



ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2020/2021



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Deborah Charles-Smythe

Senior Assistant Registrar

From Clerical Assistant to Administrative Assistant to Assistant Registrar to Senior Assistant Registrar (twice over); from St. Augustine to Mona and back again; from 1976 to present: I have had a long, varied and interesting journey at The University of the West Indies and would not change any of my experiences. I have worked at two Campuses, held various posts within the Administration at each of these Campuses and saw my role in those positions as transformative. I have seen the changes, made changes in some instances and been part of the change in others. The challenges have been many but always there was the support from special individuals and a focus to do the best for The UWI. As such I have enjoyed my journey, felt a deep commitment to the Institution and the persons with and for whom I have worked and experienced the tearing in my heart as I bade farewell to so many who had reached the end of their own particular journey. Now the time is near for me to bid my own farewell and it is with a mixture of joy and a bit of nostalgia that I do so but "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith" and now I leave to prayerfully continue the other part of this journey.

To God be the glory!



Professor Patricia Mohammed

Chair, School of Graduate Studies

Patricia Mohammed, Professor of Gender and Cultural Studies, assumed the position of first Director of Graduate Studies and Research at the University of the West Indies, St Augustine Campus in October 2017. She has made a distinctive contribution in administration, policy and development initiatives to the regional UWI graduate studies and research enterprise over the last decade. She served first as the Deputy Dean, Graduate Studies and Research of the Faculty of Social Sciences, 2004 to 2007. She was appointed Campus Coordinator, Graduate Studies and Research until 2012, and was recalled to serve in this position from 2015. In 2010 she produced and co-directed the first historical documentary of the UWI St. Augustine campus "An Oasis of Ideas, Learning and Leadership: UWI St Augustine at 50" and edited Decades of Research: UWI St. Augustine at 50: Fifty and Forging Ahead 1960-2010, commissioned by the Office of the Campus Principal. Both film and publication were reprised in 2015 with Advancing Knowledge Impacting Lives, comprising a series of 8 short documentary films on faculty and student research at the UWI St. Augustine and updating of Faculty and Professorial research initiatives of UWI St Augustine at 55 http://sta.uwi.edu/researchinnovation/ She is a pioneer in the development of gender studies at tertiary level

in the Anglophone Caribbean, was appointed as the first Head of the Institute for Gender and Development Studies at The UWI Mona campus, Jamaica and has also served in this capacity variously between 2002 to 2015 at the St Augustine, Trinidad campus. Her main areas of interest are gender and development studies, history and the study of aesthetics and visual culture. She has published extensively in the fields of gender and cultural studies in both text and documentary film and is the architect of five National Gender Policies for various states in the Caribbean. She has directed and produced 17 documentary films among them *Engendering Change: Caribbean Configurations* (40) minutes, a six part series entitled "A Different Imagination" of which "Coolie Pink and Green" is an award winning film which opened the First Pravasi Film Festival in New Delhi, India in 2010 and in 2015 codirected City on a Hill: Laventille (40 mins) which was also awarded People's Choice in the Trinidad and Tobago Film Festival. She was a recipient of UWI, Most Outstanding Researcher award, Faculty of Social Sciences in 2014 and the Vice-Chancellor's regional award for Excellence in Research and University Service at The UWI in 2015.



Deanna S. Ramcharan

MSc Renewable Energy Technology

Hurdles are meant to be crossed, we can either choose our path or somehow our path is chosen for us. Aspiring to greatness can be simple or a challenge but in the end it is all the same for each of us making a difference. We are at a time where decisions ought to be made to compensate for the growing cost of fossil fuels and the concern for climate change and environmental issues. Renewable energy is an increasingly significant solution to do so and it is the course that was somehow chosen for me. At the University of the West Indies I pursued an MSc in Renewable Energy Technology during which time I was awarded the opportunity to attend the São Paulo School of Advanced Science on Renewable Energies in São Paulo, Brazil. This experience expanded my knowledge in the field and exposed me to ways in which it can be implemented in our country. Everyone has their own achievements and aspirations. Life is not only living for the moment or today, it is about tomorrow. Renewable energy is our today and most importantly our tomorrow.



