



# NEW AND CONTINUING STUDENTS AT CAVE HILL LAW

## WELCOME 2015-16

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Dean of Law

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# OUTLINE OF TALK

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<b>2. Nature of LLB programmes</b>	Course selection Exemptions Out of Faculty courses and student exchanges
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## LAW AT CAVE HILL

- Cave Hill is the oldest Faculty of Law in the region, established in 1970. We have a proven reputation in training students in Law. Many of your Prime Ministers, Attorneys General, and other Government Ministers are our graduates. You will be joining this distinguished group of Alumni.
- **Cave Hill Law offers a distinctive, regional legal education:**
  - Most of your courses will be comparative in nature: you will learn the laws of the countries of our region, not the laws of any particular territory.
  - We offer the broadest range of courses of any UWI Campus.



## LAW AT CAVE HILL

- **Cave Hill Law offers a distinctive, regional legal education:**
  - Our student body is regional – your classmates come from Commonwealth Caribbean including Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, the Bahamas, Belize, Bermuda, the British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Dominica, Grenada, Jamaica, Montserrat, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago, and the Turks and Caicos Islands. We also have exchange relationships with over 100 universities worldwide.
  - Your academic staff are regional, international and highly qualified



# MEET YOUR FACULTY MEMBERS: EXECUTIVE

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## FACULTY EXECUTIVE



### DEAN OF LAW

Berry, David S; BA, Toronto; LLB, UBC; LLM, Queens; PhD Edin; Leg Ed Cert; Barrister and Attorney-at-Law



### DEPUTY DEAN (Academic and Student Affairs)

Cumberbatch, Jefferson O'B.; LLB, UWI; Leg Ed Cert; Attorney-at-Law



### DEPUTY DEAN (Postgraduate and Research)

James, Westmin; LLB, UWI; LLM, Cantab; Leg Ed Cert; Attorney-at-Law

# MEET YOUR FACULTY MEMBERS: ACADEMIC STAFF

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## ACADEMIC STAFF



**Professor of European Law**

Kaczorowska, Alina; BCL, University of Poznan; DEA, PhD, University of Nice; Barrister (France)



**Professor of Law**

Ventôse, Eddy; LLB, UWI; LLM, Cantab; DPhil, Oxon; Attorney-at-Law and Solicitor



**Senior Lecturer**

Hamilton, Calvin A; BSc, CW Post College; JD, Brooklyn Law School; MALD, The Fletcher School; FCI Arb; Attorney-at-Law



**Senior Lecturer**

Ostroukh, Asya; LLB and LLM, Kuban State Univ (Russia); PhD, Institute of State and Law, Russian Academy of Sciences; Docent



**Senior Lecturer**

Walcott, Lesley; LLB, UWI; LLM, Lond; Leg Ed Cert; Attorney-at-Law

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## ACADEMIC STAFF (Cont)



**Lecturer**

Babb-Schaefer, Corlita Annette; LLB, UWI; LLM and PhD, Cantab; Leg Ed Cert; Attorney-at-Law

**Lecturer**

Brown, Taneisha; BA and LLB, UWI; LLM, LSE; Leg Ed Cert; Attorney-at-Law



**Lecturer**

Clarke-Foster, Nicole; LLB, UWI; LLM, Cantab; WCL; Leg Ed Cert; Attorney-at-Law



**Lecturer**

Durbin, Tom; LLB and LLM, Buckingham; Barrister



**Lecturer**

Lancaster, Alana; BSc, LLB and PG Dip Dev Studies, UG; M Nat Res Management, UNPHU; LLM, Dalhousie

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## ACADEMIC STAFF (Cont)



**Lecturer**

Mahncke, Hans; LLB, Solent; LLM, Amsterdam; PhD, Zurich



**Lecturer**

St. George, Jill; LLB and LLM, Bucks



**Temporary Junior  
Research Fellow**

Mahncke, Belinda; LLB, HK

**Note: a formal introduction to academic staff, including new staff, is scheduled from 1-2 PM, on September 3, 2014, in the RCLLT.**



## NATURE OF LLB PROGRAMMES

### ○ Full Time (3 Year) LLB

- The full time LL.B. is the traditional programme offered by the Faculty of Law. It is distinct from the Part Time programme, which is fee paying programme, on a per credit basis. Full time students cannot register in some Part Time classes.
- Courses taken in first and second year are compulsory. In third year you will be able to take optional courses, including (with express permission of the Dean) out of Faculty courses.

