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# Academic performance data of undergraduate students' in 23 programmes from a private University in Nigeria



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# ABSTRACT

The quality of teaching and learning in higher education in many developing countries can be improved as institutions in this region adopt evidence-based practices that emphasize empirical measurements, observations, analysis and reports of learning outcomes. This article presents and analyses data on the academic performances of undergraduate students for duration of three semesters across the three major colleges of Landmark University, a private University in Nigeria. The colleges include the college of Agricultural Sciences (CAS), college of Business and Social Sciences (CBSS), and the college of Science and Engineering (CSE). Furthermore, population samples of 82, 577 and 812 undergraduates were selected randomly from CAS, CBSS and CSE respectively; totaling a population of sample of 1471 undergraduates from all academic levels (200L-500L) with the exception of first year students. The random selection was drawn from three consecutive semesters- the first and second semesters of academic 2016/2017 session and first semester of 2017/2018 academic session. The cumulative GPA of the sample population of students for the semester highlighted was obtained from the Centre for

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Systems and Information Services Units of the University. Motivated by the need to promote evidence-based research in academic excellence, a spread-sheet containing the detailed dataset is attached to this article. The descriptive statistics and frequency distributions of academic performance data are presented in with the use of tables and graphs for easy data interpretations. The data provided in this article supports the goal of a regional policy towards the realization of qualitative sustainable education.

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## Specifications Table

Subject area	Agricultural Sciences, Business and Social Sciences and Sciences and Engineering Education
Specific area of interest Data type Data collection	Analysis of Academic Performance Data Tables, graphs and spread-sheet file Academic performance data comprising Grade Point Average (GPA) for a three semester period for multi-level undergraduate students studying programmes relating to Agricultural sciences. Sciences and Engineering, and Business and Social Sciences in a private University
	in Nigeria. The data was obtained from the Centre for Systems and Information Services of the university.
Data layout	Raw, grouped
Experimental factors	First year undergraduate students were excluded
Experimental structures	Descriptive statistics and frequency distributions are performed to show the distribution of the academic performance across the three colleges, various programmes and different levels.
Data source location	The population sample and the information on academic perfor- mance provided in this article were obtained at Landmark Uni- versity, Omu-Aran, Nigeria
Accessibility of data	Detailed datasets in a Microsoft Excel spread-sheet file attached to this article are made publicly available.

## Value of the data

- Comprehensive datasets on academic outcomes encourages confidence in evidence-based research to understand factors affecting academic excellence and skills acquisition in developing countries.
- The accessibility of academic outcomes dataset will foster the attainment of sustainable education and formulation of practicable regional policies geared towards improving teaching and learning pedagogies.
- The field of learning analytics, together with advances in data mining, machine learning and data analytics will benefit from the availability of empirical academic performance data for developing predictive models to studying outcomes in undergraduate programmes.
- Statistical analysis such as descriptive statistics and frequency distribution, presented in tabular and graphical-forms simplifies data interpretation in other to draw useful deductions and reasonable conclusions.

### 1. Data

The quality of teaching and learning in higher education in many developing countries can be improved as institutions in this region adopt evidence-based practices that emphasize empirical measurements, observations, analysis and reports of learning outcomes [1–3]. This article presents and analyses data on the academic performances of undergraduate students of Landmark University, a Nigerian private University. Landmark University is a private faith-based University located in Omu-Aran, Kwara State in Nigeria.

The data comprise academic performance index for the duration of three semesters across the three major colleges of the university. The colleges include the college of Agricultural Sciences (CAS), college of Business and Social Sciences (CBSS), and the college of Science and Engineering (CSE). Furthermore, population samples of 82, 577 and 812 undergraduates were selected randomly from CAS, CBS and CSE respectively; totaling a population of sample of 1471 undergraduates from all academic levels (200L–500L) with the except of first year students. The random selection was drawn from three consecutive semesters- the first and second semesters of academic 2016/2017 session and first semester of 2017/2018 academic session.

However, the process of selection excluded undergraduates with incomplete academic records. A total of 2, 5 and 222 undergraduates were pooled from CAS, CBSS, and CSE respectively. Tables 1–23 contains the descriptive statistics of the academic performances of undergraduates in the twenty-two programmes offered at Landmark University.

