

Ekiti State University

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Ekiti State University Ado Ekiti (EKSU) was established as Obafemi Awolowo University, Ado-Ekiti on 30 March 1982 by the administration of late Chief Michael Adekunle Ajasin, the first civilian governor of Ondo State. The university is a member of the Association of Commonwealth Universities. It is located about 12 minutes drive from the center of the city of Ado-Ekiti, Ekiti State in Western Nigeria.

Ekiti State University, Ado Ekiti (2011)

Former names

Obafemi Awolowo University (1982), Ondo State University (1985), University of Ado-Ekiti (1999)

Type State-owned University

Established 1982

Chairman Prince Dayo Adeyeye

Vice-Chancellor

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Students 25,000

Undergraduates 23,000

Postgraduates 2,000

Location Ado Ekiti, Ekiti, Nigeria

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Ekiti State University, Ado-Ekiti, as it is known today, was at inception in 1982 a pride to itself as a University sought after[citation needed] and as of today, the only university in Nigeria that has within a quarter of a century had its name changed four times. The name was changed to Ondo State University in 1985, University of Ado-Ekiti in November 1999, and to its present name Ekiti State University of Ado Ekiti in September 2011.

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On 14 January 1981, Chief Adekunle Ajasin led by the civilian government of the Ondo State, announced its intent to establish a Multi-Campus University in the state and a 16-member planning committee was set up. The outcome of the exercise led to the founding of the University in March 1982, when the State Government created a University named Obafemi Awolowo University, Ado-Ekiti and appointed Prof. I.O. Oladapo as the First Vice-Chancellor of the University with the composition of the first council headed by Chief B.A. Ajayi on 28 March 1982.

The University started off in a modest way from an old catering rest house in Akure and moved to a temporary site in Ado-Ekiti where lectures started soon after with 136 students spread in the Faculties of Arts, Science and Social Sciences. During the 1983/84 session, new courses were established to strengthen the existing faculties; these included Geology, Biology, Chemistry, French, Yoruba Studies, Philosophy, Religious Studies, Political Science and Psychology. A fourth Faculty, the Faculty of Education, was established in 1983/84 session increasing the student population to 724 . In the 1985/86 session, the Faculty of Engineering (Civil, Mechanical and Electrical) and a Department of Banking and Finance were established. The Faculty of Law was established during the 1991/92 session and the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences was established in 2001, bringing the Faculties to 8 in total and a student population of 10,000. The student population is now in excess of 25,000 spread across the various academic programmes.

Today the University is running degree programmes in 66 fields of academic specialisation across the existing faculties and academic programmes, from the School of Postgraduate Studies, Directorate of Continuing Education, Directorate of Part Time Programme, Directorate of Sandwich Education Degree Programme, Affiliate Colleges, Institute of Education, Institute of Science Laboratory Technology, Directorate of Pre-Degree Programmes, General Studies Unit, Centre for Entrepreneurial Studies and the Centre for Research and Development, among others. The Faculties have increased from 8 in 2001 to 10 in 2010 with the creation of the College of Medicine which houses the Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences and Faculty of Clinical Sciences while making use of the Ekiti State Teaching Hospital Complex, Ado-Ekiti.

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In 1984, the ownership of the University came under the military administration of Ondo State since the governance of the country came under the military junta. In 1985, the Government as proprietor of the University cancelled the multi-campus and non-residential policy of the University and also changed the

name of the University from Obafemi Awolowo University, Ado-Ekiti to Ondo State University, Ado-Ekiti. (The change of the University's name did not affect the site/location of the campus at Ado-Ekiti, Nigeria. Reference can be made in records of the National Universities Commission (Nigeria), Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU) and other public records of these facts).

Impact of political change on the University ownership/name Edit

In 1996, the Federal Military Government of Nigeria created 6 additional new States to the existing 30 States of the Nigerian Federation. Ekiti State of Nigeria was one of the 6 new States and it was carved out of the Ondo State which was created earlier in 1976 out of defunct Western State of Nigeria. Due to the State creation, economic assets, institutions and establishments previously owned by the Ondo State were shared with the newly created Ekiti State. Hence, the ownership and proprietorship of the Ondo State University, Ado-Ekiti came under the joint administration of the Governments of Ekiti State and the Ondo State respectively.

