Course Number and Name  

PSCE 101  Theory and Practice of State and Government

Intended Learning Outcomes  

At the end of the course students will be able to demonstrate the knowledge in the disciplinary study of political science on the state and the government.

Course Contents  

Introduction to Political Science: nature, scope, and approaches; Political Fundamental: power, authority, sovereignty, legality, legitimacy; State: basis theories of origin and development, trends and challenges; Nature of State: elements of state, state and government, state and society; Government: organs of government, functions of government; Forms of government: autocracy, oligarchy, democracy; Types of Government: Cabinet, presidential, mixed; Government and the people: political parties, pressure group, public opinion; Methods of Representation: main electoral system, referendum, initiatives, recall; State and Citizenship: rights and responsibilities of citizens, rule of law.

Assessment Strategy  

i. Time of Assessment - End of the Year  

ii. Assessment Method - Written examination  

Assigned Percentage of Mark for each Component – 100%

Recommended References  

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Trevor Munreo, An Introduction to Politics: Lectures for First-Year Students, Canoe Press, Jamaika, 2002