

## Original Research Article

# Factors Affecting the Academic Performance of the Students of Bowen University, Nigeria

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### ABSTRACT

**Aim:** Students' academic performance is an important criterion that is considered for career opportunity in academia and industry as such the onus is students to perform well academically in order to stand a chance of holding their own in a competitive and saturated labour market. The fact however is that a number of factors within and outside the classroom combine to determine how well students perform academically. Thus, the aim of this study was to determine the impact of factors such as gender, study habits, faculty of study, extracurricular activities, boyfriend/girlfriend relationship, social media usage and type of secondary school attended on students' academic performance in Bowen University.

**Study design:** A survey research design was used which employed a questionnaire capable of gathering large amount of quantitative and qualitative data.

**Place and Duration of Study:** Bowen University, Iwo, Nigeria between March 2017 and May 2017.

**Methodology:** A self-designed survey questionnaire was administered to a sample of 380 students (144 males, 236 females) drawn from a population of 3,819 students using multi-stage sampling technique. Data collected during the survey were processed and analyzed using various statistical techniques including frequencies, percentages, independent samples t-test, analysis of variance test and Chi-Square test for independence.

**Results:** Survey results indicated that gender, involvement in extracurricular activities, involvement in boyfriend/girlfriend relationship, study habit and social media usage significantly impact upon student's academic performance while the type of secondary attended and the faculty of study were found not to significantly affect academic performance of the students.

**Conclusion:** The survey results demonstrated that some of the considered factors significantly affect academic performance of students while some do not. As such, it is important for students to develop good study habits that will enable them spend more time studying while also cutting down on the number of hours spent daily on social media. In the same vein, students should be more involved in extracurricular activities that promote fitness, total wellness and team work. In addition, relationships should be well managed to ensure that they do not negatively impact on students' academic performance.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

### Background

It has been long established that education whether formal or informal plays an important role in the life of individuals. Thus, for formal education, institutions of learning including universities are set up to

impact and share knowledge that will better the lives of students and position them for opportunities in research and industry.

According to Fadokun [1] schools are established with the aim of impacting knowledge and worldwide institutions have come to be recognized as centres of knowledge accumulation and knowledge transfer with students being the most essential asset for any educational institute. This implies that Students are the most important cog in the machine of the university. It is therefore safe to say that they are the main component of the university structure. As such, universities attempt to empower students through a rigorous and thoroughly outlined curriculum by emphasizing and rewarding good academic performance.

Alos et al. [2] state that the performance of students is considered an important player in the production of best quality graduates who will become great leaders and provide adequate manpower to enhance the country's economic and social development and that academic achievement is one of the major criteria considered by employers in hiring workers, especially fresh graduates. Thus, students have to put the greatest effort in their study to obtain good grades and to prepare themselves for future opportunities in their chosen career as well as fulfill the employer's demand(s).

Academic performance according to the Cambridge University Reporter is frequently defined in terms of examination performance. In this research, the academic performance is characterized by the average of overall grades obtained across the semesters the student spends in the university which culminate in a Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA). The CGPA score would take into account students' performance in tests and examinations over the years they have been in school. This CGPA score implies that the higher the score, the better the student has performed academically. As such the CGPA will be a good measure of a students' academic performance. Thus this study follows the studies conducted by Darling et al. [3] and Galiher [4] in employing CGPA to measure students' academic performance.

The education sector in Nigeria has been saddled with the task of delivering high quality education that produces well-educated, skilled, and well-mannered students according to the needs and requirements of the dynamically growing market. However, according to Akomolafe and Olorunfemi-Olabisi [5] stakeholders in the Nigerian educational system including parents, guardians, lecturers, family members, counselors, employers and many others, have great concern about the academic standard available and the performance of students. Olatunji et al. [6] opined that the reason for such concern can probably be linked to educational success being highly instrumental to the development of a nation. That is educational success plays a pivotal role in nation building.

It is therefore pertinent to consider factors that contribute to educational success. To this end, this study set out to investigate the impact of gender, study habits, faculty difference, involvement in extracurricular activities, involvement in boyfriend/girlfriend relationship, use of social media and type of secondary school (public or private) attended on the academic performance of students in Bowen University, Nigeria.

### **Problem Statement**

Academic achievement is one of the major criteria considered by employers in hiring workers, especially fresh graduates [2]. Employers today have become increasingly concerned about the quality of university graduates being produced by Nigerian universities due to the fact that a number of universities are experiencing high rate of student failure and poor academic performance.

The issue of poor academic performance of students in Nigeria has therefore become a source of concern to most parties involved in the delivery of quality education within the country. This unhealthy situation has led to the widely acclaimed fallen standard of education in Nigeria (Akiri and Ugborugbo [7] ; Bamidele and Bamidele [8]).

It is thus imperative to examine the factors that affect the performance of students in order to understand the impact of such factors and identify areas that need immediate and necessary action(s) in a bid to

producing graduates capable of holding their own in their chosen career path as well as meeting the increasing demands of the employers.

### **Literature Survey**

Many researchers have discussed and examined different factors that affect the academic performance of students and they generally agree that there are two categories of factors that affect the students' academic performance which are internal and external classroom factors. Internal classroom factors include students competence in class, schedules, class size, environment of the class, complexity of the course material, teachers role in the class, examinations systems etc. External classroom factors include extracurricular activities, social and demographic factors, socio-economic factor, family background among others. However, in this study the specific factors considered are gender, study habits, difference in faculties, involvement in extracurricular activities, and involvement in boyfriend/girlfriend relationship, social media usage and type of secondary school attended. Literature review is carried out in line with the objectives of the study.

Studies by Borde [9] and Meece and Jones [10] revealed that gender did not play a role in academic performance. Hedges and Newell [11] found that male students outperformed female students in science, but in reading and writing female students did much better. However, educational statistics have indicated that female students are outperforming their male counterparts at all levels of the education system and attaining higher qualifications. Woodfield and Earl-Novell [12] after analyzing more than a million graduating students, observed that female students did better than male students. They attributed this partly to female students being more academically responsible and thus less likely to be absent from lectures.

In studies on the impact of study habits on academic performance, Akpan and Emeya [13], Ebele and Olofu [14] found a significant relationship between study habit and academic achievement or performance.

