DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

COURSE CODES, TITLES, DESCRIPTION/OUTLINES AND RECOMMENDED TEXTS (NCE COURSES ONLY)

COURSE DESCRIPTION

POL 111 Introduction to Political Science

The course is intended to inculcate in the students' knowledge of the basic elements and concepts in Political Science. These include;:- the nature and scope of Political Science, the relationship of Political Science with other disciplines such as History, Economics, Sociology, Psychology, Geography, Law Religion and Ethics. Basic concepts to be studied in order to lay a solid theoretical foundation for students include state, power, nation, authority, legitimacy, sovereignty, democracy, constitution, political culture, political socialisation, political participation, government and its organs. Delegated authority, Leadership, followership and process of electoral campaigns and voting.

Recommended texts:

An Introduction to Political Science in Nigeria by Adeoye A. Akinsanya (Editor) Introduction to Political Science 1st Edition by Craig Parsons, 2016. Publisher: Pearson

POL 112 Nigerian Government and Politics I (Pre-Colonial period to 1960)

This course is analytical. It studies the pre-colonial politics and government up to 1960 with focus on traditional political institutions, colonial administration, constitutional developments and the nationalist movements.

Recommended texts:

Journal Article - State Systems In Pre-Colonial, Colonial And Post-Colonial Nigeria: An Overview Ehiedu E.G. Iweriebor . *Anno 37, No. 4* (DICEMBRE 1982), pp. 507-513. Amuwu, K. et al (1998). (ed). Federalism and Political Restructuring in Nigeria. Ibadan. Spectrum Books, Ltd. Anyaele, J.U. (2003). Comprehensive Government, Lagos. A Johnson Publishers, Ltd. Dibie, C.C. (2007). Essential Government. Ibafo, Ogun – State. TONAD Publishers Elaigwu J.I. et al (1994) Federalism and Nation Building in Nigeria. The challenges of the 21 Century . Abuja. National Council on Intergovernmental Relations. Ofoegbu, G.A.I. (1999). Modern Government Onitsha Mass Foundation Publications Ltd.

POL 113 Principles of Political Science 1

The following principles of Political Science are examined in this course: Citizenship,

Fundamental Human Rights, the Rule of Law, Representative Government, Separation of Powers, Delegated Legislation, Constitutionalism, Forms of Government such as Monarchy, Aristocracy, Democracy, Tyranny, Oligarchy, Totalitarianism and Military.

Recommended texts:

Principles of political science by Gilchrist, R. N.

Principles of Political Science Paperback – by Kapur A.C., Dec 2010

Principles of Modern Political Science Paperback by J.C. Johari . Sterling Publishers; 2nd Revised edition (June 15, 2009)

POL 114 Constitutional Developments in West African States

This course examines the nature of European Colonialism, the rise of nationalist movements, internal and external influences on nationalism in West Africa. The course also examines the Constitutional evolution up to independence for such country like Ghana or Sierra Leone and Guinea or Senegal and Liberia.

Recommended texts:

Political and constitutional development of West African states by Ogunyemi, O. O., Oseni, I.O., Alalade, O.E. Babalola, M.O.

Oyo, Adetunji Printing Press, [2016]. Constitution and Constitutionalism in West Africa Abubakar Momoh and Sylvester Odion Akhaine

POL 121 Principles of Political Science II

Systems of Government viz: Parliamentary and Presidential System Structures of Government e.g. Unitary; Federal and Confederal. Other areas to be considered include, Political Ideologies such as Communalism, Feudalism, Capitalism, Socialism, Communism, Fascism and Nazism. Elections and the Electoral Process should also be studied with particular reference to develop and developing countries (Case Study of Two Countries)

Recommended texts:

Principles of political science by Gilchrist, R. N.

Principles of Political Science Paperback – by Kapur A.C., Dec 2010

Principles of Modern Political Science Paperback by J.C. Johari . Sterling Publishers; 2nd Revised edition (June 15, 2009)

POL122 Nigerian Government and Politics II (1960 to Date)

This course covers the post-independence period in Nigeria. It examines constitutional development since independence, Regional politics of the First Republic, Character of Political Parties, Population Census, Ethnic Politics, Military Rule and Problems of Military Disengagements, the civil war, Problems of democracy, Politics of Power Sharing and Resource allocation and control.

