



PROGRAMME ADVISING

BSc. Political Science

ACADEMIC YEAR
2025/2026



Online Programmes Delivery Department (OPDD)

For further information after careful review of this document, please contact the
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IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO GUIDE COURSE SELECTION & REGISTRATION

Kindly review this document at the start of each semester for any adjustments to the schedule.



New Students

Students who enrolled as of Academic Year 2024/2025 must follow the prescribed course of study and sequence given for their programme.

Continuing Students

Students are required to successfully complete all courses in Year 1 before they can proceed to undertake courses in Year 2. Please continue to follow the prescribed course of study given.

Advice For Managing Course Load

Most students carry between 1 – 3 courses per semester. **For the working adult**, we recommend that you **do not attempt more than three (3) courses** per semester and two (2) courses in summer. Plan wisely to suit your particular situation so you may perform at your full potential. Do not jeopardize your long-term goals by being unrealistic about what you can handle.

IMPORTANT NOTE for New Students

Orientation is the first step to achieving academic and personal success at the UWI Global Campus. It supports you by assisting with your transition to the online environment. It will equip you with the needed navigational skills to function successfully online and provide pertinent information about the available services, go to persons and responsibilities as an online student. It is imperative that you attend the online sessions offered by the Online Programmes Delivery Department (OPDD) as well as the session offered at your local site office.

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The **BSc. Political Science** demonstrates the importance of scientific reasoning in the study of politics, the importance of political discovery and practical relevance of political knowledge for progressive Caribbean democracies. The programme is delivered online using the Global Campus “Learning Exchange” environment (Moodle/Learning Management System).

The **BSc. Political Science programme** is a 90-credit undergraduate programme. The duration of the programme is 3 years full-time and five years part-time. In order to qualify for the award of the BSc Political Science degree, students must attain the credits at the respective levels as shown in the Table below.

Awards	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total Credits
Degree	30 credits	30 credits	30 credits	90 credits

BSc. Political Science programme operates under a semester system.

- Semester 1 and 2 each, have twelve (12) weeks of instruction plus an examination period.
- Summer session has seven (7) weeks of instruction plus the examination period.



Remember to check the programme-advising document before the start of registration and during the semester for any updates or additional information.

Pre-requisites for Matriculation into the BSc Political Science Programme

Mathematics Requirements: For entry into Undergraduate programmes, an approved qualification in Mathematics is required. The **minimum standard** is a **pass in CSEC Mathematics** or an **equivalent qualification**. However, **programme-specific requirements may vary**, so students are advised to consult their programme handbook or academic advisor for specific guidelines.

If You Do Not Meet the Entry-Level Mathematics Requirement:

Students who do not have an approved qualification in Mathematics must **successfully complete one of the approved remedial Mathematics courses** before registering for certain university-level courses.

These approved courses include:

- **MATH0900 – Remedial Mathematics**
- **IYMS1001 – Improving Your Math Skills**

Both courses are offered in **Semester 1, Semester 2, and Summer**.

Mathematics Prerequisites for Degree-Level Courses:

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Completion of **either IYMS1001 or MATH0900** will satisfy the prerequisite requirement for registration in the following courses:

- **ECON1003 – Mathematics for Social Sciences I**
- **ECON1005 – Introduction to Statistics**

*****Students must ensure they have fulfilled these prerequisites before attempting to register for the above courses.***

English Language Requirements: All undergraduate students must demonstrate proficiency in English before registering for FOUN1001 – English for Academic Purposes.

Step 1: English Language Proficiency (via ELPT or [Exemptions](#))

Step 2: Course Prerequisite for FOUN1001

- Successfully complete **FOUN0003** – Communication and Use of English (formerly ACRS003)

Applicants/ incoming students must successfully pass the English Language Proficiency Test (ELPT) on the **first attempt** or must successfully complete the FOUN0003 course.

