

**UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA, NSUKKA
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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC LAW

POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMMES (LL.M AND Ph.D)

1.1 PHILOSOPHY, OBJECTIVES AND SCOPE

The general LL.B programmes in Law and the Law School training qualify students as general legal practitioners. LL.M and Ph. D programmes, on the other hand, enable students to qualify as specialist in specific areas of Law. The postgraduate programmes of the Department of Public Law are designed to offer specialist training to student in various areas of Public Law.

The programmes, thus aim to bring about a critical mass of knowledge and specialisation in specific areas of Law. It will also lead to improved skill and competence as well as inculcating evidence based knowledge through legal research methods in resolving legal issues/challenges.

The postgraduate programmes of the Department of Public Law cover the following areas of specialisation: Administrative Law, Comparative Constitutional Law, Human Rights Law, Health Law and Policy, Humanitarian Law and Advanced Criminal Law.

1.2 EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The programmes will produce specialist Law graduates who will serve as legal experts in various areas at national, regional and international levels. Graduates of the programmes have good prospects of employment in both the public and private sector (either salaried or self-employment. In the public sector, they can serve the federal and state governments and their ministries, departments and agencies in various capacities. They can also serve in national, regional and international organisations requiring specialised skills. In the private sector, they can be employed as legal advisers and consultants to organisations, companies and other establishments.

1.3 ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

(a) Master of Laws (LL.M) in Public Law

The following shall qualify for admission into the Master of Laws (LL.M) Programme in Public Law: graduates of the University of Nigeria or of other recognised universities who have obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Laws (LL.B) with at least a second class honours (lower division) with CGPA of not less than 3.0 on a 5-point scale.

(b) Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) in Public Law

The following shall qualify for admission into the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) Programme in Public Law: graduates of the University of Nigeria or of other recognized universities with a good Master's Degree in Laws (LL.M), with a minimum CGPA of 3.5 on a 5-point scale or 3.0 on a 4-point scale or 60% or a B grade and Project score not lower than 60% (B).

1.4 DURATION OF PROGRAMMES

(a) Master of Laws (LL.M) in Public Law

- (i) **Full-time:** A minimum of three (3) semesters and a maximum of six (6) semesters.
- (ii) **Part-time:** A minimum of five (5) semesters and a maximum of eight (8) semesters.

(b) Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) in Public Law

- (i) **Full-time:** A minimum of six (6) semesters and a maximum of ten (10) semesters.
- (ii) **Part-time:** A minimum of eight (8) semesters and a maximum of twelve (12) semesters.

1.5 COURSE REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION

A Student must have fulfilled, in addition to other University requirements, the following conditions to be awarded:

(a) Master of Laws (LL.M) Degree in Public Law

To be awarded the Master of Laws (LL.M) degree in Public Law, a student must have registered and passed a minimum of 33 credit units of both compulsory and elective courses as follows:

Compulsory courses	-	6 units
Elective courses	-	18 units

Seminar	-	3 units
Project	-	<u>6 units</u>
		33 units

(b) Doctor of Philosophy in Law (Ph.D)

To be awarded the Doctor of Philosophy in Law (PhD) degree in Public Law, a student must have registered and passed a minimum of 36 credit units of both compulsory and elective courses as follows:

Course Work (Both Compulsory and Elective)	-	15 units
Compulsory Paper Presentations	-	6 units
PhD Thesis Seminar	-	3 units
Thesis	-	<u>12 units</u>
		36 units

2. CURRICULUM SPECIFICATION TABLE

2.1 Master of Laws (LL.M) in Public Law

FIRST SEMESTER

1 Compulsory course	-	3 units
2 Courses from Core Area	-	6 units
1 Elective course from Alternate Area	-	<u>3 units</u>
		12 units

SECOND SEMESTER

1 Compulsory course	-	3 units
2 Courses from Core Area	-	6 units
1 Elective course from Alternate Area	-	<u>3 units</u>
		12 units

THIRD SEMESTER

Seminar	-	3 units
Project	-	<u>6 units</u>
		9 units

2.2 Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) in Public Law

(i) First Year

FIRST SEMESTER

1 Compulsory course	-	3 units
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2 Courses (1 from Core Area, 1 from alternate area) - 6 units
9 units

