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**ZARIA, NIGERIA.**  
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25<sup>th</sup> January, 2023

Prof. Abdula'ziz Hassan,  
Deputy Director, Planning and Statistics,  
Directorate of Academic Planning and Monitoring,  
Ahmadu Bello University,  
Zaria.

Dear Prof. Hassan,

**APPOINTMENT AS CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE ON 30% ADDITION TO THE  
NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION-CORE CURRICULUM AND  
MINIMUM ACADEMIC STANDARDS**

As you are aware the National Universities Commission (NUC) has released the Core Curriculum and Minimum Academic Standards (CCMAS) on 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2022. The CCMAS contains 70% of the curriculum for each programme and it is expected that every university will provide the balance of 30% of the curriculum for each of its programmes.

You may also recall that the Senate during its 518<sup>th</sup> (Regular) meeting held on Thursday, January 19, 2023 mandated the Directorate of Academic Planning and Monitoring (DAPM) to liaise with the Deans of Faculties to ensure that the University provides the 30% addition to the CCMAS and that curricula of all academic programmes must be aligned to comply with the provisions of the CCMAS. I therefore, appoint you as Chairman, Committee on 30% Addition to the CCMAS for all academic programmes in the University. The Committee's Terms of Reference are:

- i. Circulate the CCMAS document for each programme to all academic staff members in the Department where the programme is domiciled.
- ii. Organize a workshop to train relevant staff members that will develop the 30% addition to the CCMAS for their respective undergraduate degree programmes.
- iii. Ensure that the 30% addition to the CCMAS for all undergraduate degree programmes is developed and approved by various Faculty Academic Boards and College Academic Board (for the College of Medical Sciences) and forwarded for consideration of the Academic Planning Committee.

Other members of the Committee are:

- i. All Deans of Faculties
- ii. Director, Distance Learning Centre
- iii. Deputy Director, Quality Assurance, DAPM
- iv. Deputy Director, Affiliations, DAPM
- v. Administrative Secretary, DAPM – Secretary

The Committee shall complete the tasks on or before Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2023.

I am confident that the Committee will discharge this important responsibility to the best of its ability. I wish you the very best.

Yours sincerely,

  
**Prof. Kabiru Bala**

Vice Chancellor

cc: Deputy Vice Chancellor, Administration  
Deputy Vice Chancellor, Academic  
Registrar  
Director, Directorate of Academic Planning and Monitoring



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# ABU Committee on 30% Addition to NUC Core Curriculum and Minimum Academic Standards (CCMAS)

Training on 30%

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Faculty of Engineering Board Room

Main Campus Samaru Zaria



# Programme

- 9:00 - 9:05am – Arrival and registration – DAPM Staff
- 9:05 – 9:15am – Opening prayers and Remarks – Director DAPM
- 9:15 – 9:30am – Principles of CCMAS and 30% Institutional Addition – Prof A HASSAN
- 9:30 – 9:40am – Sample 1 ABU 30% Submission – Prof MB Muazu (ComputerEngr/IIOE)
- 9:40 – 9:50am – Sample 2 ABU 30% Submission – Dr. Yahaya Aliyu (Geomatics)
- 9:50 – 10:00am – Q & A on ABU Sample submission
- 10:00 -10:15am – Break
- 10:15 – 11:00am – Presentation of Sample 30% by Faculties/Departments
- 11:00 -11:45am – Constructive criticism of submissions by Faculties/Departments - All
- 11:45 – 12:00pm – Setting timelines for submission to NUC and Closing

ABU Committee on  
30% Addition to  
NUC Core  
Curriculum and  
Minimum Academic  
Standards (CCMAS)



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# ABU 30% CCMAS Progress

Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria  
Engineering  
Computer Engineering.  
Computer Engineering.

Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria (ABU)  
Environmental Design  
Surveying and Geoinformatics  
Geomatics and Geomatics Engineering

**ABU-COE543 Deep Learning Fundamentals**, (2 Units; Core; L = 15; P = 45)

## Senate-approved Relevance

Training of high-quality graduates who are highly skilled and knowledgeable in the principles and techniques of deep learning. These techniques are critical in solving complex problems in various fields such as computer vision, natural language processing and autonomous systems. The relevance of this course aligns with the ABU's mission to produce graduates who are equipped with the necessary skills to tackle the challenges of the digital age. Graduates that offered this course will be able to develop and apply deep learning algorithms to solve real-world problems and drive technological advancements in the academia and various industries.

