

BA (Hons) Mauritian Studies (F/T) - SHG 1412

1. CONTEXT AND OBJECTIVES

The BA (Hons) Mauritian Studies offers interdisciplinary ways of exploring the Mauritian society, its environment, history, culture, and their intersections. The rapid changes brought by globalisation has led to new insight on exploring the Mauritian society, thence the need to address these changes in this programme arises.

The objective of this programme is to empower students with the required norms and values to act as responsible citizens when dealing with issues pertaining to the environment, history, culture, and their intersections.

Competencies and career opportunities

This programme allows students to discover possibilities to contribute to the Mauritian society. They will develop soft skills like research and communication skills for their future employment pursuits in the public and private sectors. Level 1 and 2 modules introduce the theoretical underpinnings in areas of History, Sociology, Geography, and Literature while in Level 3 students will study advanced modules in the four areas.

The B.A (Hons.) Mauritian Studies is suitable for students with career interests in tourism, the media or media related industries, and heritage. In the course of this programme, students will encounter the world of work through fieldwork and placement with NGOs to equip them with employability skills.

2. LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of the programme, learners should be able to:

- Identify the main theories of social sciences such as sociology, anthropology, history, geography, and Mauritian Literature
- Recognise the Mauritian society for its complexity
- Apply soft skills to engage in the world of work
- Evaluate their role both as an informed member of society and as a social scientist

3. TEACHING AND LEARNING METHODS

Blended Mode: Face-to-face Lectures, Group Discussion/Work, Assignments, Tutorials, Problem-solving, Presentations/Seminars, E-learning (G-Suite/ Zoom/Moodle and others) and Training.

4. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- **General**

As per General Entry Requirements for admission to the University for Undergraduate Degrees.

- **Programme (Specific) Requirements**

Priority will be given to applicants having subjects in the fields of Social Sciences and Humanities including Asian Languages, Hinduism and Islamic Studies. Students with 'A' Level in Travel & Tourism can also apply.

- **Special Cases**

Mature students will be selected based upon University Regulations

5. PROGRAMME DURATION

	Minimum (Years)	Maximum (Years)
Degree	3	5

6. MINIMUM CREDITS REQUIRED (LCCS)

For each Academic Year

Year 1 = 72 LCCS Credits

Year 2 = 72 LCCS Credits

Year 3 = 66 LCCS Credits

For Degree Award

210 LCCS credits

	Core Modules	Dissertation	Electives	Total LCCS Credits
Degree	192	18	-	210
Diploma	120	-	-	120
Certificate	60	-	-	60

- Exit point (Optional)

The student can exit the programme with a Diploma or Certificate as follows:

- Students may exit with a Diploma in BA (Hons) Mauritian Studies after having earned 120 LCCS credits.
- Students may exit with a Certificate in BA (Hons) Mauritian Studies after having earned 60 LCCS credits.

7. ASSESSMENT AND DEADLINES

7.1 Examinations: 50% - 60%

Examinations will count for 50% to 60% of the total marks.

Each module will have a written examination of a duration of 2/3 hours at the end of the semester.

7.2 Continuous Assessment: 40% - 50%

Continuous assessment will count for a range of 40% to 50% of total marks. Continuous assessment will be based on two (2) assignments and should include at least one class test per module.

For a student to pass a module, an overall total of 40% for combined continuous assessment and written examinations is required.

7.3 Submission Deadline for Dissertation/Research Project

The number of words in the final year project/dissertation shall be between 8,000 - 12,000 for an Undergraduate Degree programme. Viva-Voce will be mandatory for assessment of dissertations.

Three copies of the dissertation (two spiral-bound copies, printed on both sides in black and white and one soft copy in a single PDF text file on electronic storage media) should be submitted to the Faculty/Centre Registry. In addition, a soft copy of the dissertation (main body i.e., introduction up to the last Chapter) should be uploaded on the Turnitin Platform, as a single PDF file in the appropriate class/assignment provided by the Project Supervisor.

All of the above should be submitted not later than the last working day (i.e. excluding Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays) of March of the academic year by **4.00 p.m.** at latest, unless specified otherwise in the Programme of Studies.

Dissertation is compulsory and it will carry 18 credits.

