

REGULATIONS AND ASSESSMENT PROCEDURES

MPhil and PhD programmes consist of the following components: courses, seminar presentations and the submission of a thesis.

Courses

Students in the **MPhil programme** will be required to complete the compulsory Advanced Legal Methods, Research and Writing course in their first year of the programme.

Students in the **PhD programme** will also be required to complete the Advanced Legal Methods, Research and Writing course and should determine with their supervisor which additional course would satisfy the credit requirements.

Compulsory Seminar Presentations

MPhil students are required to complete at least two (2) seminars and PhD students are required to complete at least three (3) seminars.

For each seminar, candidates are required to write and present a paper to be photocopied and distributed beforehand on a topic arising out of their research as well as to field questions put to them afterwards.

Thesis

Candidates are required to present and defend a thesis of acceptable scope and quality for the degree.

TIME LIMITS FOR COMPLETION

MPhil & PhD

Courses should be completed in the first year.

Compulsory Seminar Presentations should satisfactorily be completed before the end of the programme.

COURSE OF STUDY

Students in the **MPhil programme** are required to successfully complete a minimum of 6 credits of coursework and at least 2 seminars, for the MPhil, in addition to submitting a thesis. Full-time MPhil students are required to submit their theses for examination within 3 years of their initial registration. Part-time students are required to submit their theses for examination within 5 years of their initial registration.

MPhil students desirous of continuing into the **PhD programme** must be given approval to upgrade their registration. Upon approval, students must complete in total 9 credits of coursework and complete in total 3 seminars, one of which may be the PhD upgrade seminar, in addition to submitting a thesis to be conferred the PhD. The time spent in the MPhil programme will count toward the years spent in the PhD programme.

Registered PhD students must successfully complete 9 credits of coursework, 3 seminars and submit a thesis. Full-time PhD students are required to submit their theses for examination within 5 years of their initial registration; part-time students are required to submit their theses within 7 years of their initial registration.

Courses

The following are prescribed courses for candidates in the MPhil and PhD programmes. Students must register for the thesis courses (RETH) every semester until the degree is conferred.

List of Prescribed Courses

MPhil

LAW6001	Advanced Legal Methods, Research and Writing
RETH9008	MPhil Law Thesis

PhD

LAW6001	Advanced Legal Methods, Research and Writing
RETH9009	PhD Law Thesis

List of Optional Courses

The following are epistemology and methodology courses offered in the Faculty of Humanities and Education, the Faculty of Social Sciences, the Sir Arthur Lewis Institute for Social and Economic Studies, and the Institute for Gender and Development Studies, from which students pursuing the MPhil or PhD in Law, under direction and guidance of their supervisor, may select to widen their knowledge on a topic in addition to the prescribed courses.

Institute for Gender Studies and Development (IGDS)

GEND6101 Feminist Methodology and Epistemology (**4 credits**)

Department of Government, Social Sciences

GOVT6065 Quantitative Research Methods (**3 credits**)

GOVT6067 Qualitative Research Methods (**3 credits**)

Department of History & Archaeology, Humanities & Education

HIST6712 Theory & Method of History (**6 credits**)

Department of Sociology, Psychology & Social Work, Social Sciences

HRNM7401 Qualitative Research Methods in Organisational Studies (**3 credits**)

Department of Language, Linguistics & Philosophy Humanities & Education

PHIL6002 Advanced Theories of Knowledge (**3 credits**)

Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Studies, Social Sciences

SALI6051 Research Design and Management (**3 credits**)

SALI6052 Specialized Research Methods (**3 credits**)

This list is not exhaustive. Students may also read other graduate courses within the Faculty of Law or in other faculties which may assist the candidate in the formation of their thesis.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

MPhil

The minimum requirement for admission to MPhil programmes shall be a minimum GPA of 3.0, or an Upper Second Class Honours degree or its equivalent, unless the Campus Committee in any particular case otherwise decides.

PhD

The minimum requirements for admission to PhD programmes:

1. Approved graduate degrees awarded primarily for research;
2. Taught Master's degree from The UWI or another approved University, provided that the Masters programme included a research component of at least 25% of the total credit rating and the applicant achieved at least a B+ average or its equivalent;
3. Approval of upgrade application;
4. Such other qualifications and experience as the Board for Graduate Studies and Research may approve.

Applicants must have a Master of Philosophy or a Master of Laws degree subject to the requirements listed above to be considered for this category of programmes.

Applicants would be required to write a research proposal on the area or topic of interest and will only be offered a place if appropriate supervisors are available.

A research proposal guide is available on the Faculty of Law's website.

HOW TO APPLY

Prospective applicants should complete the online application form at <https://www.mona.uwi.edu/postgrad/prospectus>

Required documents:

1. Research proposal
2. Two (2) academic references
3. Birth certificate
4. Academic transcript (if non-UWI student)
5. Resumé

Candidates may apply to begin studies in January or September of each academic year. **Admission is also dependent on supervisor availability.**

COST OF THE PROGRAMMES

MPhil

US\$2,500 per year - *Full-Time*
US\$1,250 per year - *Part-Time*

PhD

US\$2,000 per year - *Full-Time*
US\$1,000 per year - *Part-Time*



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