

Level One students: second semester

FIRST DRAFT

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Second Semester 2018/19

- Semester begins on **21st January 2019**
- All New students are supposed to have paid their second semester fees by this date or entered into an approved payment plan.
- Courses can be added or dropped **free** up until **January 28th**

Add/Drop until 3rd March (with Fine)

Add only until May 17th (with Fine)

Fine 1000-8000 Ja dollars depending on time

Credit requirement to progress

- Technically, to progress to second year a level 1 a student requires to have passed 24 level one credits at the end of the year
- Of these 24 at least 18 must be from within FST
- In reality, if you have passed the necessary pre-requisite courses for a subject area, e.g. CHEM 1901 and CHEM 1902, then you can proceed to level 2 CHEM courses in your second year.

Credit requirement to progress II

- Since the normal level one credits in any FST subject is 12 (15 in Computing) then you require another 6 level one credits from one or more FST subjects other than the one you are intending to major in.
- Some majors require passes in level 1 courses other than their own:
- Chemistry majors require passes in two level one Math courses
- Biochemistry require passes in CHEM 1901 and 1902 as prerequisites for BIOC 2014

Credit requirement to progress III

- The remaining 6 credits can come from either FST or another faculty or a combination of both. These are not required to progress to second year and can be “picked up” as you progress through your degree
- Ideally one would have passed one FOUN course by the end of the year but this is not binding.

Credit limits second semester

- Students in level 1 may be registered Full time (FT) or Part time (PT)
- For semester 2 the FT credit limit in FST is 21 the minimum number is 15. You pay the flat rate.
- For semester 2 the PT credit limit in FST is 12- you are charged per credit, above 12 you pay the flat rate.

Credit limits second semester II

- You do **not** need to take 21 credits in semester 2 as a FT student
- The expanded credit limit (21) allows you to accommodate a FOUN course
- You must select the courses which are prerequisites for your major (see above) and the others to make up to 24 credits

Foundation courses

- As indicated in semester one orientation in order to graduate in FST you need passes in three FOUN courses or their equivalent (see below) .
- The required FOUN courses are:
- Either FOUN 1019 or FOUN1014 (ideally should be done in second semester of level1)
- FOUN 1101 Caribbean Civilisation
- FOUN1301 Law Governance and Society

Foundation courses II

One of the last two may be substituted with a modern language “at your level of ability”

This means that if you passed CAPE Spanish at school then you can take Spanish at the next level at UWI

The Modern Languages department can assist you with choosing the correct course (but see below for general rules).

Modern Languages

- Spanish
- French
- Portuguese
- Chinese
- Japanese
- **NOT** Caribbean Sign Language (LING1819)

French and Spanish

- **French:** Students without CSEC French do Basic French(FREN0100 or Beginners' French I(FREN 0101)
Students with CSEC French do Beginners' French II (Intermediate) (FREN0102)
Students with CAPE French do French Language IA
- (FREN1002)
- **Spanish:** students without CSEC Spanish do Basic or Beginners' Spanish(SPAN0001 or SPAN 0101)
Students with CSEC Spanish do Intermediate Spanish (SPAN1000)
Students with CAPE Spanish do SPAN1001

Portuguese, Chinese and Japanese

- Portuguese: ALL students are eligible to do Beginners' Portuguese
- Chinese: ALL students are eligible to do Beginners Chinese
- Japanese: ALL students are eligible to do Beginners Japanese

FOUN 1014 and 1019

- Both of these courses deal with writing specifically for science students
- It is better to take them at the beginning of your academic career as you can benefit from the writing skills acquired
- FOUN1014 is a 3 credit course and can be taken in the second semester. FOUN1019 is a 6-credit course and runs over 2 semesters, therefore **CANNOT** be started in the second semester

FOUN 1014 and 1019

- Which one you take depends on the level of pass in CAPE Communication Studies and/or the English Language Proficiency Test (ELPT)
- Generally a 1 is required for FOUN1014
- Either one of these FOUN courses is a prerequisite to CHEM 2010 and 2011.
- If you do not take a FOUN course in year 1 you will have more credits to take in later years or at summer school

Majors

- Most people are admitted to B.Sc. General . That means no major has been specified
- Your major has to be declared and it is better to do this as early as possible
- **Normal time for declaring your major is at the start of your second year.**
- But don't worry ,you can change it as many times as you want as you progress.

So how were your results in semester 1?

- Hopefully you passed everything.
- Maybe you didn't pass all the courses which you registered for.
- This is not a disaster
- Lots of students who go on to get excellent degrees fail in their first year- you can recover from this.

