

**DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE
UNIVERSITY OF IBADAN
B.SC. POLITICAL SCIENCE**

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NOTE

The duration of the programme is 4 years for direct entry candidate (Starting from 200 level) and 5 years for candidate with O/L (Starting from 100 level). This is only applicable for B.Sc Political Science students.

100 Level Courses in Political Science

Course	Course Title	Units	Status
POS 111	The Study of Politics	3	C
POS 112	Nigerian Constitutional Development	3	C
POS 113	The Organization of Government	3	R
POS 114	The Citizen and the State	3	R

200 Level Courses

General Studies

Code	Course Title	Units	Status
GES 101	Use of English	3	C
GES 104	Science and Mankind	3	C
POS 211	Political Analysis	3	C
POS 212	Political Ideas	3	C
FSS 204	Faculty of the Social Sciences Statistics	3	C
POS 213	Politics in Africa I	3	R
POS 214	Politics in Africa II	3	R
POS 215	International Political System and Africa I	3	R
POS 216	International Political System and Africa II	3	R

In addition to the above, students are required to take and pass at least 24 subsidiary course units at 100 and 200 levels. Students are encouraged to take such courses from sister Departments participating in the DLC programme.

300 Level Courses

General Studies

GES 105	Agriculture, Land Use and Animal Husbandry	3	C
POS 311	Statistical Methods in Political Science	3	C

POS 313	History of Political Thought	3	<i>C</i>
POS 314	International Relations Theory	3	<i>C</i>
POS 315	Theory and Practice of Administration	3	<i>C</i>
POS 316	The Methodology of Comparative Politics	3	<i>C</i>
POS 321	Marxism	3	<i>R</i>
POS 322	African Political Thought	3	<i>R</i>
POS 324	Issues in International Politics	3	<i>E</i>
POS 344	Politics in Western Europe	3	<i>E</i>
POS 345	Politics in Communist Party States	3	<i>E</i>
POS 352	Politics of New States	3	<i>E</i>
POS 364	Comparative Politics of West Africa	3	<i>E</i>
400 Level Courses			
POS 411	Contemporary Political Analysis	3	<i>C</i>
POS 412	Government and Politics of Nigeria	3	<i>C</i>
POS 423	Foreign Policies of the Super Powers	3	<i>R</i>
POS 434	Public Administration in Nigeria	3	<i>R</i>
POS 443	Comparative Federal Systems	3	<i>R</i>
POS 463	Political Behavior	3	<i>R</i>
POS 412	Logic and Methods I Political Inquiry	3	<i>R</i>
500 Level Courses			
POS 413	Nigerian Local Government	3	<i>C</i>
POS 482	Long Essay	6	<i>C POS</i>
POS421	Comparative Administration	3	<i>R</i>
POS 431	The Theory and Practice of Local Government	3	<i>R</i>
POS 443	Politics of Under-development	3	<i>R</i>
POS 444	Comparative Civil-Military Relations	3	<i>R</i>
POS 453	International Institutions	3	<i>R</i>
POS 454	Foreign Policies of African States	3	<i>R</i>
POS 456	Conduct and Administration of Nigerian Foreign Policy	3	<i>R</i>
POS 471	Theory of the State	3	<i>R</i>
POS 474	Problems of Political Philosophy	3	<i>R</i>
POS 432	Policy Analysis	3	<i>E</i>
POS 433	Principles of Administrative Law	3	<i>E</i>
POS 451	Principles of International Law	3	<i>E</i>
POS 455	Conflicts and Bargaining in International Relations	3	<i>E</i>
POS 466	Insurgency and Counter-In-Surgency	3	<i>E</i>
POS 467	Rebellion and Revolution	3	<i>E</i>

1. At 300 Level, students are expected to take and pass fifteen Compulsory course units which shall comprise of POS 311, 313, 314, 315 and 316.
2. All required course units available in the department for 300 level.
3. A minimum of nine subsidiary course units to be taken and passed between 300 and 400 levels.

