**Department of Political Science**

**DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAMME**

Political Science has been the dynamic business environment around the world. It is designed to provide exceptional cutting edge knowledge for School and Open and Distance Learning suited for Political Science programmes. The programme is designed to provide functional, cost effective, flexible learning which adds lifelong value to quality education for all who seek knowledge.

Political Scdience (BSc) is designed to produce graduates who are well grounded in the knowledge of Political Science and who are adequately equipped to manage the private sector as well as the public sector business environment. The programme is also designed to produce graduates who can compete favourably with their counterparts in the global market as well as undertake post graduate programme leading to the award of Post-Graduate Diploma in Political Science (PGD), Master of Political Science.

Admission and registration procedure are Online Based. Students are required to purchase their Admission forms from any of the Approved Studies Centres (ASC) and then fill the form and submit Online. Admission list as well as individual student’s admission letter for successful candidates is published on GNOU website. Students are also expected to complete their procedure Online or be guarded by our Approved Studies Centres.

The programme is designed for the facilitation of learners Political Science as well as to produce manpower for development and to educate future leaders in the Political education and related fields of study or prepare them for political competence.

**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

**(Political Science BSc**)

**Examination Types**

A minimum of 5 credits from WAEC/SSCE or NECO.

**Required Subjects**

English, Mathematics, Economics and two others at not more than two sittings.

Five credit passes in the GCE or equivalent examination, at least two of which shall be at the Advanced level or four credit passes at least three of which shall be at the Advanced level. Credit passes at the Ordinary Level must include English Language and Mathematics.

**Minimum Grade**

Credit passes (C6)

**PLUS**

ND (Upper Credit),

HND (Lower Credit) or

Final Certificate of relevant Professional Bodies in addition to five credit passes

**PROGRAMME REQUIREMENTS**

**Programme Structure**

Minimum duration of the Bachelor of Science (BSc.) Degree in Political Science programme is four years of eight semesters and a maximum of eight years (of sixteen semesters) under flexible mode of study.

**Degree Rules**

To be awarded BSc. Degree in Political Science, the student must pass a minimum of 120 credit units for UME or 90 credit units for direct entry. The minimum credit units include all compulsory courses and research project and exclude all general studies courses.

**COURSE CONTENT SPECIFICATIONS/SYLLABUS OF ALL COURSES IN THE PROGRAMME**

The following course contains codes, titles and units that will help the students to understand the number of compulsory courses to pass per semester and lecturers to know the kind of the units to teach the students. **Students are expected to choose one (1) out of the two available electives**

**OUTLINE OF COURSE STRUCTURE**

Minimum duration of the BSc. Degree in Political Science Programme is four years of eight semesters and a maximum of eight years (of sixteen semesters) under flexible mode of study.

**POLS 111 3C BASIC ELEMENTS OF GOVERNMENT**

This involves the discussion of the basic elements of government such as the nature and scope of politics. The comparison of political science with other social science subjects are part of focus of this course. Topics such as power, authority, political culture, and political socialization are some of the wide topics to be extensively looked at.

**POLS 121 3C INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL SCIENCE II**

Concepts such as fundamental human right, the rule of law representative government, political participation, delegated legislation, citizen-ship. Feudalism, Electoral behaviour types of court are extensively and critically analysed.

**POLS 112 3R AFRICA UNDER COLONIAL RULE-I**

Africa under Colonial Rule with reference to French and British Colonial Policies. The reasons’ colonialism, partition of Africa are discussed. Meaning of Colonialism and the various resistant to colonial rule are also discussed. A deeper analysis of the French and British colonial policies are undertaken. The two policies are thereby compared.

**POLS 112 3R AFRICA UNDER COLONIAL RULE-II**

Africa under Colonial rule with special reference to Portuguese, Belgian and Spanish Colonial Polices, All earlier topics – POLS 112 AD and a deeper analysis of the Belgian, Portuguese and Spanish Colonial Politics. The three are also compared.

**POLS 122 3R CONST. DEVELOPMENT IN LIBERIA AND SENEGAL**

Constitutional Development in West Africa with reference to Liberia and Senegal. The course looks into the cause of colonialism, the rise of nationalist movements and the various constitutional Developments in Liberia and Senegal are extensively discussed, analysed and compared.

**POLS 122 3E CONST. DEVELOPMENT IN GHANA AND GUINEA**

All earlier topics in 122 and the various constitutional developments in Ghana and Guinea are extensively discussed, analysed and compared.

**POLS 124 POLITICS AND LEGAL SYSTEM IN NIGERIA 3R**

Sources of Nigerian Legal System. Nature of Nigerian Legal System, Practice of Law and the rule of Law in Nigeria. Independence of the Judiciary, Human Right in Nigeria, the Nigerian Prison Service.

**POLS 113 3C NIGERIA GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS 1966 TILL DATE**

Various issues in Nigeria government and politics between 1966 till date are the focus of this course. The course also examines the approaches to the study of politics, party politics and system, revenue allocation, military politics and examination/comparison of Nigeria first, second ‘’and third republics. Recipe for democracy in Nigeria is also examined.