SECOND SEMESTER

2 Courses (1 from Core Area, 1 from alternate area) - **6 units**

(ii) Second Year

FIRST SEMESTER

Research Proposal - **3 units**

SECOND SEMESTER

Book and/or Journal Article Presentation - **3 units**

(iii) Third Year

FIRST SEMESTER

Ph.D Seminar - **3 units**

SECOND SEMESTER

Ph.D Thesis Defence - **12 units**

3. STRESS AREAS/AREAS OF SPECIALISATION

0 Fundamentals (Research Methodology, Legal Research Writing, Research Proposal, Synopsis/Grant Writing)

1 Administrative Law

2 Comparative Constitutional Law

3 Human Rights Law

4 Health Law and Policy

5 Humanitarian Law

6 Advanced Criminal Law

8 Seminar

9 Thesis

4. COURSES FOR MASTER OF LAWS (LL.M) IN PUBLIC LAW

FIRST SEMESTER			
S/N	COURSE CODE	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT UNITS
COMPULSORY COURSE			
1	PGC 601	ICT and Research Methodology	3 Units

THREE ELECTIVES COURSES (TWO FROM STUDENT'S CORE AREA, ONE FROM NON-CORE AREA)			
2	PUL611	Administrative Law I	3 Units
3	PUL 613	Law of Legislative Institutions I	3 Units
4	PUL 621	Comparative Constitutional Law I	3 Units
5	PUL 623	Constitutional Behaviour I	3 Units
6	PUL 631	Human Rights Law I	3 Units
7	PUL 641	Health Law and Policy I	3 Units
8	PUL 651	Humanitarian Law I	3 Units
9	PUL 661	Advanced Criminal Law I	3 Units
TOTAL (4 courses)			9 Units

SECOND SEMESTER			
S/N	COURSE CODE	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT UNITS
COMPULSORY COURSES			
1	LAW 602	Legal Research Writing	3 Units
THREE ELECTIVES COURSES (TWO FROM STUDENT'S CORE AREA, ONE FROM NON-CORE AREA)			
2	PUL 612	Administrative Law II	3 Units
3	PUL 614	Law of Legislative Institutions II	3 Units
4	PUL 622	Comparative Constitutional Law II	3 Units
5	PUL 624	Constitutional Behaviour II	3 Units
6	PUL 632	Human Rights Law II	3 Units
7	PUL 642	Health Law and Policy II	3 Units
8	PUL 652	Humanitarian Law II	3 Units
9	PUL 662	Advanced Criminal Law II	3 Units
TOTAL (4 courses)			9 Units

THIRD SEMESTER			
1	PUL 681	Seminar in Public Law	3 Units
2	PUL 691	Project	6 Units
TOTAL (Seminar and Project)			9 Units

5. COURSES FOR PhD IN PUBLIC LAW

(i) First Year

FIRST SEMESTER			
S/N	COURSE CODE	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT UNITS
COMPULSORY COURSE			
1	PGC 701	Synopsis and Research Grant Writing	3 Units
TWO ELECTIVE COURSES (ONE FROM CORE AREA, ONE FROM NON-CORE AREA)			
2	PUL 711	Advanced Seminar in Administrative Law I	3 Units
3	PUL 721	Advanced Seminar in Comparative Constitutional Law I	3 Units
4	PUL 731	Advanced Seminar in Human Rights Law I	3 Units
5	PUL 741	Advanced Seminar in Health Law and Policy I	3 Units
6	PUL 751	Advanced Seminar in Humanitarian Law I	3 Units
7	PUL 761	Advanced Seminar in Criminal Law I	3 Units
TOTAL (3 courses)			9 Units

SECOND SEMESTER			
S/N	COURSE CODE	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT UNITS
TWO ELECTIVE COURSES (ONE FROM CORE AREA, ONE FROM NON-CORE AREA)			
1	PUL 712	Advanced Seminar in Administrative Law II	3 Units
2	PUL 722	Advanced Seminar in Comparative Constitutional Law II	3 Units
3	PUL 732	Advanced Seminar in Human Rights Law II	3 Units
4	PUL 742	Advanced Seminar in Health Law and Policy II	3 Units
5	PUL 752	Advanced Seminar in Humanitarian Law II	3 Units
6	PUL 762	Advanced Seminar in Criminal Law II	3 Units
TOTAL			6 Units

(ii) Second Year

FIRST SEMESTER			
S/N	COURSE CODE	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT UNITS
COMPULSORY COURSE			
1	PUL 781	Research Proposal	3 Units
TOTAL			3 Units

SECOND SEMESTER			
S/N	COURSE CODE	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT UNITS
COMPULSORY COURSE			
2	PUL 782	Books and/or Journal Article Presentation	3 Units
TOTAL			3 Units

