The University of the West Indies
St Augustine Campus
Faculty of Social Sciences

Psychology Unit
Department of Behavioural Sciences
Academic Advising
Undergraduate Degrees
PURPOSE OF ACADEMIC ADVISING

- To provide accurate information which guides students regarding available programme requirements and opportunities.
- To help students to successfully complete their degrees in spite of challenges, in accordance with their abilities, aptitudes and career goals.
COMPULSORY REFERENCES FOR REGULATIONS:

- Undergraduate Information Guide
  Faculty of Social Sciences Regulations & Syllabuses 2013/2014

- Examination Regulations for First Degrees, Associate Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates
UWI THE INSTITUTION

- Initially a College of the University of London
- First Campus located at Mona, Jamaica
- First intake of students were Medical Students
- UWI is now 65 years old
- Later expansion to include campuses at Cave Hill and St. Augustine
- St Augustine Campus celebrating 53 years
- Most recent expansion – Open Campus
FACULTIES OF UWI

Seven (7) Faculties are located on each Campus

- Faculty of Medical Sciences
- Faculty of Science
- Faculty of Food and Agriculture
- Faculty of Humanities and Education
- Faculty of Social Sciences
- Faculty of Law
- Faculty of Engineering (only located on the St Augustine Campus)
FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

The Faculty consists of the following Departments:

- Behavioral Sciences
- Economics
- Management Studies

The Psychology Unit is part of the Department of Behavioural Sciences
The Faculty is supported by the following Institutes and Centres:

- Caribbean Centre for Monetary Studies (CCMS)
- Institute of International Relations (IIR)
- Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Studies (SALISES)
- Centre for Gender & Development Studies (IGDS)
- Centre for Health Economics (HEU)
Faculty of Social Sciences, St Augustine grants as part of its teaching and research programs:

- Undergraduate Degrees, Certificates & Diplomas
- Post Graduate Degrees and Diplomas
Undergraduate Courses in the Faculty of Social Sciences are classified into:

- Level I – Year 1
- Level II – Year 2
- Level III - Year 3

Level I courses are pre-requisites for Level II Courses.

Level II courses are pre-requisites for Level III Courses.
Undergraduate Degree programs in the Faculty of Social Sciences require that students possess:

- 30 credits (10 courses) at level I
- 60 credits (20 courses) at Levels II/III
- Please note that you cannot complete your degree with only psychology courses

Courses offered at the Undergraduate Level generally carry 3 credits
DEGREE DISCIPLINES

- Accounting
- Banking and Finance
- Economics
- Government (Political Science)
- Hospitality and Tourism Management
- International Tourism Management
- International Relations
- Leadership and Management
- Management Studies
- Psychology
- Public Sector Management
- Sports Management
- Sociology
Students registered to read for degrees in the Psychology Unit may hold the status of one of the following:

- Full Time Student (Day Students)
- Evening University Student
STUDENT STATUS

Day students
- Semesters I & II – 5 per semester
- Semester III – optional you will pay for courses

Evening Students
- Semesters I & II - maximum 4 per semester
- Semester III
MAJORS AND MINORS

Majors, minors in the Faculty of Social Sciences are made up of:

- Major – 30 credits drawn from Level II or III
- *Minor – 15 credits drawn from Level II or III

*This may vary by Faculty, if you are interested in doing cross faculty minors you are to consult with the relevant faculty regulations.
DEGREE COMBINATIONS

Undergraduate students in the Faculty of Social Sciences may read for one of the following:

- **Special** (45 credits minimum in one discipline)
- **Special and Minor** (45 credits minimum in one discipline and 15 credits in a second discipline)
- **1 Major** (30 credits in one discipline plus 30 other credits)
DEGREE COMBINATIONS

- **Double Major(s)** (30 credits each in two disciplines)

- **1 Major and 1 Minor** (30 credits in one discipline; 15 credits a second discipline plus 15 other credits)

- **1 Major and 2 Minors** (30 credits, 15 credits & 15 credits respectively in three disciplines)

Read the Faculty of Social Sciences Undergraduate Information Guide
THE PSYCHOLOGY UNIT

Important organizations associated with the Psychology Unit

• The ANSA McAl Psychological Research Centre of the Department of Behavioural Sciences
• Student Psychology Association
THE PSYCHOLOGY UNIT

- **UWI Psi Chi**
- International Honour Society in Psychology founded in 1929
- For graduate and undergraduate psychology students
- Affiliate of the American Psychological Association & the Association for Psychological Science.
- Contact Ms. Nikita Ng Ying at Nikita.NgYing@sta.uwi.edu. For information on the Psi Chi Chapter, log onto www.psichi.org
Degree Programmes and Minors offered:

- Special in Psychology
- Major in Psychology
- Minor in Psychology

- Each Special or Major is comprised of:
  - Core Courses (compulsory)
  - Foundation Courses (compulsory)
  - Elective Courses
# CORE COURSES – YEAR I

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CORE COURSES – Prerequisites

- Level I courses require no prerequisites
- PSCY 1003 or PSYC 1004 are prerequisites for **ALL** level II & III courses **EXCEPT:**
  - PSYC 3004 Experimental & Applied Psychology –
    - Additional prerequisite – SOCI 1005 or ECON 1005
  - PSYC 3025 Research Project in Psychology
    - Additional prerequisites – PSYC 2010 AND PSYC 3004
# Foundation Courses

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Foundation courses can be taken in either Semester I and/or Semester II
ELECTIVE COURSES

- Electives are chosen from any Faculty provided there is space available & subject to the student satisfying the necessary pre-requisites.
- Selection of electives should be done in a rational manner e.g. choice of minor or future study.
- For choice of minor you should consult with academic advisors in your area of choice.
Students are eligible for no more than three (3) credits for involvement in co-curricular activities. The activities may be Campus specific.