400 Level

1. Students are expected to take and pass 6 Compulsory course units, comprising of POS 411, 412.
2. Five required courses are to be taken and passed at this level.

500 Level

1. Students are expected to take and pass 9 Compulsory Course units comprising of POS 413 and POS 482.
2. In addition to the above, Nine (9) required courses are to be taken and passed.

The General Requirements for the award of B.Sc. Political Science in the DLC mode are as follows:

1. The Minimum number of units for award of a degree is 120 units.
2. Students will be credited with the number of course units assigned to the courses.
3. In addition, the total number of units registered for, along with the grades obtained in each course, shall also be recorded for the purpose of computing Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA)
4. Although no maximum load is specified, 24 units per session or 120 units in five years is regarded as reasonable.

Five Year Programme Summary

Compulsory Courses	Required Courses	Subsidiary Courses
100 Level 5	2 } }	100 – 200 Levels 8
200 Level 3	4 }	
300 Level 5	2 } }	300 – 400
400 Level 3	5 } }	3
500 Level 2	9 }	

Note: 4 year programme will start from 200 level of 5years programme

Course Details

POS 111	<p>The Study of Politics A Survey of the major issues of politics; who rules, in whose interests and on what basis. Types of involvement in Politics. The role of conflicts of interests, the relation between the elite and the masses, the government and the people. Different ways of studying politics; a brief survey of the methods of political science.</p>
POS 112	<p>Nigerian Constitutional Development Survey and analysis of issues and problems in Nigeria's constitutional development from amalgamation in 1914</p>

	through colonial rule to the present; assessment of the impact of socio-cultural and economic forces; and explanation of instability of constitutional forms.
POS 113	The Organization of Government The various ways of organizing governments, legislature, executive, judiciary and the separation of powers; unitary versus federal systems, parliamentary versus presidential, and civilian versus military rule. Other political organizations – political parties interest groups, etc.
POS 114	The Citizen and the State Legitimacy and the principle of political obligation, both moral and rational; the concept and institution of citizenship rights, duties and obligations; the responsibilities of government, individual and state security; provision of infrastructural and social welfare service; the need and basis of freedom, loyalty and patriotism.

General Studies

GES 101	Use Of English An intensive, practical and skill-oriented English course specifically designed to develop essay writing skills (Organisation and logical presentation of ideas, dictation, grammar and style), functional reading skills (comprehension, analysis evaluation, logical inference and effective application, oral presentation skills and listening comprehension and note taking.	3	C
GES 104	Science and Mankind Basic concepts in the sciences; history and philosophy of the methods used in scientific studies. The scientific mind, religion, traditional beliefs and science and technology with reference to their independence and importance to mankind, discovery and invention. Science and politics with emphasis on scientific findings, their applications, the scientist and fate of man, science and agriculture, health, communication, transportation and industrialization.	3	C

POS 211	Political Analysis The nature of Politics, Political System and the structure of Government; political representation, processes and institutions of different regime systems.
POS 212	Political Ideas Introduction to major political ideas in their historical contexts e.g. monarchical absolutism, liberalism,

	democracy, socialism, fascism, anarchism.
POS 213	Politics in Africa I Theories and practices of imperialism, colonialism and colonial administrative types- Anglophone, Francophone, Lusophone, German, Belgian, etc.
POS 214	Politics in Africa II Implications of colonial administrative types for national movements i.e. Gradualist, Constitutional, nationalist movements, and armed nationalist struggles. Relationship between nature of Nationalist Struggle and post-colonial administration.
POS 215	International Political System and Africa I Major issues in international politics with particular reference to Africa since 1945; the Cold War, Intervention and Limited Wars, Arms race, disarmament and nonalignment.
POS 216	International Political System and Africa II International organizations, defence organizations, non-governmental international bodies, the O.A.U., regional organizations and groupings; aid, trade, investment and development, the E.U. and Africa.

