

**Department of International Studies**

**Faculty of Social Science**

**Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria**



**UNDERGRADUATE  
STUDENTS HANDBOOK**

## 100 Level First Semester

COURSE CODE	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT UNIT	STATUS
INTS 101	Ancestors of the Contemporary International System	2	Core
POLS 101	Introduction to Political Science	2	Core
INTS 105	History of Europe from the French Revolution to World War II	2	Core
INTS 165	Statistics for political Science	2	Core
FRNC 111	Introduction to French for International Studies	2	Core
FRNC 113	Conversational Practice for International Studies	2	Core
GENS 101	Nationalism	1	Core
GENS 103	English and Communication Skills	2	Core
GENS 113	Nigerian Peoples and Culture	2	Core
GENS 121	Use of Library, Study Skills and ICT	2	Core
COSC 101	Computer Studies	2	Core
<b>TOTAL CREDIT UNIT</b>		<b>21</b>	

## 100 Level Second Semester

COURSE CODE	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT UNIT	STATUS
POLS 102	Introduction to African Politics	2	Core
POLS 110	Introduction to Research and Knowledge Acquisition	2	Core
POLS 112	Citizen and the State	2	Core
INTS 102	Evolution of the Contemporary International System	2	Core
INTS 106	Introduction to Management	2	Core
GEOG 106	Environmental Science	2	Core
FRNC 112	Rudiments of French for International Studies	2	Core
FRNC 114	Conversational Practice for International Studies	2	Core
GENS 112	Logic, Philosophy and Human Existence	2	Core
<b>TOTAL CREDIT UNIT</b>		<b>18</b>	

## 200 Level First Semester

COURSE CODE	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT UNIT	STATUS
INTS 201	Introduction to International Relations	2	Core
POLS 201	Nigerian Government and Politics I	2	Core
INTS 211	Element of Contemporary Global Studies	2	Core
POLS 205	Political Ideas	2	Core
POLS 213	Introduction to Regional Integration and Comparative Regional Integration	2	Core
POLS 207	Introduction to Comparative Politics	2	Core
INTS 207	New States in World Politics	2	Core
FRNC 213	French Language for International Studies	2	Core
FRNC 215	Oral Practice for International Studies	2	Core
<b>TOTAL CREDIT UNIT</b>		<b>18</b>	

## 200 Level Second Semester

COURSE CODE	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT UNIT	STATUS
POLS 202	Nigerian Government and Politics II	2	Core
POLS 204	Foundation of Political Economy	2	Core
INTS 202	Structure of International Society	2	Core
POLS 210	Introduction to Political Analysis	2	Core
FRNC 212	French for International Studies II	2	Core
FRNC 214	Oral Practice for International Studies II	2	Core
GENS 202	Entrepreneurship and Innovation	2	Core
GENS 222	Peace and Conflict Resolution	2	Core
GENS 224	Leadership Skills	2	Core
<b>TOTAL CREDIT UNIT</b>		<b>18</b>	

## 300 Level First Semester

COURSE CODE	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT UNIT	STATUS
INTS 301	International Economic Relations	2	Core
POLS 307	Research Methods	2	Core
POLS 311	Globalization and the Developing World	2	Core
INTS 303	The International Political System	2	Core
INTS 307	International Politics in the Post-cold War Era	2	Core
INTS 309	Field Trip	2	Core
POLS 321	Theory and Practice of Administration	2	Core
FRNC 321	French for International Studies	2	Core
GENS 301	Entrepreneurship	2	Core
<b>TOTAL CREDIT UNIT</b>		<b>18</b>	

### 300 Level Second Semester

<b>COURSE CODE</b>	<b>COURSE TITLE</b>	<b>CREDIT UNIT</b>	<b>STATUS</b>
POLS 304	Public Policy Analysis	2	Core
POLS 302	Political Data Analysis	2	Core
INTS 310	Theories of International Relations	2	Core
INTS 308	Foreign Policy Analysis	2	Core
INTS 304	Laws of Nations and Diplomacy	2	Core
POLS 326	History of Political Thought	3	Core
FRNC 322	French for International Studies (Advanced) II	2	Core
<b>TOTAL CREDIT UNIT</b>		<b>15</b>	