8. LIST OF MODULES

Module Code	Module Name	L/T/P ¹ (Contact Hours)	Self-Study Hours	Other Learning Activities Hrs	LCCS Credits
CORE MODULES (YEARLY AND SEMESTER)					
MST1001Y (1)	Mauritius under Colonial Rule: A Society in the Making (1638-1968)	60	120	180	12
MST 1002Y (1)	Mauritian Literature and Diaspora	60	120	180	12
MST 1003Y (1)	Mauritius: The Physical Environment and Natural Resources	60	120	180	12
MST 1004(1)	An Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	30	60	90	6
CREO 1001Y (1)	Les langues créoles: définition(s), généalogies, théories et concepts	60	120	180	12
HIST 1004Y (1)	International History since the end of the 19 th Century	60	120	180	12
MST 1203 (1) *	Introduction to Social Work	30	60	90	6
MST 2017Y (3)	Population and Sustainable Urbanisation	60	120	180	12

MST 2002Y (3)	Anthropology of Health and Religion	60	120	180	12
MST 2000 (3)	Archives, Museums and Heritage	30	60	90	6
MST 2001Y (3)	Research Methodology	60	120	180	12
MST 2012Y (3)	Media, Communication and Language Skills	60	120	180	12
BHS 2100 (3)	Bhojpuri: History, Folklore and Heritage	30	60	90	6
MST 2025 (3)	Intercultural Studies	30	60	90	6
MST 2530 (3)	Gender and Society	30	60	90	6
HIST 3215Y (5)	Contemporary Mauritius – Social, Economic and Political Issues	60	120	180	12
MST 3236 (5)	Understanding Mauritian Law and its Legal System	30	60	90	6
MST 3050Y (5)	Social Change and Development	60	120	180	12
MST 3003Y (5)	Cultural Studies	60	120	180	12
MST 3403(5)	Migration and Diaspora	30	60	90	6
MST 3000 (5)	Dissertation				18

Note:

1. Contact hours: L-Lectures, T-Tutorials, P-Practicals
2. Offering of electives would be subject to availability of resources and critical mass.
The department offers the right to offer additional electives

9. PROGRAMME PLAN

YEAR 1

Module Code	Module Name	L/T/P/ Hrs	Total Self- Study/ Hrs	Other Learning Activities/ Hrs	LCCS Credits
MST 100Y (1)	Mauritius under Colonial Rule: A Society in the Making (1638-1968) ^{1 & 2}	60	120	180	12
MST 1002Y (1)	Mauritian Literature and Diaspora ^{1 & 2}	60	120	180	12
MST 1003Y (1)	Mauritius: The Physical Environment and Natural Resources ^{1 & 2}	60	120	180	12
MST 1004 (1)	An Introduction to Cultural Anthropology ¹	30	60	90	6
CREO 1001Y (1)	Les langues créoles: définition(s), généalogies, théories et concepts ^{1 & 2}	60	120	180	12
HIST 1004Y (1)	International History since the end of the 19 th century ^{1 & 2}	60	120	180	12
MST 1203 (1)*	Introduction to Social Work ²	30	60	90	6
Sub Total		360	720	1080	72

YEAR 2

Module Code	Module Name	L/T/P/ Hrs	Total Self- Study/ Hrs	Other Learning Activities	LCCS Credits
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MST 2017Y (3)	Population and Sustainable Urbanisation ^{1 & 2}	60	120	180	12
MST 2002Y (3)	Anthropology of Health and Religion ^{1 & 2}	60	120	180	12
MST 2000 (3) *	Archives, Museums and Heritage ¹	30	60	90	6
MST 2001Y (3) *	Research Methodology ^{1 & 2}	60	120	180	12
MST 2012Y (3)	Media, Communication and Language Skills ^{1 & 2}	60	120	180	12
BHS 2100 (3)	Bhojpuri:History,Folklore and Heritage ¹	30	60	90	6
MST 2025 (3)	Intercultural Studies ¹	30	60	90	6
MST 2530 (3)	Gender and Society ²	30	60	90	6
Sub Total		360	720	1080	72

YEAR 3

Code	Module Name	L/T/P/ Hrs	Self- Study Hrs	Other Learning Activities Hrs	Credits LCCS
HIST 3125Y (5)	Contemporary Mauritius – Social, Economic and Political Issues ^{1 & 2}	60	120	180	12
MST 3236 (5)	Understanding Mauritian Law and its Legal System ¹	30	60	90	6
MST 3050Y (5)	Social Change and Development ^{1 & 2}	60	120	180	12
MST 3003Y (5)	Cultural Studies ^{1 & 2}	60	120	180	12
MST 3403 (5)	Migration and Diaspora ¹	30	60	90	6
MST 3000 (5)	Dissertation	-			18
Sub Total		240	480	720	66
TOTAL 210					

***Mode of Assessment: 100% Course work.**

Note:

¹ Module offered in semester 1

² Module offered in semester 2