Recommended texts:

Adeoye, A. A. and John, A. A. (2005) (eds) Readings in Nigerian Government and Politics, New Generation Books and Communication, 41, Awolowo Way, Opp. Rational Building, Oke-Bola, Ibadan, Nigeria. Ezeani, O. E. (2004). Local Government Administration, Zik-chuks Printing Press, Enugu.

Nigerian Government and Politics under Military Rule, 1966–79, edited by Oyeleye Oyediran London, Macmillan, 1979

POL 123 Constitutional Development in West African States II

The course shall examine the post independence constitutional development in the following West African States: Ghana or Sierra Leone, Guinea or Senegal and Liberia.

Recommended texts:

Political and constitutional development of West African states by Ogunyemi, O. O., Oseni, I.O., Alalade, O.E. Babalola, M.O.

Oyo, Adetunji Printing Press, [2016]. Constitution and Constitutionalism in West Africa Abubakar Momoh and Sylvester Odion Akhaine

POL 124 Elements of Public Administration

This course analyses the nature and scope of Public Administration, Administrative and Organisational Theories, structure, staffing, leadership and decision-making processes. It also includes the study of Public Corporations. Theories and nature of urban and rural development. Recommended texts:

Public Administration – Meaning, Nature, Scope & Importance Presented By: Harinder Kaur

Robert and Janet Denhardt. *Public Administration: An Action Orientation*. 6th Ed. 2009: Thomson Wadsworth, Belmont CA.

Handbook of Public Administration. Eds Jack Rabin, W. Bartley Hildreth, and Gerard J. Miller. 1989: Marcel Dekker, NY

POL 125 Government and Politics of African States

The course takes a look at the major political developments in selected African States. These include, the origin, nature and development of African nationalism with case studies drawn from West, East, North and South African States. Other critical problems to be examined are ethnicity, corruption, civil wars, national unity and integration and democratization in Africa.

Recommended texts:

Government and Politics in Africa (4th edition) by William Tordoff.

Introduction To African Politics by Herman Patrick and Alex thompson

Readings in African Politics, Oxford: James Currey, 2003.

Politics in Africa: A New Introduction by Nana Poku and Anna Mdee

An Introduction to African Politics 4th Edition by Alex Thomson

POL 126 Military in Politics

The traditional role of military establishment, reasons for military intervention in politics, structure of "military government and its legitimacy, problems of military disengagement, and the impact of military rule on the development of democracy in Africa are the key issues examined by this course.

Recommended texts:

S. P. Huntington, 'The Soldier and the State", Cambridge, Mass., Harvard University Press, 1957

A. R. Luckham, 'The Nigerian Military\ London, Cambridge University Press, 1971

I. M. Lee, African Armies and Civil Order", New York, Praeger, 1969.

Nigerian Government and Politics under Military Rule, 1966–79 edited by Oyeleye Oyediran, London, Macmillan, 1979

Agwunobi; J.C. (1992); The Nigerian Military in a Democratic Society. Kaduna: Olabola Graphic press.

POL 211 Introduction to Classical Political Thought

This course focuses on the nature of Political Thought and its contributions to political development. Ideas of major ancient and medieval political philosophers such as Socrates, Plato, Aristotle, Cicero, Acquinas, St. Augustine and Kant are critically examined.

Recommended texts:

(1) The Oxford Handbook of the History of Political Philosophy

Edited by George Klosko, May 2011

- (2) NOUN course material
- (3) Political philosophy By: John Edward Bowle and Richard J. Arneson

POL 212 Comparative Government and Politics

The major approaches to the study of comparative government and politics are examined. Comparative study of government and political processes in states such as United States of America (USA) Russia, Britain, France and China are undertaken.

Recommended texts:

Comparative Government and Politics (11th Edition) An Introduction Author(s): John McCormick, Rod Hague, Martin Harrop, February 2019, Red Globe Press

Comparative Politics and the Comparative Method (Arend Liphart)

POL 213 Methods of Teaching Political Science

The relevance of Political Science as a discipline, the approaches to the study and teaching of government, qualities of a good teacher of government; teaching aids/instructional materials, problems of teaching government, preparation of scheme of work and lesson plan, evaluation of students and selection of good and relevant textbooks in government are the major areas to be covered by this course.

