

**Syllabus**  
**HIS 215: Post – Independence Nigerian Politics (3 Credits)**

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Students who want to reach me have opportunities to do so. I strongly encourage you to take advantage of my office hours. You are free to ask questions during class or immediately after class. Alternatively, questions outside of class can be sent to my email but face-to-face communication is better.

**Meeting Time and Place:** Tuesday 4.00pm – 6.00pm, Wednesday 10.00am – 11.00am  
HISLH Room 2

**Attendance**

You are expected to attend every class. If you must miss a class, it is your responsibility to make up for the work that you missed. If you are going to be absent from any class, you must notify the lecturer

**Methods of Instruction**

This syllabus gives a general overview of the material that will be taught in class; for more detailed information, students are directed to the class web page that is kept up to date on the university website. Assignments will be uploaded on University of Delta LMS or distributed in class; they must be turned in via University of Delta LMS. The borderline patients will benefit from homework and class participation.

**General overview of lecture:**

The federal arrangement and division of power, critical issues in Nigerian politics i.e. Census, elections; education; representation and representativeness, ethnic relations, revenue allocation.

## Objectives

Learning outcomes: On successful completion of this course, students are expected to

1. Explain how power is shared among the three tiers of Government
2. Examine the importance of Census
3. Discuss the causes of the Federal election crisis
4. Describe the nature of relationship that exist among the Nigerian peoples

## Course Contents

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Week	Content	Lecture notes/slides
1.	The federal arrangement and division of power	
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3.	Census- Meaning and importance	
4.	Census crisis	
5.	History of Education in Nigeria	
6.	Federal election crisis of 1962/1963	
7.	Mid-semester break	
8.	Representation and representativeness	
9.	Test	
10.	Inter-ethnic relations in Nigeria	
11.	Ethno religious conflicts in Nigeria	
12.	Revenue allocation	
13.	Revenue allocation	
14.	Revisions	

15.	Final Exam	
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### **Examination schedule**

- Attendance
- Homework
- Class Test
- End of Semester Examination

### **Grading**

- Attendance : 5% of grade  
Homework: 10% of grade
- Midterm Exam: 15% of grade  
Final Exam: 70% of grade

### **Text & References**

Obaro Ikime (2010) Groundwork of Nigerian History, Heinemann Educational Books (Nigeria) Plc

Coleman,, J.S. Nigeria Background to Nationalism, Brobury and Wistrom

Falola T. (Ed) 2005 Nigerian History, Politics, and Affairs: The Collected Essays of Adiele

Afigbo (Classic Authors and Texts on Africa)

Anazonwu, V. (2017) Nigerian History, Politics & Government Paperback

### **Student Conduct**

All university students are expected to adhere to the moral standards and conduct themselves in a way that fosters a productive learning environment. The student handbook or university website has a detailed description of the code of behavior for students.

### **Academic Honesty**

All university students are expected to adhere to the moral standards and conduct themselves in a way that promotes a productive learning environment. The University has a policy that states that plagiarism and cheating are not acceptable. The intentional use of another person's work while claiming it to be one's own is known as plagiarism. This includes concepts as well as text or code, whether it be paraphrased or provided in its entirety. Getting unauthorized help with any task is considered cheating. Always be sure to use correct and full citation of sources. You will get a 0 grade and a warning the first time you're found using or sharing someone else's work in this class. In the event of another occurrence, you will receive a Possible disciplinary action and an F grade in the class. Ask questions if you are uncertain of the definition of academic dishonesty.