



PROGRAMME ADVISING

BSc Political Science

ACADEMIC YEAR
2020/2021



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO GUIDE COURSE SELECTION & REGISTRATION

Kindly review this document at the start of each semester
for any adjustments to the schedule.



New Students

Students who enrolled as of Academic Year 2020/2021 must follow the prescribed course of study and sequence given for their programme.

Continuing Students

Students are required to successfully, complete all courses in Year 1 before they can proceed to undertake courses in Year 2. Please continue to follow the prescribed course of study given.

Advice For Managing Course Load

Most students carry between 1 – 3 courses per semester. **For the working adult**, we recommend that you **do not attempt more than three (3) courses** per semester and two (2) courses in summer.

Plan wisely to suit your particular situation so you may perform at your full potential. Do not jeopardize your long-term goals by being unrealistic about what you can handle.

IMPORTANT NOTE for New Students

Orientation is the first step to achieving academic and personal success at the UWI Open Campus. It supports you by assisting with your transition to the online environment. It will equip you with the needed navigational skills to function successfully online and provide pertinent information about the available services, go to persons and responsibilities as an online student. It is imperative that you attend the online sessions offered by the Programme Delivery Department (PDD) as well as the session offered at your local site office.

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The **BSc Political Science** demonstrates the importance of scientific reasoning in the study of politics, the importance of political discovery and practical relevance of political knowledge for progressive Caribbean democracies. The programme is delivered online using the Open Campus “Learning Exchange” environment (Moodle/Learning Management System).

The **BSc Political Science programme** is a 90-credit undergraduate programme. The duration of the programme is 3 years full-time and five years part-time. In order to qualify for the award of the BSc Political Science degree, students must attain the credits at the respective levels as shown in the Table below.

Awards	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total Credits
Degree	30 credits	30 credits	30 credits	90 credits

BSc Political Science programme operates under a semester system.

- Semester 1 and 2 each, have thirteen (13) weeks of instruction plus an examination period.
- Summer session has seven (7) weeks of instruction plus the examination period.



Remember to check the programme-advising document before the start of registration and during the semester for any updates or additional information.

Pre-requisites for Matriculation into the BSc Political Science Programme

- **Mathematics Requirements:** For entry to the Undergraduate programmes, an approved qualification in Mathematics is required. The minimum Mathematics requirement is a pass at CSEC or the equivalent. Candidates who do not meet this requirement must successfully complete the approved remedial Mathematics course Improving your Math Skills (IYMS1001). IYMS1001 is offered in semester 1, 2 and summer.
- **English Language Requirements:** The English Language Proficiency Test (ELPT) is used to assess whether applicants to the Undergraduate programmes possess a satisfactory level of writing and reading proficiency in English for university academic purposes. ELPT is a pre-requisite for FOUN1001: English for Academic Purposes. For those persons requiring ELPT, the exam schedule is posted by the Registry on the Department’s Web Page at: <http://www.open.uwi.edu/undergraduate/home>. Also, check your site office for more details. The earliest offering of ELPT August 2020.
- **Technology Requirement:** Students will need to have access to a computer with Internet access.

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The BSc Political Science Programme Pre-requisites for Matriculation

COURSE CODE	COURSE NAME	SEMESTER	PRE-REQUISITES & TIPS
Y E A R 1			
FOUN1001	English for Academic Purposes	1, 2, Summer	<p>ELPT – English Language Proficiency*</p> <p>*NB: “With effect from the Academic year 2019-2020, all newly admitted students to the University of the West Indies will be required to register for the required Foundation Course in Academic Literacies (unless otherwise exempted) as part of their Level One undergraduate degree programme. Part-time students will be required to register for this course during the first year of their registration.”</p> <p>If your Offer Letter from Admissions indicates that you are required to take the ELPT then you must first pass this Pre-requisite test before you are allowed to do FOUN1001. Students requiring ELPT, the earliest offer is August 2020. TIP: If you already passed the ELPT you should register for FOUN1001 in Semester 1. To move on to Level 2 courses students must successfully pass this course.</p>
FOUN1101	Caribbean Civilization	1, 2, Summer	None
SOWK1001	Introduction to Social Work	1,2	None
PSYC1001	Introduction to Psychology	1	None
SOCI1002	Introduction to Sociology	1, 2	None
FOUN1501	Foundation for Learning Success	1, 2	None TIP: We recommend that you take this course in semester 2.
SOCI1004	Logic of Social Inquiry	Summer	None
ECON1010	Mathematical Thinking and Introductory Statistics	2, Summer	CXC-CSEC (General Proficiency) Mathematics OR IYMS1001 Improving Your Math Skills OR ECON1003 Mathematics for Social Sciences I
GOVT1000	Introduction to Political Analysis	Summer	None
ECON1000 OR YDEW1000	Principles of Economics Youth Development Work: Introduction to Theory and Practice	1	Students must choose ONLY one course, either- ECON1000 OR YDEW1000

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YEAR 2			
GOVT2006	Foundations of Caribbean Politics	1	GOVT1000
GOVT2014	Western Political Thought	1	GOVT1000
SOCI2035	Research Methods in the Behavioural Sciences	1	None
GOVT2046	International Relations: Theories and Approaches	1	GOVT1000
GOVT2057	E-Governance for Small Island Developing States I	2	None
ECON2027	Intermediate Statistics	2	ECON1005 Introductory Statistics OR ECON1010 Mathematical Thinking and Introductory Statistics
GEND2111	Gender in the Caribbean: Social, Political and Economic Relations	2	None
SOCI2036	Ethical Literacy in Behavioural Sciences	2	None
SOCI2037	Principles of Sustainable Development	Summer	None
GOVT2019	Comparative Politics	Summer	None
YEAR 3			
GOVT3019	Latin American Government, Politics and Development	1	None
GOVT3077	Political Leadership and Public Governance	1	GOVT1000, GOVT2014 and GOVT2006
POLS3045	Professional Development in Political Science	1	None
PSYC3025 OR SOCI3000	Research Study 1 & 2	1, 2	These courses are 6 credit yearlong for semesters 1 & 2 <i>Students in the final year must complete all Year 1 and Year 2 courses (15 courses = 45 credits) before undertaking Research Study I and II.</i>

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GOVT3015	International Politics and Political Economy	2	None
GOVT3078	Political Management and Mobilisation	2	GOVT2019 and GOVT3077
GOVT3080	Global Environmental Politics	2	SOCI2037
GOVT3048	Contemporary International Relations of the Caribbean	Summer	GOVT2006 and GOVT2046
GOVT3079	Ethics and Global Justice	Summer	ECON1000, SOCI2036, SOCI2037 and GOVT2014

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