**DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN LANGUAGES AND LITERARY STUDIES**

**UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA, NSUKKA**

**REVISED POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMME**

**DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PhD)**

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**POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMME**

**Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)**

**Philosophy**

The PhD programme of the Department of Foreign Languages and Literary Studies is designed to produce highly competent and qualified doctorates in French and German languages, literatures and literary criticism as well as translation, capable of assuming roles in the teaching and researching in the different national literatures written in French and German languages. They are exposed to the roles that literature has played in different parts of the world and over the centuries. Our doctoral students shall be exposed to the theoretical frameworks and practical concepts and tools necessary for effective teaching and research in the respective languages, literary criticism, as well as translation and interpreting.

**Objectives**

The objectives of the doctoral programme of the Department are to prepare students for career opportunities as teachers and researchers who may be either self employed, Government or privately employed in schools. They shall also be equipped with necessary skills to work as translators and interpreters, either as self employed or otherwise.

**Scope**

The doctoral programme of the Department consists of theory, practical, primary and secondary research works carried out under the supervision of academic advisers who are specialists in the chosen areas. Graduates of this programme are equipped with the skills and competences necessary for professional independence. The programme is by coursework and research work embodied in a thesis to be presented by the student. A PhD student will be required to do a course work on research methods, and deliver at least two seminars in the field of study before final oral defense.

The doctoral courses lead to the award of Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in the areas of French Literature, African Literature in French, Comparative literature (French and German), Caribbean Literature in French, German as a Foreign language, German Literature, Translation and Interpreting.

**Entry Requirement**

The following categories of candidates may be admitted on application:

A PhD candidate must meet the minimum University requirements for PhD programmes. A prospective candidate shall submit a summary of the intended research work, to be assessed by the Postgraduate Committee of the Department before a decision on the candidate’s admission.

**Mode of Study**

The mode of study for the PhD programme is by course work and research to be rounded up with thesis presentation.

**Duration**

The duration of PhD shall be:

Full-time: A minimum of 4 semesters and a maximum of 10 semesters.

