



**Mona School
of Business &
Management**

MSBM

The University of the West Indies, Mona



UPGRADED

Master of Science in National Security & Strategic Studies

Objective

The National Security and Strategic Studies programme is designed to prepare students in strategic studies and national security for senior positions in the government and security forces in the Caribbean. The programme will equip leaders in the security industry with advanced expertise and strategic insights to address evolving threats and safeguard our region and communities.

Our programme offers:

- **A Rigorous Curriculum** covering critical areas such as cyber security, intelligence analysis, counterterrorism, and crisis management, all taught by leading experts in the field.
- **Flexible Learning Options:** Blended mode of delivery which includes both online and face to face classes, designed to accommodate the schedules of working professionals, allowing you to balance your career with advanced education..
- **A Focus on modern security challenges:** Addressing the ever changing cyber-crime, and international crime syndicates.

The programme aims at providing a better understanding of:

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| • The domestic, regional and international settings of national security policy | • Cybersecurity |
| • The concepts of military threats | • Intelligence analysis |
| • Issues of crime and violence | • Crisis management |
| • Narco Terrorism | • Military alliances |
| • Counterterrorism | • National security policies and programmes |
| | • Roles and functions of security agencies |

Entry Requirements:

Applicants must:

- Hold a Bachelor's degree from a recognized university at the level of Lower Second Class Honours or above
- Hold (or have held) a position at the mid-management level in the security forces, government or private security firm. This translates to the rank of Superintendent in the Police Service and Major in the Military.
- Have a minimum of 10 years' service in the security forces, government or private security firm.
- Under exceptional circumstances, members of the Security Services who do not have First Degrees but have completed substantial senior military and police courses at recognized International and Caribbean Institutions will be considered for admission.

Programme Structure

12

**Months
Full-Time**

24

**Months
Part-Time**

13

**Core
Courses**

1

**Capstone
Project**

Modality

Blended

41

Credits

Core Courses

- Management of Strategic Issues
- New Dimensions of Power and Security in the Caribbean
- International Relations and National Security Issues
- Security and Defense Economics
- Academic Writing for Graduate Students
- Quantitative and Qualitative Research Methodology
- Global Issues Impacting National Security
- Deviance, Social Conflict Terrorism and Counter-terrorism
- National and Citizen Security: Policy Analysis and Development
- Contemporary Security Studies and Sustainability
- Cyber Security and Cyber Crime
- Professional Ethics and Accountability
- Intelligence-Led Policing and Military Intelligence Strategies

Capstone Project

The Capstone Project provides an opportunity for students to put into practice the theories and core principles studied in the programme. The Project will be developed around a particular problem in an organisation in either the private, public, or non-governmental sector."



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