In 1998, due to a collapse of agreements on asset sharing and running of the Ondo State University, Ado-Ekiti between the Governments of Ondo and Ekiti States, the Government of Ondo State created a new University named Ondo State University at Akungba Akoko, in Ondo State (The Ondo State University, Akungba Akoko was later renamed Adekunle Ajasin University, Akungba Akoko while the Ondo State Government also created Ondo State University of Science and Technology at Okitipupa in 2003).

In view of the policy decisions taken by the Ondo State Government, the Government of Ekiti State took over the ownership, full administrative control and funding of the Ondo State University at Ado-Ekiti and enacted a law to rename the University as University of Ado-Ekiti, Nigeria. The Ekiti State Government also took steps to ensure that all records and properties of the University remain intact. By law, the Ekiti State Government transferred all assets, liabilities and records of the Ondo State University, Ado-Ekiti to University of Ado-Ekiti, Nigeria and the National Universities Commission (Nigeria) was informed of the change and it was approved accordingly.

Political Developments in Ekiti State (2007–2011) and its impact Edit

In the year 2007, a new civilian Government was installed in Ekiti State. The Government established two new state owned Universities, in addition to the existing University of Ado-Ekiti. The names of the two Universities were The University of Education, Ikere-Ekiti and The University of Science and Technology, Ifaki-Ekiti. These two Universities, along with the existing University of Ado-Ekiti, Nigeria,

were funded from the public treasury; this took a great toll on the public purse and led to the polarisation of the educational system.

In the year 2010, there was a change of Government in Ekiti State and the new Government convened a Statewide Education Summit in 2011 to consider the best ways to sustain tertiary education and to fund public institutions owned by the Government of Ekiti State. Part of the decisions taken at the Summit were to merge the three state-owned universities as a single public institution. The Ekiti State Government by law merged The University of Ado-Ekiti, Nigeria; The University of Education, Ikere-Ekiti and the University of Science and Technology, Ifaki-Ekiti as a new university and renamed it as: EKITI STATE UNIVERSITY, Ado-Ekiti, Nigeria. Subsequently, the National Universities Commission, Abuja (Nigeria), licensed the University consolidating all the assets and records of the three universities as one institution.

In the last 30 years, philanthropists have made significant contributions to the physical development of the University such as Dr. Lawrence Omolayo who donated the administrative block consisting of 271 offices, Aare Afe Babalola (SAN), constructed and fully furnished a 350-seater Law Auditorium, Dr. Ahmed Aliyu Mustapha built a 400-seater Lecture Theatre while Ado-Ekiti Community built the administrative block for the Faculty of Law. The Kole Ajayi led Alumni Association built an Alumni Centre for the University in 2002 while the Jadesola Babatola led Alumni Association constructed the Faculty of Law Moot and Trial Court in 2009. The Education Trust Fund (ETF) now TETFUND constructed a 1,200-seater and a 750-seater lecture theatre, a new Library Complex, the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences office complex, new Faculties of Social Sciences, Arts and Education offices. The TETFUND has also commenced the construction of a twin auditorium at the University. Shell Petroleum recently established an Information Communication Technology Centre (ICT) in the University apart from the donations of NUC virtual library and Access Education who also donated computers and server to the University.

A large number of the programmes of the University now enjoy full accreditation while some enjoy interim accreditation. The University has joined the ICT age as almost all its academic activities are linked to one on-line facility or the other. The University is undergoing an Institutional Accreditation exercise as a selected institution in South West Nigeria. The Council of the University also recently set-up an endowment fund for indigent but brilliant students with an initial contribution of N1million pointing out that the problem of indigency has become real in the University because of the poor economic situation and the rising cost of University education.

The University has a limited number of residential and sports facilities for staff and students within and outside the main Campus.

Administration [Edit](#)

The following are some of the principal members of the University administration:

Visitor Dr. Peter Ayodele Fayose Executive Governor, Ekiti State of Nigeria Chancellor Evangelist Bamidele Olumilua

People

Position	Office Holder
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Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of Council	
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Prince Dayo Adeyeye	
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Vice-Chancellor

Prof.Samuel Oye Bandele[1]

Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic)

Prof. (Mrs) Ibiyinka Ogunlade

Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Development)

Prof. V.O. Adeoluwa

Registrar	Dr. Omowumi Omojola Awosusi PhD, MNIM	Bursar	Mr. A.T. Taiwo FCA,	Ag.
University Librarian	Mr. A.A. Osunrinde			

Faculties and Colleges [Edit](#)

Agricultural Science

Arts

Basic Medical Sciences

Clinical Sciences

Education

Engineering

Law

Management Science

Science

Social Sciences