### 400 Level First Semester

<b>COURSE CODE</b>	<b>COURSE TITLE</b>	<b>CREDIT UNIT</b>	<b>STATUS</b>
INTS 401	Nigerian Foreign Policy	2	Core
INTS 403	Fundamental Human Rights	2	Core
INTS 405	Foreign Policies of the Powers	2	Core
INTS 407	Race, Religion and Ethnicity in International Relations	2	Core
INTS 409	International Politics of Mass Communication	2	Core
POLS 405	Third World and Dependency	2	Core
INTS 411	International Politics of Africa	2	Core
FRNC 431	French for International Studies I	2	Core
<b>TOTAL CREDIT UNIT</b>		<b>16</b>	

### 400 Level Second Semester

<b>COURSE CODE</b>	<b>COURSE TITLE</b>	<b>CREDIT UNIT</b>	<b>STATUS</b>
POLS 400	Research Project	6	Core
INTS 406	International Institutions	2	Core
INTS 404	Contemporary Strategic Studies	2	Core
INTS 408	Technology, Ecology and Environmental Issues in International Relations	2	Core
FRNC 430	French for International Studies II	2	Core
<b>TOTAL CREDIT UNIT</b>		<b>14</b>	

**Total number of Credit Units: 138**

## **COURSE SYNOPSIS**

Presented below are the synopses of all the courses under B.Sc. International Studies and the units of each course have been indicated.

### **100 LEVEL COURSES**

#### **A) First Semester**

##### **INTS 101: Ancestors of the Contemporary International System (2 Units)**

A brief survey of the fore-runners of the contemporary international system to highlight some earlier answers to the problem of co-existence, order and peace; focus on previous examples of arrangements for organizing relations between diverse peoples from which our modern system sprang; The Chou system; the Greek City States; the Egyptian; Assyrian, Persian world, Renaissance Italy etc.

##### **INTS 105: History of Europe from the French Revolution to World War II (2 Units) (4-2-0-6)**

Ideas, concepts and institutions which influenced the evolution of Europe and sustained it up to the era of the French Revolution and beyond; feudalism, the church; cities, humanism, renaissance; reformation; the commercial and scientific revolutions; absolutism, enlightenment; industrial revolution; the advent of the principle of nationality and the globalization of the international system.

##### **POLS 101: Introduction to Political Science (2 Units)**

A general introduction to the organization and operation of modern governments with emphasis on the forms and types of government, the principles associated with modern government; rule of law; theory of separation of powers; the making, execution and control of public policy; and examination of the relationship between the citizen and the state in terms of duties, obligations and responsibilities to each other, political discourse and practice as these affect obligation, freedom, loyalty and patriotism.

##### **INTS 165: Statistics for Political Science (2 Units)**

The course will introduce the nature of statistics, statistical inquiries, forms and design, the role of statistics and basic concepts in statistics.

##### **COSC 101: Introduction to Computer (2 Units)**

History and development of computer technology; the why and how of computers; computer types; analogue; digital and hybrid; central preparation equipment; key punch, sorter etc; data central preparation equipment. Topics will include transmission; nature, speed and error detection, data capture and validation including error detection, system analysis and design; the programming process; problem definition, flow charting and decision table.

##### **FRNC 111: Introduction to French for International Studies (2 Units)**

In this course, students will be acquainted to basic sound patterns of French and rudiments of French Grammar starting with "presentatifs" one-word structure, three-word structure etc. deictics, vocative, etc. Primary grammatical participants in the sentence

**FRNC 113: Conversational French Practice for International Studies (2 Units)**

Students will be exposed to first attempts to acquired oral French for social interaction in francophone community. This is preparatory to laboratory exercises.

