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**Course Code:** Pol 1301 **Credit Unit:**3 **Course Title:** Introduction to Political Science

**Level:** 100

**Semester:** First

**Session:** 2018/2019

**Class Venue:** AUD.

**Time:** Thursday, 4 PM to 6 PM

**Course Lecturer:** P.S.Rwang

### **Course Description**

This course provides a comprehensive and contemporary introduction to the study of Politics. It attempts to provide the students with the necessary tools to understand the most complex activities around them with their eyes opened. At the end of this course, the students will have acquired a detailed knowledge and understanding of the underlying concepts in political science. They will also have acquired an appreciation of the significance of political science as well as gain a wider knowledge of the world of politics. Again, the basic purpose of this course is to introduce political science to students, for them to have a good knowledge of the course they are studying, to know they opportunities available to them in studying the course, the advantages available to them and how to compete favourably in the world of politics, governance, power and authority respectively.

### **Course Objectives**

By the end of the course, the students are expected:

1. The students are expected to have been equipped with core knowledge of political science and sound details of what the course is all about.
2. To enable the students have a better understanding of what politics and to know the facts about why political science is indeed a science.
3. The students will have the boldness and skill to discuss politics and analyze it accurately.
4. To familiarize students with the core tenets and concepts in political science.
5. Prepare the students for the future and examination, term paper and test(s) with much ease

### **Course requirements and appraisal**

The class will involve a combination of lectures, assignments, discussions and presentations. The tutor's expectations for a student taking this course are that you regularly attend class, stay current with the Reading Assignments, and regularly read Books, Journals, Magazines that are politics and governance based and contemporary issues in the global arena. Students are also

expected to think globally and locally with knowledge gathered in this course, because this course is the mother and queen of all courses in the social sciences.

## **PARTICIPATION**

Since learning is not a spectator sport, and also an all season activity. It is essential that students attend class, prepare assignments in advance, and participate regularly in course discussions and debates. Students who are actively engaged in the course will gain more knowledge that will guide throughout their studies as prospective political scientist.

At the end of the Course there will be an examination which shall account for 60% of the total marks earnable. Continues assessment [CA] will account for 40% that cut across Personal assignment 10%, Test Writing 15% and term paper presentation 15%. Note; according to the school rules for examination qualification seating, every student is expected to have at least 75% attendance. You are therefore advised to be punctual to classes and be present in class for lectures. No student is expected to walk in and out of the class unceremoniously. The dates for test, submission of assignments and term paper presentations shall be duly announced, students are warned to take instructions seriously.

Class interaction is very necessary; students are expected to ask questions and attempt questions during lectures and prepare well outside of the classes through tutorials and critical personal studies and readings ahead.

In normal lecture duration of 13 weeks for the semester, 44 hours of lectures is planned for the course, that is, 4 hours per week or more for the twelve weeks excluding revision and examination periods. Special attention maybe considered for extra classes if need be. Take note and have an open mind.

## **CLASSROOM INTERACTION**

Please do not be discouraged from raising your hand to speak during lectures or ask questions. We believe that the learning experience is always most effective when it is interactive, and we will do our best to answer your questions. Also, during lecture we often will pose questions for the class to consider. If you raise your hand and the lecturer do not call on you, attribute this to time constraints and don't be deterred from asking or answering a question subsequently.

**CELL PHONES:** students are expected to switch off their phones or put it on a courtesy mood during lectures.

**Course Assessment/Evaluation strategy:**

<b>Mode of Assessment</b>		<b>Marking Scheme</b>
a. Continuous Assessment (40%)	75% Attendance	%
	Individual Written Assignment	10%
	Group Assignment presentations	15%
	Written Test	15%
b. End of Semester Examination		60%
<b>Total</b>		<b>100%</b>

**Instructional Materials:** Lecture Notes and Relevant Textbooks Chapters/pages

**Course Outline**

**Week 1: MEANING AND SCOPE OF POLITICAL SCIENCE**

- a. Understanding Political Science
- b. Conceptualizing Politics
- c. Is Politics a Science?
- d. Political Science as an Academic Discipline