### ○ Direct Entry (2 Year) LLB

- The Direct Entry (DE) programme is a 2 year, accelerated LL.B. To be eligible, you must have a good previous degree and have completed or be exempted from all Foundation courses. First year DE courses are compulsory. Second year combines compulsory and optional courses.

## NATURE OF LLB PROGRAMMES

### ○ Part Time (5 Year) LLB

- The Part-Time LLB is currently in its fourth year. Due to lack of demand it is being wound down and no new students will be admitted into the programme. All existing students are grandfathered in and we will do our best to offer the courses necessary for them to graduate, including any course offered in the full time programme. All existing students are automatically eligible to transfer into the full time programme.
- The Part-Time is a fee paying programme, on a per credit basis.
- The Part-Time programme was specifically developed for persons with a previous degree who are working full time. For this reason classes traditionally were only offered in the evenings. This year, with the permission of the Dean, Part Time students will be allowed to take daytime classes as well as their scheduled evening classes.

## NATURE OF LLB PROGRAMMES

### ○ Summer Courses

- Law courses are generally offered in Semesters I and II, not during the summer. With permission of the Dean, students may be eligible to take:
  1. out of Faculty courses, or
  2. up to two third year Law courses, in the summer.

## COURSE SELECTION: FULL TIME AND DIRECT ENTRY

Full Time (YR 1)	Direct Entry (YR 1)
<b>Semester I</b>	<b>Semester I</b>
FOUN1002 Language Argument	LAW1010 Law and Legal Systems
FOUN1101 Caribbean Civilization	LAW1110 Criminal Law I
FOUN1210 Science, Medicine and Technology	LAW1231 Legal Methods, Research and Writing I
LAW1010 Law and Legal Systems	LAW2310 Public International Law I
LAW1110 Criminal Law I	LAW2510 Jurisprudence
LAW1231 Legal Methods, Research and Writing I	LAW2210 Real Property I
<b>Semester II</b>	<b>Semester II</b>
LAW1020 Constitutional Law	LAW1020 Constitutional Law
LAW1120 Criminal Law II	LAW1120 Criminal Law II
LAW1232 Legal Methods, Research and Writing II	LAW1232 Legal Methods, Research and Writing II
LAW1310 Law of Torts I	LAW1310 Law of Torts I
LAW1410 Law of Contract I	LAW1410 Law of Contract I
	LAW2320 Public International Law II

## COURSE SELECTION: PART TIME YEARS II & III

Part Time
YEAR 2
<b><i>Semester I</i></b>
Law of Tort II
Real Property I
Public International Law I
<b><i>Semester II</i></b>
Law of Contract I
Constitutional Law
Real Property II
YEAR 3
<b><i>Semester I</i></b>
Law of Contract II
Jurisprudence
One (1) Optional Course
<b><i>Semester II</i></b>
Public International Law II
Equitable Remedies
Commonwealth Caribbean Human Rights Law

# SEMESTER I: COURSE DIRECTORS OF OPTIONAL COURSES

Course Director	Course Name
<b>Dr Corlita Babb-Schafer</b>	LAW 3120 Corporate Management
<b>Dr David Berry</b>	LAW 3630 Caribbean Integration Law
<b>Mr Jeff Cumberbatch</b>	LAW 3020 Employment Law
<b>Mr Calvin Hamilton</b>	LAW 3840 Alternative Dispute Resolution
<b>Prof Alina Kaczorowska-Ireland</b>	LAW 3550 Gen. Priv. Int'l Law
<b>Ms Alana Lancaster</b>	LAW 3460 International Environmental Law LAW 3360 Caribbean Energy & Gas Law
<b>Ms Belinda Mahncke</b>	LAW 3290 Independent Research Paper
<b>Dr Hans Mahncke</b>	LAW 3170 Law of Trusts
<b>Ms Jill St George</b>	LAW 3210 Family Law I
<b>Prof Eddy Ventose</b>	LAW 3760 Intellectual Property
<b>Mrs Lesley Walcott-Carrington</b>	LAW 3110 Company Law