**B) Second Semester**

**POLS 102: Introduction to African Politics (2 Units)**

The origins, nature and problems of African Politics; problems of colonialism, neo-colonialism and apartheid; Succession to power, military rule etc; Africa's lingering dependence on the former metropolis, and Africa in International Politics.

**INTS 102: Evolution of the Contemporary International System (2 Units)**

The evolution of the contemporary international system from 1648 up to the end of the Second World War; particular emphasis on the European International System and factors which led to the globalization of that system by the end of 1945.

**INTS 106 Introduction to Management (2 Units)**

Basic concepts in management; management principles; functions of the manager; planning and organization; span of control, departmentalization, line and staff authority; staffing; selection of managers; appraisal of managers; development and training of managers; direction and leading; motivation; leadership, communication, controlling, the system and process of controlling special control techniques; recent development of control process; the Nigeria environment problems; transferability of the management system.

**POLS 112: The Citizen and the State (2 Units)**

The course exposes students to the origin, concept and theories of state and society. The relationship between the citizens and the state in terms of the duties and obligation of the citizen to the state and responsibility of the state to the citizens. The nature of relations (strained and cooperative) and the processes of reconciliation, political obligation, basis of freedom, loyalty, patriotism and patriotism.

**GEOG 106: Environmental Science (2 Units)**

Energy systems in the atmosphere, biosphere, hydrosphere, and lithosphere. Current environmental issues, including air pollution and other natural hazards; erosion, drought, earthquakes, hurricanes, floods etc.

**POLS 102: Introduction to Research and Knowledge Acquisition (2 Units)**

The course introduced students to the fundamentals of research. Students will be exposed to the logics of reasoning, scientific inquiry, research design, meaning of political inquiry, the objectives, importance and problems of doing research in Nigeria. The types of research (historical, ex-post factor, applied, evolutionary, comparative and descriptive). The primary and secondary sources data, Sample and sampling techniques of doing research. Population of a study, targeted population and sample population among others.

**FRNC 122: Rudiment of French for International Studies (2 Units)**

Students will learn simple verbs and structure. The French sentences and basic vocabulary development.

**FRNC 114: Conversational Practice for International Studies (2 Units)**

The course exposes students to first laboratory exercise such as sound reception and integration, and reproduction such as sentence structure and basic vocabulary.

**200 Level Courses**

**A) First Semester**

**INTS 206: Introduction to International Relations (2 Units)**

The course introduces students to the field of International Relation as an academic discipline. It equipped students with the meaning and scope of International Relations and how human race can survive and develop through complex relationship among actors in the international environment. Students are expected to be acquainted with the workings of international politics, interaction between nation-states, foreign policy as well as distinction between International Relations, International System and International Politics.

**POLS 201: Nigerian Government and Politics I (2 Units)**

The course surveys the approaches to the study of Nigerian government and politics as well as the basic features of pre-colonial systems of government from the annexation of Lagos to conquest of kingdoms and entities as well as the military punitive expedition of the today's current eastern part of Nigeria.

**INTS 207: New States in World Politics (2 Units)**

The collapse of imperial rule in Asian and African countries, forms of government in the new states, their main preoccupations, their role in international order; U.N., international law, international military order, international economic order, international morality; their role as producers or consumers of international order, the contemporary new statehood, neutralism and nonalignment, imperialism and neo-colonialism.

**INTS 211 Elements of Contemporary Global Studies (2 Units)**

The course will focus on issues of Contemporary global interest such as Globalisation, terrorism, Weapons of Mass Destruction, Environmental Degradation, HIV/AIDS, Malaria etc.

**POL 205: Political Ideas (2 Units)**

Political ideas and ideology are phenomena that shape individuals and groups politically, socially, economically and even religiously. Thus, introduction to major political ideas in their historical context is the thrust of this course. Emphasis should be placed on concepts like Monarchism, Liberalism, Democracy, Socialism, Fascism and Anarchism among others.

