



**University of Technology, Jamaica**

**College of Business and Management**

**School of Business Administration**



**PROGRAMME INFORMATION**

## **ABOUT THE SCHOOL**

The School of Business Administration (SOBA) is the premier provider of undergraduate business education in the English speaking Caribbean. As a School community, we endeavour to educate and stimulate our students to become professionals who are prepared for the challenges of a dynamic business environment. Our degrees are designed to ensure that our graduates are fully prepared to contribute positively to the growth and development of both the private and public sectors.

## **PHILOSOPHY**

The ASc. in Police Studies and Management brings together the academic and the practical, creating a field of study that will expose participants to general managerial practice and professional practice in policing.

## **BACKGROUND**

This course of study represents a response to the specific needs of the Jamaica Constabulary Force (JCF) and the national demand for the creating of a cadre of highly professional police officers.

## **COURSE RATIONALE**

If the Jamaica Constabulary Force is to fulfil its mandate, a modernized police force will require new and wide-ranging skills and competencies. The competencies must spread across not only the specialized function of policing, but also incorporate other general management areas.

Recognizing the needs of the Jamaica Constabulary Force (JCF), a management decision was taken by the JCF to request a reintroduction of the Police Studies and Management Course of studies. This course will form part of their Accelerated Promotions Programme.

The Accelerated Promotions Programme incorporates specialized training at the National Police College of Jamaica (NPCJ) and at UTech Jamaica. At the end of the programme of study, participants will receive an Associate of Science Degree in Police Studies and Management.

This course of study will reflect the knowledge, skills and attitudes required for the management of a constabulary force, aligned in the practical, operational and contextual aspects of policing.

## GOALS

### **The ASc. in Police Studies and Management seeks to:**

- produce graduates with the required knowledge and skills in management and police operations
- provide a broad interdisciplinary approach to facilitate the development of critical thinking and problem-solving skills
- provide opportunities for participants to acquire life-long learning attitudes and skills
- provide participants with the skills required to analyse and interpret data, and report findings
- promote an awareness of policing issues at the national, regional and international levels
- enable participants to practice and develop appropriate management behaviours
- equip police professionals with a broad theoretical framework to facilitate the identification and resolution of social and ethical issues.

## OBJECTIVES

### **At the end of this course of study, the student should be able to:**

- prepare and present reports using appropriate and coherent language
- evaluate information to address social and ethical issues facing organizations
- analyse information to inform decision-making
- develop strategies to promote team development and organizational efficiency
- relate cultural and social issues to the demands of professional policing
- apply self-directed learning methods to their professional life
- recognize risks associated with personal and professional life
- relate local issues and events to external political, economic and social developments.
- use proven and innovative managerial strategies to achieve organizational goals.
- evaluate and integrate theory and practice associated with the management of operations.

## DESIGN

Course delivery will be facilitated through face-to-face and online. The ASc. degree requires the completion of sixty-three (credits) over twelve (12) months.

The modules will be offered in a modular format. The first session is five (5) weeks conducted by the JCF, followed by five (5) additional sessions of seven and a half (7.5) weeks conducted by the University of Technology, Jamaica.

The course of study includes modules from the National Police College of Jamaica (NPCJ) and the Bachelor of Business Administration programme of study offered by the School of Business Administration. In addition, there are modules from the following Schools at UTech, Jamaica:

- School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS)
- School of Computing and Information Technology (SCIT)
- Faculty of Science and Sports (FOSS)

Exemption for modules will be considered where learning outcomes are deemed equivalent to those prescribed in a UTech module, and or the award of credits for equivalent module successfully pursued at an approved institution.

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- All students will be selected by the Jamaica Constabulary Force (JCF) according to their organizational and management needs.
- All students must meet the basic university requirements: five (5) CSEC subjects including Mathematics and English. In addition, all applicants must have successfully completed the Jamaica Constabulary Force Supervisory Management programme.
- Prior Learning Assessment (PLA): Consideration for entry will also be given to students who possess the requisite knowledge and competencies acquired through work experience, or other educational programmes.

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