**BLS2113; CLASSIFICATION I**

**Short Description**

This course introduces learners to the principles and practices of library classification, introduces the schemes used and how they are applied while classifying information materials.

**Aim**

To enable learners gain skills and knowledge in classification of library and information materials

**Learning Outcomes**

Students to be able to:

* Explain what classification is
* Use classification schemes to classify information materials.
* Construct call and book numbers

**Intellectual, practical and transferable skills**

* + Knowledge and skills in classification
  + Skills in how to construct book numbers

**Teaching and Learning Pattern**

By use of lectures, practicals, discussions

**Indicative Content**

Theory of Classification, Artificial classification, Knowledge classification, need and purpose of library classification; Notation; features and notation of general and specialized classification schemes (Types, Development, Notation and Application), subject analysis, faceted classification, constructing call and book numbers

**Assessment Method**

Continuous assessment shall be applied to generate marks for coursework. Tests, coursework research questions, and projects will constitute 30%mark while final examinations (70 marks).

**Indicative Sources**

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