**INTS 213: Introduction to Regional Integration and Comparative Regional Integration (2 Units)**

Regional integration in academics is an area through which scholars sought to explain patterns of interstate cooperation and corresponding socio-economic benefits. As such the course clarifies the basic concepts and approaches used in regional integration and also outlined the necessity for integration. Again, theoretical issues on regional integration and the level of regional integration are explored with relevant examples such as EU, ECOWAS AU etc. Exploration of what regional integration is all about and how Africa has fared as a regional entity. Students will be exposed to the contextualization of regional politics among the blocs of African continent and other sub-regional organizations such as ECOWAS, SADC and EAC and other classical regional bodies such as EU and OAS.

**POLS 210: Introduction to Comparative Politics (2 Units)**

In this course students are expected to be acquainted with the method and logic of comparative political analysis. Therefore, the principles, basic concepts, comparison of contemporary political system, institutions, ideologies, levels of development over a period of time etc. will be exposed. Guided by the principles of comparative political analysis students will be taught how to compare current events in world politics across diverse issues such as: types of government, systems of government, gender, democracies, civil society, globalization etc.

**FRNC 213: French Language for International Studies (2 Units)**

Students will be subjected to serious conversational exercises with topics bearing on themselves, their environment and their immediate community.

**FRNC 215: Oral Practice for International Studies (2 Units)**

Students will be subjected to serious conversational exercises with topics bearing on themselves, their environment and their immediate community.

**B) Second Semester**

**POLS 202: Nigerian Government and Politics II (2 Units)**

This course further exposes students to the approaches, dynamics and nature of Nigerian government and politics from 1960 as well as the basic features of the post-independence systems of government. The students are to be acquainted with analytical prowess of major events and development of the Nigerian federal structure which has continued to shape the country.

**INTS 202: Structure of International System (2 Units)**

The major historical, intellectual and sociological developments which have shaped relations between nations, particularly the industrial and technological revolution; the spread of nationalism, the breakup of the European empires and the rise of the superpowers.



**POL 203: Introduction to Political Analysis****(2 Units)**

The study of this course introduces students to the definition, description and explanation of political phenomenon. Therefore, students are expected to be acquainted with basic concepts and nature of politics, political systems and the structure of government, political representation; institutions of different regimes, political efficiency, citizen participation, political culture and socialization. They are also exposed to theories such as the system theory etc. This will equip students with the intellectual capacity for analysing political phenomenon in real world issues.

**POLS 204: Foundations of Political Economy****(2 Units)**

Relationship between politics and economics; economics and determinants of politics with emphasis on the material basis of political actions.

**FRNC 212: French Language for International Studies II****(2 Units)**

The focus of this course will be on Essay Writing, Translation, more-than-simple grammatical structure, useful vocabulary for daily use. In addition, Irregular expression will be studied.

**FRNC 214: Oral Practice for International Studies II****(2 Units)**

The course will involve discussions on academic topics of immediate relevance separately, and on society and people.

**300 LEVEL COURSES****A) First Semester****INT 301: International Economic Relations I****(2 Units)**

The economic basis of some of the actions and reactions in international politics, international trade; commercial policy; capital movement etc; role of IMF; World Bank and other monetary agencies; multi-national enterprises; customs unions, and currency areas.

**INTS 303: The International Political System****(2 Units)**

The emergence and organization of the modern international system; the political processes in the international community and contemporary thought on state activity; the external needs of states and goals of states activity; the means of exerting pressures, and the forms of political relationships between states; the dynamic aspects, revolutionary movements; the external projection of political values, and the changing distribution of power and leadership; war as a contingency in international life; mechanisms for maintaining International Order.

**POLS 307: Research Methods****(2 Units)**

An examination of the boundary of political studies; the various modes of political analysis with emphasis on scientific methods; the logic and language of inquiry; the problems of political evaluation and the sources of data with emphasis on survey, questionnaire construction, statistical association, scaling and content analysis together with the reporting of results.

**INTS 307 International Politics in the Post-Cold War Era****(2 Units)**

The end of the Cold War and its effects on the international system; the collapse of communism and disintegration of alliance systems; the democratic fever in the Third World and Eastern Europe; the UN and the challenges of peace-keeping and peace-making; options and tendencies in the emerging world; Africa and the problems of marginality.

**INTS 309 Field Trip****(2 Units)**

Visits and attachment to selected international institutions, ministries, diplomatic missions and other agencies relevant to the study and practical aspects of diplomacy; written reports at the conclusion of the attachment.

**POLS 311: Globalization and the Developing World****(2 Units)**

The course seek to acquaint students with a survey of the idea of globalization and its implications on development across the regions of the world particularly its adverse effect on the developing countries. Gains and pains of globalization to Africa and Nigeria in particular with emphasis on remedies or way forward.

**POLS 321 Theory and Practice of Administration****(2 Units)**

Evolution of administrative organization theory from the classical through the neo-classical to the modern; relation of administration to politics and the political process; administrative behaviour in various international settings; interplay of political institutions and administrative patterns of political institutions and administrative patterns of behaviour; study of personnel administration, decision-making in bureaucratic organizations

**FRNC 321: French for International Studies****(2 Units)**

Reading of texts on diplomacy, simple correspondence, translation. Students will be made to study relevant texts. They will also write a lot of composition.

**B) Second Semester****INTS 304 Law of Nations and Diplomacy****(2 Units)**

The course will examine the foundations of international law; problems of formation, changes and modern trends. The meaning and historical development of diplomacy; the contribution of individuals to the development of diplomacy; tasks of diplomacy and diplomatic protocol and rules of courtesy; diplomacy and intelligence; acceptance of peaceful methods; mediation, conciliation and good offices.

**POLS 304: Public Policy Analysis****(2 Units)**

The course is designed to teach students the concepts and approaches involve in the formulation of public policy in general and it applicability in Nigeria. Thus students will be expose to the various stages of policy making or policy circle as well as the theories of public policy such as incremental theory, system theory and decision making theory. Furthermore, they also learn how to analyse public policies using different theories or models.

**POLS 302: Political Data Analysis****(2 Units)**

In this course, students are taught practical ways of applying the methods and approaches of political inquiry. They will be acquainted with how to identify and choose a research topic and the steps that should be followed in conducting research such as: introduction, statement of problem, research questions, etc. Other areas of concern are: referencing styles, qualitative research, quantitative research, methods of data analysis and the organization of research.

**INTS 310 Theories of International Relations****(2 Units)**

An examination of the following basic concepts and theories: Power, Conflict and Accommodation, Systems' Theory; Linkage Politics; the Theory of Coalitions and Alliances; Games and Simulation.

**INTS 308: Foreign Policy Analysis****(2 Units)**

Nature of foreign policy as an activity; purposes, aims and determinants of foreign policy; internal and external pressures; decision-making in foreign policy; different theories and categories which may be employed. Some selected cases, the American decision to go to war in Korea in 1950; the Cuban Missile Crisis of 1962; the British decision to join the EEC 1961-1970; the French decision to withdraw from the integrated NATO Command Structure in 1966; Israel decision to go to war in June 1967.

**POLS 326: History of Political Thought****(2 Units)**

A general survey of Classical and Medieval thought up to the fifteenth century with a focus on individual thinkers; pre-occupations of political thought; the language and methods of political analysis. A critical analysis of post 17th century normative political thought with emphasis on liberal democratic traditions; Marxism-Leninism and the thoughts of people like Fanon, Senghor, Nkrumah etc.

**FRNC 322: French for International Studies II****(2 Units)**

The focus of this course is to expose students to texts on diplomacy, simple correspondence, translation and general texts.

