

## Syllabus

HIS 204 – International Political System (3 unit)

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**Meeting days, time and place:** Monday, 2:00pm – 3:00pm; Thursday, 3:00pm – 5:00pm, History and International Studies Lecture Hall

### 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 have missed. You must please notify the lecturer in advance if you are going to be absent from any class.

### Methods of Instruction:

Expository and descriptive methods will be used. The syllabus contains an overview of what will be covered in class. For specific information, students are referred to the class web page maintained on the University website. Assignments will be posted on the University of Delta LMS or given in the class and should be submitted through University of Delta LMS. Class attendance and doing all your assignments and tests will assist you to understand the course better.

### Overview

The course discuss a major themes in the International political scene. Its main objective is to expose students to suit relevant topics like the concept of International Political System. Evolution of International Political System. Power International Political System, significant events in the development of International System. The emergence of the New World Order (1945-present)

### Objectives

The objectives of the course are to: (i) describe the concept of International Political System (ii) examine the evolution of the International Political System (iii) discuss the concept of power in International Political System (iv) analyse significant events in the development of International Political System (v) explain the emergence of the New World Order.

## Learning Outcome

Upon completion of this course, student should be able to: (i) explain what is meant by international political system (ii) to trace the origin and evolution of the International Political System (iii) explain the meaning of power as it relates to International Political System (iv) identify and discuss significant events in the development of International Political System (vi) analyse the emergence of the New World Order (1945-present).

## Course Content

Concept of International Political System. Evolution of International Political System – the classical period (1648-1815) the peace of Westphalia 1648, the post classical period (1815-1914) – the congress of Vienna 1815, the congress of Vienna 1815, the transitional period (1914-1945) world I to end of WWII 1945, versionia peace meeting (1919), Europe after the first World War I Economic depression in Europe 1919-1939. The Cold War period (1946-1991), Europe after the collapse of Cold War. Power in the International Political system, military capabilities in the International Political System, economic capabilities in the International Political System. Significant events in the development of International Political System, The Peace of Werphalia (1648), shifting balance of power, the emergence of nationalism, Unipolar system. International organizations and the international political system-the league of Nations, the United nations Organisation, Africa Union, Economic Community of West Africa States (ECOWAS), Emerging Issues in the International Political system-Terrorism.

## Lecture Schedules

Week	Content	Lecture notes
1.	The concept of international political system	
2.	Evolution of international political system – the classical period (1648-1815) – the peace of Westphalia, (1648), the post classical period (1815-1914) – the congress Vienna 1815, Transition period (1914 – 1945), World War I to end of World War II 1945, versionia peace meeting (1919), Europe after the First World War Economics Depression in Europe 1919-1939, the Cold War period (1946 – 1991), Europe after the Collapse of Cold War	
3.	Power in the international political system, military capabilities in the international political system, political capabilities in the international political system, Economic capabilities in the international political system	
4.	International organizations and the International Political System – the league of Nations, the United Nations, Organization, African Union, Economic Community of West Africa States (ECOWAS).	
5.	Mid-Semester break	
6.	The emergence of the New World order (1945-present) – the Bipolar system, capitalism, communism and the present international political system, Unipolar system.	
7.	Test	

8.	Significant events in the development of International Political System – the peace of Westphalia (1648), Shifting of Balance of Power, Emergence of Nationalism	
9.	Revision	
10.	Final Exam	

### **Examination Schedule**

- Attendance
- Homework
- Class Test/Assignment
- End of Semester Exam

### **Grading**

- Homework: 15% of grade
- Assignment: 15% of grade
- Final Exam: 70% of grade

### **Texts and References**

Thomson, D. (1965). Europe Since Napoleon, Pelican Books, London.

Mazour, A.G. People, J.M. (1990) World History: People and Nations, Harcourt Brace Jovanovich Inc. Orlando USA.

Aziken, L.C. Okwuidegbe, L.E. (2014), World History, 1750-1991, Bwright integrated publishers, Ibadan.

Dev, A., Dev, A.D. (2009), History of the World: From the Late Nineteenth to the Early Twenty-First Century, Orient Blackswan, New Delhi.

### **Student Conduct**

All students enrolled at the University of Delta shall follow the tenets of common decency and acceptable behaviour conducive to a positive learning environment. The Code of Students' Conduct is described in detail in the Students 'Information Handbook and the University of Delta website.

### **Academic Honesty**

“All students enrolled at the University of Delta shall follow the tenets of common decency and acceptable behaviour conducive to a positive learning environment”. It is the policy of the University that no form of plagiarism or cheating will be tolerated. Plagiarism is defined as the deliberate use of another's work and claiming it as one's own, this means ideas as well as texts or codes whether paraphrased or presented verbatim (word for word). Cheating is defined as obtaining unauthorised assistance on any assignment, test or examination. There should be proper and accurate citation of sources. Offenders of plagiarism or cheating will receive 'O' grade and warning on the first instance. 'F' grade will be received in subsequent instance in the course and possible disciplinary measures for academic dishonesty.