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BARBADOS, WEST INDIES



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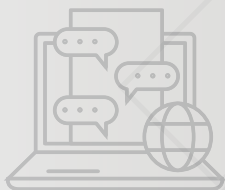
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The Cave Hill Faculty of Law was established at The University of the West Indies in 1970. It was joined by the Faculties of Law at St. Augustine and Mona in 2012. The primary objective of the Cave Hill LLB programme is to provide for an academic qualification which is a compulsory prerequisite to professional legal training for lawyers in the Commonwealth Caribbean. However, the traditional legal skills of concise and pertinent oral argument, systematic and relevant presentation of essential issues, clarity and precision of written opinions and detached and balanced judgment are useful reliable skills for a number of other professions such as the civil and police services, accountancy, banking and commerce. At Cave Hill, we encourage our students to think of a variety of career paths and we provide the training to enable the widest range of choices.

The LLB programme at Cave Hill has a rich history and strong tradition of academic excellence. Our graduates are placed at the highest echelons of the fields of law, politics and business in the Caribbean, including many of our sitting and past Prime Ministers, Attorneys-General and Queen's or Senior Counsels. Our Faculty members include some of the region's most eminent scholars. Cave Hill possesses the finest law library in the Caribbean, the most diverse student body, and offers the widest variety of law courses.



A Strong tradition

The Cave Hill Faculty of Law is proud of our strong tradition of offering a truly regional law programme. Rather than focusing upon the laws of one jurisdiction, we teach in a comparative manner, the laws of the majority of The UWI contributing countries, thereby enabling our graduates to practise anywhere in the region. We also offer a rich array of exchange possibilities and other exciting options for our students.

The Faculty is keen to help our students acquire the skills and knowledge that will make them the most competitive and sought after graduates in the Caribbean. We continue to offer a strong tradition of first and second year courses and have developed a wider variety of third year courses which will help prepare graduates for a 21st century law career. We offer more third year law courses than any other institution in the region. We also use multiple assessments in our curriculum, helping students to acquire skills related to all areas of the practice of law – from skills in oral advocacy and presentation, to research and essay writing skills, to traditional examination skills. In addition, the Faculty remains committed to encouraging creative and critical thinking and strong ethical values.

The Faculty of Law offers both undergraduate and postgraduate programmes. At present, the undergraduate programme is offered only to students from territories which contribute to the University. Students from other jurisdictions should query the Student Affairs Admissions department, regarding their eligibility for entry.



QUALIFICATIONS FOR ADMISSION

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The normal entrance qualification for the Faculty of Law is the basic matriculation standard of:

- Five (5) CXC/ CSEC (General Proficiency Level) subjects (Grades 1-3) or GCE 'O' Levels which must include English Language
- Passes with highly competitive grades in at least two (2), two-unit CAPE subjects or two GCE 'A' Level subjects; OR
- An Associate Degree from an approved Tertiary Level Institute, with a minimum Grade Point Average of 3.0
- A Bachelor's degree obtained at minimum, Lower Second Class Honours.

There are no special subject requirements in addition to those necessary for matriculation. The competition for places in the Faculty is such, that very high grades and very high averages in undergraduate degrees are required for an applicant to stand a reasonable chance of gaining admission.

The Faculty is prepared to consider applications from persons who do not strictly satisfy matriculation standards but who have equivalent academic qualifications. In particular, mature applicants over the age of 21 who have shown evidence of academic and professional achievement can be considered. This may provide an opportunity for persons (e.g. clerks of the courts, legal assistants, civil servants and police officers) who have already been associated with the practice of law in some way, to read for a Law degree.



APPLICATION PROCEDURE



Application

For online applications visit www.cavehill.uwi.edu/admissions/undergraduate.aspx.

Original certificates (which will be returned to the applicant) and transcripts from Universities previously attended (in the case of non-UWI graduates) should be submitted by December 30, prior to the year in which entry is sought.

Regional Applicants

Applicants from the region must apply to the Assistant Registrar, Student Affairs (Admissions), Cave Hill Campus, Barbados. Applicants are reminded that the deadline date for applications must be complied with. The closing date for applications to the Faculty of Law is December 31.