Silliker and Quirk [15], Gerber [16], Marsh and Kleitman [17], Guest and Schneider [18] all found that participation in extracurricular activities enhances students' academic performance.

In studies relating to social media usage, Owusu-Acheaw and Larson [19] found a direct relationship between the use of social media and academic performance. Hasnain, et al. [20] found that social media has an inverse relationship with academic performance. Tamayo and dela Cruz [21] also found a relationship between social media usage and academic performance. Celestine and Nonyelum [22] found that the excessive time spent on social media can negatively affect student academic performance.

### **Scope of the Study**

The scope of the study is limited to Bowen University, Iwo, Nigeria.

### **Justification of the Study**

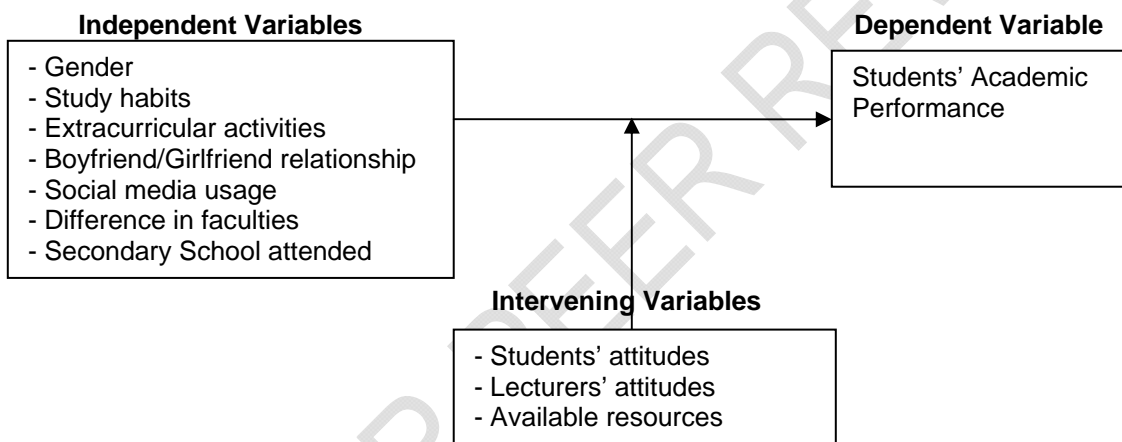
This research work contributes to literature by simultaneously considering a number of factors which are responsible for students' behaviour towards study along with identifying those factors which help a student make progress in his or her studies. The use of statistical tools to analyze the factors affecting students' performance is especially important as it provides valuable information to better understand the impact of these factors and also add more statistical data to previous studies which can be used to improve the content, quality, format and teaching – learning process in order to aid student performance.

## 2. MATERIAL AND METHODS

### 2.1 Conceptual framework

The following conceptual framework shows the selected factors that interplay to influence academic performance of students (Figure 1).

The conceptual framework assumed that various internal and external classroom factors can affect the academic performance of students of Bowen University within the available resource. Poor study habits, excessive social media usage, and over investment in boyfriend/girlfriend relationship may result in poor academic performance. Conversely, good study habits, balanced social media usage, and well managed boyfriend/girlfriend relationship may result in good academic performance. However, poor academic performance can be avoided if students have a positive attitude towards studies and there is availability of the needed resources. In the same vein, lecturers' factors like adequate qualification, research background and years of teaching experience which may positively affect the academic performance of students may be counterproductive if the lecturers have negative attitudes. Therefore, all the independent variables can or may affect the academic performance of students positively or negatively based on their form and the effect of the intervening variables upon them.



**Figure 1:** Conceptual Framework for Factors Affecting the Academic Performance of Students

### 2.2 Study Design

A survey research design was used. It employed the use of a survey questionnaire capable of gathering large amount of quantitative and qualitative data.

#### 2.2.1 Study Population

The study population comprised of all registered students of Bowen University, Iwo. The University has a total student population of about 5,000 students. However as at the time of this study, there were 3,819 registered students on which the survey was conducted. This comprised 252 students in the Faculty of Agriculture, 453 students in the Faculty of Humanities, 605 students in College of Health Sciences, 283 students in the Faculty of Law, 948 students in the Faculty of Science and Science Education and 1,278 students in the Faculty of Social and Management Sciences. The University is a diverse community comprising students from various ethnic backgrounds and age groups.

### 2.2.2 Sampling

The sample frame for the study was composed of all registered Bowen University students for the first semester of the 2016/2017 academic session, totaling 3,819. The researchers obtained a breakdown of registered students by faculty from the University's Directorate of Information and Communication Technology. The researchers employed multi-stage sampling technique. The first stage involved dividing the students into six clusters by faculties since the faculties occur naturally. The second stage involved estimating the minimum number of respondents required to have a fair representation for each cluster or student sub-group using proportional allocation. Finally, the selection of respondents was conducted via simple random sampling for each student cluster.

### 2.2.3 Sample Size

The minimum number of respondents required to produce a statistically significant result was calculated according to the formula by Dillman [23], equation (1) below and thereafter, the actual sample size obtained from the data collected was computed.

$$n = \frac{(N_p)(p)(1-p)}{(N_p-1)\left(\frac{B}{C}\right)^2 + (p)(1-p)} \quad (1)$$

Where:

$n$  = required sample size

$N_p$  = population size

$p$  = expected proportion

$B$  = acceptable level of sampling error

$C$  =  $Z$  statistic associated with confidence interval

In this study, the following were used:

$p = 0.5$

$B = 5\% (0.05)$

$C$  ( $Z$  statistic associated with 95% confidence interval) = 1.96

$N_p = 3819$  Students (Faculty of Agriculture = 252, Faculty of Humanities = 453, College of Health Sciences = 605, Faculty of Law = 283, Faculty of Science and Science Education = 948, Faculty of Social and Management Sciences = 1278)

Therefore, substituting into the equation (1) above, we have:

$$n = \frac{(3819)(0.5)(1 - 0.5)}{(3819 - 1)\left(\frac{0.05}{1.96}\right)^2 + (0.5)(1 - 0.5)}$$

