NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA (NOUN)

The National Open University of Nigeria (NOUN) is a Federal Open and Distance Learning (ODL) institution, the first of its kind in the West-African Sub-region. It is Nigeria's largest tertiary institution in terms of student numbers and it is popularly known as NOUN.

NOUN was initially established on 22nd July, 1983 as springboard for open and distance learning in Nigeria. It was suspended by the government on 25th April, 1984. However, its resuscitation was begun on the 12th April, 2001 by the former President of Nigeria, Gen. Olusegun Obasanjo. At take off of the University, pioneer student enrolment stood at 32,400.

Organization

In 2011, NOUN had about 57,759 students. NOUN operates from its Administrative Headquarters in University Village Plot 91, Cadastral Zone, Nnamdi Azikiwe Express Way Jabi-Abuja with 63 study centers throughout the country. It offers over 50 programmes and 750 courses.

NOUN does not provide lectures to students in normal classrooms except some certain study centres, primarily due to constraints known to the University alone and the challenges usually faced by a developing tertiary institution. The study centres provides facilitators to its undergraduates and supplies necessary course materials to all students after the payment of tuition fees. All courses offered have been accredited by the National University Commission (NUC).