



THE UNIVERSITY
OF THE
WEST INDIES

Graduate Programme
Faculty of Humanities & Education



MA/MPhil/PhD Cultural Studies

For those interested in the Caribbean region and who wish to explore its history and cultural heritage. The programme seeks to develop an understanding of the region's history and heritage at all levels of Caribbean Society and beyond.

2017-2018

MA/MPHIL/PHD CULTURAL STUDIES

The postgraduate teaching programme in Cultural Studies is grounded in the belief that it is necessary to develop a cadre of trained people in the Caribbean region who are sensitised to the region's history and cultural heritage, and who can articulate and disseminate an understanding of that history and heritage at all levels of Caribbean Society and beyond. Graduates in Cultural Studies are likely to become an important resource in the formulation of national, subregional and regional policies for sustainable economic and social development in the Caribbean.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

MA

- Normal entry requirement is a Second Class honours degree or equivalent.

MPhil

- Candidates for the MA degree who have successfully completed their coursework component with an average grade of 60% or more may be allowed to upgrade to the MPhil degree after successful completion of an upgrade seminar. Candidates may enroll for the MPhil on a full-time or part-time basis.
- Candidates admitted directly to the MPhil programme are required to register for the two-semester course CLTR 6030 (8 credits), 2 Core Courses and 2 seminars.
- Candidates who may have taken the required courses for the MA will be allowed to use those credits towards the MPhil degree, providing that they register for the MPhil within a reasonable number of years (not more than five) after completing the MA.

PhD

UWI graduates in possession of the MA degree by coursework and/or the MPhil degree in the Cultural Studies or related discipline in which the average coursework mark is 60% or better can apply to the PhD degree. Graduates from other recognized tertiary institutions who hold equivalent qualifications can also apply for entry to the PhD degree.

Candidates admitted directly to the PhD programme are required to register for the two-semester course CLTR 6030 (8 credits), 2 Core Courses and 3 seminars.

Alternatively, students currently studying at the UWI for the MPhil degree who have:

- Successfully defended a thesis proposal of a scope and depth deemed worthy of an upgrade and
- Consistently produced work of a standard, in the opinion of their Supervisor, to merit an upgrade, may be allowed to transfer to the PhD programme.

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE/ COURSE OF STUDY

MA

Students are required to gain 35 – 37 credits (depending on the choice of elective) for the MA programme. These credits will be acquired through 5 courses (4 compulsory and 1 elective) and a research paper or project.

Research Component

Upon completion of the Coursework component (particularly "Methods of Inquiry in Cultural Studies"), candidates should submit a research proposal to the Coordinator of the Cultural Studies Programme.

Once the proposal has been approved, a Supervisor will be appointed to guide the candidate in his/her research.

For the research component, candidates will have the option of the following: presenting their findings in the form of a research paper, undertaking an internship in an organisation, or presenting their findings in the form of a project.

Research Paper

The research paper is worth 12 credits and must be 15,000 words in length, exclusive of bibliography and footnotes.

Internship

Cultural Industry Critique/Investigation
Candidates are required to document the process and product of their assignment.

Project

Candidates can present their findings as follows: as performance, as a documentary, or as video/film. Other formats can be employed, subject to the approval of the supervisor.

MPhil / PhD

Seminar

Each candidate will present at least two (2) seminars (MPhil)/ three (3) seminars (PhD) before a panel consisting of members of staff in the discipline and other interested parties.

Thesis Proposal

Candidates will be required to present and defend a Thesis Proposal of acceptable scope and quality for the MPhil/PhD degree.

Thesis

MPhil candidates are required to research and submit a thesis (40,000 - 50,000 words, exclusive of notes and bibliography) on a topic approved by the Committee of Supervisors. PhD candidates are required to research and write a thesis (80,000 words, exclusive of notes and bibliography).

DURATION

MA

Full-time candidates must complete these requirements within fifteen (15) months of the start of the programme. Part-time candidates will have twenty-four (24) months in which to complete the requirements for the degree.

MPhil

Full-time direct entry MPhil candidates will have up to three (3) calendar years to complete all of the degree requirements.

Full-time students who upgrade to MPhil from the MA programme must complete the degree requirements within two (2) calendar years of the start of the programme. Part-time MPhil candidates will have up to five (5) years to complete the same requirements.

PhD

Full-time PhD candidates must complete these requirements within four (4) calendar years of the start of the programme while part-time PhD candidates have up to seven (7) years to complete the same requirements.

The successful completion of the coursework (where necessary), the compulsory Seminar Presentations and the thesis will lead to the award of the MPhil or PhD degree.

COST

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

Programme Fee and University Registration fees are subject to change.

LIST OF COURSES

MA

Compulsory

- Theory and Conceptualisation of Culture (4 credits)
- Debates in Caribbean Cultural Identity (4 credits)
- Dynamics of Caribbean Culture (8 credits) – two-semester course
- Methods of Inquiry in Cultural Studies (4 credits)
- Research Paper (12 credits)

Select 1 elective* from:

- Theorising Caribbean Art
- Caribbean Cultural Diasporas
- Language and Culture
- Caribbean Multilingual Lexicography
- Caribbean Popular and Creative Culture
- Under Western Eyes: Rethinking Cultural Hegemony in Caribbean Gender Relations
- Feminist Methods and Epistemology
- Nation Building in Western Africa
- Caribbean History and Heritage
- Current Debates in History
- Reading Material Culture
- Language Variation and Change
- Caribbean and Creole Linguistics
- Caribbean Lexicography
- African Diaspora Studies

MPhil / PhD

- MPhil Research Seminar 1
- MPhil Research Seminar 2
- MPhil Cultural Studies Thesis

- PhD Research Seminar 1
- PhD Research Seminar 2
- PhD Research Seminar 3

- PhD Cultural Studies Thesis

* Not all electives are offered every year.

CONTACT INFORMATION

MA, MPhil, PhD Cultural Studies

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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