AUGUST 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30 Semester I BEGINS	31 Independence Day					1 Emancipation Day
2	3	4	5	6	7 ELPT	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 Semester I Registration BEGINS Submission of Faculty Overrides BEGINS	25	26	27	28	29 Student Payment Plan 1 st instalment

- You are required to register each Semester until the award of degree: **Reg. 1.31**
- You can change your registration status: Regs. 1.45 & 1.47
- You must apply for entry to the examination of Research Papers/Research Projects two months before due date of submission.
- A final grade of LW shall be assigned if a student applies for permission to withdraw from a course after the official registration period has ended but before the end of the 6th week of teaching.
- Students who are de-registered for non-payment of fees; students who did not have any courses to read in a particular semester or were unable to register for varying reasons but did not apply for leave of absence in the required time-frame and were unable to re-register in the subsequent semester will be placed on compulsory leave of absence.



Ricardo M. Rampersad

MASc. Electrical and Computer Engineering (Major in Energy Systems)

The initial transition from undergraduate to postgraduate studies was challenging and as a result a paradigm shift was required. The demands of being employed in a full time job, coupled with that of pursuing a postgraduate degree were overwhelming, but in hindsight the rewards were equally rewarding and worthwhile.

In the academic world, a project achieves greatness when critiqued by both local and international subject matter experts and subsequently accepted for publication by recognised organisations. This privilege was afforded to me on two occasions by the University of the West Indies, and I was most grateful for being provided with these platforms for my work to be showcased internationally. These opportunities were a significant catalyst for my career. My experience as a postgraduate student refined my maturity and technical acumen which enhanced my leadership role in the 'rough and tumble' work environment.



SEPTEMBER 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 Semester I Teaching BEGINS	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Republic Day	25	26
27	28	29	30			

DO YOU KNOW?

The Deadline date for the receipt of Award Grids from Faculties is October 31, 2020.

- Submission of theses, research papers or project reports before September 30 requires only a registration fee of \$20.00 to be paid: **Reg. 1.35**
- A Taught Masters candidate may apply for a transfer of registration to the M.Phil. after a period of one semester: **Reg. 1.41**
- Information regarding late registration and changes in registration after stipulated deadlines can be found at **Reg. 1.33**
- Students deemed to have withdrawn: Reg. 1.55



Theresa Yorke Metzger

Master of Public Health

Thirty-five years after graduating from the University of the West Indies with my first degree, I began to pursue a Master of Public Health. My children and I were all at University at the same time. It was strange returning to where my professional education began, with all the uncertainties of starting a new course of study. The programme helped me to embrace new challenges and regain my thirst for knowledge. I hope to use this wealth of knowledge to improve Dental Public Health in Trinidad and Tobago. I am aware that greatness is not measured only in academic accomplishments or financial security. It also includes fulfilling my moral and social responsibility. Community service is important to me, and as such, I am involved in several social programmes. I realise that everyone has unlimited potential. I hope that I can inspire those who have never considered returning to the world of academia. We should all be lifelong learners. I view aspiring to greatness as my journey in life.



OCTOBER 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4	5 Late registration/late payment Fee of TT\$200.00 APPLIES	6 Semester I Submission of Overrides ENDS	7	8	9 Semester I Registration ENDS Deadline for processing of overrides in Banner by Faculty	10
11	12	13	14	15	16 Student Payment Plan 2 nd instalment	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

- Graduation dates can be found on our website at http://sta.uwi.edu/graduation/index.asp.
- You must apply online to indicate your attendance at graduation.
- All information regarding gown payment, collection and photos can be found on the above site.
- You receive a distinction by achieving an average of 70% or better in the written courses and a mark of 70% or better in the research project with no failures: **Reg. 1.73**
- In the case of programmes conducted entirely by courses, candidates must obtain an A grade in at least 70% of the courses and the average mark of all courses must not be less than 70% and there must be no failures in order to qualify for a distinction:
 Reg. 1.74



Keenan Chatar

Master of Applied Science in Electrical and Computer Engineering (Major in Integrated Systems)

My MASc. Thesis project is titled "Automated Navigation of a Miniature Electric Vehicle". The purpose of this project is the analysis of deep machine learning algorithms for self-driving vehicles and the implementation of a hybrid machine learning algorithm with various peripherals such as a camera, wheel encoders and LIDAR sensors.

I have a fascination with space, science and technology which drives me forward to learn more with a passionate curiosity. This fascination was rewarded when I was selected as one of the Summer 2018 NASA International Interns at the NASA Ames Research Centre (NASA-ARC) in California. I conducted work with Nanotechnology/Nanomaterials for Energy Harvesting using Triboelectric Nanogenerators.

