ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

To qualify for entry applicants should satisfy the general University Regulations governing admission to a higher degree and should normally have at least a Second Class Honours degree or equivalent. Applicants with substantial career experience in middle to senior executive managerial capacity, will also be considered but would be required to audit the undergraduate courses GOVT 2057 and GOVT 3058: e-Governance for Small Island Developing States I and II.

PROGRAMME COST

Payable in full or per course at registration.

Tuition Fee: BDS$25,000 (US$12,500)

Annual University Registration Fees

University Registration Fees are NOT included in the cost of the tuition fee.

These fees are as follows:

- Amenities Fees: BDS$770.00 (US$385.00)
- Guild Fees: BDS$120.00 (US$60.00)
- ID Card (first year only): BDS$25.00 (US$12.50)

Students enrolled in this self-financed programme are billed for the courses for which they register each semester. Fees are payable immediately on registration. University fees are additional to the programme fees and are billed on registration every semester until the degree has been awarded.

Programme Costs and University Registration Fees are subject to change in 2013/2014.

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
COURSE OVERVIEW

The MSc. e-Governance in Developing States degree programme broadly focuses on the use of information and communication technologies (ICTs) to better deliver services and democracy. The programme also seeks to analyse and describe the linkages between government, the business world and civil society and their use of the internet and other digital devices to facilitate effective decision-making.

The programme will fundamentally examine the very nature of the transformative changes occurring in public life and how they are being re-defined, managed and negotiated for citizens and the way they live, communicate and work. The MSc. e-Governance for Developing States will consider the historical, institutional, legal, organizational, functional, policy, and theoretical issues that are critical to public administrators, scholars and practitioners of information and communication technologies (ICTs) as they manage in the new economy.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

Core questions to be addressed by this programme will include inter alia:

• what government functions and practices are changed by e-Governance initiatives?
• what are the socio-political implications of e-Governance?
• how are e-Governance initiatives designed and evaluated?
• how are public administrators challenged by such initiatives? and
• what are the consequences for the relationships between public and private institutions as well as citizens?

The programme also has as its objectives:

• an examination of the evolution of information policy in the Caribbean and other developing states such as, India, Brazil, South Africa, and Singapore; and
• a look at industrial countries such as North America, the United Kingdom, and Australia and the search for best practice.

The programme will also focus on organizational and institutional development and the implications of ICTs and the ways they may or are adapting to change in a variety of contexts ranging from the details of implementation to the strategies involved in political considerations. There is also a major focus on a variety of regional and international policy issues, including public access and participation, democracy and citizen-participation, privacy and security, intellectual property, community planning, telecommunications, and individual level IT competencies for the manager. As such, this programme is concerned about a range of management challenges, opportunities and issues involved in seeking a new form of governance in the digital economy.

DURATION

This programme will be delivered on a full-time basis of 3 semesters (15 months), and part-time study of 6 semesters (21 months) of study including course work, practicum and dissertation. Students will engage in coursework and project preparation and examinations will be held at the end of each semester. There is an internship which takes place after the successful completion of the taught courses.

COURSE OF STUDY

A total of thirty-nine (39) credits are required to complete the programme, which is based on a structure of: eight (8) core courses worth three (3) credits each; a practicum worth (6) credits; and a dissertation worth nine (9) credits.

CORE COURSES

Semester 1
• EGOV 6010 Investigative Methods for e-Governance
• EGOV 6020 e-Governance for Development
• EGOV 6030 Legal and Ethical Issues in e-Governance
• EGOV 6090 Project Management

Semester 2
• EGOV 6040 Managing Organization Change in the New Economy
• EGOV 6060 Analysis and Management of e-Governance Systems
• EGOV 6070 Strategic Aspects of Information Technologies
• EGOV 6080 e-Democracy & Access to e-Government

Post course work requirements
• EGOV 6990 Practicum
• EGOV 6999 Dissertation (20,000 words)