



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

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**COURSE PARTICULARS**

**Course Code:** SOC 213  
**Course Title:** Language, Culture and Society  
**No. of Units:** 3  
**Status:** Compulsory

**LECTURER DETAILS**

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**Course Description:**

The course will examine the social and cultural functions of language with particular reference to Nigeria and other West African societies. The course will cover theories of language and interrelations of language and culture within the purview of human society.

**Objectives:**

To make students gain understanding of the importance of language to human race. To make students gain perspectives of the theories and structure of language. To help students understand the concept of society and the dependence on language. To help students acquire knowledge of the work of sociologists in Media Analysis. To make students appreciate the evolving nature of society.

**Course Assessment: Grand Total = 100%**  
-Attendance: 5 marks  
-Test(s) and Assignments: 25 marks  
-Final Examination: 70%

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**LECTURE PLAN**

Weeks	Topics
1	Language: Meaning and nature (verbal and non-verbal); Origin and Theories of Language
2	Language: Processes of language acquisition; Linguistic divergence (socio-linguistic); Stages of Language development
3	Language: Structure of Language; Syntax, Phonology, Semantics; Comparative methods in Linguistics; The Sapir-Whorf's Hypothesis.
4	Culture: Meaning (from different Anthropological and Sociological perspectives)
5	Culture: Types and Components
6	Forms of Culture

7	Theories of Culture: Structural-Functionalism; Marxists theory; Neo-Marxist theorists;
8	Theories of Culture: Symbolic Interactionism; Modern and Post-Modern theories of Culture
9	Culture and Identity
10	Structuralism and Post-structuralism.
11	Society: Meaning and characteristics
12	Classification of society: Emile Durkheim; Herbert Spencer; Ferdinand Tonnies; Karl Marx.
13	The evolutionary development of human society: Auguste Comte; Anthony Giddens; Henry Morgan; Karl Marx
14	Structure and Functional Pre-requisites of a Society
15	Social Institutions: Family, School/Education, Religion, Economic, Political, Organisation.

### **READING LISTS:**

- Giddens, Anthony. 2010. Sociology. 6<sup>th</sup> Edition. Wiley India Pvt, Ltd. New-Delhi, India.
- Haralambos, M., Holborn, M & Heald, R. 2004. Sociology: Themes & Perspectives. 6<sup>th</sup> Ed. Harper Collins, London.
- DiRenzo, J. Gordon. 1987. Human Social Behaviour: Concept & Principles of Sociology.....
- Sherman, H. J. & Wood, J. L..... Sociology: Traditional and Radical Perspectives. Harper & Row Pub. London.
- Nisbet, A. Robert. 1967. The Sociological Tradition. Heinemann Educational Books, London.

### **TUTORIAL QUESTIONS:**

1. (a). What is **CULTURE**? Explain from different Anthropological and Sociological views.  
(b). Culture is **Learned** and **Shared**. Critically evaluate this statement.
2. Discuss Structural-Functionalist and Marxist theories Culture.  
(b). List and explain the different Components of Culture.
3. Discuss with relevant examples the relationship between Culture and Identity.  
(a). What do you understand by the term Society? (b).What are the features of a Society?
4. Compare Emile Durkheim, Herbert Spencer, and Ferdinand Tonnies' classification of Societies.
5. Write short notes on the following Social Institutions: (a) Family (b) School/Education (c) Religion (d) Politics (e) Economic
6. (a). What do you understand by the term "**LANGUAGE**"?  
(b). Discuss the Theoretical Explanation on the origin of Language?  
(c). Discus the Saphir-Whorf's Hypothesis on Language?

7. (a). Describe the various processes of Language Acquisition.  
(b). Describe the different stages of Language Development. Compare Auguste Comte and Henry Morgan's classification of Societies.
8. Write short notes on the following Social Institutions: (a) Family (b) School/Education  
(c) Religion (d) Politics (e) Economic
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(b). Discuss the Theoretical Explanation on the origin of Language.
10. (a). Describe the various processes of Language Acquisition.  
(b). Describe the different stages of Language Development.
11. (a). Discuss the Socio-cultural relevance of Language.  
(b). Discuss the Sapir-Whorf's Hypothesis on Language.
12. (a). What is **CULTURE**? Explain from different Anthropological and Sociological views. (b). Culture is **Learned** and **Shared**. Critically evaluate this statement.

