**POL 202: POLITICAL IDEAS**

**3 Units**

**COURSE OUTLINE**

**Course Description**

The course, POL 202: Political Ideas, examines the nature of political ideas and the purpose that these ideas serve in the society. This course will provide a foundation for the understand of the key political ideas that form the basis for political debates and poltical decisions in a state. An understanding of these ideas is central to understanding certain debates on how society should be organised and institutions operated in order to get the best from the state. The course will underscore the struggles between political ideas with the aim of showing the student how these ideas have shaped politics over the years and around the world today.

**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 (10 Marks)**

 **Deadline for submission of Assignment: 22nd March, 2020**

**Topics**

1. The nature, features and functions of Political Ideas
2. Party Politics classification of political ideas (Far-Right, Moderate, Leftist, Extreme, Radical, Progressive, Conservative, One- Party System, Two Party System, Multi-Party System etc).
3. Democracies and underpinning ideas
4. Liberalism
5. Socialism
6. Communism
7. Conservatism
8. Republicanism
9. Capitalism
10. Fascism
11. African Socialism

**Reading List**

O.A. Ayeni-Akeke. 2008. *Foundation of Political* Science. Ibadan: Ababa Press. **Chapter 8.**

Remi Anifowose and Francis Enemuo (eds.). 1999. *Elements of Politics*. Lagos: Same Iroanusi Publications. **Chapter 5…** pp. 74-84.