Recommended texts:

Techniques of Teaching Political Science: the Beginning Course Robert H. Connery, Richard H. Leach. Article Information

Western Political Quarterly, Western Political Quarterly, Volume: 11 issue: 1, page(s): 125-136. Issue published: March 1, 1958

Modern Methods of Teaching Political Science, Prem Lata Sharma, Sarup & Sons, 2002

POL 214 Nigerian Constitutional Studies

This course examines post-independence constitutional developments in Nigeria, its nature and characteristics with specific focus on the 1963, 1979, 1999 and subsequent constitutions. Particular attention should be paid to the Supremacy of the Constitution, Powers of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Fundamental Rights of Citizens, Powers and Limitations of the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Organs; Principles of State Policy, Formation and Operation of Political Parties; the Electoral Processes in Nigeria.

Recommended texts:

Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999

POL 215 Human Rights Education

This course covers the concept, history and types of Human Rights. It examines Human Rights and civic responsibilities. It also considers the Human Rights situation in Nigeria, its safeguards and limitations and the impact of Human Rights on national development.

The activities of some Human Rights groups are also examined.

Recommended texts:

Alfredsson, G., and Eide, A. (eds.) (1999) *The Universal Declaration of Human Rights: A Common Standard of Achievement*. The Hague: Martinus Nijhoff.

Alston, P., and Megret, F. (eds.) 2004 *The United Nations and Human Rights: A Critical Appraisal*, 2nd ed. Oxford: Oxford University Press

POL 216 Nation Building in Africa

The course focuses on the theories of nation-building, and economic development, nationalism, national unity and integration. It also examines problems of nation-building such as ethnicity, communal crises, racism, civil wars, one-party rule, military intervention and crises of the national question.

Recommended texts:

Alesina, A. and Reich, B., 2013. Nation building (No. w18839). National Bureau of Economic Research. Asante. M. K. 1988. Afrocentricity. Trenton: Africa World Press.

Bandyopadhyay, S. and Green, E., 2013. Nation-building and conflict in modern Africa. World Development, 45

Deng, F. 2008. Identity, Diversity, and Constitutionalism in Africa. Washington: United States Institute of Peace Press.

Nnyago, O.K. 2009. Challenges of Nation-Building, and Democratization in Africa.

POL 221 Introduction to Modern Political Thought

This course examines political theories of the nation-state and deals with a critical analysis of the contributions of political thinkers from Hobbes to the present. The political ideas of Michiavelli, Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau, Bentham, Burke, Hegel, Marx. J.S. Mill, Lenin and Mao are discussed to identify their contributions to such concepts as state, social justice, revolution, socialism, democracy, representation, Civil rights and sovereignty.

Recommended texts:

Skinner, Quentin. The Foundations of Modern Political Thought (2 vols., 1978),

Korab-Karpowicz, W. Julian. On the History of Political Philosophy: Great Political Thinkers

from Thucydides to Locke (Routledge, 2015)

Ryan, Alan. On Politics, a new history of political philosophy (2 vols., 2012), 1152 pp, Herodotus to the present

An Introduction to Political Thought - Key Concepts and Thinkers by Peri Roberts and Peter Sutch . Published by: NYU Press, December 2004

An Introduction to Modern Political Theory (3rd Edition) by Norman P. Barry

Leon P. Baradat, Political Ideologies- Their Origins and Impact, Engelwood Cliffs,. Prentice Hall,1979

Blurhm, W. (1965). Theories of the Political System. Englewood Cliffs, N.J. Prentice Hall, Inc.

POL 222 Principles of International Relations

The course examines the nature and scope of International Relations, differences between International Relations, International Politics and Foreign Policy; Instruments and techniques of interaction among states; the International system and its actors; Basic principles, objectives and goals of Foreign Policy making and implementation.

