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MA DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

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This flagship degree emerges from the Joint Institute for Global African Affairs (IGAA) inaugurated between the University of Johannesburg (UJ) and the University of the West Indies (UWI) in 2018. It focuses on Global Africa in the twenty-first century, addressing historical and contemporary developmental, political, and socio-economic issues in Africa and the Caribbean. The course anticipates a joint degree from both UJ and UWI, joint online courses with UWI, and a 10-day intensive course at UWI in the Caribbean. The degree aims to prepare students for careers in development, diplomacy, trade, public service, international organisations, NGOs, think tanks, and academia.

WHAT IS THE CONTENT OF THIS DEGREE?

This coursework Masters programme areas will focus on the theories, principles, practice, and policies promoting integrated and holistic human development at the local, national, regional, and international levels in the context of poverty, inequality, and exclusion among and between Africa and the Caribbean, in particular. The programme includes theories and approaches to human and socio-economic development, underdevelopment, development management, developmental states, conflict resolution, Pan-African thought, environmental and natural resources management, sustainable development, and gender and development.

LENGTH OF THIS DEGREE?

2 years (full time) or 3 years (part time)

WHO HAS ACCESS TO THIS DEGREE?

If you would like to apply for this degree, then you should hold an Honours or 4-year degree in a related field (e.g. Humanities, Economics). The Honours degree must have been attained with a minimum average of 70% (or a Grade Point Average of 3.0). In the case of a different type of qualification, the Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) process will be used to assess the qualification for admission into the MA coursework programme.

WHAT DOES THIS COURSEWORK MA ENTAIL?

There are 5 modules in this degree

COURSEWORK MASTER'S

Programme code: M7018Q	SAQA ID: 73949	NQF level: 9	Credits: 180
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An advanced study programme by coursework, plus a minor dissertation is required. The minor dissertation represents 50% of the final mark and must be passed independently.

Semester 1	Semester 2
Module 1: Critical Development Theories (DEV9X03)	Module 3: Pan-African Thought (AFS8X04)
Module 2: Social Policy (DEV9X04)	Module 4: Methodology: Politics and International Relations (POL8X30)
Module 5	Semester 1
Minor dissertation	DEV9X01
	Semester 2
	DEV9X02

Modules 1 to 4 contribute 50% to the final mark, and module 5 contributes 50%.

- Critical Development Theories:** The purpose of this module is to equip students with the necessary skills to develop a critical and informed position on Pan-African and other development theories; critically analyze the practice of development using such theories; and apply inter-disciplinary knowledge to development challenges in Africa and the Caribbean.
- Social Policy:** The purpose of this course is to develop the knowledge and skills of students of Pan-African and other social policy from a social development perspective. The module will deepen students' understanding of the relationship between social, economic, and political factors, and their implications for social policy in Africa and the Caribbean.
- Pan-African Thought:** This module provides a historical overview of Pan-Africanism focusing on its political, socio-economic, cultural, and philosophical aspects. The perspectives of Pan-African theorists and practitioners from Africa, the Caribbean, and America will be highlighted in this module including such figures as Edward Blyden, W.E.B. Du Bois, Marcus Garvey, Amy Ashwood Garvey, Frantz Fanon, Kwame Nkrumah, Walter Rodney, Steve Biko, Ruth First, Angela Davis, Mariama Bâ, Valentin Y. Mudimbe, Paulin Hountondji, Ali Mazrui, Maya Angelou, and Thabo Mbeki.

- 4. Methodology: Politics and International Relations:** This module equips students with necessary research skills through the application of methodological approaches applied within social science research including planning, designing and executing research, theoretical frameworks, argumentation, research ethics, data collection and analysis, and discourse analysis.
- 5. Minor Dissertation: Development Studies:** The purpose of this module is to demonstrate the ability to complete an independent but limited research project on a relevant problem in Pan-African development and other related issues. This minor dissertation will be guided by a research supervisor.

HOW TO APPLY:

Applicants meeting the basic entrance requirement are welcome to submit all necessary documentation through the official UJ online application system which opens annually on 1st April and closes on 31st October for applicants applying for the following year. Kindly apply online at www.uj.ac.za. In addition, please send the following documents to the Dept. of Politics and IR at suzyg@uj.ac.za.

- Academic records
- South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA) record (international applicants)
- A 1-page outline of your proposed MA minor dissertation topic (indicating title, research question or aim, methodology)



The University of the West Indies and University of Johannesburg launch of the Institute for Global African Affairs (IGAA) in Barbados in November 2018. From left, Professor Angina Parekh, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, UJ; Professor Sir Hilary Beckles, Vice-Chancellor, UWI; Professor V Eudine Barriteau, Pro Vice-Chancellor and Campus Principal, UWI; Professor Tshilidzi Marwala, Vice-Chancellor, UJ; Dr Bongani Ngqulunga, Director, Johannesburg Institute For Advanced Study (JIAS); Dr Nolitha Vukuza, Senior Executive Director, UJ Vice-Chancellor's Office; and Professor Alan Cobby, Former Pro Vice-Chancellor, UWI and Co-Director, IGAA.



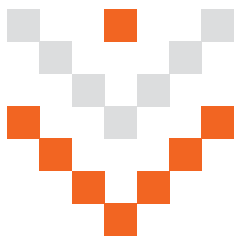
From left, the University of the West Indies, Cave Hill Campus, Barbados; and the University of Johannesburg, Auckland Park Kingsway Campus.



The University of the West Indies and University of Johannesburg launch of the Institute for Global African Affairs (IGAA) in Johannesburg in November 2018. From left to right, Professor Arthur Mutambara, former Deputy Prime Minister of Zimbabwe; Professor Adekeye Adebajo, Director of the Institute for Pan-African Thought and Conversation (IPATC), and Co-Director IGAA; Professor Shahana Rasool, Former Head of Department of Social Work, UJ; Professor Alan Cobley, Former Pro-Vice Chancellor, UWI, and Co-Director IGAA; Professor Saurabh Sinha, Deputy Vice-Chancellor: Research and Internationalisation, UJ; Professor Tshilidzi Marwala, Vice-Chancellor, UJ; Professor Shireen Motala, Former Senior Director, Postgraduate School, UJ; and Ambassador Angella Comfort, Jamaica's High Commissioner to South Africa.



From left, Professor Tshilidzi Marwala, Vice-Chancellor, University of Johannesburg; and Professor Sir Hilary Beckles, Vice-Chancellor, University of the West Indies.



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