## Overview

Deep learning is a rapidly growing field of artificial intelligence that has been used to achieve breakthrough results in a wide range of applications such as image and speech recognition, natural language processing, and autonomous systems. This course is therefore designed to provide students with a comprehensive introduction to the concepts and techniques of deep learning, including various deep neural network architectures (CNN, RNN, etc.), backpropagation, and gradient descent optimization algorithms, deep representation as well as reinforcement learning. The course covers the process of training and evaluating deep learning models on various datasets using hands-on experience with popular deep learning frameworks.

By providing students with a strong foundation in deep learning prepares them for a variety of exciting and promising careers in the field. The course therefore equips students with the knowledge and skills needed to understand, design, and implement deep learning models, and to apply them to solve real-world problems. The objectives of the course, learning outcomes, and contents are provided to address this need.

## Objectives

The objectives of the course are to:

1. define the basic concepts and mathematical foundations of deep learning.
2. provide a comprehensive overview of different types of neural networks and their architectures such as feedforward neural networks, convolutional neural networks (CNNs), and recurrent neural networks (RNNs).
3. explain the process of training and evaluating deep learning models on various datasets
4. describe how to use pre-trained models for transfer learning and fine-tuning.
5. explain techniques for improving model performance such as regularization and data augmentation.
6. familiarise students to reinforcement learning fundamentals and other advanced deep learning topics such as Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs)

**ABU-SVG509 Land Economy and Administration**, (2 Units; Core; LH = 30; PH = Nil)

## Senate-approved Relevance

Graduates of the BSc Geomatics/BSc Surveying and Geoinformatics programme have traditionally been employable in a diverse range of careers. They work in aerial navigation, cadastre, engineering surveying, mineral exploration, research and private/public utility management. With present emerging roles, the Geomatics/Surveying and Geoinformatics profession is expected to navigate the tasks and opportunities of our increasingly interconnected world, where billions of "Internet of Things (IoT)" are embedded in everyday activities/policies. The present curriculum review identifies competencies expected of graduates of the BSc Geomatics/BSc Surveying and Geoinformatics programme to enable them to remain relevant within the interconnected world where the control of scarce land resources affects the daily lives of the global population.

## Overview

Land economics and their relationship to the built and natural environments are central to Land administration processes, along with other areas such as business regulation, the financial aspects of real estate and international development. This course will deal with an economic overview of problems related to land use. Specifically, the course will focus on the theory and analysis of land rent, land evaluation, the efficiency of land as an input to production, property rights, land-based institutions, demand aspects of land and land-based resources, and public policies that address the conservation and management of land resources. The multidisciplinary nature of the course is particularly relevant in the twenty-first century where environmental economics from limited land resources affect local/regional/global policies.

The importance of the course aligns with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN–SDGs) numbers; 4 (quality education), 11 (sustainable communities and cities), 13 (climate action issues), 15 (life on land) and 17 (partnership for the goals).

## Objectives

To assist students to analyse economic principles in the use of land, land markets and land values, especially with development, investment and the regulatory environment. The objectives of this course are to provide students with an overview of the economic theory and analysis of issues on land use. Upon completion of the course, students should be familiar with:


1. Describe the basic aspects of land measurement and evaluation
2. Explain the concepts of land rent and economic welfare
3. Choose between efficiency and equity of using land within a production context
4. Explain alternative forms of land use & approaches to non-market valuation of land-based resources
5. Draft public policies affecting land planning, use and management



# ABU 30% CCMAS Progress

	Note comments and proceed to the full 30% applying the recommendations for improvement
	Fair. Note comments and resubmit the two sample courses applying the recommendations for improvement
	Poor. Note comments and resubmit the two sample courses applying the recommendations for improvement

