

**UNIVERSITY OF MAURITIUS  
AND THE  
MAHATMA GANDHI INSTITUTE**

**BA (Honours) Mauritian Studies  
(Part Time)**

**Modular Credit Yearly  
Programme Structure**

**(Effective 2005-06)**

## BA (HONS) MAURITIAN STUDIES

### 1. OBJECTIVES

The programme emphasizes interdisciplinary ways of studying and exploring Mauritian society, culture, history and their intersections.

The programme is designed to provide knowledge and competence in the field of language, culture and society for a number of professions in such sectors as teaching, civil service, the media or media related industries.

### 2. GENERAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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

### 3. PROGRAMME REQUIREMENTS

Credits in English at 'O' Level and 2 GCE 'A' Level passes in two subjects.

### 4. PROGRAMME DURATION –

	Normal	Maximum
Degree	4 years (PT)	7 years(PT)

### 5. MINIMUM CREDITS REQUIRED FOR DEGREE AWARD – 105

**Breakdown:**

	CREDITS FROM			
	Core Modules	Electives	GEMS	Dissertation
Degree	81	6	9	9

### 6. CREDITS PER YEAR (*SUBJECT TO REGULATION 4 ABOVE*)

Minimum -	18 credits
Maximum-	48 credits

### 7. ASSESSMENT

#### Continuous and Written Assessment of Modules

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

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.

Written examinations for all modules, will be carried out at the end of the academic year except for DE modules and some Semester Modules (unless otherwise stated). Relevant information will be provided to the students prior to delivery of the modules.

The continuous assessment will count for 10-40% of the overall percentage mark of the module, except for a Programme where the structure makes for other specific provision(s).

Continuous assessment may be based on laboratory work, seminars and/or assignments and should include at least 1 class test.

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.

Special examinations (e.g. class tests) will be arranged at the end of semester 1 or semester 2 for exchange students who have registered only for one semester. In case of yearly modules, credits will be assigned on a pro-rata basis.

**8. SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR DISSERTATION**

Final copy: To be specified by the Department.

**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 modules 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. MODULES OF SPECIAL NATURE**

A student can take a maximum of 9 credits of Self-Study Subjects and Independent Study, subject to approval of the Department.

## LIST OF MODULES

Code CORE :	Module Name	Hrs/ Wk L + P	Credits
MST 1001Y(1)	Colonial Mauritius: A Society in the Making (1638 – 1968)	3 + 0	6
MST 1002Y(1)	Littérature Mauricienne et Diaspora	3 + 0	6
MST 1003Y(1)	Multi-Insular Mauritius	3 + 0	6
CSE 1010e(1)	Introduction to Information Technology	O.E	3
POLI 1211(1)	Government and Politics of Mauritius	3 + 0	3
ECON 2013Y(3)	Economic History: From a Port of Call to the Contemporary Economy	3 + 0	6
ENG 2010Y(3)	Multi-Lingualism	3 + 0	6
ECON 2014Y(3)	Geography and Economic Development	3 + 0	6
SOCI 2008Y(3)	Demography and Ethnicity in Mauritius	3+ 0	6
PSYC 3004(5)	Social Identifications and Group Behaviour	3 + 0	3
MST 3001Y(5)R	Research Methodology	3 + 0	6
MST 3002Y(5)	Anthropology of Health and Religion	3 + 0	6
MST 3003Y(5)	Cultural Studies	3 + 0	6
HIST 4001Y(5)	Contemporary Issues in Mauritian History	3 + 0	6
FREN 4001Y(5)	Women Literature and Feminism	3 + 0	6
MST 4000(5)	Dissertation		9
<b>ELECTIVES</b>			
ENG 3011(5)	Pidgins and Creoles	3 + 0	3
SOCI 3004(5)	Civil Society and the State	3 + 0	3
SOCI 3103(5)	Researching Criminals and Victims	3 + 0	3
MST 4001(5)	Language Study	3 + 0	3
MST 4002(5)	Regional Cooperation and Globalisation	3 + 0	3
MST 4003(5)	Anthropology of Development	3 + 0	3

**Plus three GEMs over 4 years**

**PROGRAMME PLAN**  
**BA (HONS) MAURITIAN STUDIES**

<b>YEAR 1</b>			
<b>Code</b>	<b>Module Name</b>	<b>Hrs/ Wk</b>	<b>Credits</b>
<b>CORE :</b>			
MST 1001Y(1)	Colonial Mauritius: A Society in the Making (1638 – 1968)	3 + 0	6
MST 1002Y(1)	Littérature Mauricienne et Diaspora	3 + 0	6
MST 1003Y(1)	Multi-Insular Mauritius	3 + 0	6
CSE 1010e(1)	Introduction to Information Technology <sup>1</sup>	O.E	3
POLI 1211(1)	Government and Politics of Mauritius <sup>2</sup>	3 + 0	3
<b>*ONE GEM</b>			3

