From the Office of the Director

Welcome to the Centre for Distance Learning of the Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Nigeria, one of Africa's leading Universities. Our Centre, which was established in August 2002, is charged primarily with providing qualitative tertiary education via the Open and Distance Learning mode to two categories of Nigerians. The first group are the teeming number of Nigerian youths who possess the requisite qualifications for entry to Nigerian Universities but are denied admission owing to inadequate facilities on campus. The second group are working class people who are desirous of pursuing sub-degree and degree (undergraduate and postgraduate) programmes while still retaining their jobs.

The curricula for our various programmes are the same as for regular in-house programmes within the University; hence, our degrees, diplomas and certificates are the same as for full-time students. Our website provides you with current information about our various programmes and schedules. While welcoming your suggestions on ways of improving our services, we wish you a most fruitful interaction with us.

Prof. M.O. Adeyeye,
Director, Centre for Distance Learning, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Nigeria.

OAUCDL Management

The OAUCDL has a management team of versatile and dedicated officials who are distinctive for their multidisciplinary motivation and resourcefulness. The team oversees the day-to-day activities of the Centre including decisions on matters of unusual significance.

From left: Mr. O.K. Faniran, Chief Finance Officer; Mrs. D.J. Ocan, Administrative Secretary; Prof. M.O. Adeyeye, Director; Prof. O.A. Adesina, Deputy Director; Mrs. O.M. Ogunkoya, Student Affairs Officer.

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Mission

The mission of OAU Centre for Distance Learning is to develop and provide through emerging network technologies, responsive and quality distance learning opportunities that meet diverse local, national and global needs.

Vision

To expand the reach of education that is open, flexible and that is responsive to the challenges of a rapidly changing world, accessible worldwide anywhere, anytime and to virtually anyone who needs it.

Mandate

To facilitate the development and co-ordinate the delivery of degree, sub-degree and professional programmes by the open and distance learning mode through the harnessing of emerging information and communication technologies.

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Meet the OAUCDL Deputy Director

Professor Olafemi Adeyinka Adesina joined the services of the Obafemi Awolowo University as a Graduate Assistant in the Department of Mathematics in 1997. He rose through the ranks to become a Professor of Mathematics in 2011. He has B.Sc. (Hons), M.Sc. and Ph.D. degrees in Mathematics. His research activities focus essentially on higher order nonlinear differential equations with and without delays with special emphasis on the qualitative behaviour of solutions of these equations. He has authored many research articles and won many travel grants, awards, scholarships and fellowships. Professor Adesina is a member of American Mathematical Society, Nigerian Mathematical Society, Quality Control Society of Nigeria, Research Group in Mathematical Inequalities and Applications (Australia), International Society of Difference Equations (USA), Groupe Interafricain de Recherche en Analyse Geometrique et Applications and Grupo Ecuaciones Diferenciales de Orden Mayor y Aplicaciones (Colombia). He has attended many Workshops and Learned Conferences within and outside the country and he is also a reviewer to many national and international scientific journals.

As a teacher, he has been able to advance and diffuse knowledge through teaching of several Mathematics courses for over eighteen years with demonstration of a high level of competence in all professional aspects of teaching, such as construction of courses, classroom presentation, tutorials, assignments and grading; innovation in the classroom; commitment to teaching; evidence of intensive and sustained attention to the teaching and learning process; instilling in students the desire to be lifelong learners, and availability to students.

Prior to his current appointment as Deputy Director, Centre for Distance Learning, he has served as Vice-Dean, Students’ Affairs and also in several University Committees.

OAUCDL Offers B.Sc. Economics by Open and Distance Learning Mode

Obafemi Awolowo University’s Centre for Distance Learning has added a feather to her cap by introducing a Bachelor of Science in Economics by Open and Distance Learning mode.

Distance education or distance learning is a field of education that focuses on methods and technology of teaching students who are not physically present in a traditional educational classroom setting. It creates and provides access to learning when the source of information and the learners are separated by time and distance, or both. Open Learning mode gives students the flexibility and choice over what, when, at what pace, where, and how they learn. They may decide to take parts of different courses, phase them out as desired, and decide in what forms they want to receive their lectures, and whether on campus, at home or a combination of both.

Thus Open and Distance Learning (ODL) involves open learning outside of the traditional classroom setting. It represents approaches that focus on opening access to education and training provision, freeing learners from the constraints of time and place, and offering flexible learning opportunities to individuals and groups of learners.