### 2. Experimental design, materials and methods

The cumulative GPA of the sample population of students for the semester highlighted was obtained from the Centre for Systems and Information Services Units of the University. Motivated by the need to promote evidence-based research in academic excellence, a spread-sheet containing the detailed datasets is attached to this article. The descriptive statistics and frequency distributions of academic performance data are presented in with the use of tables and graphs to ease the description of the data.

#### Table 1

Descriptive statistics of academic performances of undergraduates studying Agricultural Economics.

	Grade Point Average (GPA)				
	First semester (2017)	Second semester (2016)	First semester (2016)	Aggregate	
Mean	3.171828	3.857424	3.89464	3.641297	
Standard Error	0.250804	0.181723	0.226964	0.199028	
Median	3.2857	4.1154	4.2222	3.9925	
Mode	-	-	5	-	
Standard Deviation	1.254018	0.908617	1.134818	0.995138	
Sample Variance	1.572561	0.825585	1.287811	0.990299	
Kurtosis	- 0.62466	- 0.59205	- 1.31708	- 0.7888	
Skewness	- 0.44565	- 0.74602	- 0.57434	- 0.63987	
Range	4.3636	2.9333	3	3.345133	
Minimum	0.6364	2	2	1.585	
Maximum	5	4.9333	5	4.930133	
Sum	79.2957	96.4356	97.366	91.03243	
Total samples	25	25	25	25	

Descriptive statistics of academic performances of undergraduates studying Agricultural Extension and Rural Development.

	Grade Point Average (GPA)				
	First semester (2017)	Second semester (2016)	First semester (2016)	Aggregate	
Mean	3.817339	3.978667	3.976594	3.727426	
Standard Error	0.142425	0.119774	0.149272	0.047632	
Median	3.95835	4.0316	4	3.764839	
Mode	-	4.2692	3.8333	-	
Standard Deviation	0.604257	0.508158	0.633306	0.202087	
Sample Variance	0.365127	0.258224	0.401077	0.040839	
Kurtosis	- 0.58994	- 0.5932	- 0.85297	- 0.74922	
Skewness	- 0.57423	- 0.51472	- 0.02345	- 0.67057	
Range	2.0417	1.7769	2.0323	0.602507	
Minimum	2.7083	2.9231	2.9677	3.344843	
Maximum	4.75	4.7	5	3.94735	
Sum	68.7121	71.616	71.5787	67.09367	
Total samples	18	18	18	18	

#### Table 3

Descriptive statistics of academic performances of undergraduates studying Animal Science.

	Grade Point Average (GPA)				
	First semester (2017)	Second semester (2016)	First semester (2016)	Aggregate	
Mean	3.283339	3.724879	3.512782	3.639958	
Standard Error	0.241285	0.135938	0.219568	0.086089	
Median	3.375	3.7628	3.45835	3.689819	
Mode	3.9167	3.9231	5	-	
Standard Deviation	1.276759	0.719317	1.161845	0.455539	
Sample Variance	1.630112	0.517416	1.349883	0.207516	
Kurtosis	- 0.49587	- 1.20335	- 0.83309	- 1.56994	
Skewness	- 0.67226	- 0.04327	- 0.32604	- 0.00454	
Range	4.375	2.4205	3.8333	1.28313	
Minimum	0.5	2.3462	1.1667	2.988324	
Maximum	4.875	4.7667	5	4.271454	
Sum	91.9335	104.2966	98.3579	101.9188	
Total samples	28	28	28	28	

### 3. Data exploration

### 3.1. Overall aggregated Grade Point Average by semesters

Fig. 1 show the highest aggregated GPA was recorded in the 2017 first semester, followed by 2016 s semester and then 2016 first semester.

## 3.2. Aggregated Grade Point Average by levels in the colleges

The section contains the description of aggregated GPA by colleges. Fig. 2 shows the academic performances of undergraduates in the college of Agricultural Sciences (CAS). More specifically, the figures show that 200 level students in CAS performed best in 2016 s semester than the other semesters, while 300 level students performed best in second semester 2016 compared with their performance in the two other semesters. Furthermore, the 400 level in CAS performed best in 2016 first semester, and the first semester 2016 was the best for the 500L students of the college.

