

FAQ - Frequently Asked Questions about Programme Search

What is an Affiliate?

An affiliate institution has a formal agreement with the University.

What are the Campuses of the University of the West Indies?

The University of the West Indies comprises of three main campuses; Cave Hill located in Barbados, Mona in Jamaica and St. Augustine in Trinidad.

What is Distance?

Distance represents one of the outreach arms of the University of the West Indies in the database. The mode of delivery for these programmes is also displayed as distance.

What is Evening University?

The Evening University of the St. Augustine campus provides a unique opportunity for fully employed citizen to read for a degree from among a fairly competitive set of academic programmes at the undergraduate and the postgraduate levels of study.

For more information, visit the Evening University website at

<http://www.sta.uwi.edu/evening/about.htm>

What is Joint with UTECH mode of delivery?

This is a joint degree programme offered jointly by the University of Technology, Jamaica (UTECH) and the University of the West Indies, Mona campus.

What is School of Continuing Studies?

The School of Continuing Studies (SCS) provides opportunities for lifelong learning through a variety of high quality programmes designed to contribute to the educational, social, cultural and economic development of the people of the Caribbean region. For more information, see the SCS page <http://www.uwi.edu/scs/index.html>

What is Tertiary Level Inst.?

This represents the Tertiary Level Institution Unit. The goals of this unit are to expand access to tertiary education through articulation of programmes of other institutions with UWI programmes as well as the divestment and franchise of UWI programmes. For more information, see the Tertiary Level Institution Unit page at

<http://www.cavehill.uwi.edu/tliu/>

Types of degrees offered by the UWI

What is a Double Major?

A double major is made up of the required credits for each of the two majors. Generally, in the database a double major in different subject areas is represented by each subject area separated by 'and' in the programme name. For example, 'Economics and Management BSC'.

The term 'Double' in the programme name refers to a double major in the same subject area for example

What is a Minor?

A minor usually consists of a minimum of 15 credits in the subject area over levels II and III. Generally, in the database a minor is specified in the programme name after the term 'with'. For example, 'Mechanical Engineering with Biosystems BSC' where Biosystems is the minor and Mechanical Engineering is the major. In the database, the word 'minor' is used in the programme name where the subject area is only offered as a minor by the faculty at the specified campus.

What is an Option?

An option refers to a prescribed selection of courses with a discipline(s) comprising in-Faculty and, in some cases, out-of-Faculty courses leading to a specific degree.

What is a Special?

Special is a concentration of subjects in a specific area and refers mainly to Undergraduate majors/programmes.

What is the meaning of the degree abbreviations in the programme name?

Abbreviations	Full Degree Type
AA	Associate in Arts
AAS	Associate in Applied Science
ADIP	Advanced Diploma
AS	Associate in Science
ASC	Associate of Science
AT	Associate in Technology
BAR	Bachelor of Architecture
BBA	Bachelor of Business Administration
BBMS	Bachelor of Basic Med Sciences
BFA	Bachelor of Fine Arts
BM	Bachelor of Music
BMS	Bachelor of Medical Sciences
BS	Bachelor of Science
BSME	Bachelor of Science & Mechanical Engineering
BSN	Bachelor of Nursing
BSW	Bachelor of Social Work
CERTP	Practitioner's Certificate
CPR	Certificate
DDS	Doctor of Dental Surgery
DIP	Diploma
DIPED	Diploma Education

DIPG	Graduate Diploma
DIPL	Diploma
DMD	Doctor of Dental Medicine
DRP	Graduate Diploma in Regulation & Policy
DVM	Doctor of Veterinary Medicine
EDD	Doctor of Education
EDM	Executive Diploma Management
JD	Juris Doctor
MASC	Master of Applied Science
MD	Medical Doctorate
MFA	Master of Fine Arts
MRP	Master of Regulation & Policy
MS	Master of Science
MSW	Master of Social Work
PCERT	Public Certificate
TEADIP	Teachers Diploma
TECDIP	Technician Diploma
TETDIP	Technical Teachers Diploma