



**The University of the West Indies, Mona
DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT**

Master in Comparative Politics/ Political Theory

The program aims to illustrate the rich diversity of political life to show available institutional alternatives, to explain differences in processes and policy outcomes, and to communicate to students the importance of global political and economic changes. Comparison assists both in identifying problems and in analyzing policy making. Careful comparison of political systems produces useful knowledge about the policies countries have effectively initiated to address problems, or indeed, what they have done to make things worse. Furthermore, by comparing the political institutions and practices of wealthy and poor countries, we can begin to understand the political consequences of economic well being.

Political theory is the study of the good society. Public debate is dominated by controversies such as what justice requires of citizens and the state; what the most important rights and liberties are and how they can be protected; and whether political

decisions should be made by majorities. Political theory provides a scholarly examination of these questions, informed by moral philosophy, legal theory, historical study, political science, and rational and social choice theory.



ECONOMIC WELL-BEING POLICY consequences PROC...
ANALYSES CHOICE THEORY
SOCIAL CHOICE THEORY
policy outcomes

What are the prerequisites to entry?

Admission demands a first class or or upper second class degree in a relevant discipline with sound undergraduate coverage in the particular sub-field of concentration. In exceptional cases where students are admitted without the relevant fundamentals, candidates would audit undergraduate courses as departmental requirements.

Objective

The Department's objective is to ensure that each student's theoretical and empirical knowledge in the study and practice of governance in general is deepened and is ever expanding and to contribute to the development of a pool of technical specialists with the competence, discipline and commitment to analyse complex problems relating to issues of power and governance.

Given its inter-disciplinary nature, a Master in Comparative Politics/ Political Theory is an excellent preparation for students considering careers in administration, education, journalism and law. Past graduates have held positions as : Executive Director of the Mona Institute of Business, Chairman of Airports Authority of Jamaica; Board Member Jamaica Bauxite Mining; Board Member Jamaica Institute of Management,, Chairman Eastern Banana Estates Ltd.

Career Opportunities

Activist, Advocate/ Organizer/ Campaign Operative
Administrator (Corporate, Government, Non Profit etc)

Archivist/ Online Political Data Analyst

Career Counselor

Communications Director/ Corporate Public Affairs

Corporate Analyst/ Management Analyst

Editor/Online Political Policy Analyst

Public Affairs Research Analyst

Legislative Analyst/ Coordinator

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