Recommended texts:

Principles and Problems of International Relations by P. G. Nutting in *The Scientific Monthly* Vol. 8, No. 1 (Jan., 1919), pp. 66-70 (5 pages)

Carlsnaes, Walter; et al., eds. (2012). Handbook of International Relations. SAGE Publications

Morganthau, Hans (1978). Politics Among Nations: The struggle for Power and Peace. New York.

Baylis, John (2011). The Globalization of World Politics. Oxford University Press

Fundamental Principles of International Relations by J. Martin Rochester, 2010.

Principles of International Relations by Joshua C Goldstein, American University, Washington D.C. and University of Massachusetts, Amherst

Jon C. W. Pevehouse, University of Wisconsin, Madison 2009, Pearson

Baylis, J. and Smith, S. (1997), The Globalisation and World Politics: An Introduction to International Relations. New York: Oxford University Press.

Clesse, A. et al. Ed., (1994); The International System After the Collapse of the East – West Order. London: Martins Nijhoff publishers.

POL 223 Nigerian Foreign Policy

The broad goals and development of Nigerian Foreign Policy in historical sequence are examined. The influence of domestic and external factors on Nigerian Foreign policy at different periods are also identified. The course also analyses the process of foreign policy formulation and implementation.

Recommended texts:

The Fundamentals of Nigerian Foreign Policy by John S. Stremlau Issue: A Journal of Opinion Vol. 11, No. 1/2 (Spring - Summer, 1981), pp. 46-50. Published by: Cambridge University Press

Adefunye, A. (1992); Culture and Foreign policy: The Nigerian Example. Lagos: Nigerian Institute of International Affairs.

Akinyemi, B., (ed), (1978). Nigeria and the World: Readings in Nigerian Foreign Policy. Ibadan: Oxford University Press.

Briggs, D.A. (2005). Ed; Nigeria in World Politics: Trends and Challenges. Essays in Honour of Major-General Joseph Nanven Garba. Kuru: Nigerian Institute of Policy and Strategic Studies (NPSS).

Chibundu, V.N. (2003). Foreign Policy: With Particular Reference to Nigeria (1961-2002). Ibadan: Spectrum Books.

POL 224 Political Science Research Methods

This course covers the nature of Political Science Research, basic concepts used in research, identification and selection of a research topic, research design, sampling techniques, instruments of data collection, data analysis and interpretation, writing a good research report, citations and references.

Recommended texts:

Logic And Methods Of Political Inquiry- NOUN Course material

Catlin, George E. G. 1927 *The Science and Method of Politics*. New York: Knopf; London: Routledge. Charlesworth, James C. (editor) 1962

POL 225 Introduction To Political Behaviours

The course deals with the basic concepts in political behaviours, political socialisation, political culture, political participation, political apathy (causes and effects), community power structure, elections and gender roles in politics.

Recommended texts:

Bentley, Arthur F. (1908) 1949 The Process of Government: A Study of Social Pressures.

Bloomington, Ind.: Principia Press.

Butler, David E. 1962 The Study of Political Behavior in Britain. Pages 209-216 in Austin

Ranney (editor), Essays on the Behavioral Study of Politics. Urbana: Univ. of Illinois Press.

Campbell, Angus; Gurin, Gerald; and Miller, Warren E. 1954 The Voter Decides. Evanston, III.:

Row, Peterson.

Hyman, Herbert H. 1959 Political Socialization: A Study in the Psychology of Political

Behavior. Glencoe, III.: Free Press.

POL 226 Political Parties And Pressure Groups

This course reviews the nature of political parties, types and functions of political parties, party

systems, political parties in Nigeria, Pressure groups. The role of public opinion in the machinery

of government, its determinants, functions and measurement are also studied.

Recommended texts:

Key, Valdimer O. 1961 Public Opinion and American Democracy. New York: Knopf.

Lippmann, Walter (1922) 1944 Public Opinion. New York: Macmillan

Year III, First Semester: Teaching Practice

POL 321 African Political Thought

The course surveys the ideas of leading African Political Thinkers both on the continent and

diaspora such as Edward Blyden, Mercus Garvey, W.E.B. Dubois, Frantz Fanon, Leopold Sedar

Senghor, Kwame Nkrumah, ObafemiAwolowo, NnamdiAzikiwe and Julius Nyerere etc. Such

ideas include African Personality, African Socialism, African Democracy, Negritude,

Colonialism, Neo-colonialism and African Unity.