	Grade Point Average (GPA)				
	First semester (2017)	Second semester (2016)	First semester (2016)	Aggregate	
Mean	3.722222	3.903444	3.887056	4.317909	
Standard Error	0.323493	0.196498	0.225995	0.028217	
Median	4.0833	3.8462	4.2	4.274217	
Mode	4.0833	_	-	-	
Standard Deviation	0.970479	0.589493	0.677985	0.084652	
Sample Variance	0.94183	0.347502	0.459664	0.007166	
Kurtosis	- 0.15111	- 1.10061	- 1.43487	- 0.1743	
Skewness	- 1.05305	- 0.2114	- 0.59243	1.248455	
Range	2.75	1.7308	1.8	0.209331	
Minimum	1.875	3	2.8	4.258465	
Maximum	4.625	4.7308	4.6	4.467796	
Sum	33.5	35.131	34.9835	38.86119	
Total samples	9	9	9	9	

 Table 4

 Descriptive statistics of academic performances of undergraduates studying Crop Science.

Descriptive statistics of academic performances of undergraduates studying Soil Science.

	Grade Point Average(GPA)				
	First semester (2017)	Second semester (2016)	First semester (2016)	Aggregate	
Mean	4.0238	4.63335	5	4.512561	
Standard Error	0.2619	0.13335	0	0.012476	
Median	4.0238	4.63335	5	4.512561	
Mode	-	-	5	-	
Standard Deviation	0.370383	0.188585	0	0.017644	
Sample Variance	0.137183	0.035564	0	0.000311	
Kurtosis	-	_	-	-	
Skewness	-	_	-	-	
Range	0.5238	0.2667	0	0.024952	
Minimum	3.7619	4.5	5	4.500085	
Maximum	4.2857	4.7667	5	4.525037	
Sum	8.0476	9.2667	10	9.025122	
Total samples	2	2	2	2	

The description of the academic performances of undergraduates by level in the college of Business and Social Sciences (CBSS) are captured in Fig. 3. Fig. 3 revealed that the aggregated GPA of 200 levels was highest in the second semester of 2016. In the same vein, the 300 levels of the CBSS performed best in the first semester of 2017 than in the other two semesters, while the highest aggregated GPA for 400L students was in the second semester of 2016.

Fig. 4 depicts the academic performances of undergraduates in the college of Science and Engineering (CSE). The analysis of the academic performance based on Fig. 4 shows that 200 levels students in CSE performed best in 2016 s semester, while the 300 level students had the highest aggregated GPA in the first semester of 2017. In addition, students in the 400 level and 500 levels performed best in the first semester of 2017.

### 3.3. Aggregated Grade Point Average by programmes in the colleges

Fig. 5 shows the description of the comprehensive academic performances of the programmes across the three major colleges in the semesters under review. The data show that these programmes-

	Grade Point Average (GPA)				
	First semester (2017)	Second semester (2016)	First semester (2016)	Aggregate	
Mean	3.541968	3.67936	3.570868	3.514568	
Standard Error	0.083408	0.074883	0.076197	0.046316	
Median	3.7826	3.84105	3.625	3.537235	
Mode	4.6667	4.1579	4.8	-	
Standard Deviation	1.028325	0.923223	0.939414	0.571025	
Sample Variance	1.057453	0.85234	0.882498	0.326069	
Kurtosis	2.006379	0.566834	- 0.93908	- 1.17566	
Skewness	- 1.32916	- 0.76632	- 0.35171	- 0.02032	
Range	5	5	3.6774	2.263446	
Minimum	0	0	1.3226	2.358789	
Maximum	5	5	5	4.622235	
Sum	538.3791	559.2627	542.772	534.2143	
Total samples	152	152	152	152	

Table 6
Descriptive statistics of academic performances of undergraduates studying Accounting.

Descriptive statistics of academic performances of undergraduates studying Banking and Finance.

