

It is with pleasure that my colleagues and I in the Department of Government, Sociology, Social Work and Psychology (GSSWP), Faculty of Social Sciences, welcome new and continuing students registered in the Department this academic year. We particularly welcome students registered in the Public Sector Management programme, who can now call GSSWP your home. Thank you all for choosing The UWI and the Cave Hill Campus. You are part of a globally recognised brand that embodies excellence.



Twenty-twenty is at our doorsteps. You are all joining or returning to the Department and Faculty at a critical time in world history, as we approach the end of the second decade of the twenty-first century. While change and uncertainty may seem overwhelming, be confident that there are boundless possibilities before you. Congratulations on your decision to pursue higher education. Our responsibility is to empower you to unlock your fullest potential as you seek to make your mark on the world.

The Department of GSSWP is a Social Sciences hub from which you can draw intellectual nourishment and find caring support. We pride ourselves in linking teaching, research, service and outreach so you can have a holistic and exceptionally rewarding experience with us. You should feel proud that you are part of this multi-disciplinary department, where highly qualified, knowledgeable experts engage in research and facilitate the teaching and learning process within an environment that encourages you to go beyond excellence. Be confident that our ATS staff are well trained and committed to your success. Take advantage of our range of courses as stipulated in your respective programmes. Be assured that we take student advising seriously. Seek out your student advisors and keep focused on your goals. Explore and benefit from our exchange programmes in order to enrich your overall experience. We also invite you to participate in the numerous outreach efforts we have planned for you.

Our intention is to assist you to become the ideal UWI graduate and the ideal Caribbean citizen. As such, we encourage you to be hungry for knowledge, be committed to learning and growing. Value integrity, ethics, principle and service to community. You are walking in the footprints of those who would have gone before you. You are part of a great tradition. Dream big. Be bold and intentional about your success but always remember that you are part of a collective whole. You cannot do it alone. Embrace the regionality of The UWI. Immerse yourselves in student life. Enjoy the community of which you are now a part and find ways to serve. Importantly, enhance your consciousness about the significance of the Caribbean and the region's central place in the world. We encourage you to carve out a space that will allow you to advance the overall development of the Caribbean – this place we cherish as our own. Thanks again for choosing The UWI and the Cave Hill Campus.

Thanks also for deciding to join the Department of GSSWP within the Faculty of Social Sciences. We welcome you and wish you a productive and enjoyable journey with us.

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