# LEAD CITY UNIVERSITY

#### FACULTY OF ARTS AND EDUCATION

#### DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCE EDUCATION

# **COURSE PARTICULARS**

Course Code: SSE 413

Course Title: Population and Economics Development in Nigeria

No of Units: 2

**Status:** Compulsory

**Semester:** 2018/2019 Second Semester

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#### Introduction

Nigeria is the most populous country in Africa and the tenth in the world. These include the major demographic features as obtained from two major sources, viz, various censuses and the Population Reference Bureau (PRB) world population data sheet. This rapid population growth has economic, social and political effects. It also interacts with public education, health and welfare, and the quality of the environment in which people live. Population growth affects economic development in two ways; by promoting economic development this occurs in the developed economics, by retarding economic development this occurs in the developing countries like Nigeria.

# **Course Description**

The study of population and economics in Nigeria is important to students of Social studies to understand the concepts and determinants of economic growth and development. This course will also, expose students to structures and common characteristics of less developed countries. It will show the dynamic relationship between environmental and social factors.

## **Course Objective**

At the end of the lesson, the students should be able to:

- 1. mention the determinants of economic growth in and development;
- 2. discuss the diversity in structures of less developed countries;

- 3. list at least five common characteristics of less developed countries;
- 4. discuss at least one theory of Economic development;
- 5. discuss at least one Economic growth Model;
- 6. describe the trend in population growth and development
- 7. explain population and Economics development in Nigeria;

## **Teaching Plan**

- Week 1: Conceptual Clarification
- Week 2: Economic Development
- Week 3: Measuring Economic Development
- Week 4: Determinants of Economic Growth and Development
- Week 5: Diversity in Structures of Less Developed Countries
- Week 6: Common Characteristics of Less Developed Countries
- Week 7: Survey of some selected Theories of Economic Development
- Week 8: Some Economic Growth Models
- Week 9: Trend in Population Growth and Development
- Week 10: Population growth rate
- Week 11: Dynamic relationships between Environmental and Social Factors
- Week 12: The Transition of societies from Hunting and Gathering to Agriculture
- Week 13: Population and Economic Development in Nigeria

## References

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#### Assessment

Attendance = 10%Class Test = 20%Term Paper = 10%Examination = 60%Total = 100%

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# **Tutorial Questions**

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- 1. Explain the following Concepts
  - a. Development
  - b. Growth
  - c. Economics
  - d. Population
  - e. Gross Domestic Product
- 2. What do you understand by Economic Development?
- 3. Per capita income has been one of the earliest and also a popular measure of economic development. Discuss
- 4. What are the determinants of Economic growth and development?
- 5. Mention and Explain at least five structures of Less Developed Countries
- 6. Mention and explain five common characteristics of Less Developed Countries
- 7. Explain vividly one theory of Economic development
- 8. a. Explain one Economic Growth Model of your choice
  - b. State the importance of the Economic Growth Model mentioned in (a) above
- 9. Explain the trend in Population Growth and Development
- 10. What is population growth rate?
- 11. What are the relationships between environmental and social factors?
- 12. Explain the transition of societies from Hunting and Gathering to Agriculture
- 13. Discuss the Population and Economic development in Nigeria