*****Note: The dates for the ELPT can be found in the [Academic Calendar](#). More information about the ELPT can be found on the [Global Campus website](#).***

Foreign Language Requirements: As of the 2025-2026 Academic Year, **new/ incoming** undergraduate students are required to satisfy the Foreign Language Requirement Regulation by successfully completing one (1) foreign language course (3 credits) to meet the requirements for graduation. This can be done in the following ways:

1. The Global Campus option: Successfully complete the **SPAN0900** - Introductory Spanish offered by The UWI Global Campus. This may be substituted for either one of the following courses:
 - a. **FOUN1101** - Caribbean Civilization
2. The self-study option: Successfully complete TWO online courses offered by The Universitat Politècnica de València (UPV). The certificate option is required.
3. Student exchange and study abroad option Important further information can be found on the [Global Campus website](#).

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The BSc Political Science Programme Pre-requisites for Matriculation			
COURSE CODE	COURSE NAME	SEMESTER	PRE-REQUISITES & TIPS
YEAR 1			
FOUN1001	English for Academic Purposes	1, 2, Summer	ELPT – English Language Proficiency* * If your Offer Letter from Admissions indicates that you are required to take the ELPT then you must first pass this Prerequisite test before you are allowed to do FOUN1001. TIP: If you already passed the ELPT or have a Grade 1 English CSEC or approved equivalent then you should register for FOUN1001 in Semester 1. OR Successfully complete FOUN0003 – Communication and Use of English (formerly ACRS003) N.B. To move on to Level 2 courses students must successfully pass this course.
FOUN1101/SPAN0900	Caribbean Civilization	1, 2, Summer	N.B If students choose to do FOUN1101, they must complete one of the following options to fulfill the Foreign Language Requirement: 1. The self-study option 2. Student exchange and study abroad option (see page 4 in this document)
SOWK1001	Introduction to Social Work	1,2	None
PSYC1001	Introduction to Psychology	1	None
SOCI1002	Introduction to Sociology	1, 2	None
FOUN1501	Foundation for Learning Success	1, 2	TIP: We recommend that you take this course in semester 2.
SOCI1004	Logic of Social Inquiry	Summer	None
ECON1010	Mathematical Thinking and Introductory Statistics	2, Summer	CXC-CSEC (General Proficiency) Mathematics OR MATH0900 OR ECON1003 Mathematics for Social Sciences I OR MATH0900 or IYMS1001
GOVT1000	Introduction to Political Analysis	Summer	None
ECON1000	Principles of Economics	1	None

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YEAR 2			
GOVT2006	Foundations of Caribbean Politics	1	GOVT1000
GOVT2014	Western Political Thought	1	GOVT1000
SOCI2035	Research Methods in the Behavioural Sciences	1	None
GOVT2046	International Relations: Theories and Approaches	1	GOVT1000
GOVT2057	E-Governance for Small Island Developing States I	2	None
ECON2027	Intermediate Statistics	2	ECON1005 Introductory Statistics OR ECON1010 Mathematical Thinking and Introductory Statistics
GEND2111	Gender in the Caribbean: Social, Political and Economic Relations	2	None
SOCI2036	Ethical Literacy in Behavioural Sciences	2	None
SOCI2037	Principles of Sustainable Development	Summer	None
GOVT2019	Comparative Politics	Summer	None
YEAR 3			
GOVT3019	Latin American Government, Politics and Development	1	None
GOVT3077	Political Leadership and Public Governance	1	GOVT1000, GOVT2014 and GOVT2006
POLS3045	Professional Development in Political Science	1	None
SOCI3000	Research Study 1 & 2	1, 2	These courses are 6 credit yearlong for semesters 1 & 2 <i>Students in the final year must complete all Year 1 and Year 2 courses (15 courses = 45 credits) before undertaking Research Study I and II.</i>

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GOVT3015	International Politics and Political Economy	2	None
GOVT3078	Political Management and Mobilisation	2	GOVT2019 and GOVT3077
GOVT3080	Global Environmental Politics	2	SOCI2037
GOVT3048	Contemporary International Relations of the Caribbean	Summer	GOVT2006 and GOVT2046
GOVT3079	Ethics and Global Justice	Summer	ECON1000, SOCI2036, SOCI2037 and GOVT2014

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