My experience at NASA has shaped the course for my future. My dream is to bring space-related technologies to my country and help improve my nation through research and development. Greatness is within my grasp, and I am aspiring to achieve it.



NOVEMBER 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 Applications for 2021/2022 programmes OPEN					

- Applications open for all programmes for the 2021/2022 academic year in November, 2020.
- Minimum requirement for admission to a Graduate Certificate, Diploma, Taught Masters or DM degree programme shall be a minimum GPA of 2.5 or a Lower Second Class Honours degree or its equivalent: Reg. 1.12
- You will not be granted a grade for exams completed for which you are not currently registered.
- Examination check list:-
- Are you duly registered for all your courses?
- Have you received financial clearance for the current semester?
- Do you have a valid student ID?
- You may refer to Regulations **1.60 1.63** information regarding registration of qualifying candidates.
- You may refer to Regulations 2.1 2.9 for general examination regulations.
- A candidate may not be registered for two or more programmes simultaneously: Reg. 1.28



Candice Barbara John

MA Leadership in Technical Vocation Ediucation and Training (TVET) and Workforce Development (WFD)

I was born with a visual impairment and am considered legally blind. Despite having a lifelong disability, I am the holder of a Bachelor in Education and a Post Graduate Diploma in Literacy Studies with Distinctions from the University of the West Indies, Open Campus. I have always sought to achieve my full potential. I believe in and live by the philosophy that where there is a will, there is always a way. My willpower is one of the driving forces behind my work ehtic to go ten times harder. Above all, I live by the words "With God all things are possible" and God is at the centre of my aspiring to greatness. I remain a true definition of the saying: 'Disability does not mean Inability'.



DECEMBER 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4 Semester I Teaching ENDS	5
6	7 Semester I Examinations BEGIN	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22 Semester I Examinations END Semester I ENDS	23	24	25 Christmas Day	26 Boxing Day
27	28	29	30	31		

- The minimum period of registration for a Taught Masters degree shall be one year for full-time students and two years for part-time students: Reg. 1.51
- A candidate whose period of registration is about to end may apply for an extension of time to submit Theses/Research Papers/Projects. **Reg. 1.52**
- In cases of illness during an examination a medical certificate is required within seven days from the date of examination. **Reg. 2.52**



Jarrel De Matas

Master of Arts in Literatures in English

When I think of aspiring to greatness I am reminded of Lt. Cmd. Data of Star Trek who said, "I will continue learning, changing, growing, and trying to become more than what I am." This quote encapsulates my philosophy of greatness: the journey matters more than the destination. I believe that aspiring to greatness is not just about attaining a particular goal but is more of a life-long journey. It is a journey that involves continuous self-improvement and the refinement of a particular mind-set where tenacity, resilience, determination, and enthusiasm are the driving forces. As a young scholar I have begun channelling these forces into addressing the relative dearth of research in Caribbean Science Fiction. Writers of Caribbean sci-fi are expanding the boundaries of our understanding of the Caribbean self, society and subjectivity. I strive to be part of this vanguard by bringing scholarly attention to such Caribbean sci-fi writing. In this way my research is intended to help revitalise how we conceive identity in the Caribbean and the role of Caribbean literature in the wider world.



JANUARY 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
31					1 New Year's Day	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 Semester II Registration BEGINS Graduation St. Augustine	12 Graduation St. Augustine	13	14	15	16
17 Semester II BEGINS	18 Semester II Teaching BEGINS	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 Semester II Submission of Overrides ENDS	27	28	29 Student Payment Plan 1 st instalment	30

- If required to withdraw you will be considered for re-admission not less than 2 years after withdrawal: Reg. 1.58
- Applicants re-admitted to a Graduate Certificate, Diploma or Degree programme may be credited with courses passed during the applicant's previous registration provided that not more than five years have lapsed since the date of expiry of the applicant's previous registration for those courses: **Reg. 1.59**
- No candidate will be permitted to repeat the examination in any one course on more than one occasion: Reg. 2.3
- Note: MSc. Candidates are required to register for and successfully complete the required taught courses before project.



Keisha Bharath

MSc Urban and Regional Planning

During my enrolment in the Masters Programme, UWI gave me invaluable experiences and memories which have molded me into the individual I am today. Through the University's student exchange and international mobility programmes, I was able to secure two international scholarships: to conduct research for my thesis at Dalhousie University, Halifax, Canada as well as earn a Post Graduate Diploma in Land Management and Informal Settlements Regularisation at Erasmus University, Rotterdam. UWI has afforded me the opportunity to gain international experience and exposure, not to mention forge long lasting friendships with persons from every corner of the globe. I owe my success and much of my personal growth to my mentor Prof. Michelle Mycoo. Despite some personal adversities experienced during my time in the Masters Programme, she was, and still remains, my guiding light in ensuring I stay my course.



