



THE UNIVERSITY
OF THE
WEST INDIES

Masters Programme
Faculty of Humanities & Education



The Department of Language, Linguistics & Literature

MA Caribbean Studies: Languages/Literatures

Incorporating research from other disciplines such as Creative Arts, Communications Studies, Media Studies and Cultural Studies, this programme is designed to equip the student with transferable skills applicable to a range of professions.

2017-2018

This programme has been designed to broaden the scope of literary and linguistic studies in the Humanities at the postgraduate level by adding an interdisciplinary and pan-Caribbean perspective to the Department's taught offerings. Students will build on the analytical skills initiated at undergraduate level, but also learn to make new, cross-cultural and cross-disciplinary connections, and thus acquire a more comprehensive knowledge of the region's literary and linguistic heritage and contemporary reality. Incorporating research from other disciplines such as Creative Arts, Communications Studies, Media Studies and Cultural Studies, the programme is designed to equip the student with transferable skills applicable to a range of professions.

By the end of this programme students should be able to:

GENERAL

1. Critically analyse the interventions of various Caribbean thinkers on a variety of issues in order to evaluate the depth of their contributions to Caribbean thought;
2. Write rhetorical analyses of texts in film, television shows, advertisements, etc.; and
3. Use appropriate skills and knowledge to produce a critical academic paper, a creative piece of writing, film, art, installation or performance.
6. Devise and implement a reader-oriented literature programme which demonstrates an understanding of approaches to teaching young adult literature, strategies for assisting struggling readers, and approaches to teaching literature for CSEC and CAPE; and
7. Write creatively in the genre of choice to produce a manuscript of publishable standard.

LITERATURE STREAM

1. Articulate a critical vision of regional literature that goes beyond a single linguistic or national canon by exploring significant commonalities alongside observed divergences in the writing of various Caribbean persons;
2. Demonstrate an understanding of contemporary Caribbean literatures from throughout the diaspora;
3. Examine and interpret visual images of the Caribbean in the fine arts to determine how changes in the images over time reflect the (re)appropriation of power by Caribbean peoples;
4. Read dramatic texts as social and rhetorical acts and explore how performance operates as a way of being, knowing and acting in the world;
5. Select appropriate literary texts for classroom use at various instructional levels;
1. Identify and describe the components of a Caribbean linguistic and cultural identity and explore its multifaceted nature;
2. Demonstrate an appreciation for the nature of rhetoric in its varied roles by writing critical reviews of various media;
3. Analyse the rhetoric of popular media in the Caribbean to develop visual and media literacies;
4. Develop and implement programmes based on current research and methodology to teach English to speakers of other languages;
5. Explore traditional and contemporary methods of foreign language teaching to select those best suited to the Caribbean context; and
6. Use proficiency-oriented methods and learner-centred approaches to develop and implement programmes for the teaching of foreign languages and for English as a second language.

Entry Requirements

Applicants should have at least a second class honours degree or equivalent from a recognised tertiary institution. For this programme the Department will consider applications from students with a first degree in relevant areas such as literatures in English, modern languages, linguistics, communication studies, cultural studies, or area studies.

Programme of Study/ Course of Study

Students are required to gain 35 credits through successful completion of 4 courses and a Research Paper. Full-time candidates are required to complete the 4 courses during their first two semesters of study; while part-time candidates are required to complete the 4 courses during their first three semesters of study.

Independent Reading Courses

Candidates for the MA degree may, only in special circumstances, substitute up to two (2) Independent Reading Courses. (For more information contact the coordinator of the relevant discipline.)

Research Paper

Full-time candidates are required to complete a Research Paper (15,000-20,000 words, exclusive of notes and bibliography) after completing all required courses.

The Research Paper may take the form of a creative work (piece of writing, film, art installation, performance) with critical commentary or portfolio.

Duration

In this programme the summer session is only used for writing of the Research Paper. No teaching takes place during the summer.

As candidates are required to complete all courses before working on their Research Paper, full-time candidates who begin the programme in Semester 1 (August) are expected to complete courses by May and submit their Research Papers by August 31st for a total of 12 months.

Full-time candidates who begin in Semester 2 (January) will complete courses by December and are required to submit their Research Papers by April 30th of the following year for a total of 15 months.

