



**LEAD CITY UNIVERSITY**  
**Faculty of Social and Management Sciences**  
**Department of Sociology and Psychology**

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### **COURSE PARTICULARS**

**Course Code:** SOC 115  
**Course Title:** Introduction to Social Institution  
**No. of Units:** 2  
**Status:** Compulsory

### **LECTURER DETAILS**

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### **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course provides background information to a branch of sociology which covers social and institutions and socialization.

### **COURSE OBJECTIVES**

- To facilitate students' understanding in identifying the various social institutions
- To establish the interconnection between the various components of social institutions in a whole society.

### **ASSESSMENT**

Class Attendance                      5 marks  
Test(s) and Assignments            25 marks  
Final Examination                    70 marks

### **LECTURE PLAN**

Week	Topic
Week 1	General introduction of course outline
Week 2	Definitions of concepts of social institution
Week 3	Family as a social institution/ Sociological Perspectives on the family
Week 4	Religion as a social institution
Week 5	Sociological perspectives on Religion/Components of religion
Week 6	Education institution/Sociological perspectives on education
Week 7	Economy as a social institution
Week 8	Economic systems/changing economies

Week 9	Government and Politics as social institutions
Week 10	Power and authority/Types of Government
Week 11	Emergence and collapse of social institutions
Week 12	Health, Medicine and the Environment
Week 13	Sociological perspectives on health and illness/Environmental problems
Week 14	Social institutions, social control and social policy
Week 15	Revision and discussion of tutorial questions

## READING LIST

- Salawu, B. (ed): Sociology concepts and themes – an introduction. Ibadan: Cresthill Ltd (2004)
- Henslin, J.M., Glenday, D. Duffy, and Pupo, N. (eds): Sociology: a down-to-earth approach (2<sup>nd</sup> Canadian edition). Toronto: Pearson Education Canada Inc. (2001)

## TUTORIAL QUESTIONS (12 questions)

1. Define social institution and discuss functions of three of its components
2. What is the family? List five types of family? Discuss two Sociological Perspectives on the family?
3. Briefly discuss the following:
  - a. Religion and social change
  - b. Religion and social support
  - c. Components of religion
  - d. Denominations and Sects
  - e. Social policy
4. What do you understand by education? Discuss Functionalist, Conflict and Interactionist perspectives on education?
5. Discuss the following briefly:
  - a. Capitalism
  - b. Socialism
  - c. The informal economy
  - d. Deindustrialisation
  - e. Social control
6. Briefly discuss a-d giving examples of countries that operate the type of government?
  - a. Monarchy
  - b. Oligarchy
  - c. Dictatorship and Totalitarianism
  - d. Democracy
  - e. Differentiate between power and authority
7. Discuss Religion and Education as social institutions, how does dysfunction in one affect the other?
8. Explain how community-based associations may become the platforms for planning and management of environmental resources.

9. Discuss the significances of social institutions for national development (with at least 8 points).
10. Explain the concepts of social control as one of the canon of social institutions?
11. The Nigeria's governance dilemma is rooted in weak social institutions. Do you agree with this statement? Justify your stand.
12. Discuss the roles of the state as a social institution in building patriotic citizens.