	Grade Point Average (GPA)				
	First semester (2017)	Second semester (2016)	First semester (2016)	Aggregate	
Mean	3.411659	3.398917	3.062883	3.566969	
Standard Error	0.151408	0.155527	0.173624	0.021297	
Median	3.3913	3.375	2.8182	3.556119	
Mode	4.619	3.375	-	-	
Standard Deviation	0.815356	0.837536	0.934994	0.11469	
Sample Variance	0.664806	0.701467	0.874214	0.013154	
Kurtosis	0.073257	- 0.73148	- 0.68643	- 0.12852	
Skewness	- 0.16815	0.122718	0.38637	- 0.02051	
Range	3.4048	3.0729	3.5584	0.477883	
Minimum	1.5	1.7692	1.2333	3.309419	
Maximum	4.9048	4.8421	4.7917	3.787302	
Sum	98.9381	98.5686	88.8236	103.4421	
Total samples	29	29	29	29	

Soil Science, Agricultural Extension and Rural Development, International Relations, Computer Science and Political Science, had the least aggregated GPA figures as arranged in descending order.

Moreover, Soil Science, Agricultural Extension & Rural Development and Crop Science programmes recorded the highest aggregated GPA in the second semester of 2016; Industrial Chemistry, Physics and Mathematics programmes in the CSE had the least aggregated GPA. Generally, students in the programmes offered in the College of Agricultural Sciences had the highest aggregated GPA in the semesters under review.

### 3.4. Aggregated GPA by colleges

As shown in Fig. 6, the colleges of Agricultural Sciences and Business and Social Sciences recorded the highest aggregated GPA in the second semester of 2016. Although the college of Science and Engineering recorded the worst aggregated GPA in the second semester of 2016, it had that the highest aggregated GPA in first semester of 2017.

	Grade Point Average (GPA)				
	First semester (2017)	Second semester (2016)	First semester (2016)	Aggregate	
Mean	3.368239	3.532943	3.036686	3.376434	
Standard Error	0.093754	0.088038	0.109293	0.039928	
Median	3.48075	3.5625	3.0801	3.344223	
Mode	3.7308	4.125	3.2917	-	
Standard Deviation	0.859267	0.806881	1.001691	0.365944	
Sample Variance	0.73834	0.651056	1.003385	0.133915	
Kurtosis	0.429708	- 0.7147	- 0.85686	0.066188	
Skewness	- 0.55211	- 0.19753	- 0.14478	0.197826	
Range	4.1429	3.2857	4.3182	1.77455	
Minimum	0.8571	1.7143	0.5	2.577491	
Maximum	5	5	4.8182	4.352041	
Sum	282.9321	296.7672	255.0816	283.6204	
Total samples	84	84	84	84	

# Table 8 Descriptive statistics of academic performances of undergraduates studying Business Administration.

### Table 9

Descriptive statistics of academic performances of undergraduates studying Economics.

	Grade Point Average (GPA)				
	First semester (2017)	Second semester (2016)	First semester (2016)	Aggregate	
Mean	3.565416	3.531844	3.346186	3.396855	
Standard Error	0.096568	0.091972	0.110489	0.048397	
Median	3.67425	3.58335	3.4792	3.428324	
Mode	4.5	4.1667	4.52	-	
Standard Deviation	0.936257	0.891702	1.071234	0.469223	
Sample Variance	0.876578	0.795132	1.147543	0.22017	
Kurtosis	- 0.381	- 1.07088	- 0.97002	- 0.4545	
Skewness	- 0.5932	- 0.23577	- 0.34232	0.21792	
Range	4	3.2367	4	1.974028	
Minimum	1	1.68	1	2.491155	
Maximum	5	4.9167	5	4.465183	
Sum	335.1491	331.9933	314.5415	319.3044	
Total samples	94	94	94	94	

### 3.5. Aggregated GPA for the three semesters combined

The description of the academic performances of the colleges in terms of the overall aggregated GPA that computes the GPA across the three semesters under review shows that the students in the college of Agricultural Sciences considerably performed best academically, followed by the college of Business and Social Sciences. The students of the college of Science and Engineering had the worse academic performances (Fig. 7).

