**NNAMDI AZIKIWE UNIVERSITY, AWKA**

**SCHOOL OF POSTGRADUATE STUDIES**

**STAGES OF PROGRESSION OF POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS**

1. **PGD FULL TIME PROGRAMME**

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| **MINIMUM OF 2 SEMESTERS AND MAXIMUM OF 4 SEMESTER** | | |
|  | **STAGES** | **TIMELINE** |
|  | **Registration:**  (see ***Appendix A***: ***Procedure for Postgraduate Registration***) | * One month |
|  | **Orientation** | * One Week |
|  | **Course Work:**   * Lectures * Examinations | * Two Semesters |
|  | **Writing and Defence of Project** | * Two Semesters   (concurrent with lectures) |

***Note:*** For the Faculty of Engineering Professional PGD: Full Time, 4 Semesters; Part Time 6, Semesters.

1. **PGD PART TIME PROGRAMME**

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| **MINIMUM OF 4 SEMESTERS AND MAXIMUM OF 6 SEMESTERS** | | |
|  | **STAGES** | **PGD PART TIME** |
|  | **Registration:**  (see ***Appendix A***: ***Procedure for Postgraduate Registration***) | * One month |
|  | **Orientation** | * One Week |
|  | **Course Work:**   * Lectures * Examinations | * Three Semesters |
|  | **Writing and Defence of Project** | * Two Semesters   (starting from the second semester) |

1. **MASTER’S FULL TIME PROGRAMME**

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| **Minimum of 3 Semesters AND Maximum of 6 Semesters** | | |
|  | **STAGES** | **TIMELINE** |
|  | **Registration:**  (see ***Appendix A***: ***Procedure for Postgraduate Registration***) | * One month |
|  | **Orientation:** | * One Week |
|  | **Course Work:**   * Lectures * Examinations | * Two Semesters |
|  | **Writing of Thesis up to Proposal** | * One Semester   (Second Semester of the Programme) |
|  | **Faculty Internal Defence** | * One Semester |
|  | **External Defence** |

1. **MASTER’S PART TIME PROGRAMME**

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| **Minimum of 4 Semesters mAximum of 8 Semesters** | | |
|  | **STAGES** | **TIMELINE** |
|  | **Registration:**  (see ***Appendix A***: ***Procedure for Postgraduate Registration***) | * One month |
|  | **Orientation** | * One Week |
|  | **Course Work:**   * Lectures * Examinations | * Two Semesters |
|  | **Writing of Proposal /Project**  **(Research begins *2nd* Semester)** | * One Semester |
|  | **Faculty Internal Defence** | * One Semester |
|  | **External Defence** |

1. **PhD FULL TIME PROGRAMME**

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| **Minimum of 6 Semesters Maximum of 10 Semester** | | |
|  | **STAGES** | **TIMELINE** |
|  | **Registration:**  (see ***Appendix A***: ***Procedure for Postgraduate Registration***) | * One month |
|  | **Orientation** | * One Week |
|  | **Course Work:**   * Lectures * Examinations | * Two Semesters |
|  | **Writing of Project/Proposal** | * Two Semesters |
|  | **Faculty Internal Defence** | * One Semester |
|  | **External Defence** | * One Semester |

1. **PhD PART TIME PROGRAMME**

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| **Minimum of 8 Semesters Maximum of 14 Semester** | | |
|  | **STAGES** | **TIMELINE** |
|  | **Registration:**  (see ***Appendix A***: ***Procedure for Postgraduate Registration***) | * One month |
|  | **Orientation** | * One Week |
|  | **Course Work:**   * Lectures * Examinations | * Two Semesters |
|  | **Writing of Project/Proposal** | * Two Semesters |
|  | **Faculty Internal Defence** | * Three Semesters |
|  | **External Defence** | * One Semester |