



DISTANCE LEARNING CENTRE
Ahmadu Bello University

STUDENT HANDBOOK

**BACHELOR OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION
SCIENCE (BLIS)**

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COURSE STRUCTURE
BACHELOR OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE (BLIS HONS.)

STRUCTURE AND DURATION

The duration of the BLIS (Hons) programme is four years. There are two semesters of formal University Studies in each academic session. At 300 level, a student is expected to go for 6 months Student Industrial Work Experience Scheme (SIWES) after completion of the first semester courses at the end of which he/she has to write a report on what he/she learnt in the industry. The students are assessed by on site visit by staff of the department, the log book and presentation/defense of report by the students.

COURSES STRUCTURE

100LEVEL 1st Semester

S/N	Code	Course Title	Credit Unit/Hours	Status
1.	LIBS 101	Introduction to Information Studies I	2	Core
2.	LIBS 111	Communication for Information Professionals	2	Elective
3.	LIBS 103	Introduction to Information Technology in the society	2	Core
4.	LIBS 105	Information Sources and Services	2	Elective
5.	LIBS 109	Libraries and Society	2	Elective
6.	LIBS 113	Arabic for Information Professionals I	2	Elective
7.	LIBS 115	Introduction to French for Information Work	2	Elective
TOTAL			14	

Note: LIBS 101 is also a core course for those admitted through NCE and IJMB

100 LEVEL 2nd Semester

S/N	Code	Course Title	Credit Unit/Hours	Status
1.	LIBS 102	Introduction to Information Studies II	2	Core
2.	LIBS 104	Internet and Information Searching	2	Core
3.	LIBS 106	Information Environment	2	Elective
4.	LIBS 108	Information Seeking in Context	2	Elective
5.	LIBS 116	Arabic for Information Professionals II	2	Elective
TOTAL			10	

Note: LIBS 102 is a core course for those admitted through NCE and IJMB

CORE COURSES (GENERAL STUDIES)
1st / 2nd Semester

Code	Course Title	Credit Unit
GENS 101	Nationalism	1
GENS 103	Language and Communication Skills	2

Cognate course are to be taken by the students from any department of their choice within the university

1st Semester

Code	Course Title	Credit Unit
LIBS 201	Information Organization I	2
LIBS 203	Reference and Information services	3
LIBS 205	Sociology of Library and information centers	2
LIBS 211	Introduction to Telecommunication	2
LIBS 217	Computers in information work	2

2nd Semester

Code	Course Title	Credit Unit
LIBS 202	Information Organization II	3
LIBS 204	Management of Information Systems and Services	2
LIBS 206	Bibliographic Information systems and services	2
LIBS 210	Introduction to Records and Archives Management	2
LIBS 216	Introduction to Operating systems	2
LIBS 218	Media resources and services in information work	2

200LEVEL 1st Semester

S/N	Code	Course Title	Credit Unit/Hours	Status
1.	LIBS 101	Introduction to Information Studies II	2	Core
2.	LIBS 201	Knowledge Organization	3	Core
3.	LIBS 203	Reference and Information services	3	Core
4.	LIBS 205	Sociology of Information Systems and Services	2	Core
5.	LIBS 211	Introduction to Telecommunication	2	R/Elective
6.	LIBS 217	Computer in Information Work	2	Core
7.	LIBS 223	Introduction to Indigenous Knowledge	2	Core
8.	LIBS 207	Information Users	2	Elective
9.	LIBS 215	Public Information Systems and Services.	2	Elective
10.	LIBS 219	Agricultural Information Systems and Services	2	Elective
11.	LIBS 221	Arabic Translation for Information Professionals	2	Elective
12.	LIBS 223	Introduction to Indigenous Knowledge	2	Core
TOTAL			26	

