



UWI

# WELCOME 2018-19

NEW AND CONTINUING STUDENTS AT  
CAVE HILL LAW

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## OUTLINE OF TALK

- Welcome to Law at Cave Hill
- Nature of the LLB Programmes
- Tips for success at Cave Hill
- What to do if you have challenges
- The right balance

## LAW AT CAVE HILL

- **The first model for Caribbean legal education**
  - Oldest Faculty of Law in the region, established in 1970.
  - 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.
- **Distinctive, regional legal education:**
  - Most of your courses will be comparative in nature: you will learn the laws of the countries of the Commonwealth Caribbean, not the laws of any single territory.
  - We offer a broad range of specialised courses.

## LAW AT CAVE HILL

- **Distinctive, regional legal education:**
  - 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, Guyana, 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.
  - Academic staff are national, regional, international and highly qualified

# MEET YOUR FACULTY MEMBERS

## LAW FACULTY EXECUTIVE



### DEAN OF LAW

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## ACADEMIC STAFF



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**Lecturer**

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**Lecturer**

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# NATURE OF LLB PROGRAMMES

- **Full Time (3 Year) LLB**

- Traditional programme offered by the Faculty of Law.
- Courses taken in first and second year are compulsory. In third year you will be able to take optional courses, including (with 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 three Foundation courses. First year DE courses are compulsory. Second year combines compulsory and optional courses.



## NATURE OF LLB PROGRAMMES

- **Part Time (5 Year) LLB**

- Due to lack of demand new students have not been admitted into the programme recently. All existing students have been 'grandfathered in' and we will continue to offer the courses necessary for them to graduate. All existing part-time students are automatically eligible to transfer into the full time programme. Part Time students are allowed to take daytime classes as well as the scheduled Level III evening classes.
- Students wishing to register Part Time must seek permission of the Dean of Law.
- All students in the Part Time programme must take courses as scheduled.

# COURSE SELECTION: FULL TIME AND DIRECT ENTRY

Full Time (YR 1)	Direct Entry (YR 1)
<b>Semester I</b>	<b>Semester I</b>
LAW 1010 Law and Legal Systems	LAW1010 Law and Legal Systems
LAW1110 Criminal Law I	LAW1110 Criminal Law I
LAW1231 Legal Methods, Research & Writing I	LAW1231 Legal Methods, Research & Writing I
FOUN1004 An Introduction to Argument	LAW2310 Public International Law I
FOUN1101 Caribbean Civilization	LAW2510 Jurisprudence
FOUN1210 Science, Medicine & Technology <b>[or foreign language course]</b>	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 & Writing II	LAW1232 Legal Methods, Research & 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: FULL TIME AND DIRECT ENTRY

- Students may substitute a foreign language course for **FOUN1210 Science, Medicine and Technology (only)**. Other Foundation courses cannot be replaced.
- Result: you can take a language course instead of FOUN 1210. For example, Chinese, Spanish, French, Portuguese....

## EXEMPTIONS

- Exemptions are governed by the Faculty's Regulations and are administered by the Dean's Office. 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,
    - FOUN1004 An Introduction to Argument – an English Literature Degree
- Exemptions are **not** granted for Law courses taken at other institutions

## STUDENTS WHO TOOK LAW COURSES IN ANOTHER FACULTY

- **Faculty of Law Regulation 22:**

- Subject to the University Regulations ... a candidate who has ... passed the examinations in [a UWI LLB course], when not registered as a candidate in the Faculty of Law (Cave Hill), shall be entitled to full exemption and credit for any course or courses he or she has successfully completed, **and shall be required to take, in addition to all Part I and Part II courses not yet completed, such number of Part III courses as would be required in order to complete a minimum of two year's work of 60 credits** before being awarded the LLB Degree.

- **Result**

- No matter how many UWI Law courses were completed in a previous UWI degree, you must nevertheless complete 60 additional LLB programme credits after entering the Faculty of Law programme.

## SEMESTER I: OPTIONAL COURSES (YEAR 3)

TOPIC	COURSE DIRECTOR
LAW3020 Employment Law	Mr. Jeff Cumberbatch
LAW3110 Company Law	Ms. Lesley Walcott- Carrington
LAW3170 Law of Trusts	Dr. Ronnie Yearwood
LAW3210 Family Law I	Ms. Desiree Browne
LAW3260 Gender and the Law in the Commonwealth C'bean	Mr. Rashad Brathwaite
LAW3280 International Mooting	Mr. Westmin James
LAW3290 Indep Research Paper	Dr. Janeille Matthews
LAW3660 Carib Securities Regulation	Ms. Taneisha Browne
LAW3720 International Human Rights	Mr. Westmin James
LAW3760 Intellectual Property	Ms. Fiona Hinds
LAW3840 Alt Dispute Resolution	Ms. Maria Phillips



## 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 can take these courses during Semester I or II of your third year.
- Special permission is required to take them in the summer.