	Grade Point Average (GPA)					
	First semester (2017)	Second semester (2016)	First semester (2016)	Aggregate		
Mean	3.350137	3.395533	3.193853	3.309902		
Standard Error	0.117221	0.099187	0.110424	0.029326		
Median	3.4348	3.4783	3.2	3.403728		
Mode	3.7391	3.75	4	-		
Standard Deviation	0.837129	0.708339	0.788583	0.209426		
Sample Variance	0.700784	0.501744	0.621863	0.043859		
Kurtosis	1.215688	- 0.28199	- 0.12678	- 0.9220		
Skewness	- 0.74502	- 0.29371	- 0.50226	- 0.5954		
Range	4.3286	3.3043	3.5417	0.787557		
Minimum	0.5714	1.6957	1.2083	2.846396		
Maximum	4.9	5	4.75	3.633954		
Sum	170.857	173.1722	162.8865	168.805		
Total samples	51	51	51	51		

Table 10
Descriptive statistics of academic performances of undergraduates studying Sociology.

Descriptive statistics of academic performances of undergraduates studying International Relations.

	Grade Point Average (GPA)					
	First semester (2017)	Second semester (2016)	First semester (2016)	Aggregate		
Mean	3.209772	3.243783	3.188024	3.196433		
Standard Error	0.092809	0.071523	0.070455	0.030202		
Median	3.32665	3.31625	3.2404	3.206606		
Mode	4.25	3.7826	4.5	#N/A		
Standard Deviation	0.899817	0.693437	0.683089	0.29282		
Sample Variance	0.80967	0.480855	0.466611	0.085743		
Kurtosis	1.585275	- 0.20814	0.688421	- 0.54124		
Skewness	- 1.00579	- 0.29734	- 0.37832	0.158999		
Range	4.7	3.2795	3.6852	1.246327		
Minimum	0	1.2857	0.8148	2.639584		
Maximum	4.7	4.5652	4.5	3.885911		
Sum	301.7186	304.9156	299.6743	300.4647		
Total samples	94	94	94	94		

	Grade Point Average (GPA)					
	First semester (2017)	Second semester (2016)	First semester (2016)	Aggregate		
Mean	3.09921	3.079923	3.091737	3.122432		
Standard Error	0.102475	0.086062	0.084182	0.039827		
Median	3.2609	3.0435	2.963	3.126778		
Mode	3.3913	3	3.7083	-		
Standard Deviation	0.875545	0.735312	0.719247	0.340283		
Sample Variance	0.766579	0.540684	0.517317	0.115793		
Kurtosis	1.468504	- 0.54403	- 0.77399	- 1.1565		
Skewness	- 0.67475	- 0.05645	0.311734	- 0.15438		
Range	4.8571	3.0957	3	1.210965		
Minimum	0	1.6	1.7917	2.51653		
Maximum	4.8571	4.6957	4.7917	3.727494		
Sum	226.2423	224.8344	225.6968	227.9376		
Total samples	73	73	73	73		

 Table 12

 Descriptive statistics of academic performances of undergraduates studying Political Science.

Descriptive statistics of academic performances of undergraduates studying Agricultural Engineering.

	Grade Point Average (GPA)					
	First semester (2017)	Second semester (2016)	First semester (2016)	Aggregate		
Mean	3.478852	3.473233	3.172098	3.381699		
Standard Error	0.14127	0.122875	0.123122	0.035197		
Median	3.58125	3.58335	3.4	3.375671		
Mode	4.44	4.0833	3.4	-		
Standard Deviation	0.978745	0.851305	0.853014	0.24385		
Sample Variance	0.957941	0.72472	0.727634	0.059463		
Kurtosis	1.082866	- 0.56261	- 1.02563	0.124383		
Skewness	- 0.81934	- 0.47954	- 0.37219	0.56286		
Range	4.64	3.2584	2.9917	1.051886		
Minimum	0.2	1.5333	1.56	2.993714		
Maximum	4.84	4.7917	4.5517	4.0456		
Sum	166.9849	166.7152	152.2607	162.3215		
Total samples	48	48	48	48		

	Grade Point Average (GPA)					
	First semester (2017)	Second semester (2016)	First semester (2016)	Aggregate		
Mean	3.517811	3.421146	3.27336	3.233792		
Standard Error	0.113916	0.106236	0.102236	0.050809		
Median	3.64275	3.4375	3.1574	3.295881		
Mode	4.6087	3.25	3	-		
Standard Deviation	0.953093	0.888836	0.855369	0.425101		
Sample Variance	0.908387	0.790029	0.731657	0.180711		
Kurtosis	- 0.11782	- 0.5939	- 0.78012	- 1.21270		
Skewness	- 0.5707	- 0.4071	- 0.06581	- 0.2729		
Range	4.3846	3.5333	3.5083	1.410907		
Minimum	0.6154	1.4667	1.2	2.444588		
Maximum	5	5	4.7083	3.855494		
Sum	246.2468	239.4802	229.1352	226.3655		
Total samples	70	70	70	70		

