet the graduation requirements.

TIPS ON EFFECTIVE LEARNING OF GST COURSES

GST courses are predominantly broad-based, cutting across topics unrelated to many students' primary courses of study. Consequently, to ensure effective learning and guarantee successful outcomes, the following tips are recommended for students:

i. Prepare and religiously follow a personal study timetable, allotting equitable slots to your GST courses.
ii. Actively engage with official course materials on the LMS portal on a regular basis. These will guide you along the verified module syllabus.
iii. Using your note-taking and note-making skills, make active summaries of your readings.
iv. Attend the weekly classes regularly. Always send your queries ahead using the Chat or Forum domain on LMS, to get your E-Tutor's feedback.
v. Consciously explore any additional materials or links recommended by your E-Tutor.
vi. Attempt all Self-Assessment Questions (SAQs) in the course module and compare your answers to the Answers provided at the end of the module. These give you the opportunity to test yourself consistently rather than relying on last-minute memorisation.
vii. Prioritize the assignments, be they Computer-Marked Assignments (CMAs) or Tutor-Marked Assignments (TMAs).
viii. Never miss the Continuous Assessments (CAs) as these account for a significant portion of the cumulative score.
ix. Organise discussion circles with your peers where you can review complex topics and explain difficult sections to one another. This is a good way of retaining acquired knowledge/information in your memory.

x. Where available, practice with Past Questions to understand the patterns, practice timing and identify recurring core themes.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

All GST Courses are now assigned the weighted credit load of 2 Compulsory units.

It is hoped that you will find the above information useful, and that your Course Advisers will take note of the grading systems for the Pre-2002/2003, Post 2002/2003, and 2025/2026 Sessions.

APPROVED GST COURSES FOR THE FACULTIES FROM 2025/2026

GST 111: Communication in English Language

GST 112: Nigerian Peoples and Culture

GST 212: Philosophy, Logic, and Human Existence

GST 312: Peace and Conflict Resolution

FIRST SEMESTER GST COURSES

S/NO	FACULTY	GST COURSES TAKEN BY FACULTY/DEPARTMENT
1	Faculty of Architecture	GST 111
2	Faculty of Arts	GST 111
3	Faculty of Basic Clinical Sciences	GST 111
4	Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences	GST 111
5	Faculty of Clinical Sciences	GST 111
6	Faculty of Communication and Media Studies	GST 111

7	Faculty of Computing and Informatics	GST 111
8	Faculty of Creative Arts	GST 111
9	Faculty of Dental Sciences	GST 111
10	Faculty of Education	GST 111
11	Faculty of Engineering	GST 111
12	Faculty of Environmental Science	GST 111
13	Faculty of Health Professions	GST 111
14	Faculty of Law	GST 111
15	Faculty of Life Sciences	GST 111
16	Faculty of Management Sciences	GST 111
17	Faculty of Pharmacy	GST 111
18	Faculty of Physical & Earth Sciences	GST 111
19	Faculty of Social Sciences	GST 111
20	College of Medicine	GST 111

SECOND SEMESTER GST COURSES

1	Faculty of Architecture	GST 112, 212, 312
2	Faculty of Arts	GST 112, 212, 312
3	Faculty of Basic Clinical Sciences	GST 112, 212, 312
4	Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences	GST 112, 212, 312
5	Faculty of Clinical Sciences	GST 112, 212, 312
6	Faculty of Communication and Media Studies	GST 112, 212, 312
7	Faculty of Computing and Informatics	GST 112, 212, 312
8	Faculty of Creative Arts	GST 112, 212, 312
9	Faculty of Dental Sciences	GST 112, 212, 312
10	Faculty of Education	GST 112, 212, 312
11	Faculty of Engineering	GST 112, 212, 312
12	Faculty of Environmental Science	GST 112, 212, 312
13	Faculty of Health Professions	GST 112, 212, 312
14	Faculty of Law	GST 112, 212, 312
15	Faculty of Life Sciences	GST 112, 212, 312
16	Faculty of Management Science	GST 112, 212, 312
17	Faculty of Pharmacy	GST 112, 212, 312
18	Faculty of Physical & Earth Sciences	GST 112, 212, 312
19	Faculty of Social Sciences	GST 112, 212, 312
20	College of Medicine	GST 112, 212, 312