<b>YEAR 2</b>			
<b>Code</b>	<b>Module Name</b>	<b>Hrs/ Wk</b>	<b>Credits</b>
<b>CORE :</b>			
ECON 2013Y(3)	Economic History: From a Port of Call to the Contemporary Economy	3 + 0	6
ENG 2010Y(3)	Multi-Lingualism	3 + 0	6
ECON 2014(3)	Geography and Economic Development	3 + 0	6
SOCI 2008Y(3)	Demography and Ethnicity in Mauritius	3 + 0	6
<b>*ONE GEM</b>			3

<b>YEAR 3</b>			
<b>Code</b>	<b>Module Name</b>	<b>Hrs/ Wk</b>	<b>Credits</b>
<b>CORE :</b>			
PSYC 3004(5)	Social Identifications and Group Behaviour	3 + 0	3
MST 3001Y(5)R	Research Methodology	3 + 0	6
MST 3002Y(5)	Anthropology of Health and Religion	3 + 0	6
MST 3003Y(5)	Cultural Studies	3 + 0	6

<b>ELECTIVES (SELECT ANY ONE)</b>			
ENG 3011(5)	Pidgins and Creoles	3 + 0	3
SOCI 3004(5)	Civil Society and the State	3 + 0	3
SOCI 3103(5)	Researching Criminals and Victims	3 + 0	3
<b>*ONE GEM</b>			3

<b>YEAR 4</b>			
<b>Code</b>	<b>Module Name</b>	<b>Hrs/ Wk</b>	<b>Credits</b>
<b>CORE :</b>			
HIST 4001Y(5)	Contemporary Issues in Mauritian History	3 + 0	6
FREN 4001Y(5)	Women Literature and Feminism	3 + 0	6
MST 4000(5)	Dissertation	3 + 0	9

<b>ELECTIVES (SELECT ANY ONE)</b>			
MST 4001(5)	Language Study	3 + 0	3
MST 4002(5)	Regional Cooperation and Globalisation	3 + 0	3
MST 4003(5)	Anthropology of Development	3 + 0	3

**Note:** (1) Offering of electives would be subject to availability of resources and critical mass. UOM/MGI reserves the right to offer additional electives.

(2) <sup>1</sup> – Module taught and examined in Semester I.

(3) <sup>2</sup> – Module taught and examined in Semester II.

## **OUTLINE SYLLABUS**

### **MST 1001Y(1) - COLONIAL MAURITIUS: A SOCIETY IN THE MAKING (1638 – 1968)**

An In-depth study of the complexities of our society during the colonial times – Focus on central themes essential for an understanding of the socio-economic, political and cultural factors contributing to the making of the present-day Mauritius- Immigration and settlement, slavery and its abolition, the creolisation process.

### **MST 1002Y(1) - LITTÉRATURE MAURICIENNE ET DIASPORA**

Il s'agira dans ce cours d'étudier cette littérature relativement récente de la diaspora. L'on essaiera d'analyser comment chaque romancier apporte une lumière nouvelle à ce passé douloureux et pourtant fondateur

### **MST 1003Y(1) - MULTI-INSULAR MAURITIUS**

The first part of the module will deal with the physical environment of Maurius, Rodrigues and the Outer Islands, with due attention to geology, climate, hydrology and water resources, and landscape analysis. The second part will introduce the various fields of human geography such as demography, settlement, urban geography and land use. The tools of cartography and remote sensing will be developed during practical and fieldwork sessions.

### **CSE 1010e(1) - INTRODUCTION TO INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

The World of Computers; Main components of the computer; The evolution of computers; Input and output devices; Secondary Storage; Programming, Systems Software; Application software; Systems analysis and design; Communications and connectivity; The internet; Information technology and society.

### **POLI 1211(1) – GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS OF MAURITIUS**

This module is an introduction to government and politics of Mauritius. It emphasises the primary of the constitution, the checks and balances in our system, the nature of our parliamentary democracy and our Republican model, the protection of our fundamental rights and freedoms.

### **ECON 2013Y(3) - ECONOMIC HISTORY: FROM A PORT OF CALL TO THE CONTEMPORARY ECONOMY**

This island's during colonial times will be the main focus of this module. The latter will assess the resources mobilized at the different stages of the country's development from a simple port of call to a thriving sugar colony and to the contemporary economy.

