

UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA, NSUKKA
ELECTION INTO STUDENTS' UNION GOVERNMENT 2024/2025
ACADEMIC SESSION

GUIDELINES:

1. **Qualification:** Those qualified to participate in the election exercise are regular undergraduates, students of the University, who have registered for the current sessions.
2. **Elective Posts:** The elective posts of the Students' Union Government are as follows:

A. Students' Union Executive Council (SUG) which consists of;

- i. President
- ii. Vice-President
- iii. Secretary General
- iv. Assistant Secretary General
- v. Treasurer
- vi. Financial Secretary
- vii. Information Officer
- viii. Welfare Officer
- ix. Director of Socials
- x. Director of Transport
- xi. Director of Games

B. The Legislative Houses which consist of:

The Senate:

The Senatorial Districts are delimited in faculties. The number of Senatorial seats allotted to each faculty which is based on equal representation from Nsukka and Enugu campuses are as follows:

NSUKKA CAMPUS:

Faculty of Agriculture	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	3
Faculty of Arts	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	3
Faculty of Biological Sciences	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	3
Faculty of Education	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	3
Faculty of Arts	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	3
Faculty of Engineering	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	3
Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	3
Faculty of Physical Sciences	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	3
Faculty of the Social Sciences	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	3
Faculty of Veterinary Medicine	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	3
Faculty of Vocational Teacher Education	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	3

ENUGU CAMPUS:

Faculty of Business Administration	--	--	--	--	--	--	3
Faculty of Environmental Studies	--	--	--	--	--	--	3
Faculty of Health Sciences and Technology	--	--	--	--	--	--	3
Faculty of Law	--	--	--	--	--	--	3
Faculty of Medical Sciences	--	--	--	--	--	--	3
Faculty of Dentistry	--	--	--	--	--	--	3

The elections into the Senate will be conducted in the faculties. Only students in a particular faculty can vie for the available seats in that faculty.

Candidates for senatorial seats shall be student who has spent at least one full academic year in the University.

C. The House of Representatives:

The House of Representatives constituencies are delimited into departments. The number of seats allotted to each department at Nsukka campus will reflect its populations as follows:

(a) Faculty of Agriculture:

Departments	Number of seats allotted
(1) Agricultural Economics	2
(2) Agricultural Extension	1
(3) Agric Business	1
(4) Animal Science	1
(5) Crop Science	1
(6) Food Science & Technology	1
(7) Home Science	1
(8) Nutrition and Dietetics	1
(9) Soil Science	<u>1</u>
Total	10

(b) Faculty of Arts

Departments	Number of Seats allotted
(10) Archaeology and Heritage Studies	1
(11) Tourism Studies	1
(12) Theatre and Film Studies	1
(13) English/Literally Studies	2
(14) Fine & Applied Arts	1
(15) History/International Studies	1
(16) Foreign Languages and Literature	1
(17) Linguistics and other Nigerian Languages	1
(18) Mass Communication	2

(19) Music	1
(20) Combined Arts	<u>2</u>
Total	14

(c) **Faculty of Biological Sciences**

Departments	Number of Seats allotted
(21) Aquaculture and Marine Studies	1
(22) Biochemistry	2
(23) Plant Science and Biotechnology	1
(24) Microbiology	2
(25) Zoology and Environmental biology	1
(26) Combined Biological Sciences	2
(27) Genetics and Biotechnology	<u>1</u>
Total	10

(d) **Faculty of Education**

Departments	Number of Seats allotted
(28) Adult Education & Community Development	2
(29) Arts Education	1
(30) Early Childhood Education	1
(31) Science Education	1
(32) Education Foundations	1
(33) Social Science Education	1
(34) Home Kinetics and Health Education	2
(35) Library and Information Science	<u>1</u>
Total	10

(e) **Faculty of Vocational Teacher Education.**

(36) Agricultural & Bio-resources Education	1
(37) Business Education	1
(38) Computer and Robotics Education	1
(39) Home Economics Education	1
(40) Industrial Technical Education	1
(41) Vocational and Technical Education	<u>1</u>
Total	6

(f) **Faculty of Engineering**

Departments	Number of Seats allotted
(42) Agricultural & Bio-resources Engineering	1
(43) Biomedical Engineering	1
(44) Civil Engineering	2
(45) Electrical Engineering	2
(46) Electronic Engineering and Computer Engr.	1

(47)	Mechanical Engineering	1
(48)	Metallurgical & Materials Engineering	1
(49)	Mechatronic Engineering	<u>1</u>
Total		10

(g) Faculty of Physical Sciences

Departments	Number of Seats allotted
(50) Computer Science	2
(51) Geology	1
(52) Mathematics	1
(53) Physics and Astronomy	1
(54) Pure and Industrial Chemistry	2
(55) Statistics	1
(56) Combined Physical Sciences	1
(57) Science Lab. Tech.	<u>1</u>
Total	10

(h) Faculty of the Social Sciences

Department	Number of Seats allotted
(58) Criminology	1
(59) Economics	2
(60) Geography	1
(61) Philosophy	1
(62) Political Science	2
(63) Psychology	1
(64) Public Administration & Local Govt.	2
(65) Religion	1
(66) Sociology/Anthropology	2
(67) Combined Social Sciences	1
(68) Social Work	<u>1</u>
Total	15

(i) Faculty of Health Sciences and Technology

(69) Medical Laboratory Sciences	1
(70) Nursing Science	2
(71) Medical Radiography	1
(72) Medical Rehabilitation	<u>1</u>
Total	5

- (j) Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences
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| (73) | Anatomy | 1 |
| (74) | Physiology | 1 |
| (75) | The following faculties are treated as constituting different House of Representatives constituencies because students do not belong to separate departments. | |
| ➤ | Faculty of Law | 6 |
| ➤ | Faculty of Pharmaceutical Science | 6 |
| ➤ | Faculty of Medical Sciences | 6 |
| ➤ | Faculty of Dentistry | 6 |
| ➤ | Faculty of Veterinary Medicine | 6 |

Candidates vying for seats in the Senate and House of Representative shall be students who have spent at least one full academic year in the University.

