**POL 410: NIGERIA’S LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

**2 Units**

**COURSE OUTLINE**

**Course Description**

The course, POL 410: Nigeria’s Local Government, examines salient issues relating to the history, creation, autonomy and functions of the Local Government as a tier of government in Nigeria’s federal system of government. Also examined in the course are challenges confronting the local government in Nigeria as an entity and in its ability to deliver rural development in Nigeria.

**Course Requirements**

 Students offering the course will be expected to meet the minimum requirements of 1. Having a continuous assessment (CA), which will be 40% of the total marks; 2. Writing an examination which will be 60% of the total marks. The CA shall consist of assignments and/or tests. Attendance is mandatory as students with less than 75% attendance will, in line with the University regulation, not be allowed to sit for the examination.

**Registration, Assignment Submission Platform**

You will be required to register for this course through online registration (through the university portal) in order to offer the course and submit assignments. Failure to register will affect the processing of your result as you will be seen as a student not offering the course,

All assignments will be submitted through the university e-Learning Management System (LMS).

**Assignment (20 Marks)**

 Identify the issues in the debate on local government autonomy in Nigeria. Engage the issues identified by proffering solutions. (10 Marks).

**Deadline for submission of Assignment: 23rd March, 2020**

**Topics**

1. The Nature and Purpose of Local Government Administration
2. Issues and Trends in the Historical Evolution of Nigeria’s Local Government
3. Administrative Structures and Functions of Nigeria’s Local Government
4. Nigeria’s Local Government and Intergovernmental Relations
5. Revenue Generation in Nigeria’s Local Government
6. Traditional Institutions in Local Government in Nigeria
7. Local Government Reforms in Nigeria
8. Challenges confronting Local Government Administration in Nigeria
9. Local Council Development Area: Constitutional Issues and Other Problems confronting it

**Useful Textbooks**

Augustine Nduka Eneanya, *Local Government Administration in Nigeria: A Comparative Perspective*. Lagos: University of Lagos Press, 2012.

Anikeze Nnaemeka Hillary and Eze Festus Emeka, *Fundamentals of Government*. Enugu: Academic Publishing Company, 2016.

Anikeze Nnaemeka Hillary, *Fundamentals of Nigerian Government and Politics*. Enugu: Academic Publishing Company, 2015.

Remi Anifowose and Francis Enemuo, *Elements of Politics*. Lagos: Sam Iroanusi Publications, 1999.

P.E. Agbebaku and P.O. Oviasuyi, “Local Government Administration in Nigeria since Independence. In I.B. Bello-Imam, *50 Years of the Nigerian Project: Challenges and Prospects*. Ibadan: College Press and Publishers Ltd, 2010.

Ayotunde David Odewale, Bisiriyu Abiodun Taleat and Olubusayo Ayooluwa Ajayi, “Creation of Local Council Development Areas in SouthWestern Nigeria: A SWOT Analysis, *African Journal of Stability and Development*, Vol. 11, No. 1.

I. B. Bello-Imam, *The Local Government System in Nigeria*, 3rd Revised Edition, (Ibadan: College Press, 2015).

Ann O’M. Bowman and Richard C Kearney, *The State and Local Government: The Essentials*. 5th Edition (Boston: Wadsworth, 2012)