Part-time: A minimum of 6 semesters and a maximum of 14 semesters

**PhD African Literature**

**FIRST SEMESTER**

FRE 901 The Status of Critical Discourse in Literature 3 units

FRE 951 World Literature in French in Europe and North America 3 units

FRE 971 Doctoral Seminar 3 units

PGC 701 Grants and Synopsis Writing 3 units

**Total 12 units**

**Second Semester**

FRE 932 New Trends in Francophone Literature in West Africa 3 units

FRE 934 African and Black World Literatures in French 3 units

 FRE 972 Doctoral Seminar II 3 units

**Total 9 units**

Total core 21 units

**3rd – 6th SEMESTER**

FRE 982 PhD Thesis 12 units

**Total required 33 units**

 **PhD Comparative Literature**

**FIRST SEMESTER**

FRE 901 The Status of Critical Discourse in Literature 3 units

FRE 951 World Literature in French in Europe and North America 3 units

FRE 971 Doctoral Seminar 3 units

PGC 701 Grants and Synopsis Writing 3 units

**Total 12 units**

**Second Semester**

FRE 924 Themes, Influences and Ideas 3 units

FRE 934 African and Black World Literatures in French 3 units

FRE 972 Doctoral Seminar II 3 units

**Total 9 units**

Total core 21 units

**3rd – 6th SEMESTER**

FRE 982 PhD Thesis 12 units

**Total required 33 units**

**PhD French Literature**

**FIRST SEMESTER**

FRE 901 The Status of Critical Discourse in Literature 3 units

FRE 951 World Literature in French in Europe and North America 3 3 units

FRE 971 Doctoral Seminar 3 units

PGC 701 Grants and Synopsis Writing 3 units

**Total 12 units**

**Second Semester**

FRE 934 African and Black World Literatures in French 3 units

FRE 936 Beyond the Existentialist and The Absurd: New French Literature 3 units

 FRE 972 Doctoral Seminar II 3 units

**Total 9 units**

Total core 21 units

**3rd – 6th SEMESTER**

FRE 982 PhD Thesis 12 units

**Total required 33 units**

**PhD Caribbean Literature**

**FIRST SEMESTER**

FRE 901 The Status of Critical Discourse in Caribbean Literature 3 units

FRE 931 The Caribbean World: Literature and Culture 3 units

FRE 971 Doctoral Seminar 3 units

PGC 701 Grants and Synopsis Writing 3 units

**Total 12 units**

**Second Semester**

FRE 938 Issues in Caribbean Literature 3 units

FRE 938A Caribbean Literature and the Francophone World 3 units

 FRE 972 Doctoral Seminar II 3 units

**Total 9 units**

Total core 21 units

**3rd – 6th SEMESTER**

FRE 982 PhD Thesis 12 units

**Total required 33 units**

**PhD German Literature**

**First Semester**

GER 901 The Status of Critical Discourse in Germany 3 units

GER 931 Aspects of Contemporary German Literature 3 units

GER 971 Doctoral Seminar I 3 units

PGC 701 Grants and Synopsis Writing 3 units

**Total 9 units**

**Second Semester**

GER 934 Issues in Afro-German Life and Literature 3 units

GER 952 World Literatures in German 3 units

GER 972 Doctoral Seminar II 3 units

**Total 9 units**

Total core 21 units

**3rd – 6th SEMESTER**

GER 982 PhD Thesis 12 units

**Total required 33 units**

**phd German as a Foreign Language**

**First Semester**

GER 903 Issues in Foreign Language Research 3 units

GER 961 Issues in Foreign Language Teaching 3 units

GER 971 Doctoral Seminar I 3 units

PGC 701 Grants and Synopsis Writing 3 units

 **Total 9 units**

**Second Semester**

GER 912 Studies in Bilingualism and Multilingualism 3 units

GER 954 Issues in Intercultural and Trans-cultural Studies 3 units

GER 972 Doctoral Seminar II 3 units

**Total 9 units**

**Total core 21 units**

**3rd – 6th SEMESTER**

GER 982 PhD Thesis 12 units

**Total required 33 units**

**Course description**

**FRE 901 The Status of Critical Discourse in Literature 3 units**

This course is designed to acquaint the students with the current theories of and approaches to literature. Examples of such theories and approaches are psychoanalysis, structuralism, Marxism, feminism, mythic approach, deconstruction, etc. The course will be taught in form of block seminars to be handled by experts in the different areas of specialization (i.e. African Literature in French, French Literature, Caribbean Literature and Comparative Literature).

**FRE 924 Themes, Influences and Ideas 3 units**

The course aims at exposing students to themes, influences and ideas in different national literatures, with particular emphasis on literatures written in and translated into French, German and Russian.

**FRE 931 The Caribbean World: Literature and Culture 3 units**

The course aims at getting the students acquainted with contemporary Caribbean authors such as Maryse Conde, Joseph Zobel, etc.

**FRE 932 New Trends in Francophone Literature in West Africa 3 units**

The course aims at exposing students to the new trends in francophone literature n West Africa. New trends in the concept of Africana, the new literature and the description of post-independence socio-political reality will be given special attention.

**FRE 934 African and Black World Literatures in French 3 units**

The course will expose students to Black literary movements in French-speaking Africa, the Caribbeans and North America. The focus will be on pre-colonial, colonial and postcolonial/post-independence literature.

**FRE 936 Beyond the Existentialist and The Absurd: New French Literature 3 units**

This course will focus on the literary movements of the 20th century and beyond. Authors such as Camus and Sartre as well as movements like the Nouveau Roman, the Nouveau Theatre, etc, will receive special attention.

**FRE 938 Issues in Caribbean Literature 3 units**

This course is designed to examine the preoccupations of contemporary Caribbean writers and poets.

**FRE 938A Caribbean Literature and the Francophone World 3 units**

This course will examine how the Caribbean and Francophone literatures relate and interact.

**FRE 951 World Literature in French in Europe and North America 3 units**

The course aims at exposing students to literary productions in French outside France with particular emphasis on Europe and North America.

**FRE 971 Doctoral Seminar 3 units**

The student will be assigned a seminar topic which has emerged in the course of research in the area of specialization. This topic should be well-researched and presented before the Departmental Board with other PhD students in attendance.

**FRE 972 Doctoral Seminar II 3 units**

As in the first semester, the student will be assigned a seminar topic which has emerged in the course of research in their area of specialization. This topic should be well-researched and presented before the Departmental Board with other PhD students in attendance.

**FRE 982 PhD Thesis 12 units**

As stipulated by the Postgraduate regulations, the PhD thesis is an independently well-researched topic in an area chosen by the student. It should contribute significantly to knowledge in the chosen area and will be defended orally before a panel of external and internal examiners.

**GER 901 The Status of Critical Discourse in Literature 3 units**

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**GER 903 Issues in Research in Foreign Language Learning 3 units**

This course will concern itself with findings about topical themes of Second or Foreign Language Acquisition with special emphasis on empirical research. Topics to be treated will include analysis of learner language, hypotheses of foreign language acquisition, sociopsychological and cognitive factors which influence foreign language learning,learning strategies, etc.

**GER 912 Studies in Bilingualism and Multilingualism 3 units**

This course aims at exposing students to the study of the dominant role of bilingualism and multilingualism in the social and political ideologies of the world. Attention will be focused on the history of second language acquisition with particular emphasis on German and Nigerian languages, and the central role of languages in education, international relations and diplomacy, interdisciplinary studies and issues.

**GER 931 Aspects of Contemporary German Literature 3 units**

This course is designed to acquaint the students with topical aspects of German literature such as “Wendeliteratur”, migrant literature, especially Turkish, etc.

**GER 934 Issues in Afro-German Life and Literature 3 units**

This course aims to study the life of Afro-Germans in Germany. This will include their history, experiences and literary works including (auto)-biographies.

**GER 952 World Literatures in German 3 units**

In this course, the emphasis is on studies in literary works of foreign authors written in German or translated into German.

**GER 954 Issues in Intercultural Studies 3 units**

 This course aims at enabling students examine ways in which similarities and differences in beliefs, values, norms, practices and aspirations illuminate not only cultural variations but also relations among individuals and groups. Special emphasis will be laid on how these factors impact on foreign language teaching and learning.

**GER 961 Issues in Foreign Language Teaching 3 units**

This course aims at exposing students to themes and issues in foreign language didactics such as methods and language skills (listening, speaking, reading, writing), teaching and learning materials, tests and examination, vocabulary acquisition,etc.

**GER 971 Doctoral Seminar I 3 units**

The student will be assigned a seminar topic which has emerged in the course of research in their area of specialization. This topic should be well-researched and presented before the Departmental Board with other PhD students in attendance.

**GER 972 Doctoral Seminar II 3 units**

As in the first semester, the student will be assigned a seminar topic which has emerged in the course of research in their area of specialization. This topic should be well-researched and presented before the Departmental Board with other PhD students in attendance.

 **GER 982 PhD Thesis 12 units**

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