

**COVENANT UNIVERSITY**  
**FORMAT FOR COURSE COMPACT**  
**2014/2015 ACADEMIC SESSION**

**College:** Development Studies

**Department:** Political Science

**Programmes:** (1) Political Science, (2) International Relations, (3) Policy and Strategic Studies, (4) Industrial and Human Resource Management, (5) Business Administration, (6) Banking & Finance, (7) Sociology, (8) Economics, (9) Demography and Social Statistics, (10) Marketing, (11) Accountancy and (12) Psychology.

**Course Code:** POS 111

**Course Title:** Introduction to Political Science

**Units:** 3 Credits

**Course Lecturers:** \*Dr. Daniel E. Gberevbie, Dr. Samiel Oni, Dr. Godwin Agbude and Mr. Ilemobola Olarewaju

**Semester:** Alpha

**Time:** Monday (3-4pm), Thursday (10-12noon)

**Location:** **Monday** (C301, C401, F301, F401), **Thursday** (G401, C301, C401 F401)

**Course overview:** The course examines the fundamental elements of politics; who rules and in whose interest. It examines the concept of politics and the various views of politics by different scholars. The course examines different approaches to the study of politics, and the levels of politics (inter and intra – state). The course also examines the concept of sovereignty, power, authority, legitimacy, political culture and socialization. Finally, the course examines political parties and pressure groups, party system, constitution and constitutionalism.

**Course Objectives:** (1) to help the student to understand major issues and fundamental elements of politics - who rule and in whose interest in society.

(2) to help the student to understand the role of conflict and its resolution in politics, the relationship between the elites, the masses and the government .

(3) to help the student to know the various approaches to the study of politics, divergent views about politics and political science.

**Teaching Method:** Class lecture shall focus on students' participation and interaction. In addition, lecture notes shall be delivered to students to enhance their understanding of the subject.

**Teaching Aid:** Overhead Projector/Multimedia Presentation

**Course Outline:**

**Module I**

Week 1 – 2

- Concept of politics – definitions
- Consensus and conflict views of politics

Week 3

Approaches to the study of politics

**Module II**

Week 4

Levels of politics – the state politics, intra-state and inter-state politics

Week 5 – 6

Concept of power, authority and legitimacy – similarities and dissimilarities

**Module III**

Week 7

Concept of sovereignty – meaning, types and limitations

Week 8

Political culture and political socialization

Week 9

Political Parties and pressure groups

**Module IV**

Week 10 - 11

Types of political system – liberal democratic, socialist democratic and autocratic systems

Week 12

Constitution and constitutionalism

**Tutorials:** Every Mondays (3-4pm)

**Structure of the Programme/Method of Grading** - Continuous Assessment = 30 %  
- Examination = 70 %  
- **Total Score** = **100 %**

**Ground Rules & Regulations:** Strict Class Attendance and Participation

**Topics for Term Papers/Assignment/Student Activities:** - In not less than four pages typed, double spacing, font 12; with the example Nigerian, discuss the conflict and consensus views of politics – to be submitted two weeks from the day of the assignment.

**Alignment with Covenant University Vision/Goals:** The course will expose the student to the strict discipline of spirituality, integrity, possibility mentality, responsibility, diligence and sacrifice, which are the core values of the University.

**Contemporary Issues/Industry Relevance:** The course is relevant to public and private sector organizations in the area of the politics of decision making, programme assessment for enhanced results.

**Recommended Reading/Text:**

Ajayi, R. and Fashagba, Y. (eds) (2012) *Introductory Text in Political Science*. Omu-Aran: Landmark University

Allan Ball (1986) *Modern Politics and Government*. London: Macmillan Educational Books.

Ayam, John (2004) (ed) *Introduction to Politics*. Ota: Covenant University Press.

Oyediran Oyeleye (2007) *Introduction to Political Science*. Ibadan: Oyediran Consults International.

Oyediran Oyeleye (2007) *Nigerian Constitutional Development*. Ibadan: Oyediran Consults International.

Anifowoshe, Remi and Enemu, Francis (1999) (ed) *Elements of Politics*. Lagos: Malthouse Press Ltd.