

CULTURAL STUDIES

Postgraduate Diploma in Cultural Studies

Introduction

The Diploma in Cultural Studies fills the need for partnership between UWI and the wider Caribbean community in a specific way thereby strengthening the role of the university in answering the needs of individuals active in cultural agencies, in creating or administering policy, or in the arts. It provides a bridge between the undergraduate offerings and the postgraduate MA programme and research degrees in Cultural Studies currently offered on the three campuses. The Diploma provides a preliminary tool for processing and understanding the myriad issues surrounding the study of culture broadly, and Caribbean culture more specifically. It is a teaching tool which offers certification for those involved in the field of culture, some of whom are experts in their own right, and who are seeking university certification. It seeks to afford these interested individuals the opportunity to explore a wide array of cultural expressions as they are manifested within the Caribbean and beyond. The Diploma also offers exposure to theoretical frameworks in Cultural Studies and affords an analysis of the significance of Caribbean culture to development, planning and policy making.

Entry Requirements

The normal entry requirements to postgraduate degree programmes apply. Candidates will be interviewed in the absence of minimum certification.

Objectives

Upon completion of this programme, students will be able to:

1. Analyse key dimensions of culture.
2. Examine a wide array of cultural expressions as they are manifested within the Caribbean and its Diaspora.
3. Examine perspectives from seminal written, creative and artistic works in the field.
4. Collaborate and network with cultural workers and artists.
5. Enhance and interpret their cultural products using the benefit of the scholarly process.
6. Utilise the techniques of cultural analysis in developing frameworks for examining the dynamics within Caribbean culture.
7. Undertake higher level graduate studies in culture.

Programme Structure/Course of Study

Students are required to gain 25 credits through successful completion of 3 courses and a research paper or project.

Duration

The Diploma is a taught postgraduate programme that is offered on a part-time basis. Candidates must complete the requirements within twelve (12) months of the start of the programme. The Research Paper/Project is undertaken after completion of the courses.

LIST OF COURSES**All Compulsory**

- CLTR 6030 Dynamics of Caribbean Culture (8 credits) – two-semester course
 - CLTR 6230 Caribbean Popular and Creative Culture
 - CLTR 6500 Research Methodology for Cultural Practitioners
 - CLTR 6900 Research Paper/Project
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