

Course of Study

Candidates registered for LL.M. and Postgraduate Diploma in Legislative Drafting must complete the following:

- Core course in Legislative Drafting (20 credit hours)
- Public Law I -Advanced Constitutional Law (6 credit hours)
- Public Law II -Advanced Administrative Law (6 credit hours)

Candidates must also complete a Research Paper on a topic in Legislative Drafting or on a topic in either Public Law I or Public Law II or on such other topic that the Faculty may permit. The Research Paper carries a credit rating of 12 credit hours.

Candidates registered for the Postgraduate Diploma in Legislative Drafting will be awarded the diploma upon successful completion of all the requirements of core course in Legislative Drafting only.

Qualifying Exam

Applicants may, at the discretion of the Board for Graduate Studies and Research, be required to take a qualifying examination consisting of at least two papers of a minimum of two hours each, which shall be of a standard equivalent to that of Part II or Part III of the LL.B. degree examination.

The language of instruction is English and applicants whose native language is not English may be required to take an English Proficiency Test set on behalf of the Board for Graduate Studies and Research.

How to Apply

Application must be completed online using the website: <http://www.uwimona.edu.jm/postgrad/>

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The Faculty also offers the Masters of Philosophy degree in Law (MPhil) and the Doctor of Philosophy degree in Law (PhD).

UWI also offers a range of MPhil and PhD in a number of areas. Information on these as well as our application process, online application forms and the documentation required can be found at:

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LL.M. and Postgraduate Diploma in:

Legislative Drafting



Program Purpose & Description

The Legislative Drafting Programme is expressly designed to train lawyers and other suitably qualified persons in the skill of drafting legislation to cover every conceivable area of human affairs subject to regulation. Thus, in addition to instruction in the technical skill of drafting "traditional" legislation, the Programme aims to provide the candidates with a basic understanding of Treaty Drafting, Constitution Writing and the preparation of the Appellate Brief. The idea is to bring greater intellectual depth and breadth to the Programme so that candidates will not only be technically qualified draftspersons, they would also be effective policy advisors to their Governments and other clients. To this end, the Programme requires that candidates registered for the Masters (as opposed to the Postgraduate Diploma only) take, in addition to the core course in Legislation Drafting, Public Law I (Advanced Constitutional Law) and Public Law II (Advanced Administrative Law), and produce a research paper of approximately 10,000 to 15,000 words.



Method of Delivery

These Programmes are fully residential programmes. Courses will be delivered at the Mona Campus by way of a combination of weekly lectures and seminars. Sessions will take place in accordance with a pre-scheduled timetable on a regularity which varies with the structure and requirements of the particular course.

Programme Duration

The Legislative Drafting Programme is expected to run from the beginning of November and concludes at the end of June of the following year. Candidates are expected to complete their Legislative Drafting assignments for formal assessment by the end of July.

Time of Entry

Candidates may enter these Programmes in Semester I only, which starts in September.

Cost of the Programmes:

LL.M or Postgraduate Diploma in Legislative Drafting (US\$10,000)

Entry Requirements

The following persons are eligible to apply for admission into the Graduate Programmes:

- Graduates of the University of the West Indies holding the LL.B. Degree;
- Graduates of the University of the West Indies or an approved university holding a degree which includes such subjects as shall satisfy the Board of Graduate Studies and Research;
- Graduates of the University of the West Indies or an approved university, who have obtained a professional legal qualification and are admitted to practice in any part of the Commonwealth and in any CARICOM country;
- Persons who having obtained a legal qualification, are admitted to practice in any part of the Commonwealth and who have also been certified as being in practice for a minimum of five (5) years;
- Graduates of the University of the West Indies or an approved university, who satisfy the Board of Graduate Studies and Research of their capability to undertake the course of study leading to the award of the LL.M. degree.

A person who applies for admittance for the LL.M. programme and who does not satisfy the criteria for the LL.M. but who satisfy the Board of Graduate Studies and Research of their capability to undertake the course of study leading to the award of the Postgraduate Diploma in Corporate and Commercial Law, Public Law or Legislative Drafting may be admitted to read for the Postgraduate Diploma.