BA (Hons) History and Political Science – SH335 (Subject to Approval)

1. Objectives

This degree programme is designed to provide knowledge and competence in the field of culture, history and society, and international relations. It provides the background for a number of professions in such sectors as teaching, the civil service, the media or public relations, heritage and research institutions, and international and regional organisations.

2. General Entry Requirements

In accordance with the University General Entry Requirements for admission to undergraduate degree programmes.

3. Programme Requirements

- A credit in English Language at Cambridge School Certificate/‘O’ Level or equivalent.
- 2 GCE ‘A’ Level passes in 2 relevant subjects. Relevant subjects include the following: History, Sociology, Languages (English, French), Indian Languages (Hindi, Tamil, Telugu, Urdu), Geography, Hinduism, Islamic Studies, Economics Maths, and Law.

4. Programme Duration

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5. Minimum Credits required for Degree Award - 105

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6. Credits per Year

Minimum 18 Credits, Maximum credits subject to Regulation 4.

7. Assessment

Each module will be assessed over 100 marks with details as follows (unless otherwise specified):

Written examinations for all modules will be carried out at the end of the academic year except for semester modules (unless otherwise stated).

Assessment will be based on a written examination of 2 to 3-hour duration (normally a paper of 2 hour duration for modules carrying less or equal to three credits, and 3 hour paper for modules carrying six credits) and on continuous assessment done during the semester or year.

A minimum of at least 30% should be attained in each of continuous assessment and written examination, with an overall total of 40% for a candidate to pass a module.
8. Submission Deadline for Dissertation / MiniProject

**Final copy:** To be submitted by the last working day of March

9. Repeat and Termination of Registration

If the CPA of a student is < 40 for an academic year, s/he will have to repeat the entire academic year, and retake modules as and when offered. However, s/he will not be required, if s/he wishes, to retake module(s) for which **Grade C** or above has been obtained.

Students will be allowed to repeat **only once** over the entire duration of the Programme of Studies.

Registration of a student will be terminated if

(i) the CPA < 40 at the end of an academic year and the student has already repeated one year of study; or

(ii) the maximum duration allowed for completion of the Programme of Studies has been exceeded.

10. Programme Plan - BA (Hons) History and Political Science

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<td>Comparative Government &amp;Politics</td>
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**ELECTIVES**

Any other 12 credits modules offered by the
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TOTAL = 33

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- Students are required to earn a CPA of 60 before they are eligible to register on HIST 3000 (5) Dissertation, except with special dispensation from the Department.

## 11. Outline Syllabus

### Year 1

**HIST 1005Y(1) - 20TH CENTURY WORLD AFFAIRS**

This module will examine the general themes in the development of world civilization (outside Europe) in the 20th Century. It will examine topics such as imperialism, the rise of an international economy, the impact of Europe on African and Asian societies, nationalism, decolonisation and international relations.

**HIST 1002Y(1) - MAURITIAN HISTORY**

This is a survey module covering the main aspects of Mauritian political, economic and social history from the discovery of the island to independence. This module is partly on-line and partly face-to-face.

**HIST 1003(1) - READING AND WRITING HISTORY**

Students will be introduced to basic skills required in the studying of history. They will read various relevant genres of historical writing.

**POLI 1001Y(1) - INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL THEORY**

The meaning of Politics. Fundamental rights and freedoms. The values of a liberal society. The State and the individual. Socialism and Marxism. Totalitarian regimes; fascism and communism. Topics will also include discussions concerning the nature of man, the origin of government and law, man’s
relation to society and the state, the nature of just and unjust government with reference to thinkers
such as: Plato, Aristotle, Cicero, Augustine, Aquinas, Machiavelli.

