



**THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES**  
**MONA CAMPUS**  
**OFFICE OF THE CAMPUS REGISTRAR**

**HURRICANE INSTRUCTIONS FOR STUDENTS RESIDING IN THE HALLS OF RESIDENCE**

As part of the Mona Campus' ongoing preparatory activities for the 2017 Hurricane Season which officially started on June 1<sup>st</sup>, ALL STUDENTS RESIDING ON OUR HALLS OF RESIDENCE are being urged to pay close attention to the hurricane instructions outlined below.

**CLOSURE OF THE CAMPUS DUE TO A HURRICANE/TROPICAL STORM**

1. In the event of an impending hit by a Hurricane or Tropical Storm, The University of the West Indies, Mona Campus will be declared closed.
2. Students who live in Jamaica and reside on the Halls of Residence MUST vacate the Campus and return to their private homes.
3. Overseas students residing on the Halls of Residence MAY remain, and if they do:
  - ✓ WILL be accommodated in a designated Hurricane Shelter.
  - ✓ MUST remain in the designated Hurricane Shelter.

**DEPARTING STUDENTS**

All students who are departing a Hall of Residence MUST sign out officially with their Students Services and Development Manager (SSDM), signaling their departure from the Hall. Prior to their departure, students MAY be permitted to place their personal belongings in a designated storage area. (The respective SSDMs will advise on these areas.)

Students who leave personal items in their rooms or in a designated storage area do so AT THEIR OWN RISK and are advised to take measures to protect them before departing. These include:

- Unplugging electrical equipment;
- Wrapping valuables, documents, equipment and books in plastic; and
- Moving furniture and equipment from windows and doors.

**STUDENTS REMAINING IN HALL – OVERSEAS STUDENTS**

Overseas students who remain in Hall MUST register with their SSDM and abide by the instructions of their SSDM or any other Officer assigned by the Institution.

### DESIGNATED HURRICANE SHELTERS

Depending on the designated status of the Hall of Residence, overseas students will be required to move to a Hurricane Shelter, once the instruction is given by the SSDM or any other Officer assigned by the Institution. They will also be permitted to store personal belongings in a designated area under similar conditions as indicated above for departing students.

Each student MUST take the following items to the Shelter:

- Blankets
- Flashlight and batteries
- Change of clothing
- Food and water for at least 24-hours. (At least 2 litres of drinking water is required per person per day)
- Hygiene articles
- Medication (if required)
- Portable radio and batteries

Students who wish to leave the Hurricane Shelter MUST sign the register provided by the Shelter Manager PRIOR to departure.

### **RE-OPENING OF THE CAMPUS**

Students MUST not return to the Campus until advised that it is safe to do so. Announcements to this effect will be aired on the radio and/or other media. The University's radio station, Newstalk 93FM and RJR 94FM will be the preferred communication channels.

### **EMERGENCY CONTACT**

Students may contact the Campus at any time during its closure through an Emergency Operation Centre (EOC) which will be established and manned throughout the period of closure. Details for the EOC will be provided once a threat has been declared. Students may also visit the Office of the Campus Registrar's website (<http://myspot.mona.uwi.edu/registry/>) or the University's website (<http://www.mona.uwi.edu/>) for regular updates on the Campus' hurricane preparedness/response activities or contact the Campus' Safety and Emergency Consultant via [msem@uwimona.edu.jm](mailto:msem@uwimona.edu.jm) for urgent updates needed during the period of closure if for any reason they are unable to reach the Campus.

International students whose Governments/Embassies, etc. require regular updates from the Campus are asked to contact our Marketing, Recruitment and Communications Office at [marketing.communications@uwimona.edu.jm](mailto:marketing.communications@uwimona.edu.jm) or 1 (876) 977-5941/935-8692 to be added to the Campus' mailing list.

***The University of the West Indies, Mona Campus will not be liable for any injury, damage or loss suffered by students who contravene the instructions above or those affected by the adverse weather conditions.***

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