



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

COURSE PARTICULARS

Course Code: SOC 316

Course Title: Sociology of Race, Ethnicity and Nationality

No. of Units: 2

Status: required

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

Race does not exist in any identifiable physical or biological sense. For many years and in the contemporary, scholars have struggled with racial classifications. Despite the social construction of race, race is extremely real in the effect it can have on our lives as individuals and as members of society. By studying race, ethnicity and nationalism, there is every possible way to explore the “why” race still matters and explore the intersections between race, social institutions, and other types of inequality and in ways that may have long lasting impacts on individuals across their life course.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

The course aims to describe race and ethnicity as social constructions and how they are connected. It aims to develop an understanding of how the idea of race has emerged and developed in Nigeria. It aims to investigate how race intersects with other systems of inequality (class, gender) between race and significant social institutions. Finally, the course explains the relationship between racial privilege and social inequality.

ASSESSMENT

Class Attendance	5 marks
Test(s) and Assignments	25 marks
Final Examination	70 marks

LECTURE PLAN

Week	Topic
Week 1	Introduction: General Discourse on Race, Ethnicity and Nationality
Week 2	Theories of Race and Ethnicity a. Functionalist b. Conflict c. Interactionist
Week 3	Identity, Stereotypes and Segregation
Week 4	Prejudice and Discrimination
Week 5	Majority and the Minority Issues
Week 6	Privileges of the Dominant and Pains of the Dominated
Week 7	Patterns of Inter-group Relations
Week 8	Colonial and Post-Colonial Ethnic Politics in Nigeria
Week 9	Ethnic Conflicts in Nigeria
Week 10	Politics and Ethnicity in Nigeria
Week 11	Mutual Suspicion and Geo-Politics
Week 12	Ethnicity and Development in Nigeria

READING LIST

1. Cashmore, E. (2004). *Encyclopedia of Race and Ethnic Studies*. Routledge, Taylor and Francis Group.

2. Romero, S. (2010). Race and Ethnicity. Chapter Nine, downloaded from <https://sociology.boisestate.edu/wp-content/uploads/2010/07/Race-and-Ethnicity-Sergio-Romero.pdf>
3. Schaefer, R.T. (2003). *Sociology*. McGraw-Hill International Edition.
4. Raymond Scupin. Chapter One - Race and Ethnicity: Anthropological and Sociological Perspectives, downloaded from <http://dl4a.org/uploads/pdf/0205064477.pdf>

TUTORIAL QUESTIONS (12 questions)

1. Differentiate between the concepts of Race, Ethnicity and Nationality
2. Examine the theoretical perspectives of race and ethnicity.
3. Discuss how stereotyping impacts inter-ethnic relations with particular reference to Nigeria
4. Explain the following concepts: (a) Amalgamation (b) Assimilation,
(c) Segregation (d) Pluralism
5. a. Explain what is meant by Social majority and Social minority
b. Examine how majority and minority politics plays out in Nigeria.
6. Discuss the privileges and pains that are experienced in majority-minority relations.
7. Discuss the patterns of intergroup relations. Make a reference to Nigeria.
8. Write short notes on: (a). Identity (b). Stereotype
(c). Prejudice (d). Discrimination
9. Discuss the inevitability of ethnic conflicts in Nigeria. Support your points using 3 ethnic conflicts across the country.
10. Explain the concept of mutual suspicion in the Nigerian political system. Give examples across the ethnic groups to support your points.
11. How has colonialism impacted ethnic relations in Nigeria?
12. Examine the impact of ethnicity on development in Nigeria