IREL 1001Y(1) - THEORIES AND CONCEPTS OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
The course will focus on the major theoretical approaches to international relations in order to
understand and critically analyse their strengths and weaknesses. Key concepts, such as power,
agency, the state, international society and other will be identified and discussed in relation to
differing interpretations and applications. Case studies assist in the use of both theories and concepts

CSE 1010e(1) - INTRODUCTION TO INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
IT and Computers; Stepping in the Computer; Input and Output Devices; Secondary Storage;
Programming; Systems Software; Applications Software; Systems Development; Computer Networks;
The Internet; Computer Security; Software Utilities; Issues and Trends in IT

Year 2

HIST 2002Y(3) - 19th and 20th CENTURY EUROPE
This module will examine general themes in European History in the ‘Age of Nationalism’. Selected
topics will include the impact of the French Revolution, Napoleon I, Vienna Settlement, 1848
Revolutions, Disraeli, the Unification of Italy and Germany, industrialisation, the development of
socialism and nationalism and the development of the European states system. It will examine the
development of Europe in the Twentieth Century. Major topics include economic and political
developments, inter-state rivalries, the rise of new ideologies, the development of mass society,
cultural and intellectual developments and European integration

HIST 2013Y(3) - INDIAN OCEAN SOCIETIES
Briefly this module will study the societies of the Indian Ocean in precolonial and colonial periods. It
will examine the expansion of trading networks, the three main religions, the impact of European
entry, the creation of diasporas and of ‘cultural continuums’ in the Indian Ocean region. The
Geography component will examine the geology of the Indian Ocean, historical cartography,
exploration and discovery, the expansion of trading networks, etc....

POLI 2002Y(3) - POLITICAL THOUGHT
This module will look into the political thoughts of Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau, J S Mill and Marx; the
theme Liberation versus Marxism will be emphasized. Constitutionalism and the doctrine of the
separation of powers, utilitarianism, nationalism, liberal, conservative and socialist traditions of

POLI 2007Y(3) - COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT & POLITICS
Comparative Political analysis and its approaches, classification of political systems, i.e. democratic
and authoritarian systems, federal and unitary systems, capitalist and socialist systems. Systems of
Devolution and The British Parliamentary System. Decentralization of power in the US. The French
hybrid system – Half Presidential/Half Parliamentary. Cohabitation in France and in the US. The
powers of the President in France, US, and India. US Congressional Committees. The role of the
Legislature. Supreme Court in US and France. The Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, the
Political Executive, the Powers of the President, the Legislature, the Judiciary and the Constitutional
High Court (USA, Britain, India, France, South Africa).

Year 3

HIST 2005Y(3) - AMERICAN HISTORY
This will be an introductory survey module examining American History from the period of European
discovery and settlement of the Americas, Westward expansion, the Civil War, Reconstruction, New
Deal up to the emergence of the US as a superpower.
HIST 3222(5) - GENDER AND HISTORY
This module will focus on the role women have played in world history, women's experiences at different periods in time as well as in different countries. It will also examine Mauritian historiography and the reasons for the relative absence of women therein.

HERT 3001Y- MUSEUM & HERITAGE STUDIES
This module will introduce students to the legal aspects covering conservation and preservation of heritage to understanding conservation, preservation and restoration, methods of conservation of different types of materials, cataloguing and display of artifacts and other items found in historical and archaeological research according to international museum standards. This module will seek to provide students with an overview of history of collections from antiquity and cabinet of curiosities to today’s museum collections, the definitions and concepts relating to heritage methods of heritage interpretation through the museum and archaeological collections in museums. It will examine history and its public representations, initiate discussion on the curatorial and educational aspects of Museums.

HIST 3004Y(5) - MODERN ASIA
This module is a survey of the political, economic and social transformation of Asia since the second half of the 19th century (Part 1 focusing on Indian and part 2 on special China and Japan). Major topics include: the Western impact and Asian response, the rise of nationalism and communism, internal politics and international and regional conflicts, the impact of the Cold War, the contemporary economic development of India, Japan and China.

POLI 3001Y(5) - POLITICAL SOCIOLOGY

POLI 3002Y(5) - AFRICAN POLITICS
The state in Africa; the impact and legacies of colonialism and the Cold War; nationalism and decolonisation; Africa and the World Economy; the Foreign Policies of African states; the role of extra-regional powers and international organisations in Africa; ethnicity and territorial integrity; development; democratisation and human rights. A comparative study of the main political institutions of the SADC countries notably the electoral system, political parties, the Legislature, Executive and the Judiciary. The powers and role of the President. Transparency, Human Rights and Good Governance.

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