General Studies

GES 105	Land use, Agriculture and Animal Husbandry Renewable natural resources. Farming systems in the tropics, land use, planning conservation, principles of animal husbandry and horticulture, crop production, use of agricultural extension education principles and problems of livestock production, breed of livestock and domestic animals, animal behaviour. Poultry and diseases, problem and maintenance of animal health.	3	C
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POS 311	Statistical Methods in Political Science Number system and levels of Measurement, Review of Descriptive Statistics. Comparative Methods and quantitative Political Science. Probability, Probability distributions and Inferential statistics. Formulation and testing of hypothesis. Exploring relationships between variable; Correlation and Regression, Analysis of variance and Covariance.
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POS 312	<p>Logic and Methods in Political Inquiry Political science and the scientific method, introduction to research methods in political inquiry and the language of variables; introduction to problems formulation.</p>
POS 313	<p>History of Political Thought Introduction to the thoughts of major political writers from Plato to Mill, theories as responses to particular historical problems confronting societies; contributions to such concepts as the state, law, obligation, justice and freedom.</p>
POS 314	<p>International Relations Theory Classical theory, theory of imperialism, systems theories, linkage politics, the theory of coalition and alliances; models games and simulation.</p>
POS 315	<p>Theory and Practice of Administration Relation of administration to politics and political theories; administrative behavior in various institutional settings, interplay of political institutions on administrative patterns and behavior, study of bureaucracy, personnel administration, decision making in bureaucratic organizations.</p>
POS 316	<p>The Methodology of Comparative Politics Comparative political analysis; history of comparative politics; concepts, the scientific method and logic and comparison, classification systems in comparative politics; case study approach; competing paradigms, or orientations in comparative political analysis; the strategy of cross system theorizing; measurement problems in cross-national research.</p>
POS 321	<p>Marxism Intellectual and social origins; general introduction to Marxist political theory: the state, classes, the role of the party, ideology and consciousness determinism; theory and practice of Marxism.</p>
POS 322	<p>African Political Thought Traditional political ideas; concepts of authority, order and the polity. Pan Africanism as represented by Diagne, Blyden, Horton, Du Bois, Padmore, and James; Some contemporary African Political thinkers: Nkrumah, Fanon, Nyerere, Senghor, and Cabral. Examination of concepts such as African socialism, humanism and authenticity.</p>
POS 323	<p>Foreign Policies of the Super Powers The various concepts used in foreign policy analysis; transactional flows, the interplay of domestic and external factors, ideological and national interest considerations, and techniques of bargaining. Application of these concepts to an examination of the foreign policies of the United States, Russia, United Kingdom, France and China.</p>
POS 324	<p>Issues in International Politics Conflict areas in international relations, diplomacy and the avoidance of war, strategy, arms and the control of force,</p>

	organizations and international order, global systems.
POS 334	Public Administration in Nigeria Ecology of Nigerian administration. The civil service, field administration, public corporations; politics of financial administration.
POS 343	Comparative Federal Systems The genesis and political dynamics of federal political systems with reference to countries such as India and U.S.A., Russia, Canada, Nigeria, Germany.
POS 344	Politics in Western Europe A comparative study of the political processes in selected Western European political systems, with emphasis on the role of political parties, interest groups and bureaucracies.
POS 345	Politics in Communist Party States The essential features of Communist party states; the place of ideology and the nature of the party; bureaucracy and the military command economy and political control processes.
POS 352	Politics of New States A comparative study of the political systems and governmental processes in some selected "new" states of Africa, Asia, and Latin America focusing on their characteristic features, patterns of political organization, problems of national integration, political formulas and ideologies, economic resource base, education and social mobility and impact of the military.
POS 363	Political Behavior Political socialization, political participation and apathy electoral behavior, public opinion and political communication.
POS 364	Comparative Politics of West Africa A comparative analysis of political developments in the West African States, bringing out the similarities and differences among countries of different colonial origins and how these and the patterns of their post-colonial experience have structured their current political forms and practice.
POS 411	Contemporary Political Analysis Contending paradigms in political analysis and their evaluation; the elite approach, group theory, functional systems and communications theory, basic concepts and elements of game theory, political gaming, structural analysis, theories of political development, the new political economy.
POS 412	Government and Politics of Nigeria Background analysis of the people and geographical feature of the country, political and constitutional development since 1945; the emergence of federalism and the operation of the federal constitution, the legislature, executive, and judiciary. The public service financing the