**Week 2: BASIC CONCEPTS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE**

Globalization, NEPAD, APRM, Constitution, Constitutionalism, Corruption, Human Rights, Leadership, Gender Mainstreaming, Interventionism, Lobby, Nationalism, Pluralism, Revolution, Rule of Law, Separation of Powers and Development etc

**Week 3: THE STATE**

- a. Understanding the State
- b. Features of the State
- c. The functions of the State

**Week 4: GOVERNMENT**

- a. Understanding Government
- b. Attributes of Government
- c. Organs of Government
- d. Types of Government
- e. Forms of Government
- f. Systems of Government

**Week 5: GOVERNANCE**

- a. Understanding Governance

- b. Attributes of Good Governance
- c. Political and Democratic Governance
- d. Socio-economic Governance
- e. Corporate Governance
- f. Economic Governance

**Week 6: PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND BUREAUCRACIES**

- a. What is Public Administration?
- b. Functions of Public Administration
- c. Bureaucracies
- d. Functions of Bureaucracies

**Week 7: PUBLIC POLICY**

- a. Understanding Public Policy
- b. Public Policy Process

**Week 8: GLOBAL POLITICS**

- a. Foreign Policy
- b. International Relations
- c. International Law
- d. International Politics
- e. International Organization
- f. Diplomacy
- g. Globalization

**Week 9: STRATEGIC STUDIES**

- a. Understanding Strategic Studies
- b. Conflict
- c. War
- d. Security
- e. Terrorism

**Week 10: PEACE STUDIES**

- a. Understanding Peace
- b. Peacemaking
- c. Peacekeeping and peace-enforcement
- d. Peace building

**Week 11: POLITICAL ECONOMY**

- a. What is Political Economy?
- b. Essentials of Political Economy
- c. Liberal Political Economy
- d. Marxist Political Economy

**Week12:** Written CA Test/ Group Assignment Presentations

**Wee13:** Group Assignment Presentations/ Revision

### **Further Reading Materials (Available in the University Library)**

- Anifowose R. And Enumou F. (1999) Element of Politics. Malthouse Pres Limited
- Appadorai, A. The Substance of Politics. Oxford University Press. Fourth impression,2014
- Shedrack,G. B. Introduction to Peace and Conflict Studies in west Africa. Spectrum Books limited Ibadan
- Adeniran,T. Introduction to International Relations; Lagos Macmillan,1983
- Ofo and Sesay: Concepts in international Relations;Lagos JAD,1988
- 21<sup>st</sup> Century Political Science by John T.Ishiyama,2010
- Karl Deutsch; The Analysis of International Relations; New Jersey, prentice Hall 1988
- Robert,H.J. Introduction to international relations: theories and Approches Fifth Edition 2012
- Steve,S. The Globalization of World Politics: An introduction to international Relations. Oxford University press,2014
- Galadima,H. Introduction to International Relations. University of Jos Press
- Adeola Abass :complete international law; Text ,Cases, and Materials. Oxford press,2012.
- Held, D. Sovereignty. National Politics and the GlobalSystem. Political theory and Modern state. Cambridge.
- Robertson,R. Globalization; Social Theory and Global Culture. London sage 1992
- Synder,C. ed. Contemporary Security and Strategy, London Macmillan 1999
- Donald M. Freeman ed. Foundation of Political Science: Research,Methods,and scope (New York: Free Press 2003)
- Michael T. Klare and Yogesh Chandrani World Security:Challenges for a New Century 5<sup>th</sup> Edition St. Martins press ,New York 2003.
- Andrew Heywood Politics 4<sup>th</sup> edition (Basingstoke: Palgrave 2005)
- Habu S. Galadima, Understanding Politics (Jos:1995)

### **Questions for Self-Assessment**

- Define politics.
- Discuss political science.
- Define power.
- Define the concept of governance.
- What is peace?.

What make strategic studies necessary?

Is political economy a paradigm or a concept?

Why is political science Queen of all science?

Outline areas of specialization in political science

Who is a political scientist?

What is systemic in the study of political and is political science a science?