



THE UNIVERSITY
OF THE
WEST INDIES

Masters Programme
Faculty of Social Sciences



*Department of Government, Sociology,
Social Work & Psychology*

Master of Social Work

Concentration: Management and Administration

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professionals to respond effectively and
efficiently to the changing social work
climate in the Caribbean.*

Master of Social Work

The Master of Social Work programme has been developed in response to a growing need for advanced training in the field, particularly in the area of social work administration. The programme seeks to train social work professionals to respond effectively and efficiently to the changing social work climate in the Caribbean. The programme will provide leadership and management training relevant to social service agencies and equip students with skills in the planning and evaluation of human services programmes. Courses will also address substantive social work issues, research techniques used in social work and, the application of social work theory and research to social problems.

Objectives

The Master of Social Work is designed for the production of graduates who:

- Critically analyze social policy and evaluate the impact of social policies on client groups
- Prepare recommendations for policy changes
- Employ skills for the effective management of an agency's human resources with emphasis on areas such as recruitment and retention of staff, supervision and staff development
- Formulate procedures for ensuring quality and equality in service provision to clients
- Work with subordinates in identifying the need for change, implementing change strategies and effectively managing change
- Build theory in relation to social work administration in the Caribbean context
- Utilizes a range of qualitative and quantitative research methods in the practice of management within social work settings
- Plan, implement and evaluate social work programmes
- Prepare, justify and defend the annual budget of a social service agency and manage its overall financial aspects
- Demonstrate leadership behaviour in the social work profession and to
- Effectively and efficiently undertake the total management of a social service agency.

Programme Structure/ Course of Study

The degree is structured around 9 courses (3 credits per course), a practicum component worth 9 credits and a one semester research report worth 3 credits. Total credits for the programme are 39.

Field Placements

The fieldwork component of the programme will provide the student with opportunities for the development of practice through performance in a social service agency. Opportunities will be provided for the application of knowledge, values and skills learned in the classroom to be tested, applied, reinforced and integrated in a disciplined manner. The students will be placed in a social service or related agency for 8 hours each day, 4 days per week for a period of 15 weeks totalling 480 hours. Field Instructors/agency supervisors and students will be guided in practice by the social work programme's field coordinator.

**Advanced Field Instruction
Integrative Seminar**

Field placement must be taken concurrently with the Advanced Field Instruction Integrative Seminar which is designed to enhance and strengthen the internship experience. The 3-hour credit seminar prepares students for work in the administration and management arena in social service settings and other macro practice areas. It provides opportunities for students to integrate social work knowledge and theory with practical experiences from community agencies. Small peer group weekly meetings are an integral part of this course.

Research Report

The Social Work Research Project Report is intended to ensure a complementary balance between the practicum experiences and the research aspects. The relationship between the qualitative/quantitative research methodologies and the implementation of a specific research report will also ensure a complete and smooth continuum of learning. The process will involve the preparation of a research proposal and the subsequent implementation of a research project in administration.

Programme Regulations

Evaluation of Courses and Coursework: There will be a final examination of some of the courses offered. In some courses students will be examined based on a major project/paper. Students will be expected to complete each course, including the research paper at the level of a B grade to pass. The field practicum will be evaluated based on practice in the field as well as a journal and integrative paper.

Programme Faculty

A team of lecturers drawn from the Cave Hill, St. Augustine and Mona campuses, as well as international adjunct faculty will deliver the programme.

* Programme Fee and University Registration fees are subject to change.

Entry Requirements

- A Bachelor’s degree in Social Work **and** at least two years work experience in a social work agency; **OR**
- An Honours degree in a related field (Sociology or Psychology) **and** a Diploma in Social Work, **and** at least two years work experience in a social work agency.

List of Courses

COMPULSORY COURSES

(Compulsory Courses: 3 credits each)

Semester 1

SOWK 6020 Professional Development and Ethical Issues in Human Services

SOWK 6030 Social Welfare Policy and Administration

SOWK 6040 Social Work Management and Administration

SOWK 6050 Methods of Strategic Management in Human Services

Semester 2

SOWK 6060 Programme Planning Management and Evaluation

SOWK 6070 Research Methods for Social Workers

ELECTIVES

(Choose 2 Electives: 3 credits each)

- **SOWK 6080** Methods of Policy Practice
- An approved Masters Level course in Management or Psychology

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PRACTICUM 480 hours (Summer)

SOWK 6900 Advanced Field Instruction - Practicum (9 credits)

SOWK 6920 Advanced Field Instruction Integrative Seminar

SOWK 6990 Research Report

Cost* (Self-financed Programme)

Programme fee BDS \$25,000

Plus ID Card Fee BDS \$30.00

Plus UWI Registration

fees – currently BDS \$510.00

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR

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MA Caribbean Studies:
Languages / Literatures
MA Caribbean and
African Theology
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

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& Executive Master in Business
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*specialisations in Corporate &
Commercial Law, Public Law, Intellectual
Property Law, General Law*)
The UWI - Leuphana Double LLM
- International Economic Law

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
MSc. Nursing
MSc. Nursing Education

FACULTY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

PG Dip / MSc. Biosafety
MSc. Computing Research
MSc. Information Technology
MSc. Natural Resource and
Environmental Management
PG Dip / MSc. Technology
Entrepreneurship

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. Management
MSc. Marketing
MSc. Project Management
& Evaluation
MSc. Sociology
MSc. Tourism & Events
Management
MSc. Tourism & Hospitality
Management
MSc. Tourism & Sport
Management
MSc. Tourism with Project
Management
MSc. Tourism Marketing
MSc. Transport Economics

FACULTY OF SPORT

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(Entrepreneurship)
International Master in
Business Administration
Masters in Entrepreneurship
and Innovation



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