The Hall Government – which consists of the following

- I. The Hall Governor
- II. The Deputy Hall Governor
- III. The Hall Secretary
- IV. The Hall Welfare Officer
- V. The Hall Financial Secretary
- VI. The Hall Games Captain

The election for offices in the Hall Government will be conducted in the Hall of Residence and only Students residing in the Halls legitimately will be allowed to vote and be voted for.

Candidates for offices in the Hall Government shall be students who have spent at least one full academic year in the University. See 4a below.

3. Electoral Regulations:

- a) All candidates for election into the Hall Government shall be nominated by at least five (5) duly registered members of the hall.
- b) All candidates for election into the Branch Union Executive shall be nominated by at least ten (10) duly registered members of the Union, two of whom shall come from the candidate's faculty.
- c) i. Candidates for election into the Senate or House of Representatives shall be nominated by at least five (5) duly registered members of the Union from the candidate's District/Constituency.

- ii. Candidates for the Senate or House Representatives shall come from the faculty/department that constitutes his/her district or constituency.
 - d) The period of campaigning for any election shall not exceed one week.
 - e) There shall be a manifesto day where all the candidates for the various offices of the Executive Council shall present their manifestoes.
 - f) Expenditure by the candidates shall be kept at the barest minimum and shall involve only the production of black and white hand bills, posters and manifestoes. The use of other campaign materials shall be cleared with the UNECO, before use by a candidate.
 - g) There shall be no political party system. All elections shall be strictly on independent candidature.
 - h) A list of all cleared candidates shall be made public on the date of the lifting of the ban on electioneering campaigning or as soon as possible thereafter.
 - i) All electioneering campaign shall stop immediately after the manifesto day.
 - j) Voting shall be as may be determined by the UNECO.
 - k) The polling and the result shall be announced by the Chairman of University of Nigeria Electoral Commission (UNECE).
 - l) A candidate for an election to any office shall be deemed to have been duly elected into such an office.
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- i. Where there is only one candidate, validly nominated for the union election after nomination has closed, such a candidate will be returned unopposed.
 - ii. Where there are two or more candidates for the election, the candidate who scores a simple majority of all the votes cast at such election shall be deemed to have been duly elected.
 - iii. Where there is a tie, the candidates involved should go for re-run.

Disqualification from Standing for Election/Holding Union Office:

No person shall be qualified for election or holding Union Office if He/She

- a) Is a first year or final year student or an industrial attached/field trip. However, in the case of hall government election where a hall is inhabited whole by first or final year students then they will qualify for elections,
- b) Is on academic or disciplinary probation;
- c) Is a member of Judicial Council or Court of Appeal of the Union
- d) A member of the students' union caretaker government;
- e) Has a cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of less than 3.50;
- f) Is a member of any registered political party in the country;
- g) Has overstayed his/her stipulated number of years for graduation;
- h) Is in the judgment of the Electoral Commission, a member of any organization unacceptable to the university;
- i) Has been found guilty of dishonesty, abuse of office or other serious misconduct by the University administration;
- j) Is in the judgment of the Electoral Commission a person unfit to hold any office in the Students' Union Government.

ELECTORAL TRIBUNAL

There shall be an Electoral Tribunal.

The Electoral tribunal shall have power to:

- a) Hear and determine all petitions relating to the conduct of elections of the Students' Union; as provided by SUG 2016 Constitution.


Addendum to the Guideline

1. Candidates for these elections are those who possess Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) of not less than 3.5 or above.
2. A student who won an election and is discovered that he/she did not possess the minimum CGPA to contest the election will, without more, delay stands removed from the office.
3. Where the situation in two above occurs, the next candidate with the highest votes cast will be sworn in.
4. Forth year students of the Faculties of Engineering, Agriculture and other departments involved in SIWES programme are not qualified to run because of the SIWES programme. 4/6 year students in pharmacy are eligible to contest.

5. Candidates should attach original copy of non-membership of cult's Affidavit.
6. Candidates should attach photocopy of their off campus form.
7. Students are required to go to their various Departments/Hall of Residence to register as voters for the Students' Union Election.
8. Candidates should attach photocopies of the current session's online receipts for consolidated fees and receipt for the other years but will be required to provide original of the online receipt for screening. Candidates are also required to attach photocopies of Online Course Registration for the current session, endorsed by the academic adviser.
9. Any candidate that engages in violent campaign will be disqualified;
10. Any candidate who was disqualified for any reason connected with criminal activity of cult in a previous election will not be eligible to contest.
11. Candidates who deface the Campus Environment and Walls with posters, Graffiti and paintings instead of using the approved Notice Boards would be penalized as would be determined by the committee;
12. Any candidate who displays campaign posters before the authorized date would be penalized as may be determined by the committee.
13. Any candidate selected by Deans of Faculties, Heads of Departments and leaders of Students Associations as consensus candidate will be disqualified. All interested students are encouraged to contest election at all levels.
14. University of Nigeria Electoral Commission created two centers for Biometrics capturing at Student Affairs Department to control the overflow population from various faculties, students can visit the centers for capturing.
15. Candidates interested in contesting election should submit their C.G.P.A. by attaching it to their form for verification



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Note; Details of 2023/2025 SUG Elections can be access @
Studentaffairs.unn.edu.ng/news-events.