GST MODULE OUTLINES

A. GST 111: COMMUNICATION IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE

WEEK	STUDY SESSIONS / TOPICS	LECTURER
1.	Listening Skills	Dr Kofoworola
2.	Speaking Skills: The Sounds of English	Dr Lawal

3.	Comprehension Strategies	Dr Kofoworola
4.	Writing	Dr Lawal
5.	Essay Writing	Dr kofoworola
6.	Mid-Semester Revision	Drs Kofoworola and Lawal
7.	Continuous Assessment Week	
8.	Vocabulary Development	Dr Lawal
9.	Grammar	Dr Kofoworola
10.	ICT in Modern Language learning	Dr Lawal
11.	Ethical Writing Considerations	Dr Kofoworola
12.	Logical and critical thinking and reasoning methods	Dr Lawal
13.	Revision	Drs Kofoworola and Lawal
14.	Semester Exams	
15.	Mop Up Exams	

B. GST 112: NIGERIAN PEOPLES AND CULTURES

WEEK	STUDY SESSIONS / TOPICS	LECTURER
1.	Nigeria: Geography, Land and People	Dr Aworawo
2.	Culture: Forms of Culture and Nigerian Cultural Heritage	Dr Ayodele
3.	Traditions of Origins and Geopolitical Zones in Nigeria	Dr Aworawo

	and intergroup relations	
4.	The British and the Conquest of Nigeria	Dr Ayodele
5.	The Evolution of Nigerian as a Sovereign political Entity	Dr Aworawo
6.	Mid-Semester Revision	Drs Aworawo and Ayodele
7.	Continuous Assessment	
8.	The First Republic and military interventions	Dr Ayodele
9.	Citizenship in Nigeria	Dr Aworawo
10.	Corruption and fighting corruption in Nigeria	Dr Ayodele
11.	Re-orientation strategies in Nigeria	Dr Aworawo
12.	Current socio political and cultural development in Nigeria	Dr Ayodele
13.	Revision	Drs Aworawo and Ayodele
14.	Semester Exams	
15.	Mop Up Exams	

C. GST 212: PHILOSOPHY, LOGIC AND HUMAN EXISTENCE

WEEK	STUDY SESSIONS / TOPICS	LECTURER
1.	Meaning, Scope and Conceptions of Philosophy	Dr Osimiri
2.	Branches and Problems of Philosophy	Dr Gbadebo
3.	Logic as an Indispensable Tool of Philosophy	Dr Osimiri

4.	Informal Fallacies and Laws of Thought	Dr Gbadebo
5.	African Philosophy	Dr Osimiri
6.	Mid-Semester Revision	Drs Osimiri and Gbadebo
7.	Continuous Assessment	
8.	Creative and Critical Thinking	Dr Gbadebo
9.	Existentialism and the Challenge on Human Existence	Dr Osimiri
10.	Impact of Philosophy on Politics and Religion	Dr Gbadebo
11.	Philosophy, Human Values and Human Conduct	Dr Osimiri
12.	Philosophy, Human and Character Moulding	Dr Gbadebo
13.	Revision	Drs Osimiri and Gbadebo
14.	Semester Exams	
15.	Mop Up Exams	

GST 312: PEACE AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION

WEEK	STUDY SESSIONS / TOPICS	LECTURER
1.	The Concepts of Peace, Conflict and Security	Dr Osiki
2.	Types and theories of conflict	Dr Eiguedo
3.	Root Causes of Conflict in Africa	Dr Osiki

4.	Selected Conflict Case Studies	Dr Eiguedo
5.	Peace Building	Dr Osiki
6.	Mid-Semester Revision	Drs Osiki and Eiguedo
7.	Continuous Assessment	
8.	Approaches to Peace and Conflict Management	Dr Eiguedo
9.	Elements of Peace Studies and Conflict Resolution	Dr Osiki
10.	Insurgency and Terrorism	Dr Eiguedo
11.	The Role of International Organisations in Conflict Resolution	Dr Osiki
12.	The Media and Traditional Institutions in Peace Building and Management of Post-Conflict Situations	Dr Eiguedo
13.	Revision	Drs Osiki and Eiguedo
14.	Semester Exams	
15.	Mop Up Exams	