FEBRUARY 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Late registration/ late payment Fee of TT\$200.00 APPLIES	2	3	4	5 Semester II Registration ENDS Application for Leave of Absence ENDS	6
7	8	9	10	11 EPLT	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 Student Payment Plan 2 nd instalment	27

DO YOU KNOW?

- A candidate who is registered for a Taught Masters degree may apply after a period of one Semester for transfer of registration to the MPhil: **Reg 1.41**
- Review of examination results: Reg 2.82 (a) (d)
- Submission of theses, research papers or project reports before February 28 requires only a registration fee of \$20.00 to be paid: **Reg. 1.35**

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Corey M. Selvon

Postgraduate Diploma in Sports Management

I completed the Masters of Science Degree in Project Management and the FIFA/ CIES Post Graduate Diploma in Sports Management at the University of the West Indies St. Augustine. Both post graduate academic achievements have helped me tremendously in my personal and professional life but I am especially proud of and optimistic of the opportunities that the Post Graduate Diploma in Sports Management will afford me. My aspirations are to make a significant contribution to the management, administration and development of sports in Trinidad and Tobago and to leave my own indelible mark on local and regional sports. I have embarked on this great journey by starting a youth football academy for underprivileged children and by organizing community sporting events in Maracas, St. Joseph. While these initiatives may be modest undertakings, I am confident that the FIFA/ CIES Post Graduate Diploma in Sport Management has equipped me with the capacity to achieve great things in the field of Sport.



MARCH 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30 Shouter Baptist Liberation Day	31 Student Payment Plan 3 rd instalment Deadline for final instament of fees		·	·

- A research paper or project report which has been failed by the Examiners will be allowed only one resubmission: Reg. 3.13 (b)
- The course of study for a Graduate Certificate, Diploma or Taught Masters degree shall include, in addition to the required courses, supervised research work culminating in the submission of a research paper: Reg. 1.66 (a)
- The deadline to apply to sit an examination externally is March 15th, 2021.



Homida Mohammed

Master of Science in Mediation Studies

I have always considered myself an eternal student, with a life-long thirst for knowledge and greatness. By the age of 46, despite battling Crohn's Disease and having had three major surgeries, by the Will of God, I persevered to not only become a successful businesswoman, but also a Certified Mediator and Chartered Arbitrator. My aspiration for greatness continued to drive me to go further. One year later I returned to the University of the West Indies to pursue my Postgraduate Diploma in Mediation Studies, which I powered through in just 2 semesters, to graduate with Distinction. I then applied and was accepted for the Masters in Mediation Studies at The UWI, completing all taught courses in just one semester, again with Distinction. Age, personal illness, major family health issues, and a full-time business to run, were no barriers to my achieving the greatness of which I have always dreamed. I am not stopping at an MSc. as I intend to continue to pursue higher education and knowledge for several years to come.



APRIL 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2 Good Friday	3
4	5 Easter Monday	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 Semester II Teaching ENDS	14	15	16	17
18	19 Semester Break BEGINS (TBA)	20	21	22	23	24
25 Semester Break ENDS (TBA)	26 Semester II Examinations BEGIN	27	28	29	30	

- In exceptional circumstances a final attempt may be granted by the Board for Graduate Studies and Research. In these instances, the Examiners shall recommend the minimum passing mark (50%) as the final overall mark for the course: Reg. 2.5
- If any candidate is suspected of cheating, or of attempting to cheat, the circumstances shall be reported in writing to the Campus Registrar: Reg. 1.82 (a)
- Candidates are required to pass either the coursework or the written examinations and coursework: Reg. 2.2
- The right to report dissatisfaction and request a remark shall apply to both the coursework and written examination. **Reg. 2.84**



Hamza Ali

MSc. Tropical Animal Science and Production

While I pursued my masters degree, I launched my own business "Agrination", with the belief that access to food is a right. On my own personal campaign towards youth empowerment, agricultural awareness and development, I continue to champion my slogan "Release your Passion, Embrace the Revolution", as I aim to be the change that I want to see. I am attempting to change the way that the farmers and the agricultural industry learn and practice crop and animal production, by infusing both modern technology and social media into his teaching and personal practices. Still facing daily pain and physical challenges from health challenges I have endured since my childhood, I continue to aspire to greatness, intending to press on to my PhD upon completion of the MSc. I have a dream to create a new reality for agriculture in Trinidad and Tobago while empowering those around me. If you can't believe in yourself, then believe in the me that believes in you.