The Centre for Distance Learning of Obafemi Awolowo University is one of the six in the Nigerian University system which the National Universities Commission (NUC) has given preliminary recognition to operate Open and Distance Learning (ODL) mode in addition to the conventional face-to-face mode of lecture delivery. Economics as a subject is concerned with the production and distribution of wealth at both a micro (individual and market) and macro (national and global economy) levels. Almost all issues of public and private policy involve Economics. The recent development in the global market and most especially, the relevance of Economics in virtually every sphere of work has increased the demand for more Economists. Workers in both private and public sectors who desire to enhance their productivity, performance and promotion have continuously expressed demand for distance learning programme in Economics.

A large number of students do seek admission into Economics programme annually but very few of them are offered admission due to insufficient infrastructure to accommodate them. And others fall within the working group who cannot afford to leave their places of work, so it is necessary to extend the reach of the programme to them so as to give them the opportunities of learning and working at the same time through the open and distance learning mode. The Department of Economics, OAU also sees the need to assist the Nigerian economy by creating additional value as demanded by the labour market in disseminating this required knowledge. Hence, the Department has collaborated with OAUCDL to introduce the B.Sc. Economics programme in the Open and Distance Learning mode.

Admission requirement i) Applicants for admission into the programme should possess the Senior Secondary School Certificate (NECO/WAEC) or General Certificate of Education at Ordinary Level with credits in five subjects including English language, Mathematics, Economics and any other two from the following: Government, Financial Accounting and Geography at not more than two sittings.

ii) Direct Entry
a. Students must satisfy the minimum requirements for admission to the University as specified in (i) above.

b. Possess the General Certificate of Education or its equivalent of which at least two shall be at the advanced level or five credit passes of which at least three shall be at the advanced level provided that such passes are not counted at both levels of the examinations.
The Centre for Distance Learning, Obafemi Awolowo University on Tuesday 22nd March, 2016 celebrated with the Director of the Centre, Prof. Michael Ola Adegbeeye on his Inaugural Lecture titled: “Governing the Localities: Lesson (Un)Learned”. This marked the 284th Inaugural Lecture of the great Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife (Africa most beautiful campus).

Excerpt from his lecture:

“The official definition and narrative given by the Nigerian government is a fitting starting point. It defines a local government, ad nauseam, as ‘Government at local level exercised through representative councils established by law to exercise specific powers within defined areas. These powers should give the council substantial control over local affairs as well as the staff and institutional and financial powers to initiate and direct the provision of services and to determine and implement projects so as to complement the activities of the state and federal governments in their areas, and to ensure, through devolution of functions to these councils and through the active participation of the people and their traditional institutions, that local initiative and response to local needs and conditions are maximized’ (FGN, 1976).

Other attempts to define local government both for official and analytical purposes indicate that this definition embraces all the salient attributes of modern local government.

My submission is that local government currently constitutes the weakest level of government in the federal system; it has been the object of inconsistent policies as successive regimes alternatively enhanced or undermined their autonomy and resources. This level of government has been unable to attract a sufficient number of dynamic and competent leaders to guide its development. This is particularly evident in respect of political leadership and the local government service. With the return to democratic civil rule in 1999, authority to reform local governments reverted to state governments. Where some legislative houses have tried to wrestle supervision of the local governments from the executive arm of government. As a result many local governments have passed new local government laws that have significantly changed the operational rules of local governance. These rules continue to change with successive governments bringing their own rules, and thereby creating instability for the system.”

OAU 281st and 284th Inaugural Lectures Favour OAUCDL

The Deputy Director, Centre for Distance Learning, Prof. Olufemi Adeyinka Adesina during his Inaugural Lecture held on 8th of December, 2015 which was the 281st Inaugural Lecture of the Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife titled, “A Journey Through the Beautiful World of Differential Equations” was an eye opener towards the use of differential equations to solve problems.
LEADERSHIP AND MOTIVATION FOR EFFECTIVE PERFORMANCE

A good leader must be firm with his/her decisions/policies, he must lead by example. Leaders always humble themselves and work closely with their subordinates as a team. Any leader who humble himself before his subordinates will not only be lifted but will be respected by his subordinates. Often times people believe in the ideology that leaders are born with diamond spoon, gold, silver, bronze, wooden and some without spoon. While some other people believe that leaders are dedicated, committed and goal oriented people who believe that leaders are developed through training and workshop in order to acquire leadership skills.