(ii) Third Year

FIRST SEMESTER			
S/N	COURSE CODE	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT UNITS
COMPULSORY COURSE			
3	PUL 783	PhD Thesis Seminar	3 Units
TOTAL			3 Units
SECOND SEMESTER			
S/N	COURSE CODE	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT UNITS
COMPULSORY COURSE			
4	PUL 790	PhD Thesis	12 Units
TOTAL			12 Units

6. DESCRIPTION OF COURSES FOR MASTER OF LAWS (LL.M) PROGRAMME**PGC 601: ICT and Research Methodology (3 units)**

Legal Research and Academic Writing: forms and skills required. Components of Legal Research: Proposal, Abstract, Introduction/Background, Statement of Problem, Research Questions, Objectives, Methodology, Literature Review, Body of the Work, Summary of Findings, Recommendations, Conclusions. Research Structure or Organisation: chapters and sections and sub-sections; Work Plan; Referencing and Citation in Legal Research/Academic Writing; Online Resources for legal materials.

LAW 602: Legal Research Writing (3 units)

Documentation and Presentation

PUL 611 Administrative Law I**(3 Units)**

This course aims to equip students with advanced knowledge of theories and doctrines of administrative law. Topics to be studied include, but not limited to, Nature, Definition and Scope of Administrative Law; Fundamental Principles and Doctrines in Administrative Law; The Administration and Administrative Agencies; Delegated Legislation and Exercise of legislative powers by the Administration; Administrative Functions; Tribunals and Inquiries; and so forth. Students' assessment is based on a term paper (30%) and written examination (70%).

PUL 612 Administrative Law II**(3 Units)**

This course aims to equip students with advanced knowledge of theories and doctrines of administrative law. Topics to be studied include, but not limited to, Judicial Review and Control of Governmental Powers; Remedies – the Ombudsman, Prerogative Remedies, Common Law Remedies, Equitable Remedies; Actions by and against the State – Public Officers protection, pre-Action Notice; and so forth. Students' assessment is based on a term paper (30%) and written examination (70%).

PUL 623 Law of Legislative Institutions I

This course aims to equip students with advanced knowledge of legal theories and doctrines governing Legislative Institutions. Theory of Separation of powers, structure, qualification and composition of Nigerian legislatures, division of legislative powers, legislative independence, powers of the legislature, rules for conduct of legislative business; principal officers of the legislative houses and their functions, legislative capacity building, units and departments in the legislature and so forth. Students' assessment is based on a term paper (30%) and written examination (70%).

PUL 624 Law of Legislative Institutions II

This course aims to equip students with advanced knowledge of legal theories and doctrines governing Legislative Institutions. Topics to be covered include bills drafting, bills analysis and scrutiny, legislative process, the committee system, statutory interpretation, special legislative processes and so forth. Students' assessment is based on a term paper (30%) and written examination (70%).

PUL 621 Comparative Constitutional Law I**(3 Units)**

The first semester of the course introduces the students to foundational doctrines and principles in Comparative Constitutional Law. Topics to be covered include assessment of the Constitution – its nature, scope and sources; Constitution – a legal or political charter?; Nature of Comparative Study of Constitutions: Meaning and Merits of Comparative Study; A Comparative study of the structure and powers as well as limitations of the Legislature in Presidential and Parliamentary systems of Government – democracies, autocracies; communist and capitalist forms of government; Monarchies, Theocracies and Military regimes; The Concept of Sovereignty of Parliamentary in written and unwritten Constitutions; Sovereignty – limitations & divisibility; The Austinian concept of Sovereignty in relation to constitutional dynamics of Legislative, Executive and Judicial arms of government; Sovereignty in a federal as opposed to the unitary form of government; Comparative study of constitutional provisions in Nigeria, Canada, America and India with particular reference to the legislative, executive and judicial arms of government for their similarities and differences and so forth. Students' assessment is based on a term paper (30%) and written examination (70%).

