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**DEPARTMENT OF POLITICA SCIENCE**

**FACULTY OF HUMANITIES, MANAGEMENT AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**

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**Course Code:** Pol 2215 **Credit unit: 2 Course Title: Introduction to Foreign Policy**

**Level:** 200 **Semester:** First **Session:** 2018/2019

**Class Venue:** NLT.  **Time:** Monday, 4 PM to 6 PM **Course Lecturer:** P.S.Rwang

**Course Description**

The course is designed to introduce, expose, and educate students about the fundamentals structure; processes and dynamics of Foreign policy and national interests of selected countries like the United States of America, Nigeria, Canada, Ghana, Britain, France, Kenya, Russia, China and France among others. It also aims at developing the analytical skills of the students with a view to enable them understand the complexity and nature of foreign policy of states in the international system. We shall also examine some salient conceptual and theoretical issues in foreign policy and some empirical issues. Elaborately, the guiding principles of foreign policy shall be discussed, to enable students appreciates the consistency or otherwise in the nation’s foreign.

**Course Objectives**

1. To equip the Students with core knowledge of what Foreign Policy is and core details of what the course is all about.
2. The Students will be able to understand what the instruments of Foreign Policy are and how to discuss them concurrently.
3. The Students will know the Foreign Policy of other nations and compare them to those of Nigeria.
4. The Students will be familiarized with the core tenets and concepts of Diplomacy and Diplomatic immunity.
5. To Prepare the Students for the future in Foreign Studies as a career and also to get them set for examination, term paper and test(s) with much ease

**Course requirements and appraisal**

Note the expectations of a student taking this course are, he or she regularly read news coverage of current events, and understand contemporary interactions of countries in the international system. Since learning is not a spectator sport, 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.

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Class interaction is very necessary; students are expected to ask questions and attempt questions during lectures.

In normal lecture duration of 13 weeks for the semester, 26 hours of lectures is planned for the course, that is, 2 hours per week or more for the 12 weeks excluding revision and examination periods.

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

**Course Assessment/Evaluation strategy:**

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| **Mode of Assessment** | **Marking Scheme** |
| 1. Continuous Assessment (40%)
 | 75% Attendance | % |
| Individual Written Assignment  | 10% |
| Group Assignment presentations | 15% |
| Written Test | 15% |
| 1. End of Semester Examination
 | 60% |
| **Total** | **100%** |

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

**Course Outline**

**Week 1: Nature of Foreign Policy**

1. Understanding the concept of Foreign Policy
2. Sources of Foreign Policy
3. Decision making and implementation of Foreign Policy

**Week 2: Relevant Theories and Instruments of Foreign Policy**

1. Aims and Determinants of Foreign Policy
2. Foreign Policy Making Process
3. Domestic Policies of States

**Week 3: Brief Background of Nigerian foreign policy**

1. Nigeria’s Foreign Policy Objectives
2. Perspective of Nigeria’s Foreign Policy 1960-2015
3. Nigeria foreign policy during the cold war and Non-Alignment era

**Week 4: Concept of National Interest and Foreign Policy**

1. What makes National Interest necessary
2. Factors that influences Nations National Interest
3. Identifying and itemizing Nigeria National Interest

**Week 5: Factors influencing Foreign Policy of Selected Countries (Ghana, The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Canada, Britain, France, Kenya, China, Australia and Russia etc)**

1. Philosophical world view
2. Domestic Factors
3. External Factors

**Week 6: Nexus between Foreign Policy and National Interest**

1. Differences between national interest and Foreign Policy
2. Similarities of Foreign Policy and National Interest
3. Concept of Big Brother in Nigeria Foreign Policy

**Week 7: United States and Nigeria Foreign Policies in contemporary time**

1. President Mohammadu Buhari’s Foreign Policy decisions
2. President Trump’s Foreign Policy actions
3. China and United States Foreign Policy Disputes

**Week 8: Foreign policy making bodies or agencies in Nigeria**

1. The presidency
2. National Assembly
3. NIPSS
4. NIIA

**Week 9: Foreign Policy of Nigeria under General Ibrahim Babangida Regime**

1. Core Foreign Missions of Nigeria
2. Diplomacy as a core strategy
3. Achievement of the nation in west Africa

**Week 10: Core Values of Nigeria Foreign Policy under the General Yakubu Gowon regime**

1. Successes recorded in the nation
2. Limitations of Nigeria foreign policy
3. Challenges of Nigeria foreign policy

**Week 11: Critical interrogation of Nigeria’s sister states Foreign Policies**

1. Chad and Niger
2. Benin and Cameroon

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

**Wee13:** Group Assignment Presentations/ Revision

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

Aluko, O. Essay on Nigeria foreign policy: London. Allen an Unwin, 1981.

Adeniran, T. Introduction to international relations; Lagos macmillian, 1983

Olusanya, G.O and Akindele R.A [eds] Nigeria’s External Relations: the first twenty-five years; Lagos NIIA 1986.

Ogwu,J. Nigeria foreign policy Alternative futures; Lagos Macmillian and NIIA 198

American Foreign policy-Oakland Campus 2018

U.S Foreign Policy: A Documentary and Reference Guide. By Akis Kalaitzidis;Gregory W.Streich No Higher Law;American Foreign Policy and the Western Hemisphere Since 1776. By Brian Loveman

Foreign Policy with particular reference to Nigeria:1961-2002. By Victor Nwaozichi Chibundu

British Foreign Policy after Brexit. An Independence Voice. By David Owen & David Ludlow

Histories of Nations;How their Identities were Forged. Edited by Peter Frurtado. By Thames & Hudson

China’s Future. By David Shambaugh

African Foreign Policies in International Institutions. By Stephen Wrigate

African Foreign Policies in International Institutions by UNU-CRIS

Clenn Palmer and T.Clifton Morgan; A Theory of Foreign Policy.

Julius L.N. Reflection on Nigeria’s foreign policy: Issues, Challenges and Prospects. Published by limitless heights limited 2016.

Remi Anifowose and Francis Enemuo; Element of Politics Sam Iroannusi publications Lagos

Journals of contemporary Politics; vol 2 no 1, April 2009.

**Questions for Self-Assessment**

Define Foreign Policy.

Discuss national interest.

Identify instruments of Foreign Policy.

Who makes foreign policy?.

Does Nigeria sister states support it in anyway?.

What is diplomacy and diplomatic mission?

List past ambassadors and high commissioners of Nigeria

Why is war necessary in foreign policy making?

Attempt a critic of Nigeria Foreign policy

Identify the strengths of Nigeria Foreign Policy