International Applicants

A limited number of international students may be admitted to the Faculty of Law, provided that there is an exchange programme or cooperative agreement in place between their university and The University of the West Indies. Other international students who do not fall into this category may be accommodated under the University's Study Abroad Programme.

Note: *The LLB degree is based on the law of the Commonwealth and cannot be practised in the United States of America.*

ADMISSIONS PROCEDURE

- (1) Firm offers to the Faculty of Law, Cave Hill Campus, will be made to the students selected from those who are already qualified for entry.
- (2) Since the Faculty operates within limits of the total number of places available, the standard which qualified candidates must achieve in order to be offered places, will vary according to the number and standard of applications in any given year.
- (3) Late offers may be made by fax or email late in the summer.

All applicants will receive notification of their eligibility and the decision in relation to their case when first offers are made. It is imperative that any deadlines set by the University are adhered to. Applicants should therefore read replies from the University with the utmost of care. Admission places will be granted for the Cave Hill Campus.

DIRECT ENTRY TO PART II

A student who has completed or who is exempt from all the non-law subjects in Part I, may be admitted to Part II of the LLB as a Direct Entrant and thereby be eligible to complete the LLB Degree in two (2) years. This is determined by the Dean after assessing your transcripts. **Direct Entry Students** must take a combination of Part I and Part II Law courses and examinations in their first year, and in the following year, such combination of Part II and Part III law courses as prescribed for Direct Entry Students. A limit on numbers may be imposed on the grant of this Direct Entry.

Applicants should be advised that the Direct Entry programme is an intensive, accelerated one, in which students are expected to complete between 6-7 courses a semester, rather than the usual 5 courses.

STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES

The Cave Hill Faculty of Law participates in exchange programmes with a number of Law Schools around the world. Students in their final year may participate in an exchange programme during semester 1, after they have received permission of the Dean of Law. Students are required to maintain a cumulative minimum Grade Point Average of 3.0 in order to be eligible to participate in the programme.

Students are expected to follow a programme at the exchange institution comprising courses totalling 15 credits. These courses must be approved by the Dean of the Cave Hill Faculty of Law. Tuition fees are payable at the Cave Hill Campus and students participating in an exchange programme are expected to fund their own living and transportation expenses.



PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

Entry into the legal profession of all of the Commonwealth Caribbean territories is regulated by the law of the particular territory, but as a result of a regional agreement, the basic requirements tend to follow a common pattern.

Since 1975, a **Legal Education Certificate** is normally required by a prospective lawyer. This is granted by the Council of Legal Education which was established in April 1971. The Certificate will be granted to a student who successfully completes a two year course of full-time training at one of the Council's three Law Schools in Jamaica, Trinidad or The Bahamas. The students will be taught by a system of practical instruction, designed to give training in the basic and essential skills of the practising lawyer.

Entry into a Law School will normally be granted to any applicant holding The UWI LLB degree. Students who hold law degrees from other universities are required to sit an entrance examination which is held in July of each year.

Holders of a Certificate of Legal Education will be regarded by all Governments in the West Indies as having satisfied institutional and educational requirements for practice, but local legislation may add further requirements such as the requirement of nationality, which must be satisfied before the right to practise is granted in a particular territory.

REGISTRATION AND COURSES OF STUDY

- **Candidates for the LLB degree shall be registered as full-time students.** They shall pursue a course of study extending not less than three academic years and with a minimum value of ninety-three (93) credits, before being eligible for the award of the degree
- **The course of study for the LLB degree shall be in three parts.** Unless otherwise permitted by the Board of the Faculty, Part I courses shall be taken in the first year, Part II courses in the second year and Part III courses in the third year
- **Candidates for the LLB degree may be eligible to study Part I online, either on a full-time or part-time basis.** Please contact Student Affairs (Admissions) for further information about this study option.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE LLB



ACADEMIC PROGRAMME

PART I (YEAR ONE)

Semester I

- FOUN 1004 An Introduction to Argument
- FOUN 1101 Caribbean Civilization
- FOUN 1210 Science, Medicine and Technology in the Commonwealth Caribbean
- LAW 1010 Law and Legal Systems
- LAW 1110 Criminal Law I
- LAW 1231 Legal Methods, Research and Writing I