University	Score on Course 1	Score on Course 2	Average	Remarks	Decision
01. Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University	48	91	69.5	Good attempt! The objectives and learning outcomes for course 1 need to be reworked. The topics listed in the course content are also not up to the required number. The learning outcomes for course 2 also need to be reworked.	
02. Achievers University	80	78	79	A very good job! Course 1 and 2 had no faculty and Senate-approved relevance stated. Objectives not well stated with action verbs in both courses. Course 2 had a single paragraph overview.	
03. Admiralty University	68	61	64.5	Course 1 & 2: The senate approved relevance and course overview need to be reworked. The topics listed in the course content also need to be delimited by full stops.	
04. African University of Science & Technology	83	72	77.5	Good submissions. In course 1- Only few objectives with action verbs were identified. Also, some of the learning outcomes are not quantifiable. The course contents were delimited by coma instead of full stops. In course 2 – Only few objectives with action verbs were identified hence need to be reworked, learning outcomes were also not quantifiable. The number of topics in the course content for course 2 was not up to 17.	
05. Ahmadu Bello University,	75	86	80.5	Course 1 did not mention the programme as given on the CCMAS The topics listed in the course content are not up to 17. The senate-approved relevance for Course 2 needs to be reworked.	
06. Akwa Ibom State University	91	80	85.5	AKSU-1 was well prepared. However, the overview had only paragraph and the course content was less	

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Change of nomenclature from **BMAS** to Core Curriculum and Minimum Academic Standards (**CCMAS**)
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Stimulation of **Blended Learning** in its delivery and **Unbundling** of some existing disciplines
-   
**Entrepreneurship** has been repackaged with the introduction of programme-specific entrepreneurship
-   
**Reduction** of the General Studies (GST) course from **36 credit units** to **12 credit units** of 6 courses



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## Engineering and Technology

Preamble These Core Curriculum Minimum Academic Standards (CCMAS) are designed for the education and training of undergraduate students wishing to obtain first degrees in the different areas of Engineering and Technology in the Nigerian University System.

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## Agriculture

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## Veterinary Medicine

Introduction Two Acts provide the legal framework for the quality assurance and regulatory mandates of the National Universities Commission. The first is the National Universities Commission Act No. N81 Laws of Federation Nigeria (L.F.N.) 2004.

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## Social Sciences

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## Sciences

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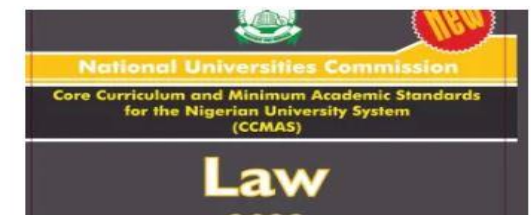
## Pharmaceutical Science

Introduction Two Acts provide the legal framework for the quality assurance and regulatory mandates of



## Medicine and Dentistry

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## Law

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## Environmental Sciences

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## Education

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## Communication and Media Studies

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## Computing

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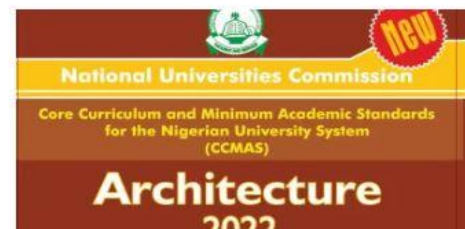
## Basic Medical Sciences

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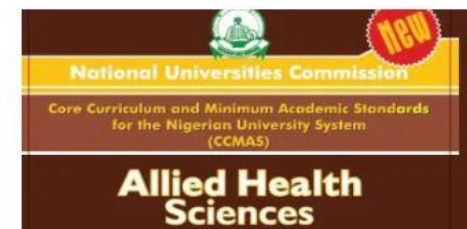
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## Architecture

