

# **MA Global African Studies**

This innovative new Masters programme was conceived as the flagship of the Institute for Global African Affairs established jointly by The University of the West Indies (UWI) and the University of Johannesburg (UJ) in 2018. It embodies the mission of the Institute to promote mutual cooperation and collaboration between Africa and is diaspora and to promote the sustainable and equitable development of Africa and the global African community. The programme will be taught by a team of outstanding internationally recognized scholars from both The UWI and UJ and will lead to the award of a degree awarded jointly by both Institutions. Courses will be offered online, with the option of a two-week intensive course at UJ in South Africa for Caribbean-based students, and in the Caribbean for South African-based students (subject to global travel conditions).

PLEASE NOTE: At the University of Johannesburg this programme is offered under a different title: it is called the 'MA Development Studies (Specialising in Africa and the Caribbean)'.

## WHAT IS THE CONTENT OF THIS DEGREE?

This coursework Masters programme areas will focus on the theories, principles, practice, and policies promoting integrated and holistic human development at the local, national, regional, and international levels in the context of poverty, inequality, and exclusion among and between Africa and the Caribbean. The programme includes theories and approaches to human and socio-economic development, underdevelopment, development management, developmental states, conflict resolution, Pan-African thought, environmental and natural resources management, sustainable development, and gender and development.

## LENGTH OF THIS DEGREE?

Eighteen months full-time

# WHAT ARE THE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS DEGREE?

Students seeking admission to the programme at The University of the West Indies will have a Bachelor's degree at a minimum of Lower Second Class Honours level, in a relevant subject. However, the main criteria for admission will be based on the prospective student's work experience and/or demonstrated interest in Global Africa. For the admission criteria for this programme at UJ, please go to the website: <a href="www.uj.ac.za/faculties/humanities/departments-2/politics-and-international-relations/programmes/postgraduate">www.uj.ac.za/faculties/humanities/departments-2/politics-and-international-relations/programmes/postgraduate</a>

#### WHO SHOULD DO THIS DEGREE?

This programme is designed for early to mid-career professionals in NGOs and Governments, who are interested in promoting sustainable development in Africa and the Caribbean; persons wishing to learn about and engage with social and developmental issues in Africa and the Caribbean; and, more broadly, anyone seeking to understand and advance the global role of Africa in the twenty-first century.

## WHAT IS THE CONTENT OF THIS PROGRAMME?

There are 5 modules in this degree programme.

Modules 1 to 4 contribute two thirds of the final mark, and module 5 contributes one third:

- Advanced Methodology for Global African Studies: This module equips students with necessary research skills to engage in research on issues of development in Global Africa through the application of methodological approaches used in social science research - including planning, designing and executing research, theoretical frameworks, argumentation, research ethics, data collection and analysis, and discourse analysis.
- 2. Pan-African Thought: This module provides a historical overview of Pan-Africanism focusing on its political, socio-economic, cultural, and philosophical aspects. The perspectives of Pan-African theorists and practitioners from Africa, the Caribbean, and America will be highlighted in this module including such figures as Edward Blyden, W.E.B. Du Bois, Marcus Garvey, Amy Ashwood Garvey, Frantz Fanon, Kwame Nkrumah, Walter Rodney, Steve Biko, Ruth First, Angela Davis, Mariama Bâ, Valentin Y. Mudimbe, Paulin Hountondji, Ali Mazrui, Maya Angelou, and Thabo Mbeki.
- 3. Critical Development Theories: The purpose of this module is to equip students with the necessary knowledge and skills to develop a critical and informed position on Pan-African and other development theories; critically analyze the practice of development using such theories, and apply this knowledge to development challenges in Africa and the Caribbean.
- 4. Social Policy: The purpose of this course is to develop the knowledge and skills of students of Pan-African and other social policy from a social development perspective. The module will deepen students' understanding of the relationship between social, economic, and political factors, and their implications for social policy in Africa and the Caribbean.
- 5. Minor Dissertation in Global African Studies: The purpose of this module is to demonstrate the student's ability to complete an independent research project on a relevant problem in Pan-African development or related issues. Research for this minor dissertation will be supervised jointly by two members of Faculty one from each from The UWI and UJ.. The word limit for this research paper, which must be based on original research, is 20,000 words (excluding notes).

## **HOW TO APPLY:**

For information on applying to this programme, which is offered in the Caribbean at The University of the West Indies, Cave Hill Campus:

 Go to this address: https://www.cavehill.uwi.edu/gradstudies/apply-now/apply-now-home.aspx

2. Follow the instructions to submit your application online

NB: The deadline for applications for Semester I (August intake) is <u>June 30</u>, and for Semester II (January intake) is <u>September 30</u>, of each year.

Applicants wishing to pursue this programme in South Africa at the University of Johannesburg are welcome to apply through the UJ website at: <a href="www.uj.ac.za/admission-aid/postgraduate">www.uj.ac.za/admission-aid/postgraduate</a>



The University of the West Indies and University of Johannesburg launch of the Institute for Global African Affairs (IGAA) in Barbados in November 2018. From left, Professor Angina Parekh, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, UJ; Professor Sir Hilary Beckles, Vice-Chancellor, UWI; Professor V Eudine Barriteau, Pro Vice-Chancellor and Campus Principal, UWI; Professor Tshilidzi Marwala, Vice- Chancellor, UJ; Dr Bongani Ngqulunga, Director, Johannesburg Institute For Advanced Study (JIAS); Dr Nolitha Vukuza, Senior Executive Director, UJ Vice-Chancellor's Office; and Professor Alan Cobley, Former Pro Vice-Chancellor, UWI and Co-Director, IGAA.





From left, the University of the West Indies, Cave Hill Campus, Barbados; and the University of Johannesburg, Auckland Park Kingsway Campus.



The University of the West Indies and University of Johannesburg launch of the Institute for Global African Affairs (IGAA) in Johannesburg in November 2018. From left to right, Professor Arthur Mutambara, former Deputy Prime Minister of Zimbabwe; Professor Adekeye Adebajo, Director of the Institute for Pan-African Thought and Conversation (IPATC), and Co-Director IGAA; Professor Shahana Rasool, Former Head of Department of Social Work, UJ; Professor Alan Cobley, Former Pro- Vice Chancellor, UWI, and Co-Director IGAA; Professor Saurabh Sinha, Deputy Vice-Chancellor: Research and Internationalisation, UJ; Professor Tshilidzi Marwala, Vice-Chancellor, UJ; Professor Shireen Motala, Former Senior Director, Postgraduate School, UJ; and Ambassador Angella Comfort, Jamaica's High Commissioner to South Africa.



From left, Professor Tshilidzi Marwala, Vice-Chancellor, University of Johannesburg; and Professor Sir Hilary Beckles, Vice-Chancellor, University of the West Indies.



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