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## EXEMPTIONS

- Exemptions are governed by the Faculty's Regulations and are determined by the Dean's Office. See Faculty Handbook. In brief, you **may** be exempted if:
  - 1) you completed the course at UWI previously. **For Law courses** you must have done so within the last 5 years. Courses over 5 years are evaluated on a case by case basis for obsolescence.
  - 2) you have taken courses which satisfy the requirements for equivalency for a Foundation course. For example:
    - Caribbean Civilisation – a History Degree with emphasis on Caribbean history,
    - Science Medicine and Technology – a broad-based Science Degree,
    - Language Argument – an English Literature Degree
  - 3) exemptions are **not** granted for Law courses taken at other institutions

# OUT OF FACULTY COURSES & EXCHANGES

## ○ Out of Faculty Courses

- In their final year regular full time students are eligible to take up to two (2) courses in another Faculty. Students must apply to take these courses, which must be Level 3 courses, using the form posted on the Faculty's website.
- You must take these courses during Semester I or II of your third year, unless given special permission to do otherwise.

## ○ Student Exchanges

- Regular full time students are also eligible to spend the first semester of your third year overseas at another campus or another University.
- UWI has relationships with many Universities around the world at which students could spend an exchange semester. Please contact the International Office for further information about exchange possibilities.



## HOW TO SUCCEED

- You will be receiving advice from 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year students. Be cautious about some of it. There is no 'easy' route to success.
- Unlike some of your previous classes, you cannot 'cram' information in at the last minute and succeed.
- Instead, you should study continuously throughout both semesters. This means:
  - securing the textbooks and readings in advance,
  - re-learning how to read (read for the assigned topic, not for general appreciation),
  - reading the assigned readings before each class,
  - fully preparing in advance for tutorials,

## HOW TO SUCCEED

- attending (course marks) and participating in tutorials (you do not know something until you try to explain it),
- visiting your teachers and academic advisors during their office hours for additional clarity,
- revising for exams during the course of the semester, including practicing with past exams,
- completing all course work on time. Note that you will be assessed by **multiple assessment**, and each assignment adds up!

## FACULTY COMMUNICATIONS

- Any communication with a member of the academic or secretarial staff of the Faculty of Law must be:
  1. **Via your 'mycavehill' email account, and**
  2. **Contain your**
    1. **first and last name and**
    2. **student ID number.**
- Faculty members will not be required to respond to emails sent from other accounts and which do not contain your name and student ID number.
- If your email account is inaccessible, please pass in a hand written note with that information and the request. Please also be sure to use all forms posted on the Law Faculty's website for your requests.

## PAPERLESS TEACHING

- The Faculty no longer hands out paper or course material to students. Instead:
  - + All worksheets and other course materials **are made available** to registered students online via eLearning (Moodle)
  - + Students are able to **access** these materials **anywhere** they have an internet connection, including in class or via the Law Library's free computers
  - + These materials can be downloaded and should be full-text searchable
  - + **Paper copies** of every document posted online also are **filed on Reserve in the Law Library** for students without access to computer resources.
  - + **Benefits: 24/7 access; never lose materials again**
  - + **Key: no one will be left behind**

## IN TROUBLE? GENERAL

- Do not try to solve all problems on your own:
  - Keep in touch with your **family** and make sure that they are fully aware of your progress.
  - Consult you assigned **Academic Advisor** for help.
  - Visit the Faculty's **Administrative Assistant**, Ms Karen Primus.
  - Visit Student Services and the Campus health clinic.
  - Book an appointment with Mr Jefferson Cumberbatch, **Deputy Dean (Academic and Student Affairs)**.
  - Book an appointment with Dr David Berry, **Dean of Law**, only after you have met with the Deputy Dean and exhausted all of the above.
- **Whatever you do, do not leave things until they get out of hand. It is better to address problems right away when they can still be fixed!**

## IN TROUBLE? FAILURES

- Many of you will not fail a single course. However if you do fail a course, this is what you must do:
  - If you fell ill during an exam or missed an exam due to **illness** go immediately to the **Campus Chief Medical Officer** for a medical note. **A medical removes the penalty from a failure.**
  - **If you failed a Level I or Level II course, with the exception of a medical case, you will be required to re-register in and re-take the course at the first available opportunity.** This means registering in the trailing course, attending lectures and tutorials, and re-doing the course work. If your academic record supports it, you may apply to the Deputy Dean to **add** a trailing course to your regular course load, allowing you to register in six (6) courses a semester, to stay on track for graduation.