# Table 14 Descriptive statistics of academic performances of undergraduates studying Chemical Engineering.

# Table 15

Descriptive statistics of academic performances of undergraduates studying Civil Engineering.

	Grade Point Average (GPA)					
	First semester (2017)	Second semester (2016)	First semester (2016)	Aggregate		
Mean	3.521384	3.302868	3.181576	3.292949		
Standard Error	0.083006	0.081553	0.073192	0.04283		
Median	3.68	3.30515	3.19675	3.29454		
Mode	4.76	3	3	-		
Standard Deviation	0.989135	0.971813	0.872189	0.510381		
Sample Variance	0.978389	0.944421	0.760714	0.260489		
Kurtosis	0.824365	- 0.35277	- 0.30143	- 1.17186		
Skewness	- 0.81698	- 0.41172	- 0.14492	- 0.02171		
Range	5	4.5357	4.1877	1.804352		
Minimum	0	0.4643	0.6923	2.424246		
Maximum	5	5	4.88	4.228598		
Sum	500.0365	469.0072	451.7838	467.5988		
Total samples	142	142	142	142		

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	Grade Point Average (GPA)					
	First semester (2017)	Second semester (2016)	First semester (2016)	Aggregate		
Mean	3.234168	3.134438	3.348105	3.190894		
Standard Error	0.093358	0.07606	0.068441	0.048762		
Median	3.3704	3.1786	3.2667	3.169778		
Mode	4	3.5	3	-		
Standard Deviation	1.227933	1.00041	0.9002	0.641366		
Sample Variance	1.50782	1.00082	0.81036	0.41135		
Kurtosis	0.386574	- 0.50304	- 0.50456	- 0.2936		
Skewness	- 0.85019	- 0.24748	- 0.13679	- 0.23311		
Range	5	4.3688	4.1667	3.288419		
Minimum	0	0.6	0.8333	1.1212		
Maximum	5	4.9688	5	4.409619		
Sum	559.5111	542.2578	579.2221	552.0247		
Total samples	173	173	173	173		

# Table 16 Descriptive statistics of academic performances of undergraduates studying Electrical and Information Engineering.

# Table 17

Descriptive statistics of academic performances of undergraduates studying Mechanical Engineering.

	Grade Point Average (GPA)					
	First semester (2017)	Second semester (2016)	First semester (2016)	Aggregate		
Mean	3.464989	3.325181	3.297984	3.258349		
Standard Error	0.0711	0.071058	0.059607	0.042862		
Median	3.52	3.2667	3.32	3.293257		
Mode	4	3.1667	3	-		
Standard Deviation	0.907746	0.907213	0.761006	0.547231		
Sample Variance	0.824003	0.823036	0.57913	0.299461		
Kurtosis	0.487968	- 0.41704	- 0.11727	- 0.36929		
Skewness	- 0.70829	- 0.31852	- 0.27276	- 0.40715		
Range	4.76	4.0769	3.3572	2.631019		
Minimum	0.24	0.9231	1.4828	1.651789		
Maximum	5	5	4.84	4.282807		
Sum	564.7932	542.0045	537.5714	531.1109		
Total samples	163	163	163	163		

	Grade Point Average (GPA)					
	First semester (2017)	Second semester (2016)	First semester (2016)	Aggregate		
Mean	3.415608	3.454415	3.38042	3.392544		
Standard Error	0.140644	0.102213	0.109619	0.062291		
Median	3.4375	3.4286	3.47915	3.511844		
Mode	5	4	3.5833	-		
Standard Deviation	1.08942	0.791735	0.849102	0.482507		
Sample Variance	1.186836	0.626845	0.720975	0.232813		
Kurtosis	0.006557	- 0.43395	- 0.88885	- 0.22328		
Skewness	- 0.55988	- 0.16745	0.069715	- 0.68658		
Range	4.7917	3.4028	3.0278	1.862878		
Minimum	0.2083	1.5172	1.9722	2.341733		
Maximum	5	4.92	5	4.204612		
Sum	204.9365	207.2649	202.8252	203.5526		
Total samples	60	60	60	60		

### Table 18 Descriptive statistics of academic performances of undergraduates studying Biochemistry.

## Table 19

Descriptive statistics of academic performances of undergraduates studying Microbiology.