MAY 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30	31 Indian Arrival Day					1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 Semester II Examinations END	13 Eid-ul_Fitr (TBC)	14	15
16	17 Summer semester registration BEGINS Submission of Faculty Overrides BEGINS	18	19	20	21	22
23 Summer Semester BEGINS	24 Summer Semester Teaching BEGINS	25	26	27	28	29

- Research papers or project reports which constitute 25% or less of the programme credit rating shall be examined Internally: **Reg 3.10**
- Research papers or project reports for which the credit weighting is greater than 25% shall require examination by an External Examiner: **Reg. 3.11**
- Examination of clinical research projects shall be governed by the relevant Regulations for Postgraduate Clinical Programmes: **Reg. 3.12**
- Requirements to submit project report or research paper for examination at the Office of Graduate Studies and Research:
 - ^o Must be registered and financially cleared
 - Nomination of Examiners must have been submitted by your Department.
 - ° Completed and signed Certificate of Completion Form
 - Three (3) Soft Bound and one (1) electronic copy of Research Paper/Project Report
 - ° Electronic copy of Turnitin Report



Dr. Aziza Mohammed

Master of Public Health

...with **humility** comes wisdom. (Proverbs 11:2) I arduously dedicated myself toward attaining this degree as a shortterm goal. At the onset of the programme, I held the simplistic view that hard work would reap expected rewards. This was indeed the case for my first year. Therefore, I was not prepared for this reliable equation to be gravely tested in the second year, when I became legally blind in my left eye. Every day was a challenge. Despite warnings and apt encouragement to defer the semester, I chose to try. I developed faith in myself and my capabilities and my simple 'try' led to the most grateful, heartfelt, deserving "A" grades.

Those grades would not have been possible without the support of family, friends and faculty. The maze of unchartered pain, panic and frustration led to immense personal growth. I attribute my success to accepting challenges gracefully whilst maintaining humility and trusting one's inner strength. One cannot grow stronger unless tested.



JUNE 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3 Corpus Christi	4	5
6	7	8 Submission of Overrides ENDS	9	10	11 Application for Leave of Absence ENDS	12 Summer Semester Registration ENDS Deadline for processing of overrides in Banner by Faculty
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 Labour Day
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

- The Regulations applicable to examination of research papers are as follows: **Reg. 3.13**
 - Candidates shall only be required to make corrections to research papers or project reports before the award of a final grade where minor corrections enable an agreed marginal failure (45-49%) to be awarded the minimum passing mark (50%): Reg. 3.13 (a)
 - A research paper or project report which has been failed by the Examiners will be allowed only one re-submission and will only receive the minimum passing mark (50%): Reg. 3.13 (b)
 - Research papers or project reports assigned an A grade shall be deposited in the Campus Library: Reg. 3.13 (c)
 - Candidates may be required to make corrections to research papers or project reports to be lodged in the Campus Library: Reg. 3.13 (d)



Meena Jadoonanan

Master of Science in Agri-Food Safety and Quality Assurance

I am a Public Health Inspector by profession who firmly believes that the recipe for achieving greatness requires an understanding of God, commitment, determination, and strength. I am a very passionate person who plans to break barriers that will create change in our society. I am assiduously working on furthering my education in the field of planning, development, and implementation of educational programmes in communities, schools and in other related areas. Towards this objective, I have also become certified in many disciplines to adapt to the multi-dynamic environment. Being a Public Health Inspector has taught me to appreciate the need to plan and implement programmes that benefit our environment. One of the reasons that I chose to pursue an MSc. Agri-Food Safety and Quality Assurance was to augment my Environmental Health Training, as it extends my capabilities into areas such as Food Safety, Quality Assurance, Project Management as well as Research and Statistical Skills.



JULY 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9 PG applications [2021/2022] CLOSE	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 Summer Semester Examinations BEGIN	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 Summer Semester Examinations END Summer Semester ENDS	31

DO YOU KNOW?

Candidates expecting to graduate in the current academic year must ensure that their personal information has been updated on the University's system as certificates will reflect the information that is available and will not be re-issued.

Art work entitled 'Life on Mars' done by former Director Prof. Patricia Mohammed

