

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

COURSE PARTICULARS

Course Code: SSE 311
Course Title: Politics, Power, Government in Nigeria
No of Units: 2
Status: Compulsory

LECTURER DETAILS

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Course Description: Basic principles and concepts of government, separation of powers and checks and balances; party system and politics.

Course Objectives: At the end of the course, (1) the students would know their rights, duties and obligation as citizens. (2) those interested in politics would be equipped (3) the acquire sound knowledge of government.

Lecture Plan:

- WK 1 - Concept of government – as an institution, an art of governing.
- WK 2 - Attributes of government, functions of government, why we study government
- WK 3 - The state, characteristics of a state, relationship between the state and the government.
- WK 4 - Concept and forms of power, sources of power/means of acquisition of power.
- WK 5 - Concept of authority, types of authority.
- WK 6 - Differences between power and authority.
- WK 7 - Government in Nigeria – features/characteristics of democracy – demerits.
- WK 8 - Etymology/history, the varieties of political experiences.
- WK 9 - Political Parties.
- WK 10 - Political Corruption.
- WK 11 - Revision and Test.

Course Requirement/Assessment

Test/Continuous Assessment	30%
Examination	70%
Total	100%

Suggested Reading List:

Anyaele, Johnson Ugoji (2003) Comprehensive Government. A. Johnson Publishers Ltd, Lagos
en.wikipedia.org/wiki/politics

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TUTORIAL QUESTIONS

1. Discuss government as:
 - (a) Institution of the state.
 - (b) A process/art of governing .
2. Elucidate on why government is an academic field of study.
3. Discuss the differences between power and authority.
4. Explain the meaning and forms of power
 - (a) Discuss the sources of power.
5. (a) Justify the basic benefits of a democratic society.

- (b) Using Nigeria as a case study, list and discuss the problems of democracy.
6. (a) Discuss the functions of government.
(b) Elucidate importance of the study of Government.
 7. Discuss political corruption in its entirety.
 8. (a) What do you understand by Political Party?
(b) Differentiate between party systems and political parties.
 9. Mention and discuss four types of political parties.
 10. Highlight and discuss ten reasons why political parties are formed.
 11. Discuss the merits of political parties.
 12. Explain the meaning and features of one-party system.

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marks
 - (a) Institution of the state.
 - (b) A process/art of governing. **10****marks**
2. Elucidate on why government is an academic field of study. **20**
marks
3. Discuss the differences between power and authority. **10**
marks x 2
4. (a) Explain the meaning and forms of power. **5**
marks x 2
 - (b) Discuss the sources of power. **10****marks**
5. (a) Justify the basic benefits of a democratic society. **10**
marks
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marks 4
12. Explain the meaning and features of one-party system. **20**
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