	Grade Point Average (GPA)					
	First semester (2017)	Second semester (2016)	First semester (2016)	Aggregate		
Mean	3.105357	3.133487	3.319841	3.186228		
Standard Error	0.189018	0.148619	0.13522	0.148879		
Median	3.3003	3.27715	3.27085	3.1532		
Mode	0	3.6071	4.1667	-		
Standard Deviation	1.281985	1.007984	0.917109	1.009744		
Sample Variance	1.643487	1.016032	0.841089	1.019583		
Kurtosis	0.503793	- 0.21781	- 0.79087	- 0.02491		
Skewness	- 0.93608	- 0.46646	- 0.17788	- 0.5002		
Range	5	4.1111	3.35	3.9784		
Minimum	0	0.7037	1.5667	0.827167		
Maximum	5	4.8148	4.9167	4.805567		
Sum	142.8464	144.1404	152.7127	146.5665		
Total samples	46	46	46	46		

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	Grade Point Average (GPA)			
	First semester (2017)	Second semester (2016)	First semester (2016)	Aggregate
Mean	3.306633	2.914775	2.602633	3.081596
Standard Error	0.239512	0.226467	0.220035	0.022954
Median	3.24715	3.03675	2.51485	3.112263
Mode	-	2	-	-
Standard Deviation	0.829693	0.784505	0.762223	0.079515
Sample Variance	0.68839	0.615447	0.580983	0.006323
Kurtosis	- 0.49905	- 1.45085	- 1.3482	3.121076
Skewness	0.175735	0.022201	0.231653	- 2.06314
Range	2.72	2.2067	2.07	0.251976
Minimum	2	1.8333	1.65	2.887897
Maximum	4.72	4.04	3.72	3.139873
Sum	39.6796	34.9773	31.2316	36.97915
Total samples	12	12	12	12

Table 20
Descriptive statistics of academic performances of undergraduates studying industrial Chemistry.

Descriptive statistics of academic performances of undergraduates studying Computer Science.

	Grade Point Average (GPA)			
	First semester (2017)	Second semester (2016)	First semester (2016)	Aggregate
Mean	3.013887	2.948965	2.952319	2.862743
Standard Error	0.128438	0.110269	0.090685	0.04083
Median	3.08545	2.9565	2.9	2.838766
Mode	3.0526	2.9565	2.125	-
Standard Deviation	1.177157	1.010635	0.831137	0.374215
Sample Variance	1.385698	1.021382	0.690789	0.140037
Kurtosis	- 0.00489	- 0.0371	- 0.21249	- 0.44557
Skewness	- 0.56733	- 0.32649	0.093098	0.183183
Range	5	4.591	3.9028	1.592913
Minimum	0	0.1481	0.8889	2.083531
Maximum	5	4.7391	4.7917	3.676444
Sum	253.1665	247.7131	247.9948	240.4704
Total samples	84	84	84	84

	Grade Point Average (GPA)			
	First semester (2017)	Second semester (2016)	First semester (2016)	Aggregate
Mean	2.50275	2.3908	2.04795	2.588869
Standard Error	0.621084	0.438643	0.446336	0.068625
Median	2.4472	2.1868	2.24165	2.654247
Mode	-	_	-	-
Standard Deviation	1.242167	0.877286	0.892671	0.137251
Sample Variance	1.542979	0.769631	0.796862	0.018838
Kurtosis	1.206473	2.454761	- 2.3235	3.976493
Skewness	0.261558	1.293645	- 0.65725	- 1.9928
Range	3.0214	2.0696	1.8567	0.28075
Minimum	1.0476	1.56	0.9259	2.383117
Maximum	4.069	3.6296	2.7826	2.663867
Sum	10.011	9.5632	8.1918	10.35548
Total samples	4	4	4	4

Table 22
Descriptive statistics of academic performances of undergraduates studying Mathematics.