PUL 622 Comparative Constitutional Law II**(3 Units)**

Topics to be covered in the second semester include Comparative study of the structure, powers and limitations of the Executive branch of government in Parliamentary and Presidential systems of government – democracies, autocracies, communist and capitalist institutions of government; monarchies, theocracies, military regimes, et al; A comparative study of the structure and functions of the Judiciary in Presidential and Parliamentary systems of government in both democratic and autocratic dispensations; How the Judiciary contributes to the substance of politics in Nigeria and other jurisdictions; Judicial Activism, financial autonomy and separation of powers in various jurisdictions and their effect on the stream of Justice and Justice Delivery; The Judiciary in Relation to the Executive and Legislative Powers; Why democratic form of government has succeeded in many countries of the world but has failed in others despite the operation of constitutional charters in almost all countries of the world; Constitution-making procedure in these countries and the ultimate effect on the substance of the constitution; Need for strong democratic institutions of government as opposed to “strong man” in government; Change of Government by extra-

constitutional means: The Doctrine of Necessity and the Legal Theory of Revolution; The Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles of State Policy; and, so forth. Students' assessment is based on a term paper (30%) and written examination (70%).

PUL 623 Constitutional Behaviour I

This course aims to equip students with advanced knowledge of legal theories and doctrines underpinning Constitutional Behaviour. Topics to be covered include factors that influence constitutional behaviour (i.e. constitutional culture, cognitive level, economy, strong democratic institutions, civil society), tenets of democracy, constitutionalism, judicial approach to constitutional interpretation, the impact of intra/inter party conflicts on the constitution. Students' assessment is based on a term paper (30%) and written examination (70%).

PUL 624 Constitutional Behaviour II

This course aims to equip students with advanced knowledge of legal theories and doctrines underpinning Constitutional Behaviour. Topics to be covered include law, politics and economy in Nigeria, executive/legislature relations, constitution making and constitutional amendments, impeachment process, electoral process and the courts. Students' assessment is based on a term paper (30%) and written examination (70%).

PUL 631 Human Rights Law I

(3 Units)

This course aims to equip students with advanced knowledge of theories and doctrines of international human rights law as well as their interface with State practice. A cardinal feature of the course is its merger of mainstream scholarship with African concept of human rights. Students are exposed to the impact of African cosmology on some of the subjects to be covered in the course. Topics to be studied include, but not limited to, philosophy of human rights, major international human rights instruments, regional systems of protecting human rights, international human rights organizations, non-discrimination under international human rights law, minority rights and self-determination, and so forth. Students' assessment is based on a term paper (30%) and written examination (70%).

PUL 632 Human Rights Law II**(3 Units)**

This course follows the same pattern as Human Rights Law I. Topics to be covered include domestic application of human rights norms, international protection of the rights of the child, women's human rights, right to health and access to health care, implementation of law and policy in reproductive health and rights, international non-governmental organizations, human rights and development: a human right to development, freedom from poverty as a human right, right to food, international humanitarian law, state security officials and human rights enforcement, sanctions and other means of enforcement of human rights, and so forth. Students' assessment is based on a term paper (30%) and written examination (70%).

PUL 641 Health Law and Policy I**(3 Units)**

Though often confused with "medical law and ethics" or "medical jurisprudence," the field of Health Law and Policy is broader and encompasses more subjects than the previous two. The first semester of the course focuses Introduction to Health Law and Policy; Health Care Organization; Health Care Financing; Legal and Policy Framework Governing Health Care Delivery; The Right to Health; Regulation of Health Care Practice; Public Health Law; and so forth. Assessment will be based on individual term papers (30%) and written examination (70%).

PUL 642 Health Law and Policy II**(3 Units)**

Taking a leap from the introductory topics of the first semester the second semester deals with core subjects of clinical practice including, inter alia, Ethics and Medicine; Medical Negligence; Consent to Medical Treatment; Confidentiality of Medical Information; Children and Health Care; Reproductive Health; Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide; Organ Donation and Transplantation; Health Research Governance; and so forth. Students' assessment will be based on a term paper (30%) and written examination (70%).

PUL 651 Humanitarian Law I**(3 Units)**

The first semester will focus on historical, sociological and ethical dimensions of humanitarian law; the law of Armed conflict and Humanitarian law; Formative factors – types and forms of laws of war; the principle of self-defence – legal and illegal uses of force; war and state of war/ legal effects of war; Armed conflict and other wars – the law

of land warfare, Geneva Convention of 1949; the United Nations force – chemical, biological and nuclear weapons; the law of air warfare – object and scope, nuclear weapons and aerial bombardments, recent developments; the law of belligerent occupation; the protection of personal and property rights; and so forth. Students' assessment is based on a term paper (30%) and written examination (70%).

