

WHEN WILL IT START?

Students may start this programme in August or January of the academic year.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants should meet lower level matriculation requirements (see our website for more details)

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY TEST (ELPT)

Candidates who do not possess one of the exempting qualifications (see our website for details) are required to take the English Language Proficiency Test (ELPT).

HOW MUCH WILL THIS PROGRAMME COST?

The link below provides information on the programme cost.

<http://www.open.uwi.edu/undergraduate/financial-information>

HOW TO APPLY

Applications for the programme will be accepted online.

Interested persons should complete an application form available at

<http://apply.open.uwi.edu>.

The instruction sheet can be downloaded by going to

http://www.open.uwi.edu/sites/default/files/Information_Instruction_Sheet.pdf

The links below provide further information on application, admission and documents required.

<http://www.open.uwi.edu/undergraduate/admissions>

<http://www.open.uwi.edu/undergraduate/documents-required>

WHY STUDY AT THE UWI OPEN CAMPUS?

The Open Campus provides attractive options for academic progress, lifelong learning and career development in a variety of formats and modes of delivery. Join the over 20,000 students who study in the Open Campus each year. Some of the reasons that students choose the Open Campus include:

Access: The Open Campus provides opportunities for students to gain access to higher education. The design of the programmes with entry at several levels allows more students access to The UWI through a number of different matriculation options.

Study at your own pace: The mixed mode teaching delivery method of the Open Campus allows students to organise their time to better fit in with their personal and work commitments. Students can achieve their academic goals on a flexible schedule.

Cost-effectiveness: The Open Campus offers courses/programmes at very affordable cost that can suit any budget. We also offer several financial payment options.

In-country education and training: Many of our programmes offer students the opportunity to study while remaining in full-time employment. In addition, the new skills and ideas developed can be applied in the workplace.

Professional Development: The Open Campus offers opportunities for persons to keep abreast of new ideas and concepts in their own fields of work or in other disciplines.



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Care to make a difference

Bachelor of Science in Social Work

ABOUT THE PROGRAMME

If you are considering a new career path or wish to qualify in this field, you should know that Social Work is an established professional discipline all over the world. This discipline plays a distinctive role in promoting and securing the wellbeing of children, adults, families and communities. Social Work primarily deals with the personal, practical, psychological and social aspects of people's lives. As an academic discipline, it recommends practical yet tailored solutions to situations in which there are high levels of complexity and conflicts.

The UWI Open Campus is offering you this powerful combination of skills that defines and supports Caribbean values and brings a unique benefit to any local, national or regional organization. You can become a qualified professional much sooner than you think as this undergraduate programme is also specially designed with three exit points for a diploma, or a certificate or a degree.

Persons who originally registered for the BSc in Social Work could select to graduate with either a Diploma (after 45 credits) or a Certificate (after 30 credits) if they so choose. Similarly, a student who had originally selected to undertake the Diploma or Certificate options in Social Work with the Open Campus may upgrade to complete the BSc.

This new programme from the UWI Open Campus builds on a 50-year legacy of the University in offering top-level and innovative training to social work practitioners across the Caribbean region. This brand-new online option is designed to allow participants to foster and demonstrate understanding of core theories and practices in social work through new ways of thinking and learning.

WHO IS THIS PROGRAMME FOR?

- Mature learners already working in the field(s) and interested in pursuing a tertiary education in social work.
- Individuals with a certificate or an associate degree in, social work, psychology, nursing and children and youth studies.
- Individuals with degrees in another discipline seeking a career change to social work.

PROGRAMME OUTCOMES

At the end of the first year, students should be able to do the following:

- demonstrate an understanding of the role and values of social work;
- to identify and apply analytical skills to non-complex cases or community work;
- apply recognition and referral skills to non-complex cases and community work;
- exhibit knowledge of existing services for persons in need;
- demonstrate the GIM and PCF when responding to clients and fellow professionals.
- act as a support for persons in difficult psycho-social situations in a variety of contexts
- illustrate an understanding of and appreciation for the ethical and professional standards.

At the end of years two and three, students should be able to perform the following tasks:

- apply social work principles in their professional practice;
- demonstrate effective oral and written communication when working with institutions, communities and individuals;
- recognize, understand and engage in diversity issues;
- demonstrate the GIM and PCF when responding to clients and fellow professionals.
- advocate for human rights and social justice for the advancement of communities, groups and/or individuals;
- advocate for child rights issues within the Caribbean as articulated in the UN CRC;
- advocate for the vulnerable in society on the principle of social equity;
- undertake small scale social research for a variety of purposes;
- provide leadership in human services delivery and lead in the improvement of these services;
- engage, evaluate and mediate with individuals, families, groups and communities;
- respond to various contexts effectively to bring about change;
- demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of the social and political context of social work that underpin the practice of social work.

PROGRAMME DELIVERY AND SUPPORT

All courses in the programme will be offered online, blended or face-to-face. In the context of the UWI Open Campus, a fully online programme includes the following:

- All materials provided by the Open Campus for the study of the course are made available online through the Open Campus' learning management system, The Learning Exchange;
- Most teaching-learning activities (with the exception of the practicum) are conducted in The Learning Exchange;
- Most assessment-related activities are conducted in The Learning Exchange;
- In instances where students are required to engage in course-related activity off-line in the real-world environment, all output from such activity, in whatever format, must be submitted through The Learning Exchange.

Level 1

English for Academic Purposes, Introduction to Sociology, Caribbean Civilization, Fundamental Principles and Practice of Social Work I, Foundations for Learning, Introductory Statistics for the Behavioral Science, Ethics for the Human Services, Introduction to Psychology, Social Work Practicum I, Introduction to Social Work.

Level 2

Lifespan Diversity within the Caribbean, Case Management, Family in Context, Fundamental Principles and Practice of Social Work II, Applied Social Research, Abnormal Psychology, Working with Communities, Counselling Techniques, Group Dynamics in Social Work and Counselling, Social Work Practicum II.

Level 3

Mediation and Dispute Resolution, Social Work Practice in Health Care within a Caribbean Context, Development & Organization Management in the Social Services, Social Work Practicum (III), Human Growth and Development Adulthood to Very Old Age, Death, Bereavement and Dying, Stress Management Theory and Practice, Social Work, Laws and Policies within the Caribbean Context, Social Work Practicum (II), Crisis Management and the Social Worker.