

## Conferences

All graduate students are encouraged to present papers at local and international conferences. Funding is usually available through the Mona Campus Committee for Research & Publications and Graduate Awards to support travel and accommodation.

## Departmental Awards

The Institute offers two Departmental academic awards each year to full-time MPhil. and PhD. students in the Cultural Studies programme. The Award covers tuition fees and provides a modest quarterly stipend.

## Entry Requirements

The minimum requirement for admission to the MA degree programme is a Lower Second Class Honours degree or its equivalent. To be admitted to the MPhil and PhD programmes, applicants must have attained at least an Upper Second Class Honours degree or its equivalent from a tertiary level institution. In exceptional cases, the Campus Committee may accept applicants without a degree who have acquired experiential knowledge and can demonstrate competencies in the field of Cultural Studies.

All applications for the MPhil and PhD degrees must be accompanied by a research proposal. An interview will form part of the selection process.



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The Institute of  
Caribbean Studies  
Graduate Programmes



# ABOUT OUR GRADUATE PROGRAMMES IN CULTURAL STUDIES

The Institute of Caribbean Studies (ICS) offers programmes leading to the MA, MPhil and PhD degrees in Cultural Studies. Each programme is offered on a full-time and part-time basis and requires both course work and a research component.

## Programme Details

### COURSE WORK

Students pursuing the MA in Cultural Studies are required to take five courses (four compulsory and one elective). MPhil candidates must take two (2) compulsory courses. PhD candidates must take three courses (9 credits), two of which must be from the list of compulsory courses:

### COMPULSORY COURSES

**CLTR6000** Theory and Conceptualization of Culture

**CLTR6010** Debates in Caribbean Cultural Identity

**CLTR6030** Dynamics of Caribbean Culture (year long)

**CLTR6100** Methods of Inquiry in Cultural Studies

### ELECTIVES

**CLTR6200** Language and Culture

**CLTR6230** Caribbean Popular and Creative Culture

**CLTR6250** Caribbean Cultural Diasporas

### FINAL RESEARCH PAPER (CLTR6990)

MA students are required to complete a 15,000-word research paper. Before undertaking the undertaking candidates will submit a proposal for approval. Once the proposal has been approved, a supervisor will be assigned to guide the candidate in his/her research. Students must register for this Research Paper (CLTR6990).



**MPhil students** are required to complete a thesis (maximum 50,000 words)

**PhD students** are required to complete a thesis (maximum 80,000 words)

In general when applying to the PhD programme, all students must first register for the MPhil. If, in the opinion of the supervisor and ICS staff, the evolving research project seems to be assuming the scale of a PhD dissertation, the student may apply to have the MPhil registration upgraded to PhD.

### UPGRADING TO THE PHD

Postgraduate students who are registered for the MPhil Degree and who wish to be considered for the upgrading of their registration to the PhD must request the upgrading in their second (2nd) year of registration. Applications for upgrading will not be considered after the third (3rd) year of registration, given applicants should have completed all departmental coursework requirements by this time. Students should apply to the Assistant Registrar. (Admissions), School for Graduate Studies and Research to have this matter initiated.

For more information on the details of upgrading please contact the office of Graduate Studies and Research.

## Supervision

Students enrolled in the MPhil and PhD programmes normally work with one or two supervisors and a two-member Advisory Committee. The ICS does not accept students for whom it is unable to provide adequate supervision. ICS students are usually supervised by UWI faculty members recruited from a wide range of departments, such as History; Language, Linguistics and Philosophy; Literatures in English; Sociology, Psychology and Social Work; Management Studies; the Caribbean Institute of Media and Communication; the Centre for Gender and Development Studies and the Department of Educational Studies.

## Seminars

All MPhil and PhD students in the Cultural Studies programme are required to give at least one seminar presentation each academic year. Students who do not fulfil this requirement will not be awarded the degree.

## Programme Duration

### Full-time

The minimum period of enrolment for the award of the degree is one (1) year for the MA (based on student registration figures), two (2) years for the MPhil and three (3) years for the PhD. All full-time MPhil candidates are required to submit their theses for examination within three (3) years of their initial registration; and PhD candidates within five (5) years.

### Part-time

For students who register part-time, the minimum period of enrolment for the award of the degree is two (2) years for the MA, three (3) years for the MPhil and five (5) years for the PhD. All part-time MPhil candidates are required to submit their thesis for examination within five (5) years of their initial registration; and PhD candidates within seven (7) years.