PUL 652 Humanitarian Law II

(3 Units)

Topics to be covered in the second semester include international responsibility in times of war (the evolution of jurisdiction over war crimes and crimes against humanity); the law of neutrality (history and basic rules, neutral nationals and property in land, sea and air warfare, and belligerent reprisals and neutrals; internal armed conflicts – the relativity of international armed conflicts, the Geneva Convention of 1949 and internal armed conflicts; termination of armed conflict – the relativity of war and peace, ceasefire agreement and armistice, peace treaties (functions, legal effects, characteristics and interpretation, war indemnities, reparation and restitution); and so forth. Students' assessment is based on a term paper (30%) and written examination (70%).

PUL 661 Advanced Criminal Law I

(3 Units)

The first semester of the course is an exploration of the various developments in International Criminal Law particularly critical aspects of Special Crimes such as Advanced Fee Fraud, Money Laundering, Law of Collective Security Mechanisms, Terrorism & Counter Terrorism Law, Piracy and other aspects of trans-border crimes and how these can be applied in Nigeria. Students' assessment is based on a term paper (30%) and written examination (70%).

PUL 662 Advanced Criminal Law II

(3 Units)

The second semester of Advanced Criminal Law focuses on the various developments in Criminal Law particularly in areas of Telecommunications Law, Information Communication Technology (ICT) Law, Cyber Security and other aspects of Cybercrimes and how these can be applied in Nigeria. Students' assessment is based on a term paper (30%) and written examination (70%).

PUL 681: Seminar in Public Law from the Master's Project Report (3 Units)

The seminar should be based on the report from student's project. The introductions should reflect the background study of student's research work. Literature review should highlight the previous related works in the area of the study. The sources, theory and method of data analysis must be fully explored. The analysis should be critically carried, followed by the discussion of findings. These are to be followed by recommendation/s for future work, conclusion and references listed appropriately in the bibliography.

PUL 691: Research Project (6 units)

Students will carry out project work from any field within their area of specialisation. The project shall an in-depth study that demonstrates their skill in research, writing and analysis. This requires the conduct of an original empirical study and preparation of a report thereon, the topic having been approved and supervised a Lecturer whose qualifications are not below the PhD degree in Law and must have been appointed a Supervisor by the School of Postgraduate Studies and approved by the Senate. A formal project report will be required to be submitted to the Department by the student. Such a project shall be sent to an External Examiner who must have been nominated by the Department and appointed by Senate for that purpose. The External Examiner must be knowledgeable in the specific area of specialisation within the Department. Each student is required to make an oral presentation before the appointed External Examiner.

7. DESCRIPTION OF COURSES FOR Ph.D PROGRAMME IN PUBLICLAW**PGC 701: Synopsis and Grant Writing (3 Units)**

This course explicates the nature, mechanics and requirements of original academic research at the doctoral level. Fundamental aspects such as the conduct of literature review and its documentation as well as its relationship to the formulation of a thesis and other elements of sound research protocol receive detailed attention. These elements are antecedent to the synopsis and academic grant-writing, both of which are ultimately meaningful only if the underlying substantive research is original and has been properly conceived. The synopsis and academic research grant writing thus receive attention as important areas where students must manifest a strong grasp of the fundamentals in order to succeed both as doctoral candidates and, in the future, as independent researchers.

In relation to synopsis and grants, the course in detailed terms involves the following: the study of various grant application structures and contents and the writing of concept notes, detailed project descriptions, budgeting and budget defence, the study of sample grant documents in various forms, the writing of mock research and other grants, the study of University of Nigeria's synopsis structure and requirements, determination of the contents of each sub-unit of the synopsis, steps in extracting the synopsis from the dissertation/thesis document, structural and language issues, common errors in synopsis writing and strategies for avoiding them, the preparation of mock synopses.

Advanced Seminar Series:

These are seminars to be presented by the student in the first year of the programme. For each semester of the year, the student is required to present two seminars, one seminar from his/her core area of specialisation and the other from any of the alternative areas of specialisation within the Department. These serve to ground the student in legal research writing. At the end of each seminar presentation, the student should be informed if he/she was successful, and a student should not proceed to the next stage of the programme until he/she has successfully presented the four seminars.

PUL 711 Advanced Seminar in Administrative Law I (3 units)

This is a course seminar presentation in the field of Administrative Law. Students should explore the Nature, Definition and Scope of Administrative Law; Fundamental Principles and Doctrines in Administrative Law; Administration and Administrative Agencies; Delegated Legislation and Exercise of legislative powers by the Administration; Administrative Functions; Tribunals and Inquiries; and so forth. The presentation is to be in form of term paper (2) and submitted for grading. In addition, the student is expected to present the write ups as seminar papers before the Departmental Postgraduate Committee for further assessment.