A good leader must understand the following points:

- Forces in the subordinates
- Forces in the situations
- Traits approach
- Situational/Contingency approach
- Charismatic theory

As a good leader, you must know where you are, where you are going, how you are going to get there and how will you know you have arrived.

The following theories are embedded in the qualities of a good team leader, which will enable him to lead and manage both personnel and resources made available for him:

1. Administrative Movement
2. Human Relations Movement
3. Bureaucratic Movement
4. The Scientific Management Movement

Also it is expected of the leader to work with the Mission, Vision and Goal of the organization.

Excerpt from a training report submitted by Mrs Grace Ogungbode, Assistant Chief Clerical Officer, OAUCDL.

Healthy Recipe

It is very important that you safeguard your health by always taking charge of what enters your mouth. Your health is your wealth, so keep and treasure your health. You reading this, do you know you are what you eat? Making small changes in your diet and lifestyle can improve your health as well as trim your waistline. Here are steps to help you get rid of your old, unhealthy habits and create healthier ones. Some suggestion from the experts:

- Start each day with a nutritious breakfast.
- Get 8 hours of sleep each night, as fatigue can lead to overeating.
- Eat your meals seated at a table, without distractions.
- Eat more of home-made meals and not junk.
- Teach yourself to eat when you are really hungry and stop when you are comfortably full.
- Try more grains and whole meals rather than refined food.
- Eat a nutritious meal or snack every few hours.
- Try different cooking methods, such as grilling, roasting, baking or poaching.
- Drink more water and fewer sugary drinks.
- Eat less of fatty meals and melted drinks.

From OAUCDL Medical Team

OAUCDL Security Advice

The security situation in the country is becoming worrisome as crime ranging from carjacking, armed robbery/stealing, kidnapping for ransom, bombing, deceits/cheating (419), and house breaking/burglaries is most prevailing in the society today. It then goes to say that all of us should be more alert to our security responsibilities and exercise adequate caution at all times and most especially at this time that the Government and all her security agencies concentrate on fighting insurgency in the northern part of the country by the Boko Haram sect group and the Niger Delta (MEND) in the region.

The security you provided for yourself is much more important along with the security provided by government and its security agencies for the populated citizenry. Security is the responsibilities of all; do not leave your safety in the hand of government alone.

HOME/RESIDENTIAL SAFETY TIPS:

- All doors and gates should have quality locks. It is essential to check all doors in your home at bedtime and while leaving the house;
- Keep all doors locked even when at home with members of your family. Create a peephole in your door where you can check out the person at the door before opening/letting him or her in;
- Ensure your external power source are properly installed and locked with keys;
- Do not block bedroom windows with permanent grilles as the windows may be used as emergency exits, equally review safety and emergency procedure from time to time if you have window bars and grilles;
- Ensure that you have fire extinguishers in your home, especially in the kitchen and teach the entire household how to use them;
- Know your neighbour families, develop rapport with them and offer to keep an eye on each other’s home especially when you are on a trip or out of town;
- If you observe any unusual activity or movement around, report to the nearest security post (Police) or call your security advisor;
- Ensure that your family understands and appreciate your security patterns and let them know the measures in place for their safety;
- Keep your money, jewelry, valuables, and your identity documentation safe. Consider a fingerprint scanner and a secure vault;
- Ensure adequate physical security, good fencing, good illumination and mounting centric wire;
- Identify visitors properly before opening the gate or door to him or her;
- Always look behind you when driving home;
- Lock your environment as you approach your home;
- Be careful when a neighbour knocks on your door at odd hours as criminals can use them to gain access to your home;
- Join the residents’ association;
- If it is possible employ a guard to mount your gate/resident;
- Do not encourage members of your household to keep late night.

From the Security Desk, OAUCDL, More

Promotions

Congratulations to the following members of staff on their promotions:

1. Mr. O.K. Faniran: Chief Finance Officer.
2. Mr. T.O. Faniran: Principal Administrative Officer.
3. Dr. E.O. Aribifo: Principal Tutor.
4. Mr. O. Oyekele: Senior Tutor.
5. Mr. T.A. Akinlabi: Senior Facilities Officer.
6. Mr. A.A. Oyekele: Programme Officer II.
7. Mrs. A.D. Taiwo: Finance Officer l.
8. Mr. O. J. Salami: Finance Officer l.

CONGRATULATIONS