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Glossary of terms used in the Equity Scorecards:

Level:

Level refers to the year of study. For example, Level 100 means the first year of the programme, Level 200 the second year.

Low SES students:

Ghana: Students who attended a senior secondary school classified as ‘deprived’ or ‘very deprived’ by the Amedahe Committee at the university of Cape Coast. A ‘deprived’ school is defined as being a (public) senior secondary school that has poor infrastructural facilities, non-qualified and insufficient teaching staff, and which will admit students who achieved lower than average grades in the Basic Secondary School Certificate.

Tanzania: Students who attended a junior secondary government or community school in the poorest 53 districts of the country, based on the proportion of the population living below the 2000/1 basic needs poverty line (262 Tanzanian shillings per adult equivalent per day).

Mature Students:

Students aged 30 years or over on admission to university.

Diversified routes:

Direct

Entry to programme based on senior secondary school certificate.

Equivalent

Entry to programme based on other qualifications than SSS certificates (e.g. ‘O’ levels, technical college diplomas and certificates, etc) or the successful completion of pre-entry programmes or examinations.

Mature

Entry to programme based on mature entry examinations.

Gender Index:

Percentage of women in the selected group (low SES students or mature students) divided by the percentage of women on the programme.

Poverty Index:

Percentage of low SES students in the selected group (women or mature students) divided by the percentage of low SES students on the programme.

ESC SET 7: Withdrawal on 4 Programmes, by Gender, Age and Socio-Economic Status in 2007/2008

ESC 7.1 Overview of Withdrawal on 4 Programmes according to Age, Gender and Socio Economic Status for the cohort of students completing in 2007/2008 at a Tanzanian Public University

Programme	% of all students who withdrew from the programme										
	Men	Women	Low SES			Age 30 or over			Mature and Low SES		
			Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women
B. Commerce	72.88	27.12	3.39	3.39	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
LLB. Law	51.84	48.15	3.70	3.70	0.00	22.22	14.81	7.41	0.00	0.00	0.00
B.Sc. Engineering	92.86	7.14	14.29	14.29	0.00	11.43	10.00	1.43	0.00	0.00	0.00
B. Science with Education	64.29	35.71	10.72	7.14	3.57	10.71	7.14	3.57	5.56	5.56	0.00

ESC SET 8: Overview of Withdrawal on 4 Programmes according to Age, Gender and Socio Economic Status for the cohort of students completing in 2007/2008.

ESC 8.1 Overview of Withdrawal on 4 Programmes according to Age, Gender and Socio Economic Status for the cohort of students completing in 2007/2008 at a Tanzanian Public University

Programme	% of all students on the programme											
	Withdrawal			Withdrawal Low SES			Withdrawal Age 30 or over			Withdrawal Mature and Low SES		
	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women
B. Commerce	9.98	7.28	2.71	0.34	0.34	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
LLB. Law	10.42	5.41	5.02	0.39	0.39	0.00	2.32	1.54	0.77	0.00	0.00	0.00
B.Sc. Engineering	16.28	15.12	1.16	2.33	2.33	0.00	1.86	1.63	0.23	0.47	0.47	0.00
B. Science with Education	26.67	17.14	9.52	2.86	1.90	0.95	2.86	1.90	0.95	0.00	0.00	0.00

ESC SET 9: Rate of Withdrawal by Programmes According to Age, Gender and Socio Economic Status in 2007/2008

ESC 9.1: Rate of Withdrawal on 4 Programmes according to Age, Gender and Socio Economic Status for the cohort of students completing in 2007/2008 at a Tanzanian Public University

Programme	Men		Women		Low SES Students		Non Low SES		Mature Students		Non Mature Students	
B. Commerce	70.73	10.29	29.27	9.25	6.26	5.41	93.74	10.29	1.86	*	98.14	*
LLB.Law	58.30	9.27	41.70	12.04	7.72	5.00	92.28	10.88	6.56	35.29	93.44	8.68
B.Sc. Engineering	77.67	19.46	22.33	5.21	11.16	20.83	88.84	15.71	5.35	34.78	94.65	15.23
B. Science^{with} Education	61.90	27.69	38.10	25.00	10.48	27.27	89.52	26.60	6.67	42.86	93.33	25.51
* Insufficient data on the age of withdrawn students from this programme												