PUL 712 Advanced Seminar in Administrative Law II (3 units)

This is a course seminar presentation in the field of Administrative Law. Students should explore the Judicial Review and Control of Governmental Powers; Remedies – the Ombudsman, Prerogative Remedies, Common Law Remedies, Equitable Remedies; Actions

by and against the State – Public Officers protection, pre-Action Notice; and other core topics. The presentation is to be in form of term paper (2) and submitted for grading. In addition, the student is expected to present the write ups as seminar papers before the Departmental Postgraduate Committee for further assessment.

PUL 721 Advanced Seminar in Comparative Constitutional Law I (3 units)

This is a course seminar presentation in Comparative Constitutional Law. Students should explore the foundational doctrines and principles in Comparative Constitutional Law. Topics to be covered include assessment of the Constitution – its nature, scope and sources; Constitution – a legal or political charter?; Nature of Comparative Study of Constitutions: Meaning and Merits of Comparative Study; A Comparative study of the structure and powers as well as limitations of the Legislature in Presidential and Parliamentary systems of Government – democracies, autocracies; communist and capitalist forms of government; Monarchies, Theocracies and Military regimes; The Concept of Sovereignty of Parliamentary in written and unwritten Constitutions; Sovereignty – limitations & divisibility; The Austinian concept of Sovereignty in relation to constitutional dynamics of Legislative, Executive and Judicial arms of government; Sovereignty in a federal as opposed to the unitary form of government; Comparative study of constitutional provisions in Nigeria, Canada, America and India with particular reference to the legislative, executive and judicial arms of government for their similarities and differences and so forth. The presentation is to be in form of term paper (2) and submitted for grading. In addition, the student is expected to present the write ups as seminar papers before the Departmental Postgraduate Committee for further assessment.

PUL 722 Advanced Seminar in Comparative Constitutional Law II (3 units)

This is a course seminar presentation in Comparative Constitutional Law. Students should explore the Comparative study of the structure, powers and limitations of the Executive branch of government in Parliamentary and Presidential systems of government – democracies, autocracies, communist and capitalist institutions of government; monarchies, theocracies, military regimes, et al; A comparative study of the structure and functions of the Judiciary in Presidential and Parliamentary systems of government in both democratic and autocratic dispensations; How the Judiciary contributes to the substance of politics in Nigeria and other jurisdictions; Judicial Activism, financial autonomy and separation of powers in various jurisdictions and their effect on the stream of Justice and Justice Delivery; The

Judiciary in Relation to the Executive and Legislative Powers; Why democratic form of government has succeeded in many countries of the world but has failed in others despite the operation of constitutional charters in almost all countries of the world; Constitution-making procedure in these countries and the ultimate effect on the substance of the constitution; Need for strong democratic institutions of government as opposed to “strong man” in government; Change of Government by extra-constitutional means: The Doctrine of Necessity and the Legal Theory of Revolution; The Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles of State Policy; and, so forth. The presentation is to be in form of term paper (2) and submitted for grading. In addition, the student is expected to present the write ups as seminar papers before the Departmental Postgraduate Committee for further assessment.

PUL 731 Advanced Seminar in Human Rights Law I

(3 units)

This is a course seminar presentation in the field of Human Rights Law. Students should explore the various developments in Human Rights; International Bill of Rights; Major instruments on Human Rights, Human Rights Organizations; Regional Systems of Human Rights Protection; Non-Discrimination in International Human Rights Law; Minority Rights and Self Determination; Fundamental Rights in their Economic, Social and Cultural Context; Migration and Refugees Law; and so forth. The presentation is to be in form of term paper (2) and submitted for grading. In addition, the student is expected to present the write ups as seminar papers before the Departmental Postgraduate Committee for further assessment.

PUL 732 Advanced Seminar in Human Rights Law II

(3 units)

This is a course seminar presentation in the field of Human Rights Law. Students should explore the various developments in Human Rights with particularly reference to Domestic Application of Human Rights Norms; Protection of the Rights of the Child; Women’s Human Rights; Right to Health and Access to Healthcare; Implementation of Law & Policy in Reproductive Health and Rights; Non- Governmental Organizations; Human Rights and Development; Poverty; Right to Food; Humanitarian Law; Human Rights: Law Enforcement and State Security; Enforcements of Human Rights: Sanctions, Humanitarian Intervention, Criminalization of Human Rights Violations; Rules of Engagement and Protections of Victims of War. The presentation is to be in form of term paper (2) and submitted for grading. In addition, the student is expected to present the write ups as seminar papers before the Departmental Postgraduate Committee for further assessment.