$n = 349.12$

$n \approx 349$  respondents

A minimum of 349 respondents were required to achieve 95% confidence level with 5% sampling error. To achieve a fair representation of students, simple random sampling was used to calculate the minimum sample size for each faculty. This was performed by dividing the students into 6 clusters by faculties- Agriculture, Humanities, College of Health Sciences (CHS), Law, Science and Science Education (SSE) and Social and Management Sciences (SMS) and then taking a simple random sample (SRS) from each cluster giving the result below:

**Table 1: Breakdown of student sub-group and corresponding sample size**

| <b>Faculty</b> | <b>Population Size</b> | <b>% of Total Population</b> | <b>SRS (n)</b> |
|----------------|------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|
| Agriculture    | 252                    | 6.60%                        | 23             |
| Humanities     | 453                    | 11.86%                       | 41             |
| CHS            | 605                    | 15.84%                       | 55             |
| Law            | 283                    | 7.41%                        | 26             |
| SSE            | 948                    | 24.82%                       | 87             |
| SMS            | 1278                   | 33.46%                       | 117            |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   | <b>3819</b>            |                              | <b>349</b>     |

### 2.3 Research Instrument

A carefully structured self-prepared questionnaire (Appendix 1) was administered to respondents in the study population to collect the required data. The questionnaire consisted of four parts: The first part gave a brief explanation of the purpose of the study, the importance of the students' participation and contribution to the study and also included a confidentiality statement. The second part contained questions relating to demographic information and educational background of the respondent. The third part contained twenty statements relating to the internal classroom factors where respondents were asked to rate their response to the statements using a 5-point Likert scale (strongly agree, agree, undecided, disagree and strongly disagree). The fourth part contained questions relating to external classroom factors.

### 2.4 Pilot Study

A pilot study was conducted among 10 students purposively selected by the researchers at Bowen University. The pilot survey provided an opportunity to note the time taken to complete the survey, test the reliability, format, accuracy and validity of the questionnaire, assess student's understanding of the questions, evaluate the effectiveness of the survey tool and identify necessary revisions. The researchers administered the questionnaire personally so as to experience firsthand any reaction from the students participating in the pilot study and to receive feedback on the questionnaire. During this study, demographic data, internal and external classroom factors were identified as independent variables while students' academic performance (measured in terms of the Cumulative Grade Point Average) was identified as the dependent variable.

#### 2.4.1 Improvement

A number of improvements were identified as regards layout. After careful review and evaluation of the pilot study results with the necessary improvements needed, the questionnaire was determined acceptable.

## 2.5 Access and Recruitment

The researchers visited various faculty lecture halls and student hostels of residence and also employed the help of class representatives and departmental presidents in order to get access to and recruit the required respondents for the survey.

## 2.6 Response Rate

400 copies of the survey questionnaire were administered and 389 copies were retrieved. This represented a response rate of 97.3%. The analysis however involved 380 completely and properly filled copies of the questionnaire.

## 2.7 Data Management and Analysis

The data collected were processed, managed and analyzed using Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS) Version 20.

## 2.8 Statistical Techniques

The statistical techniques employed in this study are independent sample t-test, analysis of variance test and Chi-Square test for independence.

## 3. RESULTS

### 3.1 Analysis of personal characteristics of the study population

Table 2 below summarizes the personal characteristics of the study population. It shows that a greater proportion of the respondents, (62.1%) were female while males accounted for the remaining (37.9%) reflecting a fair gender representation. A greater proportion of the respondents (58.9%) were between 16 and 20 years while (31.1%) were between ages 21-25 while (3.9%) were below 16 years while (6.1%) were ages 25 and above. A greater proportion of the respondents (44.5%) were in 400-500 level, while spillovers had the smallest representation (3.7%). (9.5%) of the respondents were in 100 level, (15.5%) were in 200 level and (28.8%) were in 300 level. A greater proportion of the respondents (31.8%) were from the Faculty of Social and Management Sciences, (27.4%) were from the Faculty of Science and Science Education, (15.0%) were from the College of Health Sciences, (11.3%) were from the Faculty of Humanities, (7.6%) were from the Faculty of Agriculture while the remaining (6.8%) were from the Faculty of Law. A greater proportion of the respondents (47.9%) were on Second Class Upper, (25.5%) were on Second Class Lower, (16.6%) were on First class while the remaining (10.0%) were on a Third Class. A greater proportion of the respondents (88.7%) attended a private secondary school while the remaining (11.3%) attended public secondary school.

**Table 2: Personal Information of the Respondents**

| Variables             | Frequency | Percentage |
|-----------------------|-----------|------------|
| <b>Age (In Years)</b> |           |            |
| < 16                  | 15        | 3.9        |
| 16-20                 | 224       | 58.9       |
| 21-25                 | 118       | 31.1       |
| > 25                  | 23        | 6.1        |

| <b>Gender</b>                    |     |      |
|----------------------------------|-----|------|
| Male                             | 144 | 37.9 |
| female                           | 236 | 62.1 |
| <b>Level</b>                     |     |      |
| 100                              | 36  | 9.5  |
| 200                              | 59  | 15.5 |
| 300                              | 102 | 26.8 |
| 400-500                          | 169 | 44.5 |
| Spill Over                       | 14  | 3.7  |
| <b>Faculty</b>                   |     |      |
| Science                          | 104 | 27.4 |
| Social & Mgt Science             | 121 | 31.8 |
| Agriculture                      | 29  | 7.6  |
| Humanities                       | 43  | 11.3 |
| Health Sciences                  | 57  | 15.0 |
| Law                              | 26  | 6.8  |
| <b>Class of Degree</b>           |     |      |
| First Class                      | 63  | 16.6 |
| Second Class Upper               | 182 | 47.9 |
| Second Class Lower               | 97  | 25.5 |
| Third Class                      | 38  | 10.0 |
| <b>Secondary School Attended</b> |     |      |
| Private                          | 337 | 88.7 |
| Public                           | 43  | 11.3 |