Co-curricular credits will be awarded on the following basis:

a. students must be involved in the activity for at least one (1) semester;

b. explicit learning outcomes must be identified for each activity;
c. there must be clearly defined mode(s) of assessment for each activity.

- A Faculty Coordinator will be appointed, with the responsibility for the awarding of co-curricular credits.
- Co-curricular activities will be graded Pass/Fail.
- All co-curricular activities/programmes must be approved in advance by the Faculty and Academic Board.
CO-CURRICULAR CREDITS

- Subject to Faculty regulations, co-curricular credits will form part of the ninety (90) credits REQUIRED for a degree. However, in special circumstances, if credits are earned in excess of those required for the degree, these credits and the associated activity will be included on the student’s transcript.

- Co-curricular course credits can only be counted as Level One course credits.
Suggested Minors/Courses*

*Minors
- Criminology
- Gender and Development Studies
- Human Resource Management
- Social Policy
- Sociology
- Anthropology

Courses
- GEND3501-Philosophy of Gender
- GEND3502-Philosophy of Gender in Caribbean Thought
- HIST 1302 African Civilisations from Earliest Times to AD 1000
- See FSS Undergraduate Information Guide for prerequisites & courses needed to fulfil a minor

* Not restricted to, but highly recommended
Examination Regulations for First Degrees, Associate Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates including GPA Regulations:

19. Any candidate who has been absent from the University for a prolonged period during the teaching of a particular course for any reason other than illness or whose attendance at prescribed lectures, classes, practical classes, tutorials, or clinical instructions has been unsatisfactory or who has failed to submit essays or other exercises set by his/her teachers, may be debarred by the relevant Academic Board.

In the Faculty of Social Sciences, students missing more than 75% of Tutorials are liable to be debarred from Examinations.
REGULATIONS ENFORCED BY THE DEPARTMENT

No Tolerance Policy for Cheating/Plagiarism

97. (i) Cheating shall constitute a major offence under these regulations.
   (ii) Cheating is any attempt to benefit one's self or another by deceit or fraud.
   (iii) Plagiarism is a form of cheating.
   (iv) Plagiarism is the unauthorized and/or unacknowledged use of another person’s intellectual effort.

103. (i) ....... If the candidate is found guilty of cheating or attempting to cheat, the Committee shall disqualify the candidate from the examination in the course concerned, and may also disqualify him/her from all examinations taken in that examination session; and may also disqualify him/her from all further examinations of the University ......
GATE POLICY

- Students who have not maintained a Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) at the end of the academic year of 1.0 will be denied continued GATE funding and will be required to pay their own tuition fees. Students who are affected will be so informed.

- Students must satisfy the requirements of the Ministry of Science Technology and Tertiary Education to be reinstated in the GATE programme.
Credit and Exemptions – Level I Courses

- Exemptions with credit will be granted for Grades 1 and 2 for CAPE Units 1 and 2 in the following subject areas:
  - CAPE Sociology Unit 1 – SOCI 1002 Introduction to Sociology I
  - CAPE Sociology Unit 2 – SOCI 1000 Introduction to Sociology II

You choose either SOCI 1000 or SOCI 1002
Exemptions only will be granted for passes in the following subject areas:

- CAPE Caribbean Studies – FOUN 1101 Caribbean Civilization
- CAPE Communication Studies – FOUN 1001 English for Academic Purposes

Students are required to read for additional Level I courses from this or any other Faculty, to complete their Level I credit requirements in cases where they have been granted exemption only. In cases where exemption and credit have been granted, students will be permitted to pursue extra courses inclusive of co-curricular credit courses if they wish to do so.
The Board of Undergraduate Studies (BUS) has approved the change in the pass mark for undergraduate courses for the Academic Year 2014/2015.

The pass mark will be 50%.
Some Sub Specialty Areas in Psychology that are addressed & which you may consider for future study:

- Developmental psychology
- Cognitive psychology
- Clinical psychology
- Social psychology

You should research these areas and use the information gathered to influence your choice of courses.
WHAT CAN I DO WITH A PSYCHOLOGY DEGREE?

Traditional Options

- Research analyst or assistant
- Human Resources
- Teaching Psychology at Secondary & Tertiary Levels
- Postgraduate study at UWI:
  * M.Sc. - Applied Psychology – start date 2014
  * M.Sc. – Clinical Psychology @ Faculty of Medical Sciences
  * M. Phil. Psychology
  * Ph.D. in Psychology

*Note: All students interested in pursuing the Masters in Psychology should complete Special in Psychology*
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*See Campus Website for the Deadline for such request

**Note:** All request to the Assistant Registrars’ must be copied to the Dean of the Faculty
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Registration and Overrides are your Responsibility

Students are advised to drop unwanted courses before the end of the Registration Period. You are duly registered for it and will be examined for it. If you choose not to write the examination you would be assigned an F and this will impact negatively on your GPA.

Students are to check online for Financial Clearance before Accessing Library Resources.

In email communication with the Faculty and Departments of UWI your official UWI address must always be used.
EVENTS IN THE PSYCHOLOGY UNIT

- Psychology Seminars
- M.Phil./ Ph.D. Seminars
- UWI Research Expo 2-5 October 2013 @ JFK Quadrangle and Auditorium

For updates check the Departmental website: