GUIDING PHILOSOPHY

The UWI’s 1972 Royal Charter identifies our resolve: “to secure the advancement of knowledge and the diffusion and extension of arts, sciences and learning throughout the Contributing Territories”.

Our ‘TRIPLE A’ STRATEGIC PLAN 2017-2022 further expands this mission: to advance learning, create knowledge and foster innovation for the positive transformation of the Caribbean and the wider world. As such, we focus on the development of the distinctive UWI graduate who will be:

- a critical and creative thinker
- an effective communicator with good interpersonal skills
- IT skilled and information literate
- innovative and entrepreneurial
- globally aware and well-grounded in his/her regional identity
- socially, culturally and environmentally responsible
- guided by strong ethical values.

EDUCATIONAL PHILOSOPHY OF THE UWI, St. Augustine Campus

We are guided by the social mission of The University of the West Indies to positively transform the individual, the region, and the world through impactful teaching and learning.

The St Augustine Campus creates a learning community and nurtures the emancipation of the human spirit through:

- an active and inclusive learning environment
- a culture of enquiry, equity, and justice
- a culturally-and socially responsive pedagogy
- an eclectic and socially relevant research culture
- an integrated curriculum with opportunities for creativity, innovation, and entrepreneurship
- authentic and engaging learning and assessment methods
- an informed feedback on teaching and learning.

Our curriculum philosophy provides a framework for a deeply transformative experience for all learners through purposeful action, reflection, reaction, and re-vision.

In such an environment, our students will:

- develop and challenge their own knowledge and values while appreciating the views of others
- take ownership and accept responsibility for their higher education experience
- become life and work ready individuals.

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1 The University of the West Indies. (1972). The University College of the West Indies 1972 Royal Charter p. 9
2 The University of the West Indies. University Office of Planning and Development [UOPD], 2012, p. 10.