### 3.2 Analysis of Research Objectives

**Table 3: Independent Samples t-test**

| Variable                                 | Mean±SD   | t-value | Degrees of Freedom | P-Value |
|--|-----------|---------|--------------------|---------|
| <b>Gender</b>                            |           | -4.475  | 378                | < .05   |
| Male                                     | 3.45±0.84 |         |                    |         |
| Female                                   | 3.81±0.74 |         |                    |         |
| <b>Extracurricular Activities</b>        |           | 4.891   | 378                | < .05   |
| Involved                                 | 3.98±0.69 |         |                    |         |
| Not Involved                             | 3.55±0.81 |         |                    |         |
| <b>Boyfriend/girlfriend relationship</b> |           | -1.497  | 378                | .14     |
| Involved                                 | 3.62±0.90 |         |                    |         |
| Not Involved                             | 3.74±0.63 |         |                    |         |
| <b>Secondary School</b>                  |           | -1.376  | 378                | .17     |
| Public                                   | 3.52±0.96 |         |                    |         |
| Private                                  | 3.69±0.77 |         |                    |         |

**Table 4: Analysis of Variance test**

| Variable                          | F-value | Degrees of Freedom | P-Value |
|-----------------------------------|---------|--------------------|---------|
| <b>Study Habits</b>               |         |                    |         |
| Library Visitation                | 15.167  | 3, 376             | < .05   |
| Daily Study Hours                 | 6.193   | 4, 375             | < .05   |
| <b>Extracurricular Activities</b> |         |                    |         |
| Membership of groups              | 12.821  | 4, 375             | < .05   |
| Sports Participation              | .524    | 4, 375             | .718    |



|                           |       |        |       |
|---------------------------|-------|--------|-------|
| <b>Social Media Usage</b> | 8.603 | 4, 375 | < .05 |
| <b>Faculty of Study</b>   | 2.268 | 5, 374 | .047  |

**Table 5: Chi-Square Test of Independence**

| <b>Variable</b>                          | <b>Chi-Square value</b> | <b>Degrees of Freedom</b> | <b>P-Value</b> |
|--|-------------------------|---------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Social Media Usage</b>                | 19.648                  | 3                         | < .05          |
| <b>Lecturer's Approach</b>               | 0.577                   | 3                         | .90            |
| <b>Study Habits</b>                      | 17.438                  | 3                         | < .05          |
| <b>Extracurricular Activities</b>        | 17.759                  | 3                         | < .05          |
| <b>Boyfriend/girlfriend relationship</b> | 20.115                  | 3                         | < .05          |

#### **4. DISCUSSION**

The female students were found to perform significantly better academically on the average than male students. This is agreement with the findings of [12] who observed that female students did better than male students. They attributed this partly to female students being more academically responsible and thus less likely to be absent from lectures.

A significant relationship was found between participation in extracurricular activities and students' academic performance. Students who are involved in extracurricular activities were found to perform significantly better academically on the average than students who are not involved in extracurricular activities. This is in line with the findings of [15] who found that participation in extracurricular activities enhances students' academic performance and [16], [17] and [18] who found that participation in extracurricular activities promoted greater academic achievement.

A significant relationship was found between involvement in relationship and students' academic performance. As such, involvement in relationship has an effect on academic performance. Though not statistically significant, students who are not involved in boyfriend/girlfriend relationship were found to perform better academically on the average than those involved in boyfriend/girlfriend relationship. This might be due to the time and energy invested into such relationships by those involved.

No significant difference was found between the academic performance of students who attended public secondary schools and students who attended private secondary schools. As such, the secondary school attended by students does not necessarily have an effect on their academic performance.

There was no significant relationship found between lecturer's approach and students' academic performance. This is probably due to the fact that the university has a great blend of lecturers.

A significant relationship was found between study habit and students' academic performance. This corroborates the findings of [13] and [14]. The use of the library was found to significantly affect the academic performance of students. In the same vein the number of daily study hours was found to significantly affect the academic performance of students. The more hours spent studying daily, the better the academic performance of the students.

A significant relationship was found between social media usage and students' academic performance. This corroborates the findings of [19], [20], [21]. The number of hours spent on social media was found to significantly affect the academic performance of students. Students who spend less than 6 hours daily on social media tend to perform better than students who spend at least 6 hours on social media daily. This is in agreement with [22] who found that the more the hours spent on social media, the lower the academic performance of the students.

## 4. CONCLUSION

### Summary of Findings

This research work examined some internal and external classroom factors that affect the academic performance of students.

The results from the independent samples t-test revealed that there was a significant difference in the academic performance of male and female students, students who are involved in extracurricular activities and students who are not extracurricular activities; it also revealed that there was no significant difference between the academic performance of students who are involved in a boyfriend/girlfriend relationship and students that are not involved in a boyfriend/girlfriend relationship and students who attended public secondary schools and students who attended private secondary schools.

The results from the analysis of variance revealed that there was a significant difference between the academic performance of students based on library usage; there was a significant difference between the academic performance of students based on social media usage; there was a significant difference between the academic performance of students based on involvement in extracurricular activities; there was no significant difference between the academic performance of students based on the number of hours spent weekly on sports.

The results from the Chi-Square test of independence revealed that there was a significant relationship between students' academic performance and social media usage, study habit, boyfriend/girlfriend relationship status and participation in extracurricular activities. It also revealed that there was no significant relationship between lecturer's approach and students' academic performance.

In conclusion, gender, involvement in extracurricular activities, study habits, social media usage and involvement in boyfriend/girlfriend relationship impact upon student's academic performance.

### Recommendations

Based on the findings on this research work, students are encouraged to develop good study habits that will enable them spend more time studying. Students should cut down on the number of hours spent daily on social media and should instead be more involved in extracurricular activities that promote fitness, total wellness and team work. In addition, relationships should be well managed to ensure that they do not negatively impact on students' academic performance.

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## APPENDIX

### APPENDIX 1: SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE

#### QUESTIONNAIRE

Dear Respondent,

We are carrying out a research project on "FACTORS AFFECTING THE ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE OF STUDENTS OF BOWEN UNIVERSITY".

Your participation in this research is needful but voluntary. Your responses are held in the strictest confidence. Thank you for your time.

