**Social and Political Philosophy**

Course Code: PHI 3104

**Course Unit: 3**

***Course Description:***

The course provides an in-depth study of major themes in social and political thought such as State, Sovereignty, Socialism, Capitalism, Anarchism and Ideologies. It further analyses and evaluates the social, economic and political constraints on statehood with particular reference to developing nations

***Course Objective:***

To give deeper insight into different social and political theories and systems; and engender a critical attitude towards these theories and systems

***Course Outline***

1. General introduction: Divisions/periods of social and political philosophy
2. Basic historical social and political theories
3. The modern period
4. Meta-political theories
5. Freedom, justice and democracy
6. African contemporary ideologies

***Methodology***

The facilitator(s) will employ the following methods; Lectures, individual presentations, textual criticism, guest lectures

***Assessment Mode***

Course work exercises 30%

End of semester examination 70%

***Suggested Readings***

1. Forsyth M. and Keens-Soper M., eds.: *The Political Classics – A Guide to Essential Texts from Plato to Rousseau*OxfordUniversity Press, London, 1988.
2. Strauss and Crospey, eds.: *History of Political Philosophy,* Rand McNally, Chicago
3. Ross, W.D.: *Aristotle’s Metaphysis,* Oxford University Press, London, 1975.
4. Fanon, F.: *The Wretched of the Earth,* tr. Eng., Groove Press, London, 1965.
5. Nkrumah, K.:*Conciencism. Philosophy and Ideology for Decolonization and Development with Particular Reference to African Revolution,* Heinemann, London, 1964