

Political Science

INTRODUCTION

Are you interested in politics, international affairs, domestic developments in other parts of the world and political theory? Do you want to study these subjects and pursue a career based on your interests? If so, then you should consider political science as a major with the Open Campus. Political science is the study of government, public policies and political behavior. Political science uses both humanistic perspectives and scientific skills to examine all countries and regions of the world.

ABOUT THE PROGRAMME

The Bachelor of Science in Political Science promises to offer students and practitioners an understanding of public and political affairs, while enriching and stimulating discussions about the allocation of resources, the re-distribution of wealth, the best form of government, ethics, corruption, community power, grassroots politics, the text and talk of political leaders, amongst many others.

The primary motivation for the creation of the Bachelor of Science Degree Programme in Political Science rests on the belief that a political science education must foster intellectual development and promote the acquisition of transferable skills in research and data analysis, communication, planning and decision-making.

WHO IS THIS PROGRAMME FOR?

The programme targets persons who want to explore the nature and uses of power and the breadth and probable outcomes of citizens and governments. It also targets persons who are currently working in any of the numerous areas of the social sciences within public, private or not-for-profit organizations. Recent school leavers may also have an interest in the field. As with all Open Campus programmes, the programme specifically targets persons who prefer to study in the online mode for various reasons, such as financial constraints, family commitments and work commitments.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must meet the University's normal matriculation requirements in order to be accepted into the programme.

They must satisfy the requirements in (a), (b), (c) or (d) below:

(a) Holders with CXC/CSEC and CAPE/GCE A Level qualifications having:

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

Courses		
Level I	Level II	Level III
English for Academic Purposes	Research Methods	Research Study I
Foundation for Learning Success	Intermediate Statistics	Research Study II
Caribbean Civilization	Ethical Literacy in Behavioural Sciences	International Politics and Political Economy
Mathematical Thinking and Introductory Statistics	Gender in the Caribbean: Social, Political and Economic Relations	Contemporary International Relations of the Caribbean
Logic of Social Enquiry	Principles of Sustainable Development	Latin American Government, Politics and Development
Introduction to Psychology	Western Political Thought	Professional Development in Political Science
Introduction to Sociology	International Relations: Theories and Approaches	Political Leadership and Public Governance
Introduction to Political Institutions and Analysis	Foundations of Caribbean Politics	Political Management and Mobilisation
Introduction to Social Work	E-Governance for Small Island Developing States I	Ethics and Global Justice
Introduction to Youth Development Work OR Principles of Economics	Comparative Politics	Global Environmental Politics

- An acceptable pass in CXC/CSEC English A or CAPE Communications Studies; AND
- An acceptable pass in CXC/CSEC Mathematics or its equivalent; AND
- One of the following minimum qualifications:
- either five subjects (at least two GCE A Level or CAPE) and the remainder acceptable passes in CXC/CSEC or GCE O' Level; OR
- four subjects (at least three GCE A Level or CAPE) and the fourth an acceptable pass in the CXC/CSEC or GCE O' Level

Note: Grade requirements for CXC/CSEC subjects are General Proficiency - Grades I or II prior to June 1998 and Grades I, II, or III from June 1998.

- (b) Holders of five (5) CXC/CSEC or GCE O' Level passes or equivalent, not necessarily obtained at the same sitting.
- (c) Entrants with a Diploma, Certificate or Associate Degree from UWI or an approved Caribbean tertiary level institution.
- (d) Persons over the age of 21 who have been out of school for at least five years, on the basis of their overall academic and professional attainments.