#### SECTION A: Personal Information

1. Sex: Male  Female
2. Age: Below 16  16 – 20  21 – 25  Above 25
3. Level: 100L  200L  300L  400 – 500L   
Spillover
4. Faculty: .....
5. Current CGPA: .....
6. Which secondary school did you attend? Public  Private

#### SECTION B

The questions in this section relate to the internal classroom factors affecting student's performance. Indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements by putting a tick in the appropriate box.

**KEYS:** SA: Strongly Agree; A: Agree; NS: Not Sure D: Disagree; SD: Strongly Disagree

| S/N | STATEMENTS   | SA | A | NS | D | SD |
|-----|--|----|---|----|---|----|
| 7   | I feel sleepy in class                             |    |   |    |   |    |
| 8   | I feel hungry in class                             |    |   |    |   |    |
| 9   | I find it difficult to see in class                |    |   |    |   |    |
| 10  | I find it difficult to hear in class               |    |   |    |   |    |
| 11  | I study only when there is a test                  |    |   |    |   |    |
| 12  | I study only when I like                           |    |   |    |   |    |
| 13  | I come late for lectures                           |    |   |    |   |    |
| 14  | I am sometimes absent from lectures                |    |   |    |   |    |
| 15  | I copy the assignment(s) of friends                |    |   |    |   |    |
| 16  | My lecturers discuss many topics in a short period |    |   |    |   |    |
| 17  | My lecturers use lecture method only               |    |   |    |   |    |
| 18  | My lecturers are sometimes absent from class       |    |   |    |   |    |
| 19  | My lecturers are sometimes late to class           |    |   |    |   |    |
| 20  | My lecturers can be strict with marks              |    |   |    |   |    |

#### SECTION C

The questions in this section relate to external classroom factors affecting student's performance. Kindly tick as appropriate.

21. How often do you visit the library?  
Daily  Occasionally  Rarely  Never

22. Do you borrow books from the library?  
Yes  No
23. How much time do you spend studying in a day?  
0 – 5hrs  6 – 10hrs  11 – 15hrs  16 – 20hrs  21hrs&above
24. How much time do you spend on sports in a week?  
0 – 5hrs  6 – 10hrs  11 – 15hrs  16 – 20hrs  21hrs&above
25. How active are you on social media?  
Very active  Active  Averagely Active  Not Active
26. Which of the following social media platforms are you registered on?  
Please tick all that apply.  
Facebook  Instagram  Snapchat  Whatsapp   
Twitter  Imo  Skype  Others, Please State: .....
27. How many hours do you spend on social media in a day?  
0 – 5hrs  6 – 10hrs  11 – 15hrs  16 – 20hrs  21hrs&above
28. Are you in a relationship? Yes  No  If No go to Question 29  
If Yes: Within Campus  Outside Campus
29. How Much time do you invest in your relationship daily?  
0 – 5hrs  6 – 10hrs  11 – 15hrs  16 – 20hrs  21hrs&above
30. How many BBSF units and/or other groups do you belong to?  
None  One  Two  Three  Four and above
31. Are you an active member of your departmental association?  
Yes  No

## APPENDIX 2: SPSS RESULTS

### Group Statistics for difference in the academic performance of male and female students

|              | Sex    | N   | Mean   | Std. Deviation | Std. Error Mean |
|--------------|--------|-----|--------|----------------|-----------------|
| Current CGPA | Male   | 144 | 3.4454 | .83785         | .06982          |
|              | Female | 236 | 3.8138 | .74021         | .04818          |

### Independent Samples Test difference in the academic performance of male and female students

|              |                             | Levene's Test for Equality of Variances |      | t-test for Equality of Means |         |                 |                 |                       |   |         |
|--------------|-----------------------------|---|------|------------------------------|---------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------------|---|---------|
|              |                             | F                                       | Sig. | t                            | df      | Sig. (2-tailed) | Mean Difference | Std. Error Difference | 95% Confidence Interval of the Difference |         |
|              |                             |   |      |                              |         |                 |                 |                       | Lower                                     | Upper   |
| Current CGPA | Equal variances assumed     | 2.909                                   | .089 | 4.475                        | 378     | .000            | -.36844         | .08233                | -.53032                                   | -.20655 |
|              | Equal variances not assumed |   |      | 4.343                        | 273.845 | .000            | -.36844         | .08483                | -.53545                                   | -.20143 |

**ANOVA for library visitation**

Current CGPA

|                | Sum of Squares | df  | Mean Square | F      | Sig. |
|----------------|----------------|-----|-------------|--------|------|
| Between Groups | 26.047         | 3   | 8.682       | 15.167 | .000 |
| Within Groups  | 215.239        | 376 | .572        |        |      |
| Total          | 241.286        | 379 |             |        |      |

**Multiple Comparisons for library visitation**

Dependent Variable: Current CGPA

Scheffe

| (I) How often do you visit the library? | (J) How often do you visit the library? | Mean Difference (I-J) | Std. Error | Sig. | 95% Confidence Interval |             |
|---|---|-----------------------|------------|------|-------------------------|-------------|
|   |   |                       |            |      | Lower Bound             | Upper Bound |
| Daily                                   | Occasionally                            | .02445                | .15568     | .999 | -.4127                  | .4616       |
|   | Rarely                                  | .43735                | .15701     | .053 | -.0036                  | .8783       |
|   | Never                                   | .68436 <sup>*</sup>   | .17103     | .001 | .2041                   | 1.1646      |
| Occasionally                            | Daily                                   | -.02445               | .15568     | .999 | -.4616                  | .4127       |
|   | Rarely                                  | .41290 <sup>*</sup>   | .08944     | .000 | .1617                   | .6641       |
|   | Never                                   | .65991 <sup>*</sup>   | .11224     | .000 | .3447                   | .9751       |
| Rarely                                  | Daily                                   | -.43735               | .15701     | .053 | -.8783                  | .0036       |
|   | Occasionally                            | -.41290 <sup>*</sup>  | .08944     | .000 | -.6641                  | -.1617      |
|   | Never                                   | .24701                | .11409     | .198 | -.0734                  | .5674       |
| Never                                   | Daily                                   | -.68436 <sup>*</sup>  | .17103     | .001 | -1.1646                 | -.2041      |
|   | Occasionally                            | -.65991 <sup>*</sup>  | .11224     | .000 | -.9751                  | -.3447      |
|   | Rarely                                  | -.24701               | .11409     | .198 | -.5674                  | .0734       |

\*. The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level.

**ANOVA for daily study hours**

Current CGPA

|                | Sum of Squares | df  | Mean Square | F     | Sig. |
|----------------|----------------|-----|-------------|-------|------|
| Between Groups | 14.952         | 4   | 3.738       | 6.193 | .000 |
| Within Groups  | 226.334        | 375 | .604        |       |      |
| Total          | 241.286        | 379 |             |       |      |

**Multiple Comparisons for daily study hours**

Dependent Variable: Current CGPA

Scheffe

| (I) How long do you spend studying in a day? | (J) How long do you spend studying in a day? | Mean Difference (I-J) | Std. Error | Sig. | 95% Confidence Interval |             |
|--|--|-----------------------|------------|------|-------------------------|-------------|
|  |  |                       |            |      | Lower Bound             | Upper Bound |
| 0-5hrs                                       | 6-10hrs                                      | -.37044               | .09685     | .006 | -.6703                  | -.0706      |
|  | 11-15hrs                                     | -.59639               | .21285     | .100 | -1.2553                 | .0625       |
|  | 16-20hrs                                     | -.54782               | .55134     | .912 | -2.2546                 | 1.1589      |
|  | 21hrs&above                                  | -.78082               | .35058     | .293 | -1.8661                 | .3044       |
| 6-10hrs                                      | 0-5hrs                                       | .37044 <sup>*</sup>   | .09685     | .006 | .0706                   | .6703       |
|  | 11-15hrs                                     | -.22595               | .22427     | .907 | -.9202                  | .4683       |
|  | 16-20hrs                                     | -.17738               | .55585     | .999 | -1.8981                 | 1.5433      |
|  | 21hrs&above                                  | -.41038               | .35763     | .858 | -1.5175                 | .6967       |

|             |             |         |        |       |         |        |
|-------------|-------------|---------|--------|-------|---------|--------|
| 11-15hrs    | 0-5hrs      | .59639  | .21285 | .100  | -.0625  | 1.2553 |
|             | 6-10hrs     | .22595  | .22427 | .907  | -.4683  | .9202  |
|             | 16-20hrs    | .04857  | .58727 | 1.000 | -1.7694 | 1.8666 |
|             | 21hrs&above | -.18443 | .40475 | .995  | -1.4374 | 1.0685 |
| 16-20hrs    | 0-5hrs      | .54782  | .55134 | .912  | -1.1589 | 2.2546 |
|             | 6-10hrs     | .17738  | .55585 | .999  | -1.5433 | 1.8981 |
|             | 11-15hrs    | -.04857 | .58727 | 1.000 | -1.8666 | 1.7694 |
|             | 21hrs&above | -.23300 | .64999 | .998  | -2.2451 | 1.7791 |
| 21hrs&above | 0-5hrs      | .78082  | .35058 | .293  | -.3044  | 1.8661 |
|             | 6-10hrs     | .41038  | .35763 | .858  | -.6967  | 1.5175 |
|             | 11-15hrs    | .18443  | .40475 | .995  | -1.0685 | 1.4374 |
|             | 16-20hrs    | .23300  | .64999 | .998  | -1.7791 | 2.2451 |

\*. The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level.

#### ANOVA for CGPA across faculties

Current CGPA

|                | Sum of Squares | df  | Mean Square | F     | Sig. |
|----------------|----------------|-----|-------------|-------|------|
| Between Groups | 7.100          | 5   | 1.420       | 2.268 | .047 |
| Within Groups  | 234.186        | 374 | .626        |       |      |
| Total          | 241.286        | 379 |             |       |      |

#### Group Statistics for difference in the academic performance of students who are active members and those who are not active members of their departmental association

|              | Are you an active member of your departmental association? | N   | Mean   | Std. Deviation | Std. Error Mean |
|--------------|--|-----|--------|----------------|-----------------|
| Current CGPA | Yes  | 111 | 3.9768 | .69202         | .06568          |
|              | No   | 269 | 3.5493 | .80633         | .04916          |

#### Independent Samples Test for difference in the academic performance of students who are active members and those who are not active members of their departmental association

|              | Levene's Test for Equality of Variances | t-test for Equality of Means |      |       |         |                 |                 |                       |   |        |
|--------------|---|------------------------------|------|-------|---------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------------|---|--------|
|              |   | F                            | Sig. | t     | df      | Sig. (2-tailed) | Mean Difference | Std. Error Difference | 95% Confidence Interval of the Difference |        |
|              |   |                              |      |       |         |                 |                 |                       | Lower                                     | Upper  |
| Current CGPA | Equal variances assumed                 | 2.753                        | .098 | 4.891 | 378     | .000            | .42754          | .08741                | .25567                                    | .59940 |
|              | Equal variances not assumed             |                              |      | 5.211 | 237.212 | .000            | .42754          | .08204                | .26591                                    | .58917 |

#### ANOVA for Weekly Sport Hours

Current CGPA

|                | Sum of Squares | df  | Mean Square | F    | Sig. |
|----------------|----------------|-----|-------------|------|------|
| Between Groups | 1.340          | 4   | .335        | .524 | .718 |
| Within Groups  | 239.946        | 375 | .640        |      |      |
| Total          | 241.286        | 379 |             |      |      |

**ANOVA for membership of BBSF units/groups**

Current CGPA

|                | Sum of Squares | df  | Mean Square | F      | Sig. |
|----------------|----------------|-----|-------------|--------|------|
| Between Groups | 29.028         | 4   | 7.257       | 12.821 | .000 |
| Within Groups  | 212.258        | 375 | .566        |        |      |
| Total          | 241.286        | 379 |             |        |      |