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200 LEVEL 2nd Semester

S/N	Code	Course Title	Credit Unit/Hours	Status
1.	LIBS 102	Introduction to Information Studies II	2	Core
2.	LIBS 202	Information Retrieval	3	Core
3.	LIBS 204	Management of Libraries and Information Centres	2	Core
4.	LIBS 206	Bibliography and Citation Techniques	2	Core
5.	LIBS 210	Introduction to Records and Archives Management	2	Core
6.	LIBS 216	Introduction to Computer Operating Systems in Information Work	2	Core
7.	LIBS 218	Media resources and services in information work	2	Restricted Elective
8.	LIBS 212	Library and Information services for the Young	2	Elective
9.	LIBS 214	Rural Information systems and services	2	Elective
10.	LIBS 220	Business information systems and services	2	Elective
11.	LIBS 222	Online Arabic information systems and services	2	Elective
TOTAL			23	

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CORE COURSES (GENERAL STUDIES)
1st/2nd Semester

Code	Course Title	Credit Unit
GENS 202	Entrepreneurship and Innovation	2

ELECTIVES

Code	Course Title	Credit Unit
GENS 201	Moral Philosophy	1

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300LEVEL 1st Semester

S/N	Code	Course Title	Credit Unit/Hours	Status
1.	LIBS 301	Introduction to Information Science	2	Core
2.	LIBS 303	Information and Communication technology	2	Core
3.	LIBS 315	Research Methodology in Library and information work	2	Core
4.	LIBS 321	Advocacy and Marketing of Information Resources and Services	2	Core
5.	LIBS 323	Financial Management in Libraries and Information centres	2	Core
6.	LIBS 331	Technical Services in Libraries and Information Centers		Core
7.	LIBS 305	Information Literacy Instruction	2	Elective
8.	LIBS 307	School Information systems and services	2	Elective
9.	LIBS 309	Social Science Information Systems and Services	2	Elective
10.	LIBS 311	Humanities Information systems and Services	2	Elective
11.	LIBS 313	Science and Technology Information systems services	2	Elective
12.	LIBS 317	Serials Management in Libraries and Information Centers	2	Elective
13.	LIBS 327	Information Systems Analysis and Design	2	Elective
14.	LIBS 329	Health Information Systems and Services	2	Elective
TOTAL			28	

CORE COURSES (GENERAL STUDIES)

Code	Course Title	Credit Unit
GENS 301	Business Creation and Growth	2

300 LEVEL 2nd Semester

Code	Course Title	Credit Unit	Status
LIBS 300	SIWES	6	Core

400LEVEL 1st Semester

S/N	Code	Course Title	Credit Unit/Hours	Status
1.	LIBS 403	Quantitative Techniques in Library and Information Work	2	Core
2.	LIBS 407	Library and Information Resources Development	2	Core
3.	LIBS 409	Introduction to Indexing and Abstracting	2	Core
4.	LIBS 415	Specialised Information Systems and Services	2	Restricted Elective
5.	LIBS 419	Introduction to Application Packages in Information work	2	Core
6.	LIBS 423	Entrepreneurship in Library and Information Work	2	Core
7.	LIBS 411	Academic Information Systems and Services	2	Elective
8.	LIBS 417	National Information Systems and Services	2	Elective
9.	LIBS 421	Serial Editing and Publishing	2	Elective
TOTAL			18	

400LEVEL 2nd Semester

S/N	Code	Course Title	Credit Unit/Hours	Status
1.	LIBS 402	Introduction to digital information systems and services	2	Core
2.	LIBS 404	Information Management in Libraries and Information Centers	2	Core
3.	LIBS 412	Human Resource Management in libraries and Information centers	2	Core
4.	LIBS 424	Preservation and Security of Information Resources, Systems and Services	2	Core
5.	LIBS 428	Ethics in Library and Information Works	2	Core
6.	LIBS 406	Introduction to Medical Informatics	2	Elective
7.	LIBS 410	Information Access	2	Elective
8.	LIBS 414	Publishing of Information Resources	2	Core
9.	LIBS 420	Oral Tradition and Oral Information	2	Elective
10.	LIBS 430	Project in Library and Information Work	3	Core
TOTAL			21	