Semester II

- LAW 1020 Constitutional Law
- LAW 1120 Criminal Law II
- LAW 1232 Legal Methods, Research and Writing II
- LAW 1310 Law of Torts I
- LAW 1410 Law of Contract I

PART II (YEAR TWO)

Semester I

- LAW 2010 Law of Torts II
- LAW 2110 Law of Contract II
- LAW 2210 Real Property I
- LAW 2310 Public International Law I
- LAW 2510 Jurisprudence

Semester II

- LAW 2220 Real Property II
- LAW 2320 Public International Law II
- LAW 2710 Administrative Law
- LAW 2810 Equitable Remedies
- LAW 2910 Commonwealth Caribbean Human Rights Law

PART III (YEAR THREE)

The courses offered in Part III for examination shall be 10 courses chosen from the List of Optional Courses as may be made available in that year.

LIST OF OPTIONAL COURSES

- LAW 3010 Industrial Relations Law
- LAW 3020 Employment Law
- LAW 3030 Discrimination in Employment
- LAW 3110 Company Law
- LAW 3120 Law of Corporate Management
- LAW 3130 Law of Corporate Finance
- LAW 3140 Law of Corporate Insolvency
- LAW 3150 Revenue Law
- LAW 3170 Law of Trusts
- LAW 3180 Administration of Trusts and Estates
- LAW 3210 Family Law I (Relating to Husband and Wife)
- LAW 3220 Family Law II (Law Relating to Children)
- LAW 3260 Gender and the Law in the Commonwealth Caribbean
- LAW 3280 International Mooting

- LAW 3290 Supervised Independent Research Paper
- LAW 3330 International Trade Law
- LAW 3340 European Union Law
- LAW 3350 Oil and Gas Law
- LAW 3360 Caribbean Energy and Gas Law
- LAW 3400 Insurance Law
- LAW 3450 Caribbean Environmental Law
- LAW 3460 International Environmental Law
- LAW 3500 Criminology
- LAW 3550 General Principles of Private International Law
- LAW 3560 Specialized Problems in Private International Law Litigation
- LAW 3620 Law of International Organisations
- LAW 3630 Caribbean Integration Law
- LAW 3640 Introduction to Offshore Law
- LAW 3650 Competition Law in the CARICOM Single Market and Economy
- LAW 3660 Caribbean Securities Regulation
- LAW 3720 International Law of Human Rights
- LAW 3740 Comparative Law
- LAW 3760 Intellectual Property Law
- LAW 3765 Law, Technology and the Internet
- LAW 3770 Advanced Legal Writing
- LAW 3840 Alternative Dispute Resolution
- LAW 3850 Public Law Remedies
- LAW 3870 Poverty Law I
- LAW 3880 Poverty Law II
- LAW 3890 Legislative Drafting
- LAW 3900 Law Exchange Elective



INTERNATIONAL ENTRANCE QUALIFICATIONS

We consider a wide range of qualifications for entry. Here is a list of the overseas qualifications which are eligible for normal matriculation for admission to our degree programmes.

- Holders of the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) Grade 12, with an overall Grade of at least 60% or holders of equivalent Canadian qualifications
- Holders of the International Baccalaureate
- Holders of the Dutch qualifications VWO/Associate Degree and HAVO/MB04
- **SAT:** Lower Matriculation - Students should present an acceptable high school grade transcript with a minimum GPA of 2.5 and a minimum score of 1050 for SAT 1, for entry to **four-year** programmes
- **SAT:** Normal Matriculation - Students should present an acceptable Grade 12 high school transcript with a minimum GPA of 3.0 and a minimum score of 1200 for SAT 1, for entry to **three-year** programmes.

You are required to request that your school/college transcripts be sent directly to the Student Affairs (Admissions) section. You should also note that **complete academic records are necessary**, showing actual grades in courses/subjects, and an overall GPA. If transcripts and relevant documents are in a language other than English, notarised translations are required. **Course descriptions are essential**, particularly if you are applying for exemptions.

If you hold other foreign qualifications they must be assessed through the Barbados Accreditation Council or World Education Services (WES), after which the results should be forwarded to the Admissions Office. If your qualifications are accepted, the originals or certified copies of your certificates must accompany your application forms. If certified copies are submitted, you must show the original certificates at the time of registration.





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