Recommended texts:

African Political Thought by Martin, G., 2012. Publisher: Palgrave Macmillan US

Stephen Chan, Grasping Africa, London: I.B. tauris 2007

African Political Thought by D. A. Masolo . published: September 2014

POL 322 International Organizations

The course considers the concept of international organization and its characteristic features. It then examines the structure, functions and problems of specific international organisations such as the League of Nations, the U.N.O., the Commonwealth of Nations; O.A.U or African Union. ECOWAS and the European Union. NEPAD, NATO and OPEC were to be studied.

Recommended texts:

Berkov, Robert 1957*The World Health Organization: A Study in Decentralized International Administration*. Geneva: Droz.

Haas, ErnstB. 1964 Beyond the Nation-state: Functionalism and International Organization. Stanford Univ. Press.

Alvarez, J. (2005) *International Organizations as Law Makers*. New York: Oxford University Press

Barnett, M., and Finnemore, M. (2004) *Rules for the World: International Organizations in Global Politics*. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press.

Beigbeder, Y. (1997). The Internal Management of United Nations Organizations: The Long Quest For Reform. New York: St. Martin's Press.

Bhatia, M.V. (2003) War and Intervention: A Global Survey of Peace Operations. Bloomfield: Kumarian Press.

A World Beyond Borders: An Introduction To The History Of International Organizations David Mackenzie, 2010. University of Toronto Press.

POL 323 Nigerian Public Administration

This is the study of the evolution of Nigerian Public administration from the colonial era to the present. It examines the civil service, its structure, administration of state and federal governments, public corporations, field administration and revenue allocation. The effects of public administration on the political development of Nigeria are also given a close study.

Recommended texts:

Elements Of Public Administration Paperback – March 15, 2007

by James W. Fesler

Elements of public administration by Fritz Morstein Marx Prentice-Hall-inc., 1948

Introduction to Nigerian public administration, edited by Stan Aibieyi, Benin City : Ethiope Publishing Corporation, 2011

POL 324 Political Economy of African States

The course introduces students to the concept of Political Economy and examines topics such as

modes of production, classes, stages and processes of subjugation, domination and exploitation

of Africa by Europe and America, and the effects of these on socio-economic development of

Africa. It also examines the position of Africa in the present structure of the international system

and globalization.

Recommended texts:

Africa's Political Economy in the Contemporary Era by Peter M. Lewis. The Oxford Handbook

of the Politics of Development Edited by Carol Lancaster and Nicolas van de Walle. July 2018

Explanatory Notes on the Political Economy of Africa by Claude Ake in *The Journal of Modern*

African Studies Vol. 14, No. 1 (Mar., 1976), pp. 1-23

Ake, C. (1981), A Political Economy of Africa, Lagos: Longman Group Limited

POL 325 Local Government Studies

The course reviews the nature, scope, purpose and functions of local Government, types of local

system, structure, organization, staffing, control and funding of Local Government. Other topics

include the development of Native Administration in Nigeria, the development of modern Local

Government in Nigeria with particular reference to the Local Government Ordinance of 1950 of

Eastern Nigeria, the Western Nigeria Law of 1952, Native Authority Law of 1954, the 1976 and

post 1976 Local Government Reforms. The basic structure, functions, sources of Local

Government revenue under each of the republics and military rule, relations with state and

Federal Government and problems of Local Government in Nigeria are examined and analysed.

Recommended texts:

Introduction to local government studies in Nigeria O.A. Babatope. 1st ed.

2004 (Oyo: Abu Qusim Printing Press)

The Oxford Handbook of State and Local Government

Edited by Donald P. Haider-Marke, 2014

Understanding local government (Studies in public administration)

Jeffrey Stanyer. Fontana Press, 1976.

Local government in the modern state (Modern legal studies)

Martin Loughlin. Publisher: Sweet & Maxwell, 1986

The Theory and Practice of Local Government Reform. Edited by Brian E. Dollery, and Lorenzo Robotti. Publication date 01 Feb 2009. Publisher Edward Elgar Publishing Ltd