## IN TROUBLE? FAILURES

- If you failed up to two (2) Level III courses during a year at the highest level of failure (F1), you may be entitled to sit exams in those courses during the summer as **supplemental examinations** to help you graduate on time. Be careful, however, as you will receive no extra tuition prior to the supplemental exam. Thus if you did not understand it before, your re-sit may yield the same (or worse) result.
- **Catching Up?**
  - To graduate on time, in addition to the possibility of adding a trailing course (see previous slide), you may also:
    - Take up to two (2) out of Faculty courses in your final summer,
    - Take up to two (2) Law courses (if offered) in your final summer.

## GRADUATING, GPA AND DEGREE GPA

- What do I need to do to graduate?
  - Pass requisite courses (regular LLB – 93 credits)
  - Achieve a degree GPA of 2.0 or above (“C” average or above)
- What is a GPA or degree GPA?
  - Grade Point Average (GPA) – each grade is converted into a numerical value and these are averaged over each semester, giving you your semester GPA.
  - Degree Grade Point Average – GPA calculated only on your Level II and Level III courses. This determines whether you will receive an LLB and the class of degree.



## WARNING, RTW AND THE MAGIC NUMBER 2.0

- What happens if my GPA drops below 2.0?
  - If in any semester your GPA drops below 2.0 you are issued with a WARNING.
  - If in the following semester you also receive less than a 2.0 GPA, you are REQUIRED TO WITHDRAW. You must stay out of UWI for a minimum of a year and re-apply for admission into the Faculty.
- What happens if my final degree GPA is below 2.0 but I have passed every course?
  - You are not eligible for an LLB degree from UWI.
- What happens if I fail a course four (4) times?
  - You are REQUIRED TO WITHDRAW.

# GRADING SCALE, GPA AND GRADE DESCRIPTORS

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GRADE	GPA	MARKS
A+	4.3	90-100
A	4	80-89
A-	3.7	75-79
B+	3.3	70-74
B	3	65-69
B-	2.7	60-64
C+	2.3	55-59
C	2	50-54
F1	1.7	45-49
F2	1.3	40-44
F3	0	0-39

## What does it take?

The University Of The West Indies

Grade	% Range	Grade Point	Grade Definition	Grade Descriptor
A-	75 - 79	3.7	Excellent	Demonstrates excellent breadth of knowledge, skills and competencies and presents these in appropriate forms using a wide range of resources. Demonstrates excellent evidence of original thought, strong analytical and critical abilities; excellent organizational, rhetorical and presentational skills.
B+	70 - 74	3.3	Very Good	Demonstrates evidence of very good critical and analytical thinking in most aspects of the course. Very good knowledge that is comprehensive, accurate and relevant. Very good insight into the material and very good use of a range of appropriate resources. Consistently applies very good theoretical and technical knowledge to achieve the desired learning outcomes.
B	65 - 69	3.0	Good	Demonstrates good knowledge, rhetorical and organizational skills. Good insight into the material and a good use of a range of appropriate resources. Good integration of a range of principles, techniques, theories and evidence.
B-	60 - 64	2.7	Satisfactory	Displays satisfactory evidence of the application of theoretical and technical knowledge to achieve the desired learning outcomes. Demonstrates sound organisational and rhetorical skills.
C+	55-59	2.3	Fair	Demonstrates fair breadth and depth of knowledge of main components of the subject. Fair evidence of being able to assemble some of the appropriate principles, theories, evidence and techniques and to apply some critical thinking.

<http://www.uwi.edu/gradingpolicy/scale.html#descriptors>

## EXAMPLES OF PERFORMANCE AND EFFECT ON GPA

- Examples of grades and effect on GPA

Subject	Course	Title	Grade	GPA Points (per credit)
LAW	2010	Law of Torts II	B+	3.3
LAW	2110	Law of Contract II	B	3
LAW	2210	Real Property I	B+	3.3
LAW	2310	Public International Law I	B	3
LAW	2510	Jurisprudence	<b>B</b>	<b>3</b>
			<b>Term GPA</b>	<b>3.12</b>

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LAW	2110	Law of Contract II	B	3
LAW	2210	Real Property I	B+	3.3
LAW	2310	Public International Law I	B	3
LAW	2510	Jurisprudence	<b>C</b>	<b>2.0</b>
			<b>Term GPA</b>	<b>2.92</b>

