

**LEAD CITY UNIVERSITY, IBADAN
FACULTY OF ARTS AND EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL MANAGEMENT**

COURSE PARTICULARS

Course Code: SSE 211
Course Title: Elements of Government
No of Units: 2
Status: Compulsory

LECTURER DETAILS

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Course Objectives: On successful completion of the course, students should be able to:

1. Define the nature, scope, forms and functions of government, and be able to make contact or distinction between one form of government and another.
2. Know the different institutions of government, their functions and relationships, as well as their mutual dependence in the performance of most of these functions.
3. Know that each country operate different forms of government and that every country adopts a particular system of government because it is suitable or its peculiar circumstances.
4. Explain, using Nigeria as a case study and going through their travails and triumphs.

Lecture Plan:

Week 1 & 2: Meaning, Nature and Scope of government. (a) Concept of Government (b) Functions of Government (c) Government and State: Similarities and Dissimilarities
Week 3 & 4: Organs of Government and their functions. (a) composition and functions of the Executive (b) Checks and Balance in action (c) Types of Legislature
Week 5: Operations and Regulation of Government Business
Week 6 & 7: Party System/Electoral Process in Nigeria: Forms/Types of Government (a) Aristocracy, Totalitarianism, Oligarchy, Democracy
Week 8: Presidential System of Government
Week 9 & 10: The Legislative: Functions & Structure. (a) Functions of the legislature (b) Unicameral
Week 11: Revision and Test
Week 12: Examination

Course Requirement/Assessment

Test	30%
Examination	70%
Total	100%

Suggested Reading:

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TUTORIAL QUESTIONS

1. (a) Define the concept of government from various perspective.
(b) Differentiate between state and government.
2. Critically examine the composition of the Executive, Legislative and the Judiciary in Nigeria.
3. Discuss the interrelations between the three arms of government and explain important functions of the three arms of government in Nigeria.
4. Describe necessary conditions for the practice of democracy.
5. Identify and discuss specific features of the presidential system that could lead to dictatorship.

6. Elucidate how the doctrine of checks and balances guides the operations of the presidential system from the excess of an overbearing president.
7. Enumerate reasons you can recommend presidential system as a system of government for your country.
8. Discuss the major functions of the legislative arm of government.
9. Juxtapose some advantages and disadvantages of unicameral legislative.
10. Discuss the conditions that can make a country adopt a bicameral legislative.
11. Justify delegated judicial legislation despite the technicalities involved.
12. Enumerate the objectives of checks and balances.

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TUTORIAL QUESTIONS

1. (a) Define the concept of government from various perspective. **2 marks x 5 points**
(b) Differentiate between state and government. **4 marks x 5 points**
2. Critically examine the composition of the Executive, Legislative and the Judiciary in Nigeria. **2 marks x 5 points**
3. Discuss the interrelations between the three arms of government and explain important functions of the three arms of government in Nigeria. **2 marks x 5 points**
4. Describe necessary conditions for the practice of democracy. **4 marks x 5 points**
5. Identify and discuss specific features of the presidential system that could lead to dictatorship. **4 marks x 5 points**
6. Elucidate how the doctrine of checks and balances guides the operations of the presidential system from the excess of an overbearing president. **20 marks**
7. Enumerate reasons you can recommend presidential system as a system of government for your country. **20 marks**
8. Discuss the major functions of the legislative arm of government. **20 marks**
9. Juxtapose some advantages and disadvantages of unicameral legislative. **4 marks x 5 points**

10. Discuss the conditions that can make a country adopt a bicameral legislative. **20**
marks

11. Justify delegated judicial legislation despite the technicalities involved. **20**
marks

12. Enumerate the objectives of checks and balances. **4 marks x 5**
points