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## Allied Health Sciences

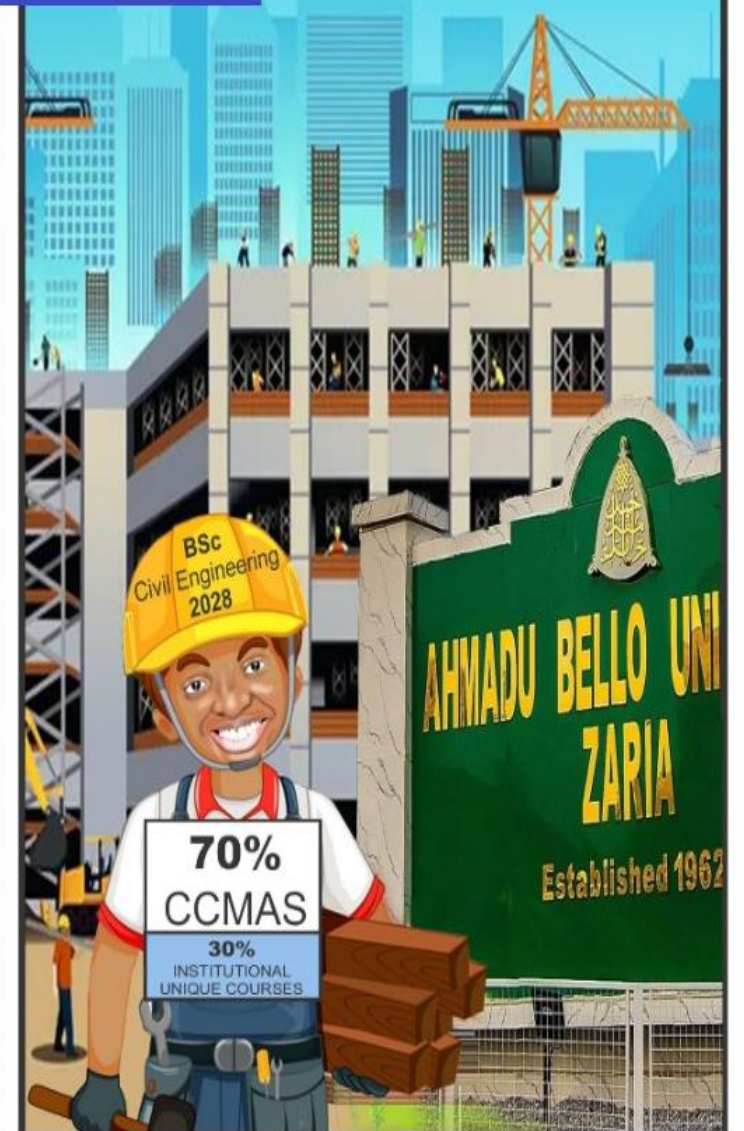
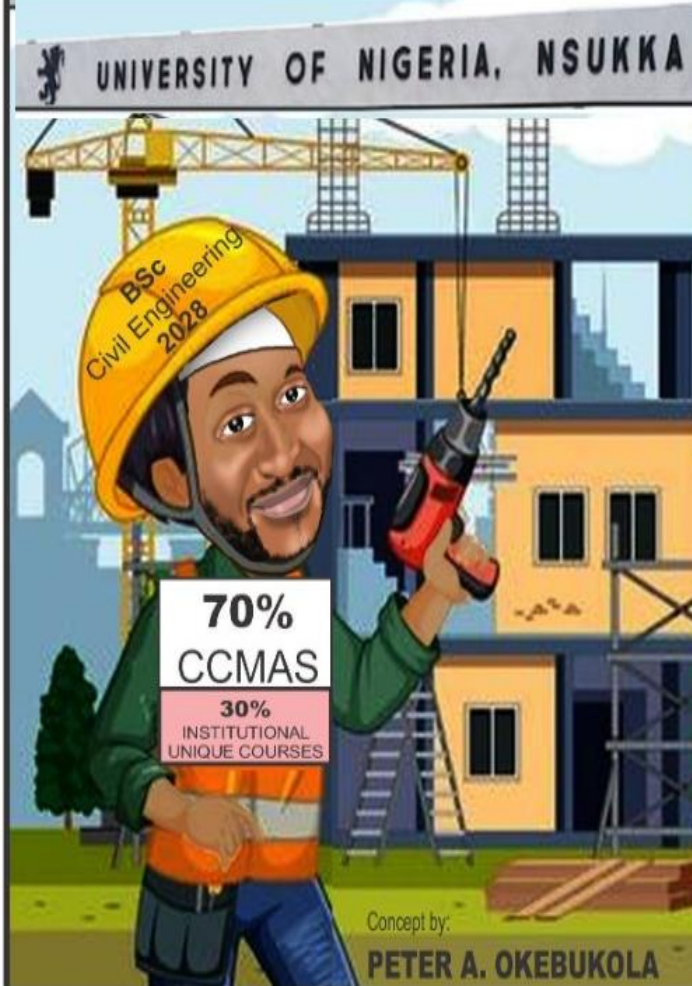
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Concept by:

**PETER A. OKEBUKOLA**

## Conceptual Framework of 70% CCMAS +30% institutional addition

The three graduates have 70% commonalities in knowledge and skills and 30% uniqueness



# Timeline(s) for committee work

- Inaugural meeting – 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023
- Completion and submission of Excel template by Faculties
- Training on 30% Course development – 27<sup>th</sup> March 2023
- Submission of completed 30% institutional content by Departments to faculties 10/04/2023
- Submission to DAPM by Faculties 17/04/2023
- Submission to ABU Senate for approval
- Submission to NUC