

## **MA Historical Studies (by Research) – SH531**

### **One-year full-time programme**

#### **1. Objectives**

This programme will serve a growing need in higher education, research and public history for trained personnel in the field of Historical Studies on Mauritius. The degree should prepare graduates for employment where a strong research component is required and where strong analytical and critical skills are required. Students should hold a good honours degree in Humanities and the Social Sciences.

#### **2. General Entry Requirements**

Successful completion of an undergraduate degree with

- at least a Second Class Upper Division or
- a GPA not less than 2.5 out of 4 or equivalent, from a recognised higher education institution.

**OR** alternative qualifications acceptable to the University of Mauritius.

#### **3. Programme Requirements**

At least an Upper Second Class Degree in History, Political Science, Anthropology, Heritage Studies or related disciplines.

#### **4. General and Programme Requirements - Special Cases**

The following may be deemed to have satisfied the general and programme requirements for admission:

- (i) Applicants who do not satisfy any of the requirements as per Regulations 2 and 3 above but who submit satisfactory evidence of having passed examinations which are deemed by the Senate to be equivalent to any of those listed.
- (ii) Applicants who do not satisfy any of the requirements as per Regulations 2 and 3 above but who in the opinion of Senate submit satisfactory evidence of the capacity and attainments requisite to enable them to pursue the programme proposed.
- (iii) Applicants who hold a full practising professional qualification obtained by examination.

#### **5. Programme Duration**

|                  | <b>Minimum (Yr)</b> | <b>Maximum (Yrs)</b> |
|------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Master's Degree: | 1                   | 2                    |

Students may start at any time of the year providing a supervisor is available.

#### **6. Minimum Credits Required for Awards**

|                  | <b>Research seminar</b> | <b>Dissertation</b> | <b>Total</b> |
|------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| Master's Degree: | 3 credits               | 36 credits          | 39 credits   |

## 7. Assessment

Based on dissertation only

### Submission Deadlines for Dissertation

Students are required to submit their final dissertation 12 months after registration.

## 8. Programme Plan – MA Historical studies

| Code        | Module Name      | Hrs/Month | Credits |
|-------------|------------------|-----------|---------|
| <b>CORE</b> |                  |           |         |
| HIST6001Y   | Research Seminar | 3+0       | 3       |
| HIST6000    | Dissertation     |           | 36      |

## 9. Outline Syllabus

### **HIST 6000 - DISSERTATION**

The dissertation will consist of an extended research survey of 30 000 words, to be submitted as per plan at no 10 as a compulsory requirement for completion of the programme. A dissertation supervisor will be identified by the programme coordinator and the title of the project approved by the Department of History and Political Science.

### **HIST 6001 Research Seminar**

This will consist of monthly or bi-monthly seminars (depending on number of students registered) of **minimum** three hour duration led by the student and supervisor on a topic under research or related to the research by the student. Scholars and researchers outside the Department with an academic interest will be invited to participate. The student will make a presentation of his/her proposed research topic for dissertation and provide complete justification, literature review and be open to scrutiny by participants. The aim is to critically assess the research topic and solicit views and thoughts which may contribute to enhancing the research methodology, approaches and analytical perspectives of the student. A minimum of 12 research seminars will be planned in a twelve month period.

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