PUL 741 Advanced Seminar in Health Law and Policy I (3 units)

This is a course seminar presentation in Health Law and Policy. Students should explore the Philosophical underpinning of Health Law and Policy; Health Care Organization; Health Care Financing; Legal and Policy Framework Governing Health Care Delivery; The Right to Health Regulation of Health Care Practice; Public Health Law; and so forth. The presentation is to be in form of term paper (2) and submitted for grading. In addition, the student is expected to present the write ups as seminar papers before the Departmental Postgraduate Committee for further assessment.

PUL 742 Advanced Seminar in Health Law and Policy II (3 units)

This is a course seminar presentation in Health Law and Policy. Students should explore the Interface between Ethics and Medicine; Medical Negligence; Consent to Medical Treatment; Confidentiality of Medical Information; Children and Health Care; Reproductive Health; Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide; Organ Donation and Transplantation; Health Research Governance; and so forth. The presentation is to be in form of term paper (2) and submitted for grading. In addition, the student is expected to present the write ups as seminar papers before the Departmental Postgraduate Committee for further assessment.

PUL 751 Seminar in Humanitarian Law I (3 Units)

This is a course seminar presentation in Humanitarian Law. Students may focus on historical, sociological and ethical dimensions of humanitarian law; the law of Armed conflict and Humanitarian law; Formative factors – types and forms of laws of war; the principle of self-defence – legal and illegal uses of force; war and state of war/ legal effects of war; Armed conflict and other wars – the law of land warfare, Geneva Convention of 1949; the United Nations force – chemical, biological and nuclear weapons; the law of air warfare – object and scope, nuclear weapons and aerial bombardments, recent developments; the law of belligerent occupation; the protection of personal and property rights; and so forth. The presentation is to be in form of term paper (2) and submitted for grading. In addition, the student is expected to present the write ups as seminar papers before the Departmental Postgraduate Committee for further assessment.

PUL 752 Seminar in Humanitarian Law II**(3 Units)**

This is a course seminar presentation in Humanitarian Law. Students may focus on international responsibility in times of war (the evolution of jurisdiction over war crimes and crimes against humanity); the law of neutrality (history and basic rules, neutral nationals and property in land, sea and air warfare, and belligerent reprisals and neutrals; internal armed conflicts – the relativity of international armed conflicts, the Geneva Convention of 1949 and internal armed conflicts; termination of armed conflict – the relativity of war and peace, ceasefire agreement and armistice, peace treaties (functions, legal effects, characteristics and interpretation, war indemnities, reparation and restitution); and so forth. The presentation is to be in form of term paper (2) and submitted for grading. In addition, the student is expected to present the write ups as seminar papers before the Departmental Postgraduate Committee for further assessment.

PUL 761 Seminar in Advanced Criminal Law I**(3 units)**

This is a course seminar presentation in the field of Criminal Law. Students should explore the various developments in International Criminal Law particularly aspects of Special crimes such as Advanced fee fraud, Money laundering; Law of Collective Security Mechanisms; Terrorism & Counter Terrorism Law; Piracy and other aspects of trans-border crimes and how these can be applied in Nigeria. The presentation is to be in form of term paper (2) and submitted for grading. In addition, the student is expected to present the write ups as seminar papers before the Departmental Postgraduate Committee for further assessment.

PUL 762 Seminar in Advanced Criminal Law II**(3 units)**

This is a course seminar presentation in the field of Criminal Law. Students should explore the various developments in Criminal Law particularly in areas of Telecommunications Law; Information Communication Technology (ICT) Law; Cyber Security and other aspects of Cybercrimes and how these can be applied in Nigeria; and so forth. The presentation is to be in form of term paper (2) and submitted for grading. In addition, the student is expected to present the write ups as seminar papers before the Departmental Postgraduate Committee for further assessment.

PUL 781: Research Proposal**(3 units)**

This presentation serves as the of the student's research work. It must be in the student's area of specialisation. It is at the end of this presentation, that the student is expected to know if she or he will continue with the proposed research project.

PUL 783: Books Review/Journal Article Presentation**(3 units)**

The purpose of this presentation is to equip doctoral students with the necessary skills for writing publishable book reviews and journal articles in their areas of specialisation. To be successful, a student's presentation must be of high standard and adjudged suitable for publication in highly reputable journals by his/her Supervisor and majority of the members of the Departmental Postgraduate Committee.

