

PROGRAMME SUMMARY

The MSc. Integration Studies is an exciting programme designed to strengthen scholarship and research on regionalism by exploring the political, economic and social complexities of regional integration projects in process around the world. The programme is structured to be global in focus, but places special emphasis on Caribbean integration and development. Integral to the programme are concentrations in international trade, international business, government and globalization that, in a changing global environment, inevitably impact on the world's regional integration projects.

PROGRAMME OBJECTIVES

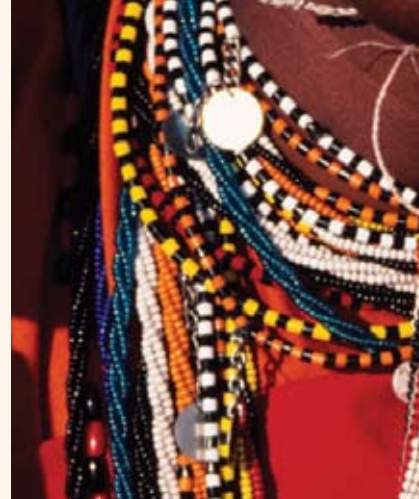
- To provide a sound understanding and critical awareness of the integration experience, in the Commonwealth Caribbean and beyond;
- To foster a rigorous appreciation of the relationships between regionalism and international relations, international political economy, as well as the relationships between integration, business, government and policy;
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- To produce individuals who possess historical perspective and up-to date knowledge on regionalism and are able to provide perspectives vital to the furtherance of regional policy development in the Caribbean and beyond.



CAREER APPLICABILITY

This programme is well suited to those employed in/or interested in pursuing careers in, the following:

- The Caribbean Community Secretariat and affiliated institutions/agencies
- The Organisation of Eastern States Secretariat and affiliated institutions/agencies
- Other intergovernmental organisations (e.g. the Organisation of American States or the Commonwealth Secretariat)
- Ministries responsible for Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade, International Business or Security
- The United Nations and related organisations
- Non-Governmental Organisations (particularly those that are regional in scope) and/ or interested in pursuing careers in:
 - Academics and Research
 - Journalism
 - Business
 - Politics



COURSE OF STUDY

MSc. Integration Studies spans twelve (12) to eighteen (18) months of full time study. The programme comprises nine taught courses (3 credits each), a practicum (9 credits) and a long research paper (6 credits), for which students are expected to earn a total of forty two (42) credits. The teaching of nine (9) courses, including course work assignments and examinations, will span two (2) semesters. The three-month practicum component will usually take place following Semester two (during the summer session). The long research paper should be completed over an additional two (2) to three (3) months and requires that students undertake independent study and research. This programme can also be pursued on a part time basis over a period of approximately twenty four (24) months.

Taught Courses

- Caribbean Governance
- Comparative Government
- CARICOM and the CARICOM Single Market and Single Economy
- International Trade Theory and Policy
- Globalisation and Global Governance
- The European Union and the African Union
- Specialised Research Methods
- Business, Government and International Political Economy
- Regional Integration and Development

Summer Session

Work Placement and Independent Study

- Practicum

The practicum component will usually be undertaken during the three month summer period at a relevant institution and will allow some degree of exposure to the applicability of the theoretical knowledge that participants have acquired. On completion of the practicum, students must submit a written report about their experience (not longer than 15, 000 words). In this report, students will be expected to make linkages between the practical and the theoretical and offer a critical analysis complete with recommendations.

Independent Study

- Research Paper

The research project is the final stage of the programme. The project provides students with an opportunity to apply the knowledge developed over the course of the programme to a practical problem. Students will be required to submit a research report of between 12,000 and 20,000 words analyzing and proposing solutions to the previously identified problem. A research proposal must be submitted to and approved by an assigned supervisor, who will also serve as first examiner.