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# BSc (Hons) Applied Social Sciences

*with Specialisation in*

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Social Services

Criminology

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## **BSc. (Hons) APPLIED SOCIAL SCIENCES**

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### **A. PROGRAMME INFORMATION**

The norms and values guiding behaviour in society are constantly undergoing changes, brought about by the rapid economic and technological advancement. The pressure being exerted on our social fabric is enormous. There is a need to study and understand the way society is organised and prepares itself to face these on-going adjustments. What influences people and society to act in a particular way and how these actions can be monitored and modified, need to be mastered, so as to be able to take pro-active measures to make our society a better place to live in.

The Bachelor of Applied Social Sciences provides students with skills and abilities pertinent to a variety of professional careers in the public and private sectors of employment. Students are encouraged to develop a theoretical insight to enable them to understand not only current developments in society and the workplace, but also to adapt and respond appropriately to future developments as they occur. In addition, the course is designed to enhance a number of generic skills highly valued by employers and important for the development of the individual, such as self-awareness, presentation and communication skills, and skills for the maintenance of learning and knowledge. This Degree can also be used as a stepping-stone for more specialised studies in a range of disciplines forming part of the social-sciences family.

### **B. PROGRAMME AIMS**

The programme aims at training students to achieve academic excellence and to develop their general analytical and communicative skills and other personal attributes valued by employers. This degree suits independent thinkers with a curiosity about the world and the people who live in it, as it aims at taking a deep insight into the way people and society function and change. The Bachelor of Applied Social Sciences is designed to facilitate the interdisciplinary study of contemporary societies. The program provides grounding in both social theory and the research methods of the social sciences, as well as awareness of the policy implications of social research. At level 3, students will be provided with the opportunity to focus on one of the following areas: Sociology, Social Services or Criminology. Students are expected to emerge with the skills, knowledge and motivation to make a difference.

### **C. PROGRAMME OBJECTIVES**

The Bachelor of Applied Social Sciences is planned to enable students to:

- Develop learning skills in an interdisciplinary environment
- Experience breadth of disciplinary studies and intellectual processes
- Specialise in their chosen area of study.
- Understand the cross-cultural issues of interdisciplinary study and teams
- Develop the personal qualities and attitudes needed for professional success
- Identify and understand the fundamental values that inform critical issues and decision making

The degree will consist of general modules in the first year, and will subsequently offer specialised modules in either Sociology, Social Services or Criminology in the final year.

The programme also offers 3 exit points, enabling students to qualify for the award of a Certificate, a Diploma and a Degree respectively.

## **PART 1: REGULATIONS**

### **D. GENERAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

As per UTM 'Admissions Regulations' and 'Admission to Programmes of Study at Degree Level'

### **E. PROGRAMME ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

As per UTM entry requirements.

### **F. PROGRAMME MODE AND DURATION**

Full Time: Minimum 3 Years, Maximum 6 Years

Part Time: Minimum 4 Years, Maximum 7 Years

Each academic year includes two semesters.

### **G. TEACHING AND LEARNING STRATEGIES**

The programme will employ a wide variety of teaching methods, including lectures, individual or group projects, presentations, workshops, case studies, talks by guest speakers and work placement. The University recognises the importance of practical experience and its value to employers. Work Placement holds a significant place in the degree as it allows full-time students to obtain first-hand exposure before taking up employment after graduation. Part-time students will be required to submit a portfolio.

Self-learning will be the key feature of the programme, enabling students to explore, investigate and research into the various topics, interact with practitioners, and work in teams on projects.

### **H. STUDENT SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE**

In addition to traditional lectures, group tutorials or individual tutorials are arranged for students.

### **I. ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS**

As per UTM Regulations

### **J. CREDIT SYSTEM**

The modules carry 3 or 4 credits as per the programme structure.

Work placement - 4 credits

Portfolio – 4 credits

Dissertation- 9 credits

For the award of a Certificate, 35 credits are required

For the award of a Diploma, 68 credits are required

For the award of a Degree, 103 credits are required

1 credit = 15 hours of lecture

1 credit = 30 hours of practical/tutorials/seminars

1 credit = 75 hours of Work Placement

### **K. STUDENT PROGRESS AND ASSESSMENT**

For the award of the Degree, all modules must be passed in the examinations, coursework and other forms of

assessment.

The programme will be assessed as follows:

- Unless otherwise specified, written examinations shall be of duration of 2 hours for modules carrying 3 credits and not less than 3 hours for modules carrying 4 credits contributing 70% of the total marks. The assessment weightage per examination-based module is 70% for written examinations and 30% for continuous assessment such as seminars, presentations, class tests and written assignments. All modules are normally assessed over 100 marks, except for project/dissertation where it shall be as specified in the programme.
- The modules 'Essentials of Statistics' will be assessed through 50% coursework and 50% exams. The coursework should include at least 2 class tests and two formal assignments.
- The following modules will be assessed 100% coursework as follows:

Social Research Methods will be assessed by project based assignment involving fieldwork, report and presentation.