Descriptive statistics of academic performances of undergraduates studying Physics.

	Grade Point Average (GPA)			
	First semester (2017)	Second semester (2016)	First semester (2016)	Aggregate
Mean	3.38375	2.59433	2.42551	2.873113
Standard Error	0.160386	0.199168	0.249894	0.043127
Median	3.21895	2.58105	2.1777	2.851922
Mode	3	2.3704	-	-
Standard Deviation	0.507186	0.629823	0.790233	0.136378
Sample Variance	0.257237	0.396678	0.624468	0.018599
Kurtosis	1.069219	0.977881	- 0.40948	2.213211
Skewness	1.472281	- 0.0355	0.76557	1.018483
Range	1.4643	2.3269	2.3334	0.503328
Minimum	2.9643	1.4231	1.619	2.673289
Maximum	4.4286	3.75	3.9524	3.176617
Sum	33.8375	25.9433	24.2551	28.73113
Total samples	10	10	10	10

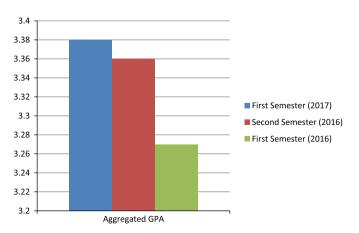


Fig. 1. Variation of GPA in the three semesters considered of undergraduates in all colleges.

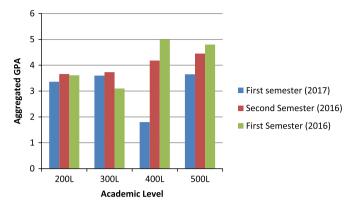


Fig. 2. Summary of all aggregated GPA across levels in the college of Agricultural Sciences.

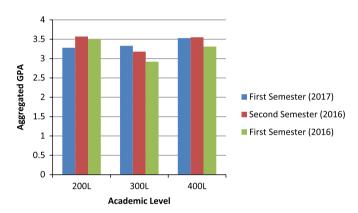


Fig. 3. Summary of all Aggregated GPA across levels in the college of Business and Social Sciences.

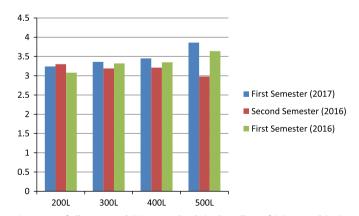


Fig. 4. Summary of all aggregated GPA across levels in the college of Science and Engineering.

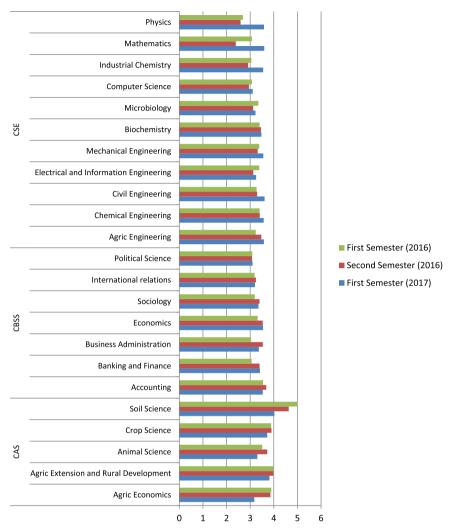


Fig. 5. Semester academic performances in programmes in the Colleges.

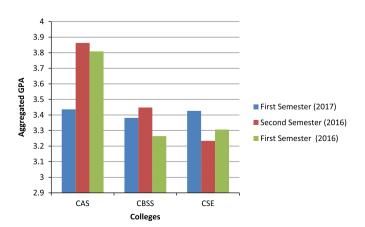


Fig. 6. The students' performances by college per semester.

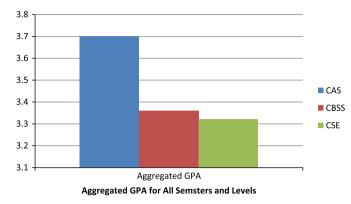


Fig. 7. The overall students' performance by college across the three semesters (aggregated GPA).

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