BACHELOR OF ARTS IN LIBRARIANSHIP

Admission to this programme may be subject to interview by the Head of Department. The programme consists of a total of ninety (90) credits and students must complete a minimum of 48 credits in Librarianship with the remaining 42 credits coming from University Courses and other Faculty courses.

 The programme consists of two components:

(1) Satisfactory completion of ninety (90) credits earned from 30 regular courses at least fifteen (15) of which should come from Librarianship. **Note that all students are required to take TWO (2) NON-DLIS courses at EACH LEVEL.**

(2)Three (3) credits earned from (6) six weeks compulsory field work, usually undertaken during the summer immediately after completing all required Level TWO courses. Students are usually placed in designated Libraries under the supervision of information professionals. The award of the degree will only be made after satisfactory completion of this component.

INTRODUCTION

The B.A. Librarianship is designed to produce graduates who will work in or manage a school library, a public library or a special   library in the modern information environment. This three year programme equips students with theoretical and practical knowledge and skills that can be applied in the library in which they will be employed, including highly specialised skills related to cataloguing of print and electronic resources, creation of meta data, and so on. Graduates of this programme are qualified to work as indexers, abstractors, digital initiative librarians, cataloguers, school librarians, special librarians and public librarians among others.

ADMISSION

To be admitted into the Library and Information Studies programme applicants must have Five (5) subjects at CXC/CSEC (grades 1-3), including English Language and Mathematics) and Two (2) of which must be at A-Level/CAPE.
Applicants may be subject to an admission interview.

DURATION
Full-time students will take three (3) years to complete all requirements for the BA in Librarianship. Part-time students will take four (4) to five (5) years to complete the programme based on the number of courses they do per semester

PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION
The programme consists of two components:

1. Satisfactory completion of the regulation ninety (90) credits. Most Library courses are assigned three (3) credits. Students must complete at least forty-eight (48) credits in Librarianship and forty two (42) credits within the faculty.

2. The obtaining of an additional three (3) credits from an approved internship for six (6) weeks in designated libraries, ideally undertaken during summer and the submission of a written report on the experience.

Foreign Language Requirement

All students are required to take and pass as part of the B.A. degree programme, a preliminary one semester foreign language course.

The following are exempt– a native speaker of any of the foreign languages offered; students who have at least a foreign language pass in the CAPE Functional, CSEC General (1, 2 or 3) or O'Level.

HUMN 3099 (AR3X0)- Research Paper

Final year students in the Faculty of Humanities and Education are required to do a research paper HUMN3099 (6 credits) **OR** any 6 credit research linked course **OR** any 3 credit research linked course plus any other 3 credit course. In order to do HUMN 3099(AR3X0), you need to have a B+ average for second level courses; otherwise you need special permission from the Head of Department to take this course.

The Department has developed one such research linked course LIBS3901 – Access to Information in the Caribbean. For students opting to do this you must do an additional 3 credit course.

Non Library and Information Studies Courses

Kindly note that for each of the three levels of the programme students must take **6 credits** (excluding the foundation courses) in non-Library and Information Studies subjects leading to a total of **18 credits** by the final year. **Nine** of these credits must come from within the Faculty.

OR Any other elective approved and offered from time to time. Not all electives are offered in any one designated semester. Offerings will depend on the availability of staff and the number of students wishing to take any particular course.

N.B. Concerning the Non-Library and Information Studies Faculty courses taken, one subject of two such courses taken in the first semester SHOULD be continued in the second semester and in the four succeeding semesters (i.e. the two LEVEL II and LEVEL III courses).

BA IN LIBRARIANSHIP

YEAR I/LEVEL I

Semester 1
LIBS1003 – Introduction to Information Studies
LIBS1401 – Introduction to Online Searching

Semester 2
LIBS1201 – Management of Libraries and Information Units I
LIBS1004- Reference Services
LIBS1502- Information Technology for Information Professionals

YEAR II/LEVEL II

Semester 1
LIBS2103 – Creation of Metadata for Library Catalogues 1
LIBS2205 – Management of Libraries and Information Units II
LIBS2702 – Information Architecture: Web Access and Usability

Semester 2
LIBS2104 – Creation of Metadata for Library Catalogues II
LIBS2301 - Research Methodology for Information Specialists
LIBS2502 – Information Systems for Information Managers

Semester 3 - SUMMER
LIBS3802 - Internship in Librarianship

YEAR III/LEVEL III

Semester 1
LIBS3207 - Literature for Children & Young Adults
LIBS3502- Technology in Libraries: Database Design and Management
LIBS3604 – Teaching in Information Literacy
LIBS3901 – Access to Information in the Caribbean
Semester 2
LIBS3007 – Caribbean Libraries and Information Units
LIBS3702 – Preservation Management for Library & Information Units
LIBS3801 - Records Management: Principles and Practices