If you think that you failed unfairly

- You can request a go-through of the paper and/or a remark through Examinations section.
- You must apply online at the Examinations page
- A go-through is just that ,you can go through the paper with the lecturer at a specified time to see where you lost marks/went wrong
- You apply for a re-mark from Examinations up to two days after you have had the go-through.
- This means that your paper is remarked by an independent examiner

Go-through/Re-mark

- Firstly everyone thinks that they should have passed!
- The go-through should indicate whether you have grounds for requesting a remark
- There is a J\$2000 fee for the re-mark but this is refundable if your mark is increased.
- Go-through /re-mark can only be requested if you fail
- **Period of application 21st January to 1st February 2019**

How to recover

- If you passed the course work in a course but failed the examination component you might see a grade of FE or FT
- In either case you can pass the course if you register for the exam again and pass it.
- This is “exams only” and the section is called MEX
- Most departments offer MEX for their first semester courses in the second semester. You can do this along with your normal second semester courses.

If you failed all or most of your courses

- You can still register for courses in semester 2
- You could retake the exams in the courses which you failed in semester 1 in summer school (see below)
- Failing a course will affect your semester GPA.
- Normally this should be 2.0 or greater

If your Semester GPA is less than 2.0

- You will automatically be placed on Warning
- This is an indication that you need to improve your performance in the second semester and raise the semester GPA for semester 2 above the 2.0 mark.
- If your semester GPA is ≥ 2.0 in semester 2 as well as semester 1 you will be required to withdraw from the Faculty (RTW)

Required to Withdraw (RTW)

- If you are placed on RTW and wish to continue at UWI then you have three options:
- A) you can be granted a waiver on the requirement if you can show why you performed poorly and have taken measures to ameliorate the causes of your failure
- B) you can transfer to another Faculty
- C) you can sit out for one year and re-apply

Implications of low semester GPA

- The main one concerns funding . Many scholarship and funding agencies withdraw funding if you have a sub - 2.0 semester GPA
- On the other hand, failed level one courses do not affect your **degree** GPA.
- You can view level one courses as prerequisites for advanced courses.
- Whether you pass or fail advanced (level II or III courses) DOES affect your degree GPA and the class of degree that you are awarded

Types of GPA

- **Semester GPA** based on all courses taken in a particular semester. Should be 2 .0 or above.
- **Degree GPA** based on all advanced courses which you take towards your graduation(including failures). Is very important as it determines the class of degree awarded.

GPA and Class of degree

- Your Degree GPA determines the class of degree you graduate with:
 - First Class Honours (GPA 3.60 or greater)
 - Upper Second Class Honours (GPA 3.00 - 3.59)
 - Lower Second Class Honours (GPA 2.50 – 2.99)
 - Pass (GPA 2.00 – 2.49)

Degree GPA is calculated based on ALL advanced courses which you register for (PASS or FAIL)

GPA calculation

- GPA is determined by the total number of grade points earned for the number of credits registered
- Only Advanced Level Courses determine degree GPA

Course	Credits	Grade = QP	Total QP
MATH3 155	3	C = 2.0	3 x 2.0 = 6
CHEM3 612	6	B- = 2.7	6 x 2.7 = 16.2
PHYS3 385	4	A+ = 4.3	4 x 4.3 = 17.2
Total	13		39.4

$$GPA = \frac{39.4}{13} = 3.03$$

Summer school

- Summer school runs in the June/July period each year.
- It is optional and you have to pay separately for any courses which you take.
- It can be used to take entire courses or to resit exams for courses in which you have previously passed course work.
- Registration is limited to 12 credits in total.

Summer school II

- Registration opens for summer school once the second semester is finished.(17th May 2019)
- You register online in the same way that you register for courses during the semester
- Examinations are held end of July/ early August.



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STUDY SKILLS WORKSHOP



**SCIENCE LECTURE THEATRE (SLT3)
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15 & 22, 2018
2PM - 4PM**



Study Skills workshops

- The Faculty of Science and Technology host a series of workshops for students wishing to improve their study skills techniques throughout the year.
- These are open to anyone but are mandatory for students placed on warning at the end of the first semester

FST Experience-some events

- Mentorship Pilot Intervention: A programme to foster the academic improvement of FST students.
- FST Week: February 10 - 16, 2019 organized by the FST Guild of Students focused on the Spiritual, Physical, Mental and Emotional Health of students.
- Volunteering Opportunities: Research Days 2019 will be held in February 2019 with displays on the spine and in the Main Tent. Student volunteers needed to assist at various departmental booths.
- Relay for Life: Join Team FST in raising funds and raising awareness of cancer as we partner with the Jamaica Cancer Society at Relay for Life in June 2019.

For advice: Consult with the following

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