 **PART-TIME 4 YEAR (PART 1)**

**POLS 212 3C POLITICAL THEORY-**

Classical to Medieval Age. This involves the study of classical and Medieval thinkers, e.g. Plato, Aristotle, Thomas Aquinas, St. Augustine up to Machiavelli, Emphasis shall be on their ideas and contributions to political philosophy with particular reference to the impact of their ideas.

**POLS 324 3R POLITICAL BEHAVIOUR –**

The study and measurement of various determinant of political behaviour, political socialization, political culture, political participation and apathy. Electoral behaviour public opinion and political comment on.

**POLS 214 3C POLITICAL SCIENCE METHODOLOGY –**

A review of the teaching of political science/government in the Secondary Schools; problems of teaching political science/government; organization of courses in political science; preparation of schemes of work and lesson plan; different methods of teaching political science; visual aids and techniques of teaching political science, use of textbook resources and techniques of evaluation, etc.

**POLS 211 3C MILITARY IN POLITICS –**

Theories of military intervention in politics; military interventionism in the third world with particular reference to Africa and Nigeria, Military disengagement, incidence of civilization of military heads, etc. Varieties of civilian control of the Military, Military industrial complex. Military extractive tendencies.

**POLS 323 3R POLITICAL PARTIES AND PRESSURE GROUP**

Definitions, Functions and Structure of Political Parties Growth and development, organization, party system, zero party, one party, two party and multi-party system in Africa and democratic and communist countries of the west and east. Types of Pressure Group, methods used by pressure groups determinants of pressure group success etc. are studied.

**POLS 222 3C INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

The organization of the international Society, Theory of coalition and alliances, Basic concepts and theories of International Relations. Power, Conflict, Accommodation, Systems theories, theories of coalitions and Alliances, models, Games and Simulation.

 **PART II**

**POLS 213 3C THEORY AND PRACTICE OF ADM**

Evolution of Administration organization theory classical through the neoclassical to the modem; relation of administration to politics and the political process; Administrative behaviour in various institutional settings; Interplay of political institution and Administration patterns of behaviour, study of personnel administration decision making in bureaucratic organization.

**POLS 221 POLITICS IN AFRICA 3R**

The nature of African politics, origins and problem of African politics, problems of Colonialism, Neo colonialism succession to power, military rule, etc. Africa and the colonial metropolis, Africa in International Affairs.

**POLS 311 INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL RESEARCH 3C**

Political Science and the scientific method, introduction to Research Methods in political science, the logic of political inquiry and the language of variables, introduction to problem formulation.

**POLS 313 POLITICAL THEORY MODERN AGE 3C**

The study of thinkers like Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau, Jeremy Benthan. J.S. Mills, Edmund Burke, etc., with special reference to the impact of their ideas on modem governments in particular and political philosophy in general.

**POLS 312 LOCAL GOVERNMENT 3C**

An examination of the theoretical based of different local governments systems, (British, French, America etc.) features of devolution and de-concentration growth and development of local government in Nigeria, finance, control central local government relationships etc.

**POLS 321 FOREIGN POLICIES 3C**

History of Western foreign policies; policies, politics of 18th and 19th century Europe; contemporary global system, instruments of policies diplomatic, propaganda, etc., policies of Britain, France, Germany, Russia etc.

**POLS 328 NIGERIA AND COMPARATIVE PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION 3R**

Comparative analysis of private-large scale organization and public (State Administrative Organization; of public administration in Federal and Unity States; of State bureaucracies and State parastatals; of public administration in selected countries, liberal democracies, communist system and 3rd world.

 **PART III**

**POLS 323 COMPARATIVE POLITICS 3E**

Logic of comparative politics, approaches to the study of comparative politics, strategy of across system theorizing problems of comparative public etc.

**POLS 325 NIGERIAN FOREIGN POLICY 3E**

A study of dominant trends in Nigerian Foreign Policies since independence, showing both the domestic setting, on international environment, the impact of civil war, Nigeria’s relative economics and commitments as a regional power in Africa. Problems of relatives with immediate neighbour are also examined.

**POLS 314 PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION - NIGERIA 3E**

Ecology of Nigeria Public administration; the service, financial administration, public administration, politics of financial administration.

**POLS 213 THEORY AND PRACTICE OF ADMINISTRATION 3C**

Evolution of Administrative organization Theory from the classical through the neo-classical to the modem; Relation of administration to politics and the political process; Administrative Behaviour in various institutional settings, interplay of political institutions and administration patterns of behaviour study of personnel administration, decision-making in bureaucratic organizations.

**POLS 224 INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS 3E**

The course underline the economic bases of the actions and reactions in international politics, drawing materials from international trade, commercial policy, capital movement, etc., role of IMF World bank and such monetary agencies, multinational enterprises and national power theory of national boundary, customs unions and currency areas.