## EXCHANGES AND SUMMER

- **Student Exchanges**

- Regular full time students are also eligible to spend the first semester of your **third year** overseas at another UWI Campus or another University.
- Please contact the International Office for further information about exchange possibilities.

- **UWI/Washburn Summer Law programme**

- In the summer we may offer up to two third year comparative Law courses with the Washburn School of Law. These are short, intensive courses team taught with UWI and Washburn lecturers.

## TIPS FOR SUCCESS

- 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.  
**Memorization is no longer the answer.**
- Instead, you should study continuously and keep up 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,

## TIPS FOR SUCCESS (CONT.)

- attending tutorials (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

- Please note that any communication with a member of the academic or secretarial staff of the Faculty of Law must be:
  - **Via your 'mycavehill' email account, and**
  - **Contain your**
    - **first and last name and**
    - **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 UWI email account is **inaccessible**, please pass in a handwritten note with the above information and the request.
  - Please also be sure to use all forms posted on the Law Faculty's website for your requests and pay attention to deadlines.

# PAPERLESS TEACHING

- For several years the Faculty has not handed 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 and anytime** 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 available **on Reserve in the Law Library** for students without access to computer resources.
  - + **Benefits: 24/7 access; never lose materials again**



## 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 one of the Deputy Deans.
  - Book an appointment with the Dean of Law (only after you have met with one of the Deputy Deans).
- **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 or assignment 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, 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

- Catching up at the end of your degree?
  - Supplemental Examinations: If you failed up to two (2) Level III courses during your final year at an F1 level of failure you may be entitled to sit supplemental examinations in those courses during the summer to help you graduate on time.
  - 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 & DEGREE GPA

- What do I need to do to graduate?

1. Pass all of the requisite courses (regular LLB – 93 credits)
2. **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.

# GRADING SCALE AND GPA

GRADE	GPA	MARKS
<b>A+</b>	4.3	90-100
<b>A</b>	4	80-89
<b>A-</b>	3.7	75-79
<b>B+</b>	3.3	70-74
<b>B</b>	3	65-69
<b>B-</b>	2.7	60-64
<b>C+</b>	2.3	55-59
<b>C</b>	2	50-54
<b>F1</b>	1.7	40-49
<b>F2</b>	1.3	30-39
<b>F3</b>	0	0-29

## 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?
  - Under the Faculty's Regulations 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**.



# GRADE DESCRIPTORS: WHAT DOES IT TAKE?

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.

## EXAMPLES OF PERFORMANCE 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	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
<b>??</b>	<b>??</b>
Average (cancels out failure)	2
<b>F2</b>	1.3
<b>??</b>	<b>??</b>
Average (cancels out failure)	2

Grade	GPA Points
<b>F3</b>	0
<b>??</b>	<b>??</b>
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Average (cancels out failure)	2

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

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

## YOUR RIGHTS

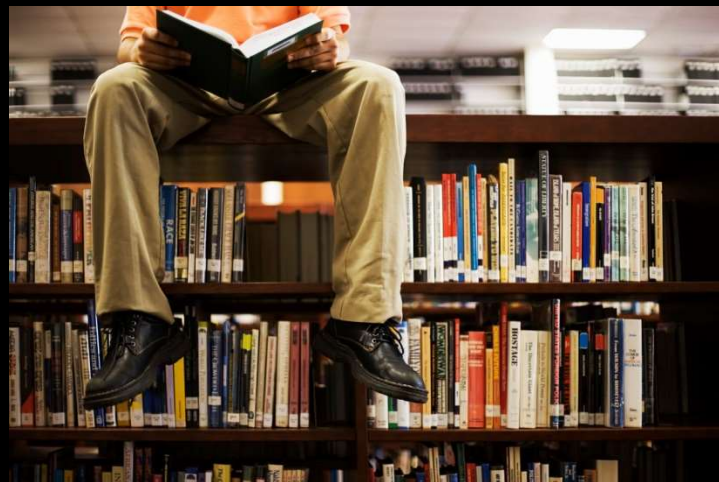
- You have the right, *inter alia* :
  - to be taught according to the course content described in your course outlines (as described in our Faculty Handbook),
  - to meet members of Academic Staff during their officer hours,
  - to be treated with respect by academic and administrative staff,
  - to use the excellent resources of the Law Library (in compliance with the Library's regulations),
  - to receive the quality UWI education described in our Student Charter

## YOUR DUTIES

- 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 or unethical 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.***