Part-time candidates must complete all requirements in 27 months.

LIST OF COURSES

LITERATURES

Compulsory Courses (5 credits each)

- Contemporary Caribbean Literature across Languages.
- Caribbean Thought.
- Research Paper (15 credits).

Select 2 electives* (4 or 5 credits)

- Caribbean Diasporic Literatures.
- Teaching Literature in the Caribbean Classroom.
- Creative Writing.
- Visualizing the Caribbean.
- Caribbean Theatre: Text and Performance.

LANGUAGES

Compulsory Courses (5 credits each)

- Caribbean Linguistic and Cultural Identity.
- Language and Media in the Caribbean.
- Research Paper (15 credits).

Select 2 electives* (4 or 5 credits) from

- Creative Writing.
- Visualizing the Caribbean.
- Caribbean Theatre: Text and Performance.
- Teaching Second and Foreign Languages.
- Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL).

* Students may also select

- Another post-graduate course in the Discipline.
- An approved Course from other programme (e.g. Cultural Studies).

Cost

This is a UGC-funded programme.

Please review the UGC-Programmes Financial Handbook on our website which gives the rates applicable for the relevant academic year.

University fees are additional to the programme fees and are billed every semester until the degree has been awarded.

Programme Fees and University Registration fees are subject to change.

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR

Coordinator of Graduate Studies: Robert Leyshon

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HIGHER DEGREE PROGRAMMES

FACULTY OF HUMANITIES & EDUCATION

MA Caribbean Studies:

Languages / Literatures

MA Creative Arts

PG Dip / MA Cultural Studies

MA History

MA Heritage Studies

MA Linguistics

PG Diploma in Education (*Secondary*)

Master in Education (MEd)

specialisations (Curriculum Studies; Educational Leadership; Inclusive Practices for Special Needs Students; Language & Literacy Education; School Counselling; Science and Technology Education; Social Context and Education Policy; Testing, Measurement and Evaluation; and The Psychology of Education)

FACULTY OF LAW

LLM / PG Diploma Law

(with specialisations in Corporate & Commercial Law, Public Law, Intellectual Property Law, General)

FACULTY OF MEDICAL SCIENCES

DM Anaesthesia and Intensive Care

DM Emergency Medicine

PG Dip / MSc., DM

Family Medicine

DM General Surgery (Parts I and II)

DM Internal Medicine

DM Obstetrics and Gynaecology

DM Ophthalmology

DM Orthopedics (Part II)

DM Paediatrics

DM Psychiatry

Master in Public Health

FACULTY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

PG Dip / MSc. Biosafety

PG Dip / MSc. Computing Innovation

MSc. Computing Research

MSc. Natural Resource and Environmental Management

PG Dip / MSc. Technology

Entrepreneurship

MSc. Renewable Energy

Management

FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

Master of Social Work

MSc. Applied Psychology

MSc. Banking & Finance

MSc. Building & Construction Management

MSc. Business Analytics

(with optional specialisations in Finance or Marketing)

MSc. Counselling Psychology

MSc. E-Governance for Developing States

MSc. Financial & Business Economics

MSc. Financial Management

MSc. Human Resources Management

MSc. Integration Studies

MSc. International Management

MSc. International Trade Policy

MSc. Investments

& Wealth Management

MSc. Labour &

Employment Relations

MSc. Logistics and Supply Chain Management

MSc. Marketing

MSc. Project Management & Evaluation

MSc. Sociology

MSc. / PG Dip. Sport Sciences

MSc. Tourism & Events Management

MSc. Tourism & Hospitality Management

MSc. Tourism & Sport

Management

MSc. Tourism with Project Management

MSc. Tourism Marketing

MSc. Transport Economics

THE INSTITUTE FOR GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

PG Dip / MSc. Gender and Development Studies

CAVE HILL SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Doctor of Business Administration

Executive Master in Business Administration (*offered*

in three specialisations: – General Management, Public Sector Management and Human Resource Management)

Masters in Business Administration (Entrepreneurship)

International Master in Business Administration

Masters in Entrepreneurship and Innovation



UWI also offers a range of MPhil and PhD programmes in a number of areas. Information on these as well as our application process, online application forms, and the documentation required can be found at:

www.cavehill.uwi.edu/gradstudies