

HISTORY OF THE UNITED THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE OF THE WEST INDIES

The U.T.C.W.I. has been described as *“the most significant venture in Caribbean ecumenism to date”*. The matrix of the College goes back much further than the date of its dedication on Wednesday, April 27, 1966. Indeed, the Caribbean has not only had a long history of Theological education and ministerial training, but also an almost equally long one in ecumenical and co-operative ventures in preparing candidates for the ordained ministry.

The Churches which participated in the formation of the College were:

The Anglican Church, Jamaica Diocese, The Disciples of Christ in Jamaica, The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Guyana, The Guyana Presbyterian Church, The Jamaica Baptist Union, The Methodist Church in the Caribbean and the Americas, The Moravian Church, East West Indies Province, The Moravian Church, Jamaica Province, The Presbyterian Church of Trinidad and Grenada and The United Church of Jamaica and the Cayman Islands.

From the very beginning, the College entered a working relationship with the University of the West Indies and was established as the Department of Theology in the Faculty of Arts and General Studies (now Humanities and Education). Since its inception, over 900 Christian leaders, trained by the institution, have received a greater understanding of the beliefs, worship and traditions of the various denominations. Academically, the graduates have excelled not only in the Caribbean but also abroad. There are graduates who are faithfully fulfilling their roles as Pastors, Priests, Deaconesses and lay persons throughout the region and beyond.

OTHER PROGRAMME OFFERINGS:

Undergraduate:

- Bachelor of Arts in Theology
- Bachelor of Arts in Ministerial Studies
- Licentiate in Theology
- Diploma in Ministry
- Certificate in Ministerial Studies

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- Certificate in Christian Ministry
- Certificate in Counselling
- Diploma in Counselling

Graduate Programmes:

- Master of Arts in Theology*
- Master of Arts in Contextual Ministry* (Taught Masters)*
- Master of Philosophy in Theology (Research Degree)
- Doctor of Philosophy in Theology (Research Degree)



United Theological College of the West Indies

(An affiliate of the University of The West Indies falling under the Faculty of Humanities and Education), member of the Caribbean Association of Theological Schools (CATS), and registered with the University Council of Jamaica (UCJ)



Doctor of Ministry

Description of the Programme

The United Theological College of the West Indies aims to produce Ministers of Religion who are spiritually centered, contextually relevant, ecumenically committed and missionally oriented.

The Doctor of Ministry is a 60 credit professional degree which is culturally and globally relevant. It offers concentrations in Bible and Culture, Counselling, and Religious Studies. It is offered jointly with the University of the West Indies, Mona Campus, Jamaica.

The programme seeks to build on a person's ministerial experience whilst satisfying the needs of pastoral training, at a higher level in areas such as managing care issues of grief, violence, family life, religious practices, disaster preparedness, and crisis management.. Focusing on ministry with the local congregation, this programme offers students the opportunity to become a more effective leader of God's people. It will also enable pastors/religious leaders, and congregants to be equipped with special training in mission and ministry which will help them to positively impact the work of the church/religious organizations of the Caribbean.

The programme is expected to be completed in three (3) years or six (6) semesters full-time or four (4) years or eight (8) semesters and a summer term part-time.

Entry Requirement

Candidates can be admitted in the following ways:

- Having attained the Master of Arts degree in Contextual Ministry from UTCWI/UWI or its equivalent from an approved institution.
- Having obtained the MA Theology and the practicum component of the MA Contextual Ministry (the MA Theology does not have a practicum, hence a student desiring to do the DMin, having completed the MA Theology, will do the practicum component from the MA Contextual Ministry)
- Having obtained a Master's Degree/PhD in another discipline along with the Certificate in Ministerial Studies offered by UTCWI and the practicum component of the MA Contextual Ministry
- Having at least five (5) years' experience in the practice of ordained ministry along with an undergraduate degree in Theology/Ministerial studies or its equivalent .

Credit Requirement - 60 credits to include:

- Core courses - 24 credits
- Concentrations - 12 credits
- Practicum Seminars - 3 credits
- Practicum in Ministry - 12 credits
- A research project - 9 credits

Application Information

Applications to the programme are to be completed on the UWI Admissions portal. Application period commences in November of each year.

Applicants may be required to do a qualifying examination.

Summary on the components of the programme:

FULL-TIME STUDENTS Year 1 Semester I (September - December)

- THEO7211 Seminar for Advanced Ministry Development
- THEO7500 Research & Methods for Professional Ministry in the Caribbean
- THEO7206 Pastoral Care & Counselling Amidst 21st century Challenges

Year 1 Semester II (January - May)

- THEO7301 Christian Ethics: Pastoral and Public
- THEO7201 Congregations & Community in the Caribbean
- THEO7002 The Bible in Postcolonial Caribbean Cultures
- THEO7403 Re-engaging the Sacred in Religious Studies
- 1 course from concentration

Year 2 Semester I (September - December)

- 3 courses from concentration
- THEO7501 Practicum Seminar 1
- THEO7502 Practicum Seminar 2

Year 2 Semester II (January - May)

- THEO7212 Practicum in Ministry
- THEO7503 Practicum Seminar 3

Year 3 Semester I (September - December)

- THEO7504 Research Project

Year 3 Semester II (January - May)

- THEO7504 Research Project

PART-TIME STUDENTS Year 1 Semester I (September - December)

- THEO7211 Seminar for Advanced Ministry Development
- THEO7500 Research Methods for Professional Ministry in the Caribbean

Year 1 Semester II (January - May)

- THEO7201 Congregations and Community in the Caribbean
- THEO7002 The Bible in Postcolonial Caribbean Cultures

Year 2 Semester I (September - December)

- THEO7206 Pastoral Care & Counselling Amidst 21st century Challenges

- THEO7301 Christian Ethics: Pastoral and Public
- #### **Year 2 Semester II (January - May)**
- THEO7403 Re-engaging the Sacred in Religious Studies

- 1 course from concentration

Year 2 Summer Term (June-July)

- 2 courses from concentration

Year 3 Semester I (September - December)

1 course from concentration

- THEO7501 Practicum Seminar 1
- THEO7502 Practicum Seminar 2

Year 3 Semester II (January - May)

- THEO7212 Practicum in Ministry
- THEO7503 Practicum Seminar 3

Year 4 Semester I (September - December)

- THEO7504 Research Project

Year 4 Semester II (January - May)

- THEO7504 Research Project

VISION

The premier ecumenical institution providing Biblical, contextual ministerial formation and theological and religious education in the Caribbean and beyond.

MISSION

The UTCWI is an ecumenical, theological institution that provides accessible, affordable, relevant and transformative higher education for persons in the Caribbean and beyond.

MANDATE

To prepare persons for Christian ministry in the society while promoting theological and religious study, learning and research.

CORE VALUES

Compassion
Competence
Spirituality
Relevance
Excellence
Inclusivity
Integrity
Accountability

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