

ADMISSION/ ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Admission into the Department of Botany is either through the Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME) or direct entry.

2.1 UTME entry requirements (4-year programme)

The minimum requirement for admission into a 4-year degree programme in the Department, in accordance with the minimum academic standards of the National Universities Commission (NUC) is the Senior Secondary Certificate (SSC) issued by WAEC, or National Examination Council (NECO), General Certificate of Education or its equivalent with credit passes in at least Five (5) subjects including Biology, Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics and English Language. Admission is also based on JAMB cut-off in UTME, and an acceptable pass in the screening exercise conducted by the University for the Department of Botany.

2.2 Remedial/pre-degree/basic

There is no Remedial/Pre-degree/Basic studies programme as at now. This programme might be instituted in the nearest future.

2.3 Direct entry (3-year programme)

For a 3- year programme, candidate for the degree of B.SC in Botany shall have passes at "A" Level/HSC/GCE/NCE in Botany, Zoology or Biology (for NCE, merit and above). Candidates with OND (Upper Credit); HND with credit passes in relevant fields, plus UMTE requirements (see also JAMB brochure) are also offered admission. These certificate should be admissible only if obtained from institutions recognized by the senate of the Akwa Ibom State University.

However, application to the direct entry programme shall be through the Joint Admission and Matriculation Board (JAMB). Eligible candidates will be required to sit and pass a screening test with acceptable score.

2.4 Transfer admission

Intra-faculty and Inter-University transfers are as stipulated by the University and approved by the Senate.

2.5 Registration

Students are required to collect course registration forms from the Faculty Officer. The forms should be filled and appropriately signed by the respective lectures, Head of Department and Dean of Faculty. The registration of courses for the academic session must be done at the beginning of each semester and completed with the stipulated time of registration. Late registration shall attract additional charges. Undergraduate students are expected to register a minimum of 15 credit unit and a maximum of 24 credit unit for a semester

2.6 Requirement for graduation

To be conferred with the Bachelor of Science Degree in Botany, the individual student should complete the required curriculum credit units and must successfully complete minimum courses of 150 semester credit hours. The minimum number of years will be 4 and minimum CGPA of 1.50 on a 5 point CGPA.

3.0 CONTINUATION, PROBATION AND WITHDRAWAL

To continue in the programme, a student is required to have at least a CGPA of 1.50 at the end of every academic year. A student whose Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) is below 1.50 at the end of a particular year earns a

period of probation for one academic session. Probation is a status granted to a student whose academic performance falls below an acceptable standard. A student on probation must first register previously failed and carry over courses before registering new courses subject to a minimum of 15 and maximum of 18 credit units per semester. This is to give the student a chance to concentrate on improving his/ her performance and raising his/her CGPA. Student whose GPA falls below 1.50 at the end of any session must be withdraw from the programme.

Subject to the conditions for withdrawal and probation, a student must repeat the failed course (units) at the next available opportunity provided the total number of credit unit during the semester does not exceed 24. A student whose CGPA is still below 1.50 after one year's probation shall be require to withdraw from the programme. In order not to waste human resources such student shall be advised to change to another programme.