



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

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**COURSE PARTICULARS**

**Course Code:** SOC 218  
**Course Title:** Sociology of Women and Gender Studies  
**No. of Units:** 2  
**Status:** Elective

**LECTURER DETAILS**

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**Course Description:** This course introduces students to contemporary discourse in the field of women's studies. It focuses on impacts of culture, religion, politics and societal values on women's lives and statuses. It further exposes students to some feminist theories and their criticisms. The course deals mainly with the explanations for the differences in the behavior of men and women which are learned rather than being the inevitable result of biology. Of particular importance are the effects of culture, beliefs, patriarchy and some traditional practices, on the lives and behavior patterns of men and women.

**Objectives:** The course is designed to expose students to the issue of gender as a core aspect of social organization and inequality; introduce them to the basic concepts in women and gender studies and expose them to the theoretical framework relevant in women studies

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**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	Introduction to Women studies. The need for women Studies.
2	Overview of discrimination against Women in all its ramifications
3	Some basic concepts in women studies- Gender, Gender equality, Gender analysis, Gender mainstreaming, Feminism, Masculinity, Sexuality.
4	Gender and Gender role socialization (Ann Oakley & Criticisms)
5	Culture and Status of Women; Factors Influencing Gender Role Socialization
6	Feminist Theories and Criticisms
7	Religion and the Position of Women
8	Women and the Law
9	Domestic Violence & Intimate Partners Violence
10	Women in Agriculture
11	Inequality and Women's Health

**READING LISTS:**

1. Amodu Sesay & Adetanwa Odebiyi (1998) eds Nigerian Women in Society & Development, Dokun Publishing House, Ibadan.
2. Stevi Jackson et al (1993) eds Women Studies. A Reader Harvester Wheatsheaf. Great Britain.
3. N. Hafkin & Edna Bay (1976) Women in Africa: Studies in Social & Economic Change, Stanford University Press Stanford, California

**TUTORIAL QUESTIONS:**

1. Why is the study of women important?
- 2a). Why do women suffer discrimination?  
b). In what ways do they suffer discrimination?
3. Write short notes on the following concepts: Gender Roles, Sexuality, Masculinity, Feminism, Gender Mainstreaming, Sexism, Gender Analysis.
- 4a). What is Gender Role Socialisation?
5. How does culture affect the position and health of women?
6. Discuss the major feminist theories and their criticisms?
- 7a). How does religion impact on the status of the Nigerian Women?  
b). Discuss the status of women within the context of some major religions in the world.
8. What role is the International community playing in addressing women's inequality?
9. What factors impact on women's health in Nigeria?
10. How does the Nigerian law further perpetuate discrimination against women?
- 11a). What do you understand by violence against women?  
b). What factors encourage violence against women in the Nigerian society?
- 12a). Women are key players in the Nigerian agricultural sector. Discuss.  
b). What are the major problems confronting women in agriculture in Nigeria?

