



LEAD CITY UNIVERSITY
Faculty of Social & Management Sciences
Department of Sociology

COURSE PARTICULARS

Course Code: SOC 216
Course Title: Structure of Nigerian Society
Number of Units: 2units
Status: Compulsory

LECTURER DETAILS

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COURSE DESCRIPTION(S):

The course is designed to give a broad perspective and a holistic analysis of the fundamental characteristics of the Nigerian state as “a society of societies”, focusing on its chronological backgrounds in the Pre-colonial epoch to the contemporary times through its evolution as a colonial National state in Africa. Government of any Kind usually affects human activities. Thus, the patterns of social order and the dynamics of social change in the Nigerian social systems are understood by focusing on the relationship between political rule, economic structure and cultural life.

COURSE OBJECTIVE(S):

- ✓ To enhance a sociological understanding analysis of the socio structure of the geo political zones in Nigeria
- ✓ enlighten students about the social structure of the Niger Area before amalgamation and the subsequent emergence of the Nigerian State
- ✓ To understand Colonialism and its Impacts as manifested in the prevailing social conditions
- ✓ to understand the diversity of Nigeria in terms of geography, ethnicity, religion, population etc and its impacts on the Nigerian society
- ✓ to examine the dynamics of population growth and its impacts on the social structure

Assessment: 100%

Class attendant: 5marks

Test and assignments 25marks

Final Examination 70 marks

LECTURE PLAN

Week	Topic
1	Society /Social Structure: Definitions and relationship, Elements of social structure
2	Functional and conflict perspectives on the society and social structure

3	Pre- colonial Epoch: History/social organizations of the Peoples of the Niger –area before amalgamation (emphasis on the Indigenous economies and Political Systems)
4	Colonialism and its impacts on the social structure the people Emergence of the Nigerian State
5	Regional grouping and Characteristics Nigeria (Pre &Post independence)
6	The Diversity of Nigeria and its implication for growth, unity and national development
7	Thematic Presentation (Nigerian Federal System , The old Oyo Empire -the kingdom of Nri the Bornu Empire - the Benin kingdom
8	the Nigerian Economy and Livelihood patterns across ethnic communities
9	Women’s status and roles in social system
10	Sustainable development Goals & contemporary social problems in Nigeria
11	Urbanization in Nigeria and its effects, history- Census and Population Policy
12	Ethnicity, Religious beliefs Health care systems

READING LIST

1. Jegede, A., Olutayo, O., Omololu and Owumi, B. (eds) 2012. *People and Cultures of Nigeria* Department of Sociology University of Ibadan, Ibadan:Samlad Press Ibadan
2. Salawu, B. (ed) 2004. *Sociology concepts and themes – an introduction*. Ibadan. Cresthill Ltd
3. Olurode, L. and Soyinbo, O. (eds) 2003 *Sociology for beginners*. Lagos : John West

TUTORIAL QUESTIONS

1. a) what do you understand by the term “social structure of a society”
b) Discuss the roles of social institutions in national development
2. a) Nigeria is a multiethnic society, discuss the impacts of ethnic plurality on national development b) Outline and discuss the various efforts of the Nigerian Government and Individuals in fostering National Unity.
3. Discuss the key features of the federal system of government in Nigeria and its implication
4. a)Discuss any two sociological perspectives on the social structure of the society
b) What do you understand by the term “Sociological Imaginations?”
5. Write short notes on the following empires and kingdom in pre colonial Nigeria:
 - a) The old Oyo Empire
 - b) the kingdom of Nri
 - c) the Bornu Empire
 - d) the Benin kingdom
6. Discuss the defining characteristics of Nigeria’s geography and its implication on the social structure of Nigeria

7. Highlight the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) and discuss its applicability to Nigeria
8. a) Draw the map of Nigeria, indicate the geopolitical zones and list the states within each of the geo-political Zones
9. Highlight and discuss at least one social problem peculiar to each of the geo-political zones in Nigeria
10. a) Compare the features of the traditional economy with modern economy
b) Discuss the various challenges of the Nigerian economy
11. Discuss the chronological antecedents of the emergence of the Nigerian State
12. Discuss the distinctive social structures and livelihood patterns of the following people of Nigeria a) the northern area b) the middle belt c) the southern area