Notice that **a drop in one grade** brings the entire term average **below a "B" average**

## EXAMPLES OF PERFORMANCE AND EFFECT ON GPA

### Examples of grades and effect on GPA

Subject	Course	Title	Grade	GPA Points (per credit)
LAW	2010	Law of Torts II	C	2
LAW	2110	Law of Contract II	B	3
LAW	2210	Real Property I	C	2
LAW	2310	Public International Law I	C+	2.3
LAW	2510	Jurisprudence	C	2
			Term GPA	2.26

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LAW	2010	Law of Torts II	C	2
LAW	2110	Law of Contract II	B	3
LAW	2210	Real Property I	C	2
LAW	2310	Public International Law I	C+	2.3
LAW	2510	Jurisprudence	F3	0
			Term GPA	1.86

Notice that **one F3 grade** brings the entire term average **below a “C” average. The Student would now be on WARNING**

## EXAMPLES OF PERFORMANCE AND EFFECT ON GPA

- Reaching the Magical 2.0 average. What grades would you need to 'cancel out' (neutralise) a failed grade?

Grade	GPA Points
<b>F1</b>	1.7
Average ( <i>cancel out failure</i> )	2
<b>F2</b>	1.3
Average ( <i>cancel out failure</i> )	2

Grade	GPA Points
<b>F3</b>	0
Average ( <i>cancel out failure</i> )	2

## EXAMPLES OF PERFORMANCE AND EFFECT ON GPA

- Reaching the Magical 2.0 average. What grades would you need to 'cancel out' (neutralise) a failed grade?

Grade	GPA Points
F1	1.7
C+	2.3
Average ( <i>cancel out failure</i> )	2
F2	1.3
B-	2.7
Average ( <i>cancel out failure</i> )	2

Grade	GPA Points
F3	0
A	4
Average ( <i>cancel out failure</i> )	2

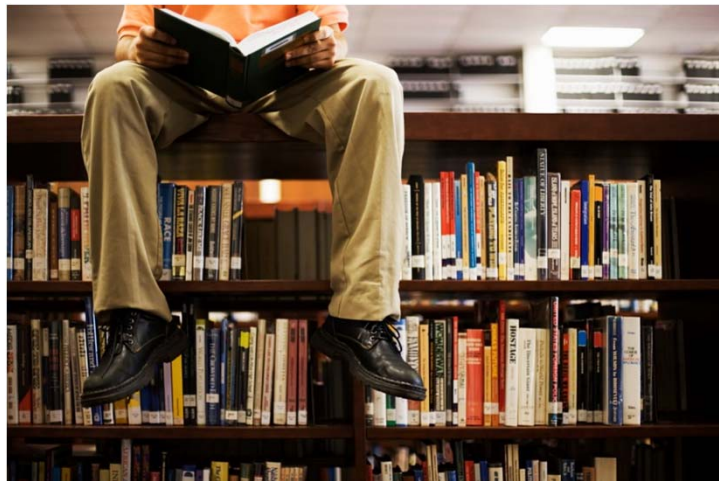
**Question:** Is passing on your second attempt enough to maintain your degree GPA?

## YOUR RIGHTS AND DUTIES

- You have the right, *inter alia* :
  - to be taught the course content described in our Faculty Handbook, as updated,
  - to meet members of Academic Staff during their office hours,
  - to be treated with respect by academic and administrative staff,
  - to use the excellent resources of the Law Library, subject to the Library's regulations,
  - to receive the UWI education described in our Student Charter
- You have the duty, *inter alia* :
  - to study and learn the substantive content of your courses,
  - to treat all UWI staff and your fellow students with respect,
  - to not engage in dishonest conduct, such as plagiarism
  - to complete your online course evaluations (rating your courses, lecturers and tutors, anonymously).
    - These evaluations are crucial because they help us change and improve our teaching, and influence promotion of academic staff. **They are anonymous.**

## HOW TO ACHIEVE THE BALANCE

- Law is a demanding discipline. Many of you will spend a great deal of time in the Law Library.
- To keep sane, get involved in other activities. Join a sports team. Run for a Law Society or Guild position. Participate in the moot competitions. See the island. Make friends from around the region. Schedule and observe 'down time.'



Thank you.