MASTER OF ARTS
(M.A.) HISTORY

Entry Requirements: Applicants should possess at least a Lower Second Class Honours degree in History with eight good Bs in Level II or III History courses (or four Bs in year long courses under the pre-semester system).

Seminars: M.A candidates are required to present a paper either in the Staff/graduate seminar, or at the Social History Project Symposium held in April of each academic year.

Programme: Students are required to read six courses and to write a research paper (HIST6700) of between 10,000 - 15,000 words. Graduate students are required to attend a minimum of 50 % of scheduled Departmental Seminars each year.

COURSES OFFERED IN 2009-2010
Semester I

HIST6001 (H60A) The emergence of West Indian History

HIST6712 (H67L) Theory and Method of History

HIST6705 (H67E) Family History and Historical Biography

Semester II

HIST6002 (H60B) Historiography (with special reference to the West Indies)

HIST6301 (H63A) State and Society in Africa, 1500 - 1900
HIST6703 (H67C)  Historic Landscapes and Environmental History
(offered also in Heritage Studies)

Duration:

Full-time students are expected to complete the programme in twelve months (normally September to July). Part-time students are expected to do so in twenty-four months.

Examination:

Each course is examined by means of coursework assessment and a three-hour examination. The coursework counts for 40% of the final mark for each course. To qualify for the award of the degree, candidates must pass all courses (both coursework and exam) and the research paper, with a minimum mark of 50% in all courses and the research paper.

Candidates may be allowed only one re-sit of one failed course by the Board for Graduate Studies on the recommendation of the Examiners.

Students failing two courses will be required to withdraw. Part-time students who fail both courses in year I will be required to withdraw.
HERITAGE STUDIES

Entry requirements: Applicants should normally possess at least a Lower Second Class Honours degree in History, but those with relevant qualifications in other disciplines may apply.

Seminars: Completing M.A candidates are required to present a paper either in the Staff-Postgraduate seminar, or at the Social History Project Symposium held in April of each academic year.

Programme: Students are required to pass six (6) courses, write a research paper (HIST6700) of 10-15,000 words, and undertake a practicum. Graduate students are required to attend a minimum of fifty percent (50%) of scheduled Departmental Seminars each year.

Courses: The full list of courses is as follows:

COURSES OFFERED IN 2009-2010

Semester I

HIST6702 (H67B) Artifacts, Museums and Archives
HIST6701 (H67A) History & Heritage: Theory and Application (compulsory)
HIST6802 (H68B) Cultural Resource Management (compulsory)

Semester II

HIST6704 (H67D) Oral History: Sources and Methods
HIST6703 (H67C) Historic Landscapes and Environmental History
((offered also in History)
HIST6710 (H67J) Audiovisual History
Courses not being offered in 2009/2010

- H68A Ethnohistory and Historical Archaeology
- H67Q Business History: Scope, Methodology and Sources
- H67F Local and Community History
- H67H Writing History

N.B: H67A and H68B are compulsory for all Heritage Studies students. Students may choose freely from the other courses, but the availability of any course cannot be guaranteed for any particular year.

For the practicum, students will be attached to an appropriate institution for one month. A report on this experience must be presented.

The research paper maybe related to interests developed from the courses and other studies.

RESEARCH DEGREE PROGRAMMES

RESEARCH AREAS
The Department currently offers supervision of research in the following major areas:

Caribbean Social History
Caribbean Economic History
Caribbean Cultural History
Women's History
Caribbean Migration
Labour History
History of Education in the Caribbean
Crown Colony Government
Post Emancipation Politics
Historical Archaeology

MASTER OF PHILOSOPHY (MPhil.)

Entry Requirements: An Upper Second or First Class degree is required, with eight B+s in History courses or in four B+s in year-long pre-semester courses. In order to proceed from the M.A. to the MPhil, students who do not possess the normal qualifications for admission to the MPhil programme must present an A grade research paper for the M.A.

Programme: MPhil students will be required to read three courses (currently H60A, H60B and H67L). Departmental examinations are held at the end of each semester and students must pass (50% minimum) in order to proceed.

The major component of the MPhil is the writing of an extensive research thesis not exceeding 50,000 words (HU900), under a supervisory committee. Topics may be chosen from the
research areas listed or agreed by the Department. Students are required to meet with their supervisors at least once per month.

Seminars: All students are required to make at least two presentations to the Departmental Seminar and or the SHP Symposium, one towards the end of the first year of research and the other when the thesis is about to be written. Seminar papers must be circulated at least seven working days before the scheduled seminar. Graduate students are also required to attend a minimum of 50% of scheduled Departmental Seminars each year.

Duration: Full-time students can complete the MPhil Programme in two years.

Examination: The degree will be awarded after examination of the thesis and upon the recommendation of the examiners to the Board for Graduate Studies and the Senate. If the thesis is not acceptable, the candidate may be required to re-submit within a specified time or may be deemed to have failed outright.

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (Ph.D)

Entry Requirements: Admission to this programme is normally via the MPhil. Students registered for the MPhil. may in certain circumstances have their registrations upgraded to the Ph.D. Such students
must demonstrate an ability to cope with research at the higher level and a capacity to complete in good time.

Programme: Presentation of a thesis of suitable standard and length not exceeding 80,000 words on an approved subject in not less than two calendar years after direct admission to the Ph.D. programme.

The Ph.D thesis must be a new and substantial contribution to knowledge that is worthy of publication and shows clear evidence of original research.

The Ph.D candidate must also take an oral examination following submission of the thesis. This examination will cover their general field of study and the subject of the thesis.

Seminars: In the Ph.D programme, students must make annual presentations to the Departmental Seminars, reporting on their research. Seminar papers must be circulated at least seven working days before the scheduled seminar. Graduate students are also required to attend a minimum of 50 percent of scheduled Departmental Seminars each year.

Duration: Full time students can complete the Ph.D programme in three calendar years.

Examination: A candidate for the degree, having submitted the thesis (HU900) and taken the oral examination, may be recommended to the Board for Graduate Studies and Senate for award of the degree, or may be required to re-submit the thesis within a specified time period and/or repeat the oral examination, or may be pronounced to have failed outright.