**400 LEVEL COURSES****A) First Semester****INTS 401: Nigerian Foreign Policy****(2 Units)**

Basic principles underlying Nigeria's foreign policy; Nigeria's role in Africa, her relations with the Great Powers, and her role in the UN; and the Commonwealth, ECOWAS etc. Major factors, internal and external, shaping the foreign policy of Nigeria; the role of political parties, the press, parliament, public opinion in formulation of policy, the role of the foreign service, and Federal Executive Council in the foreign policy process; presidential system and Nigerian foreign policy under the Second Republic; the role of the Executive office of the President etc. Selected cases; decisions to abrogate the Anglo-Nigerian Defence Pact 1962; the decision to break diplomatic relations with Israel in October 1973; the decision to recognize the MPLA government in November 1975; policy towards Southern Africa.

**INTS 403: Fundamental Human Rights****(2 Units)**

The course will study of the nature of human rights; an evaluation of contemporary experience and institutions in protecting and reinforcing such rights both nationally and internationally.

**INTS 405 Foreign Policies of the Powers****(2 Units)**

Theories of international relations, foreign policies of different power blocks, foreign policies during the cold war, foreign policies in the post-war period; foreign policies of key countries such as USA, Britain, Japan since the end of the cold war; foreign policies of Nigeria, Ghana, South Africa and other African countries

**INTS 407: Race, Religion and Ethnicity in International Relations****(2 Units)**

The course will focus on politics of race and ethnic nationalism, their impact on inter-state relations; patterns of conflict management strategies, materials to be drawn from Europe, Asia, Africa and the Americas e.g. role of Jewish League in the U.S.A. and the concept of overseas Africans and African foreign policy.

**INTS 409: The International Politics of Mass Communication****(2 Units)**

The politics and manipulative nature of international communication focusing on the role of technology, ideology, culture, economy and international market on the international flow of news among nations; examination of the role of communication in development.

**POLS 405: Third World and Dependency****(2 Units)**

Students will be equipped with the knowledge of modernization/development school and contemporary third world politico-social structure. Criticisms of the modernization/development school. The dependency/underdevelopment approach to the understanding of contemporary third world political and social structure. Criticisms of the dependency/underdevelopment school. The modes of production school. Capitalist penetration of the Third World nations, under the dominance of merchant capital. Capitalist penetration of the Third World nations (especially African, Asian and Latin American) under the dominance of capital export. Debt system and global recession.

**INTS 411: International Politics of Africa****(2 Units)**

An investigation into the relationships between Africa, and the Great Powers Africa and International Organizations.

**FRNC 431: French for International Studies (Advanced)****(2 Units)**

The final year students of International Studies will be taught to write reports, summaries, dialogues and advanced correspondence.

## **B) Second Semester**

### **POLS 400: Research Project**

**(6 Units)**

An investigation and report on a topic in International Relations selected with the approval of Head of the Department and supervised by an appointed member of staff.

### **INTS 404: Contemporary Strategic Studies**

**(2 Units)**

Contemporary strategic concepts; Brinkmanship; Containment; Massive Retaliation, Flexible and Gradual Response; Deterrence, Saturation etc; The evolution of strategic and military policy since 1945 with special reference to the U.S., the Soviet Union, Western Europe and China. The course will also examination of developments in weapons technology since the Second World War and their impact on the U.S.A., U.S.S.R, and Western Europe. Perestroika, Glasnost; strategic thinking in the post-Cold War period.

### **INTS 406: International Institutions**

**(2 Units)**

The origins of international institutions; writings on international institutions; failure of the League of Nations; the various peace conferences before the establishment of the United Nations; the origins of the U.N; Charter; the various organs and its agencies; the changing emphasis of its role in the 60s to the present time; Regional Institutions; OAU, ECOWAS, etc.

### **INTS 408: Technology, Ecology and Environmental Issues in International Relations**

**(2 Units)**

The role of Geography and physical environment in International Relations; linkages between science/technology and World Politics; international politics; international politics of population, global ecological changes; environmental pollution, land use; famine etc; transitions from international to planetary politics; the challenges of disaster management in this context and response of public policy decision makers.

### **FRNC 430: French for International Studies II**

**(2 Units)**

The course teaches students advanced correspondence and advanced translation of relevant texts and essays on practical situation, dialogue, etc.