

COURSE CODE:	AEM 509
COURSE TITLE:	Agricultural Development and Policy
NUMBER OF UNITS:	3 Units
COURSE DURATION:	Three hours per week

COURSE DETAILS:

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COURSE CONTENT:

Theories of economic growth and development, relationship between economic growth and economic development, indicators of economic development, History of economic growth in Nigeria, The role of Agriculture in the Nigeria economic development, Historical and Analytical Treatment of Government Agricultural policies in Nigeria; food security issues, poverty measurement and analysis, problems of agricultural development and planning in Nigeria, integrated rural development planning.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

This is a compulsory course for 500 level students in the university. In view of this, students are expected to participate in all the course activities and have minimum of 75% attendance to be able to write the final examination.

READING LIST:

1. Idachaba, F.S. (2006). Good Intentions are not Enough Collected Essays on Government and Nigerian Agriculture, University Press, University of Ibadan.
2. Norton, R.D. (2004). Agricultural Development Policy Concept and Experience. John Willey Press.

LECTURE NOTES

Week 1 and 2 Agricultural and Economic Development

1. Strategies and Policies
2. The nature of agricultural policy instruments
3. Objectives of agric policy
4. Implementing strategies and policies
5. Agricultural growth and poverty reduction

Week 3 to 5 Issues of Agricultural policy

- Policy and macro-economic framework
- Fiscal expenditures and subsidies
- Gender and agric Development
- Producers' incentives
- Consumers' incentives
- Food security, agricultural prices and the rural poor
- Price stabilization and agricultural production

Week 6 and 7 Land Tenure policies

- Importance of land tenure
- Objectives of land tenure
- The nature of land rights
- Communal, collective and individual rights to land
- Land reforms, Policies and land markets
- Improving access to land

Weeks 8, 9 and 10 Policies for agricultural and rural Finance

- The role of finance in agric development
- Policy objectives of rural finance
- Sustainability and efficiency of financial intermediation
- Structural consideration
- Managing rural financial institutions

Weeks 11, 12, 13 Development Policies

- The MDGs
- Achieving the MDGs
- Constraints Associated
- NEPADS, NEEDS, AGOA and development
- Planning Models
- Development models