PUL 782: Ph.D Seminar**(3 units)**

This is a seminar presentation at the end of research work before the final defence. This is the final presentation, reporting the results, findings, deductions, conclusion and recommendations from the student's work. If the student is successful he or she then submits his/her synopsis and prepares for his or her final Thesis defence.

PUL 790: Thesis**(12 units)**

This is the report of the student's research and must be prepared in the prescribed specifications. The research should address contemporary legal issues/challenges of national and/or international importance and proffer workable solutions to such issues/challenges. The student shall undergo oral examination on his/her Thesis before an examination panel comprising an External and Internal Examiners and other persons as prescribed by the University. No students should undergo oral examination unless such a student has successfully passed the prescribed courses/seminars/presentations.

8. LIST OF APPROVED POSTGRADUATE SUPERVISORS

(a) Approved Supervisors based in the Department

S/N	Name of Lecturer & Rank	Academic/Professional Qualifications	Area/s of Specialization & Research Interest	Remarks
1	Prof. Joy N. Ezeilo (Professor)	LL. B (Nig.), B.L, LL.M (Lond.), PhD (Nig.), Dip. (UPPSALA)	(i) Human Rights Law. (ii) Reproductive Rights. (iii) Criminal Law	Department of Public Law
2	Dr. Obiajulu Nnamuchi (Senior Lecturer)	LL. B (Awka), B.L, LL.M (Notre Dame), LL.M (Toronto), LL.M (Lund), M.A. (Louisville), S.J.D (Loyola, Chicago)	(i) Human Rights Law (ii) Medicine & Law (iii) Health Law & Policy (iv) Bioethics & Medical Humanities	Department of Public Law

(b) Approved Supervisors Available from Cognate Departments

S/N	Name of Lecturer & Rank	Academic/Professional Qualifications	Area/s of Specialization & Research Interest	Remarks
1	Prof. Ifeoma P. Enemo (Professor)	LL.B (Nig.), B.L, LL.M (Lagos), PhD (Nig.)	(i) Humanitarian Law, (ii) Law of International Institutions (iii) Environmental Law (iv) Law of Treaties	Department of International & Comparative Law
2	Dr. Miriam C. Anozie (Reader)	LL.B (ABU), B.L, LL.M (ABU), PhD (Nig.)	Constitutional Law	Department of Jurisprudence & Legal Theory
3	Dr. Emmanuel. U. Onyeabor (Senior Lecturer)	LL.B, (Nig.), B.L, LL.M (Nig.), PhD (Nig.), B. Ed (Geog.) (UNIPORT), M.Sc. (Env.Mgt.)(ESUT), M.Sc. (Dev. Plan.) (UNIPORT)	(i) Environmental Law (ii) Climate Change Law (iii) Environmental Rights. (iv) Law & Development	Department of International & Comparative Law

4	Dr Godwin Onuoha (Lecturer 1)	LL.B, B.L, LL.M, PhD (Nig.)	Constitutional Law Comparative Constitutional Law	Department of Customary Law
5	Dr.Okechukwu Timothy Umahi (Lecturer 1)	LL. B (ESUT), B.L LL.M (LASU), LL.M (Manchester), PhD (Manchester), B.L., B.Sc. (Ed/Geog.) (Nig.), M.Sc. (Mkt.) (Nig.)	Intellectual Property Law, Health law bothering on Intellectual Property, ICT Law, International Maritime Law, Research Methodology	Department of Private Law
6	Dr J.J.Odinkonigbo (Lecturer 1)	LL. B (ESUT), B.L LL.M (Osgodo), PhD (Osgode),	Public Law bothering on Taxation	Department of Property Law
7	Dr. Matthew C. Nwankwo (Lecturer 1)	LL.B (Okada), B.L, LL.M (Brunel, UK), PhD (Brunel, UK)	(i) International Law (ii) African Union Law (iii) International Human Rights Law	Department of International & Comparative Law

(c) Qualified but awaiting approval

S/N	Name of Lecturer & Rank	Academic/Professional Qualifications	Area/s of Specialization & Research Interest	Remarks
1	Dr Chidi Lloyds (Lecturer 1)	LL. B (RSUST), B.L, LL.M (RSUST), PhD (Calabar)	(i) Humanitarian Law, (ii) Law of International Institutions (iii) Environmental Law (iv) Law of Treaties	Department of Public Law
2	Dr. Sylvester N. Anya, (Lecturer 1)	LL. B (Nig.), B.L LL.M (Nig.), PhD (Nig.)	Criminal Law	Department of International & Comparative Law