### **ENG 2010Y(3) - MULTI-LINGUALISM**

Definition of concepts. Monolingualism, Bilingualism. Multilingualism. Diglossia. Bilingual/multilingual individuals-states. Multilingual states: Territorial/Personality principle. Reasons for bilingual/multilingual states.

### **ECON 2014Y(3) - GEOGRAPHY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Geographical Dimensions of Economic Development: Climate and Location. Natural Resources. Institutions and Development. Economic Geography and Regional Integration. Trade and Economic Growth. Environment and Development. SIDS and Environmental Vulnerability. Poverty and Income Distribution

### **SOCI 2008Y(3) - DEMOGRAPHY AND ETHNICITY IN MAURITIUS**

Slave trade, indentured labour, migration trends, population growth, demographic transition and ageing population. Socio-cultural movements, state policy and ethnic groups. Ethnic mobilization and political clientelism, ethnic relations and stereotyping, multiculturalism in Mauritius.

### **PSYC 3004(5)- SOCIAL IDENTIFICATIONS AND GROUP BEHAVIOUR**

Social Identity, inter-group behaviour, stereotyping, intra-group behaviour, prejudice and discrimination, social presence, collective behaviour, conformity and social influence.

### **MST 3001Y(5)R - RESEARCH METHODOLOGY**

A variety of research methods and various sources, which can appropriately be used to investigate different research topics. The stages involved in the research process from specifying a research question to disseminating research findings to a variety of audiences. Data collection methods and simple analysis of both quantitative and qualitative data. The ethical issues involved in research.

### **MST 3002Y(5) - ANTHROPOLOGY OF HEALTH AND RELIGION**

This module provides an introduction to Anthropology and then it will look at the anthropology of health and religion with reference to the ethnographies of the ritual, symbolism and religious knowledge of non-western societies including Mauritius, its neighbours and other societies of the Indian Ocean referring to some aspects of medical anthropology.

### **MST 3003Y(5) - CULTURAL STUDIES**

This module will look at aspects of culture through the medium of the written, visual, oral and media-based sources and see how people give meanings to their lives in the contemporary world. Forms of culture (film, books, magazines, television, photographs, newspapers, digital and cyber-culture, theatre, art and dance, popular leisure activities, political and cultural movement and subcultures) will be studied in different settings – historical, contemporary, global, national and local.

### **ENG 3011(5) – PIDGINS AND CREOLES**

Definitions. Changes in meaning. Creole and Multilingualism. The issue of creole as written language and as a medium of teaching.

### **SOCI 3004(5) – CIVIL SOCIETY AND THE STATE**

Defining civil society, civil society, the market and the community, Theories of civil society, Linking Civil Society and the State, State-community relations, State-civil society relations, Citizens and Governance: Civil Society in the New Millennium, Empowering NGOs in civil society

### **SOCI 3103 (5) - RESEARCHING CRIMINALS AND VICTIMS**

The Processing of the suspect/offender/criminal, sources of crime, official statistics, victimisation surveys, self report studies, public reporting, the dark figure of crime, usefulness of criminal statistics

### **HIST 4001Y(5) - CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN MAURITIAN HISTORY**

Explanations of Social Welfare, aims, objectives and development of social welfare. Human needs, public policy and collective action; Emergence of welfare provisions and their evolution.

### **FREN 4001Y(5) - WOMEN LITERATURE AND FEMINISM**

The module will seek to bring to the fore the feminist component of the Mauritian literary tradition and explore new issues. It will provoke students to examine how writers have overthrown the stereotypical image of women, *representing* themselves in their writings from a gender, economic, cultural and political perspective.

### **MST 4001(5) - LANGUAGE STUDY**

An introduction to the study of any spoken language in Mauritius.

### **MST 4002(5) – REGIONAL COOPERATION AND GLOBALISATION**

Focus on the change from geopolitics to geo-economy – from political to economic integration. The pertinence of regional cooperation and the shift from state-centered to region-centered scenarios will be examined. The approach will be interdisciplinary with emphasis on political economy and geography.

### **MST 4003(5) – ANTHROPOLOGY OF DEVELOPMENT**

This module will provide an insight into the forms and nature of exchange in pre-industrial and post-industrial societies. In particular, it will focus on development of food-production, industrialisation and modernity- the cultural construction of well-being, comparative deprivation and perceived underdevelopment, commodity fetishism and local resistance to change.

### **MST 4000(5) - DISSERTATION**

At the end of the fourth year of the programme, the students will be required to submit a project dissertation. The title of the dissertation has to be approved by the Programme Co-ordinator. The final copy should be submitted by end of April and the dissertation length should be in the range of 13000–16000 words.

### **14/01/05-SLDG**