**POLS 223 POLITICS OF UNDER DEVELOPMENT 3R**

A systematic and theoretical study of the political and socio-economic context of the problems of development and under-development; dependency and international and internal economic structures, analysis of profound change, agents of change and constrains and problems contingent on rapid socio-economic change with specific reference to post-colonial African states by also comparison with Latin America, India etc.

**POLS 225 – POLITICAL DATA ANALYSIS 2C**

This course will expose the students to basic statistical tools relevant in handling political data, electoral results, census etc. Data description and characteristics, frequency distribution and graphic presentation, measures of Central tendency and variability. Methods of sampling. Introduction to computer programming.

**POLS 314 PUBLIC POLICY ANALYSIS 3E**

Concepts and Strategies of Planning, programme of and budgeting (PRBS), basic techniques of network construction and analysis examined descriptively and from the perspective of administration system; cost-effectiveness analysis and antique.

**POLS 411 INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATION 3C**

This course delves into the development structures, functions and pro-blems of international organization such as leagues of nation, UNO, OAU, ECOWAS, EEC, IMF, NATO, OPEC, Non-aligned movement etc.

**POLS 412 POLITICAL ECONOMY 3R**

The course exposes students to the political economy of new Africa States, the interdependence of Political Science and Economy. Mode of development of States and processing of exploitation. Crisis of development and new international economic order and food crisis.

**POLS 421 PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION – NIGERIA 3C**

An examination of the Development of Public Administration in Nigeria from 1914 till date. Various changes, stresses – Nigeria public administration are extensively discussed. Civil service, Field Administration, Personnel Management, Local Government are also discussed and analysed.

**POLS 422 AFRICAN POLITICAL THOUGHT 3C**

Traditional political ideas – Pan – Africanism as represented by Diagno Blyden, Hoton, Padmois; Some contemporary African thinkers, Nkrumah, Fanon, Nyerere, Senghor and Cabral. A nomination of concepts such as African socialism, Negritude, humanism and authenticity.

**POLS 423 MARXISM 3E**

The history and development of Marxism and the dialectical Materialism concepts of history. Marxism and State Marxism and the economy are some of the topics for extensive analysis.

**POLS 327 POLITICAL SOCIOLOGY 3E**

The contributions of sociological patterns to the determination of central political processes elite theories. Marxist theory, political change and political cultures; power, authority and legitimacy.

**POLS 413 MILITARY AND STRATEGIC STUDIES 3E**

An examination of military rule and her role in peace keeping operations, international politics, insurgency and counter-urgency, objectives, contemporary development and strategic thinkers and strategic policies of the future.

**POLS 424 PROJECT 4C**

An essay of between 8,000 and 10,000 words, reporting the project of independent work on topic either stipulated by the department or chosen by the candidate.

 **INSTRUCTIONAL GRADING METHODS**

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**Evaluation**

All students would be evaluated at the end of each semester based on the following:

* **Tutor*Marked Assignments***

The lecturer marked assignments (LMAs) are multiple choice questions that will be administered on-line during every semester. The LMAs carry 30%.

* **End of Semester Examination**

The school conducts the end of each Semester examination. The examination overall scores carry 70%.

**Master’s Degree (MSc) in Political Science**

The master’s degree programme is designed to carry further research on the knowledge and training the students have received on the first degree. The department of the university will prescribe the courses you will offer throughout your time of degree.

The courses will be selected from the courses in the first degree for further studies before the Master’s dissertation (Project). The topic of the project will be discussed with your assigned supervisor (s).

**Minimum Tenure of the Programme**

The tenure for the Master’s degree programme for Political Science is minimum of four (3) Semesters full time and 4 semester for part-time programme.

**Evaluation of the MSc Candidates**

The minimum units for graduation should be 30 including the dissertation/thesis. The average mark for the programme is based on grades scored in all the courses taken including project. Examination grades in each course are recorded as percentage marks, and are interpreted as follows:

**Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Political Science**

The PhD programme shall be normally not less than 4 semesters (2 years) from the first date of registration. Also, for this programme, a period of study originally approved for the 3-semester Masters programme may be accepted as satisfying a specific part of the period of study for the PhD. In no circumstances, however, may a period exceeding 12 calendar months be waived for a candidates. A programme is a combination of course work research.

**Requirements for PhD**

Candidates for admission to the programme shall possess the Following:

1. Those initially registered for the MSc or MPhil/PhD conversion programme of the department and who have obtained a total weighted average mark of at least 60% in the course examinations and project at our university or any recognized university.
2. Candidates admitted to the programme will be required to take certain courses at the 700/800 levels as the case may be in their areas of interest.
3. Students are required to refer their research proposal to an examination panel as recommended by the department and give department seminars on their PhD research work.

Each PhD student shall present at least two seminars during the course of his/her programme of study. The first seminar shall be presented at the research proposal stage and the second shortly before the registration of the title of thesis.