**Multiple Comparisons for membership of groups**

Dependent Variable: Current CGPA

Scheffe

| (I) How many other groups do you belong? | (J) How many other groups do you belong? | Mean Difference (I-J) | Std. Error | Sig. | 95% Confidence Interval |             |
|--|--|-----------------------|------------|------|-------------------------|-------------|
|  |  |                       |            |      | Lower Bound             | Upper Bound |
| None                                     | One                                      | -.51897*              | .09040     | .000 | -.7988                  | -.2391      |
|  | Two                                      | -.48351*              | .11213     | .001 | -.8306                  | -.1364      |
|  | Three                                    | -.82453*              | .19585     | .002 | -1.4308                 | -.2183      |
|  | Four and above                           | -.63786               | .31196     | .384 | -1.6036                 | .3278       |
| One                                      | None                                     | .51897*               | .09040     | .000 | .2391                   | .7988       |
|  | Two                                      | .03546                | .12160     | .999 | -.3410                  | .4119       |
|  | Three                                    | -.30556               | .20142     | .681 | -.9291                  | .3180       |
|  | Four and above                           | -.11889               | .31548     | .998 | -1.0955                 | .8577       |
| Two                                      | None                                     | .48351*               | .11213     | .001 | .1364                   | .8306       |
|  | One                                      | -.03546               | .12160     | .999 | -.4119                  | .3410       |
|  | Three                                    | -.34102               | .21206     | .630 | -.9975                  | .3154       |
|  | Four and above                           | -.15435               | .32238     | .994 | -1.1523                 | .8436       |
| Three                                    | None                                     | .82453*               | .19585     | .002 | .2183                   | 1.4308      |
|  | One                                      | .30556                | .20142     | .681 | -.3180                  | .9291       |
|  | Two                                      | .34102                | .21206     | .630 | -.3154                  | .9975       |
|  | Four and above                           | .18667                | .36016     | .992 | -.9283                  | 1.3016      |
| Four and above                           | None                                     | .63786                | .31196     | .384 | -.3278                  | 1.6036      |
|  | One                                      | .11889                | .31548     | .998 | -.8577                  | 1.0955      |
|  | Two                                      | .15435                | .32238     | .994 | -.8436                  | 1.1523      |
|  | Three                                    | -.18667               | .36016     | .992 | -1.3016                 | .9283       |

\*. The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level.

**Group Statistics for involvement in boyfriend/girlfriend relationship**

|              | Are you in a relationship? | N   | Mean   | Std. Deviation | Std. Error Mean |
|--------------|----------------------------|-----|--------|----------------|-----------------|
| Current CGPA | Yes                        | 212 | 3.6197 | .90217         | .06196          |
|              | No                         | 168 | 3.7429 | .63871         | .04928          |

**Independent Samples Test for involvement in boyfriend/girlfriend relationship**



|              | Levene's Test for Equality of Variances | t-test for Equality of Means |      |       |         |                 |                 |                       |   |        |
|--------------|---|------------------------------|------|-------|---------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------------|---|--------|
|              |   | F                            | Sig. | t     | df      | Sig. (2-tailed) | Mean Difference | Std. Error Difference | 95% Confidence Interval of the Difference |        |
|              |   |                              |      |       |         |                 |                 |                       | Lower                                     | Upper  |
| Current CGPA | Equal variances assumed                 | 21.289                       | .000 | 1.497 | 378     | .135            | -.12318         | .08228                | -.28497                                   | .03861 |
| CGPA         | Equal variances not assumed             |                              |      | 1.556 | 373.525 | .121            | -.12318         | .07917                | -.27885                                   | .03249 |

**ANOVA for social media presence**

Current CGPA

|                | Sum of Squares | df  | Mean Square | F     | Sig. |
|----------------|----------------|-----|-------------|-------|------|
| Between Groups | 20.281         | 4   | 5.070       | 8.603 | .000 |
| Within Groups  | 221.006        | 375 | .589        |       |      |
| Total          | 241.286        | 379 |             |       |      |

**Multiple Comparisons for social media Usage**

Dependent Variable: Current CGPA

Scheffe

| (I) How many hours do you spend on social media daily? | (J) How many hours do you spend on social media daily? | Mean Difference (I-J) | Std. Error | Sig. | 95% Confidence Interval |             |
|--|--|-----------------------|------------|------|-------------------------|-------------|
|  |  |                       |            |      | Lower Bound             | Upper Bound |
| 0-5hrs   | 6-10hrs  | .10870                | .09052     | .837 | -.1715                  | .3889       |
|  | 11-15hrs   | .59080*               | .13733     | .001 | .1657                   | 1.0159      |
|  | 16-20hrs   | .18555                | .18887     | .915 | -.3991                  | .7702       |
|  | 21hrs&above  | .99221*               | .22813     | .001 | .2860                   | 1.6984      |
| 6-10hrs  | 0-5hrs   | -.10870               | .09052     | .837 | -.3889                  | .1715       |
|  | 11-15hrs   | .48210*               | .14557     | .028 | .0315                   | .9327       |
|  | 16-20hrs   | .07685                | .19495     | .997 | -.5266                  | .6803       |
|  | 21hrs&above  | .88351*               | .23318     | .007 | .1617                   | 1.6054      |
| 11-15hrs   | 0-5hrs   | -.59080*              | .13733     | .001 | -1.0159                 | -.1657      |
|  | 6-10hrs  | -.48210*              | .14557     | .028 | -.9327                  | -.0315      |
|  | 16-20hrs   | -.40525               | .22061     | .498 | -1.0882                 | .2777       |
|  | 21hrs&above  | .40141                | .25503     | .649 | -.3881                  | 1.1909      |
| 16-20hrs   | 0-5hrs   | -.18555               | .18887     | .915 | -.7702                  | .3991       |
|  | 6-10hrs  | -.07685               | .19495     | .997 | -.6803                  | .5266       |
|  | 11-15hrs   | .40525                | .22061     | .498 | -.2777                  | 1.0882      |
|  | 21hrs&above  | .80667                | .28610     | .096 | -.0790                  | 1.6923      |
| 21hrs&above  | 0-5hrs   | -.99221*              | .22813     | .001 | -1.6984                 | -.2860      |
|  | 6-10hrs  | -.88351*              | .23318     | .007 | -1.6054                 | -.1617      |
|  | 11-15hrs   | -.40141               | .25503     | .649 | -1.1909                 | .3881       |
|  | 16-20hrs   | -.80667               | .28610     | .096 | -1.6923                 | .0790       |

\*. The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level.