	federation and its problems; party system, change and stability; the role of the military.
POS 421	Comparative Administration Administrative theory and ecology of administration; the relation between administration and development, and the analysis of administrative behavior in selected countries.
POS 431	The Theory and Practice of Local Government Examination of the theoretical bases of different local government system (e.g. Nigerian, British, French and American) and their relationship to structural organization of local government. Comparison of main features of different systems of local governments, e.g. management, political leadership, finance, central-local relationships, etc.
POS 432	Policy Analysis Concepts and strategies of planning, programming and budgeting basic techniques of net-work construction and analysis examined descriptively and from the perspective of administrative system cost effectiveness, analysis and critique.
POS 433	Principles of Administrative Law The nature of administrative law, powers of public authorities in carrying out specific services; the control through both political and legal agencies of such powers.
POS 443	Politics of Under-development Politics and social change; dependency and international economic structure and strategies with specific reference to post-colonial African states and also comparison with Latin American, Asian and south European countries.
POS 444	Comparative Civil-Relations Interdependence of civil and military types; military in the foundation of states, impact of social structures and ethnic or class conflicts upon military organizational procedures and behaviors; varieties of civilian control of the military, the role of armies in revolution, the concept and problematic of “non Western” civil-military process, soldiers as “modernizing” agents; the phenomenon and definition of the “military extractive tendency; explaining civil-military stability and instability.
POS 451	Principles of International Law The development and present status of international law the nature and sources of international law; sanctions, international personality, rights and duties of states and governments; territorial and criminal jurisdictions; state responsibility; treatment of aliens: diplomatic agents; privileges and immunities; extradition, Law of the Sea; the law of treaties and the impact of Afro-Asian states in contemporary international law.
POS 453	International Institutions

	<p>Historical evolution of international institutions from the 19th century to the present day, the notion of international institutions; various classifications of international institutions; the League of Nations the United Nations, selected</p> <p>juridical problems of international institutions, the O.A.U. and African State systems; international institutions and world order.</p>
POS 454	<p>Foreign Policies of African States</p> <p>Critical analysis of the foreign policies of African States; contexts of their formulation and implementation in comparative perspective; selected case problems.</p>
POS 455	<p>Conflicts and Bargaining in International Relations</p> <p>Theories of conflict, including Marxist, psycho-analytic and functionalist; Games theory and bargaining, nuclear strategy and the super-power balance, conflict and conflict resolution among the African States.</p>
POS 456	<p>Conduct and Administration of Nigerian Foreign Policy</p> <p>The ideological orientation of the major interest groups (trade union, youth movements, political parties and student groups) which put pressure on the government to adopt certain stands in international affairs; the foreign policy positions of the Nigerian government in the pan-African, cold war and international sector; structures and communications flow in Nigerian foreign policy-making.</p>
POS 466	<p>Insurgency and Counter-In-Surgency</p> <p>The organization objectives, motivations and actions of groups involved in low intensity operations, the strategy and tactics of Liberation Movements, Freedom Fighters and Urban Guerillas with reference to selected African, Asian and Latin American States.</p>
POS 467	<p>Rebellion and Revolution</p> <p>Ethical and Philosophical issues in obedience, rebellion and revolutions; theories of political violence; behavioral approaches, the contribution of Marxism, imperialism and revolution; evolution and under-development case studies.</p>
POS 471	<p>Theory of the State</p> <p>Conceptualization of the state and form of government, theories and accounts of the origin or developments of the state; social contract theories and the modern state; the liberal democratic state and its presuppositions; Marxist theories of the capitalist state; the character of the Nigeria State.</p>
POS 474	<p>Problems of Political Philosophy</p> <p>The nature of political conceptual analysis and political philosophy. Philosophy and theory, philosophy and science, political philosophy,</p>

	theory and practice.
POS 482	Long Essay Project