PHI 3201 **Philosophy of Development**

Course Code:

**Course Unit: 3**

***Course Description:***

The course critically assesses the political thought and ideologies in the developing nations. It examines some of the current theories and problems of economic and political development related to the said nations. It focuses on the way the new nations need to free themselves from foreign ideas by evolving their own philosophical directions. Among the central concepts to be explored are: development and under development; dependency and modernization; imperialism, colonialism and neo-colonialism; tradition and modernity; development vis-à-vis freedom, ethics and the environment. Special emphasis is put on power of choice, dimension of consciousness, vision, alignment, creative process and adjustment. Relevant thinkers on the issue of development are considered, like A. Smith, J.S. Mill, but above all the African ones, like K. Nkrumah, J. Nyerere, K. Kaunda and others.

***Course Objective***

Enable Students to appreciate the most fundamental ideas that inform Development Theory and Practice.

***Learning objectives:***

1. By the end of the course students will be able to understand what the concept development means,
2. They will be able to appreciate the different concepts that inform, and in turn are informed by development

***Course outline***

1. The Nature of philosophical issues
2. Development: an Etymological and philosophical elucidation.
3. Development and related concepts: Growth, Evolution, Beneficial change
4. The Nature and Value of Universal laws in the natural and physical sciences and their implication for our understanding of the social realms

# Freedom and development

# Ideology and development

# Democracy and development

# Culture and development

# Development theories

1. Gender and Development

# The University and Development

***Methodology***

Lectures, tutorials, guest lecturers, group work, individual presentations

***Assessment Mode***

Course work exercises 30%

End of semester examination 70%

***Reading List***

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8. Maurice Conforth, The Open Philosophy and The Open Society, London, Lawrence and Wishart, 1976.
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12. William Barrett, Irrational Man, A study in Existential Philosophy, A Double day Anchor Book, Garden City, New York, 1962.
13. KwasiWiredu: Cultural Universals.
14. Ahmed Mohiddin – “The hen and the egg. Is there a direct link between Freedom and Development” . In Africa – Events (Issues to be specified).
15. John Rawls: A Theory of Justice, OxfordUniversity Press, 1980.
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17. David Kaulem. “On concept of Freedom in Contemporary Africa”. A.T. Dalfovo, Readings in African Philosophy, MakerereUniversity, pp.104-117.
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