**Group Statistics for secondary school attended**

|              | Secondary School Attended | N   | Mean   | Std. Deviation | Std. Error Mean |
|--------------|---------------------------|-----|--------|----------------|-----------------|
| Current CGPA | Public                    | 43  | 3.5167 | .95680         | .14591          |
|              | Private                   | 337 | 3.6943 | .77466         | .04220          |

**Independent Samples Test for secondary school attended**

|              | Levene's Test for Equality of Variances | t-test for Equality of Means |      |       |        |                 |                 |                       |   |        |
|--------------|---|------------------------------|------|-------|--------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------------|---|--------|
|              |   | F                            | Sig. | t     | df     | Sig. (2-tailed) | Mean Difference | Std. Error Difference | 95% Confidence Interval of the Difference |        |
|              |   |                              |      |       |        |                 |                 |                       | Lower                                     | Upper  |
| Current CGPA | Equal variances assumed                 | 6.079                        | .014 | 1.376 | 378    | .170            | -.17754         | .12906                | -.43130                                   | .07622 |
|              | Equal variances not assumed             |                              |      | 1.169 | 49.277 | .248            | -.17754         | .15189                | -.48273                                   | .12765 |

**Class of Degree \* Use of Social Media Crosstabulation**

Count

|  | Class of Degree    | Use of Social Media     |                        | Total |
|--|--------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------|
|  |                    | Less than 6 hours daily | At least 6 hours daily |       |
|  | First Class        | 24                      | 14                     | 38    |
|  | Second class Upper | 70                      | 30                     | 100   |
|  | Second Class Lower | 30                      | 16                     | 46    |
|  | Third Class        | 9                       | 24                     | 33    |
|  | Total              | 133                     | 84                     | 217   |

**Chi-Square Tests for Class of Degree \* Use of Social Media**

|                              | Value               | df | Asymp. Sig. (2-sided) |
|------------------------------|---------------------|----|-----------------------|
| Pearson Chi-Square           | 19.648 <sup>a</sup> | 3  | .000                  |
| Likelihood Ratio             | 19.363              | 3  | .000                  |
| Linear-by-Linear Association | 10.029              | 1  | .002                  |
| N of Valid Cases             | 217                 |    |                       |

**Class of Degree \* Lecturer's Approach Crosstabulation**

Count

|  | Class of Degree    | Lecturer's Approach |                 | Total |
|--|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------|-------|
|  |                    | Lecture Method      | Teaching Method |       |
|  | First Class        | 33                  | 30              | 63    |
|  | Second class Upper | 87                  | 95              | 182   |
|  | Second Class Lower | 50                  | 47              | 97    |
|  | Third Class        | 19                  | 19              | 38    |

|       |     |     |     |
|-------|-----|-----|-----|
| Total | 189 | 191 | 380 |
|-------|-----|-----|-----|

**Chi-Square Tests for Class of Degree \* Lecturer's Approach**

|                              | Value             | df | Asymp. Sig. (2-sided) |
|------------------------------|-------------------|----|-----------------------|
| Pearson Chi-Square           | .577 <sup>a</sup> | 3  | .902                  |
| Likelihood Ratio             | .577              | 3  | .902                  |
| Linear-by-Linear Association | .001              | 1  | .972                  |
| N of Valid Cases             | 380               |    |                       |

**Class of Degree \* Study Habit Crosstabulation**

Count

|                 |                    | Study Habit             |                        | Total |
|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------|
|                 |                    | Less than 6 hours daily | At least 6 hours daily |       |
| Class of Degree | First Class        | 39                      | 24                     | 63    |
|                 | Second class Upper | 122                     | 60                     | 182   |
|                 | Second Class Lower | 79                      | 18                     | 97    |
|                 | Third Class        | 35                      | 3                      | 38    |
| Total           |                    | 275                     | 105                    | 380   |

**Chi-Square Tests for Class of Degree \* Study Habit**

|                              | Value               | df | Asymp. Sig. (2-sided) |
|------------------------------|---------------------|----|-----------------------|
| Pearson Chi-Square           | 17.438 <sup>a</sup> | 3  | .001                  |
| Likelihood Ratio             | 19.430              | 3  | .000                  |
| Linear-by-Linear Association | 16.447              | 1  | .000                  |
| N of Valid Cases             | 380                 |    |                       |

**Class of Degree \* Participation in Extracurricular activities Crosstabulation**

Count

|                 |                    | Participation in Extracurricular activities |              | Total |
|-----------------|--------------------|---|--------------|-------|
|                 |                    | None  | At least One |       |
| Class of Degree | First Class        | 39  | 24           | 63    |
|                 | Second class Upper | 143   | 39           | 182   |
|                 | Second Class Lower | 81  | 16           | 97    |
|                 | Third Class        | 36  | 2            | 38    |
| Total           |                    | 299   | 81           | 380   |

**Chi-Square Tests for Degree \* Participation in Extracurricular activities**

|                              | Value               | df | Asymp. Sig. (2-sided) |
|------------------------------|---------------------|----|-----------------------|
| Pearson Chi-Square           | 17.759 <sup>a</sup> | 3  | .000                  |
| Likelihood Ratio             | 18.366              | 3  | .000                  |
| Linear-by-Linear Association | 15.991              | 1  | .000                  |
| N of Valid Cases             | 380                 |    |                       |

**Class of Degree \* Relationship Status Crosstabulation**

Count

|                 |                    | Relationship Status |     | Total |
|-----------------|--------------------|---------------------|-----|-------|
|                 |                    | Yes                 | No  |       |
| Class of Degree | First Class        | 38                  | 25  | 63    |
|                 | Second class Upper | 97                  | 85  | 182   |
|                 | Second Class Lower | 44                  | 53  | 97    |
|                 | Third Class        | 33                  | 5   | 38    |
| Total           |                    | 212                 | 168 | 380   |

**Chi-Square Tests for Class of Degree \* Relationship Status**

|                              | Value               | df | Asymp. Sig. (2-sided) |
|------------------------------|---------------------|----|-----------------------|
| Pearson Chi-Square           | 20.115 <sup>a</sup> | 3  | .000                  |
| Likelihood Ratio             | 22.310              | 3  | .000                  |
| Linear-by-Linear Association | 1.631               | 1  | .202                  |
| N of Valid Cases             | 380                 |    |                       |

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