Full-time students will be assessed for the Work Placement in Year 2 Semester 2 which will be conducted for a total of 300 hours as per the Work Placement Guidelines and Policy. The learning objectives for the Work Placement will be specified in a learning contract between the placement supervisor and the learner. The placement supervisor will be required to fill out a feedback appraisal form pertaining to student's performance during the placement. Students must demonstrate that they have achieved the learning objectives specified in the learning contract.

- Part-time students will be assessed for Portfolio as per the portfolio guideline.
- The overall pass mark for a module shall be 40%

## L. EVALUATION OF PERFORMANCE

### Grading

Overall Marks	Grade
$70 \leq X \leq 100$	A
$60 \leq X < 70$	B
$50 \leq X < 60$	C
$40 \leq X < 50$	D
$X < 40$	F
A-D	Pass
F	Fail

The percentage mark at Level 1 contributes a 20 % weighting towards the Degree classification.

The percentage mark at Level 2 contributes a 30% weighting towards the Degree classification.

The percentage mark at Level 3 contributes a 50% weighting towards the Degree classification.

## M. AWARD CLASSIFICATION

First Class with Honours	$CPA \geq 70$
Second Class First Division with Honours	$60 \leq CPA < 70$
Second Class Second Division with Honours	$50 \leq CPA < 60$
Third Class with Honours	$45 \leq CPA < 50$
Pass	$40 \leq CPA < 45$
No Award	$CPA < 40$

## N. PROGRAMME ORGANISATION AND MANAGEMENT

### Programme Development Committee:

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## PART II - PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

### O. BSc. (Hons) Applied Social Sciences – Full Time (Version 6.2)

YEAR 1							
Semester 1				Semester 2			
Code	Core Modules	Hrs/Wk L+T	Credits	Code	Core Modules	Hrs/Wk L+T	Credits
SSCI 1102B	<i>Introduction to Sociology</i>	3 + 0	3	SMKG 1508B	<i>Marketing and Public Relations</i>	3 + 2	4
MGPL 1105B	<i>Essentials of Psychology</i>	3 + 0	3	SSCI 1105B	<i>Sociology of the Family and Gender Issues</i>	3 + 2	4
CNLG 1103B	<i>Counselling Theories and Principles</i>	3 + 2	4	MBUS1102B	<i>Principles and Practices of Management</i>	3 + 0	3
COMM1101B	<i>Business Communication</i>	3 + 0	3	SSDV1104B	<i>Sustainability for Social Sciences</i>	3 + 2	4
SSCI 1104B	<i>Social Theory and Sociological Thought</i>	3 + 2	4	STAT1104B	<i>Essentials of Statistics</i>	2 + 2	3
→ Start of Level 1				Finish of Level 1 →			
YEAR 2							
Semester 1				Semester 2			
Code	Core Modules	Hrs/Wk L+T	Credits	Code	Core Modules	Hrs/Wk L+T	Credits
OSHM 1110B	<i>Workplace Safety and Health Promotion</i>	3 + 0	3	SCIO 2301B	<i>Criminality and Deviance</i>	3 + 0	3
SCIO 1201B	<i>Social Psychology</i>	3 + 0	3	SSDV2602B	<i>Community Services</i>	3 + 0	3
SCIO 2204B	<i>Migration and Society</i>	3 + 0	3	SMKG 2402B	<i>Customer Relationship</i>		3

					Management	3 + 0	
LWS 1401B	Law and Legal Principles	3 + 0	3	WPL 2000B	Work Placement		4
SSCI 2106B	Social Work and Social Policy	3 + 2	4				
SSCI 2202B	Work Behaviour	3 + 2	4				
→ Start of Level 2				Finish of Level 2 →			

YEAR 3 - Specialisation in Sociology							
Semester 1				Semester 2			
Code	Core Modules	Hrs/Wk L+T	Credits	Code	Core Modules	Hrs/Wk L+T	Credits
POVT 3101B	Poverty and Social Exclusion	3 + 0	3	CSR 3204B	Ethics and Society	3 + 0	3
SCIO 3205B	Evolution of Social Behaviour	3 + 0	3	OPS3205B	Project Management	3 + 0	3
SCIO 3206B	Sociology of Life course and ageing	3 + 0	3	MGMT2119B	Managing Public and Private Welfare Institutions	3 + 0	3
STAT3306B	Social Research methods	3 + 2	4	SSCI3107B	Sociology of work and Leisure	3 + 2	4
DISS 3000B	<b>Dissertation*</b>			DISS3000B	<b>Dissertation*</b>		9
→	Start of Level 3			Finish of Level 3			→

\* Dissertation starts Semester 1 of level 3 and credits will be earned at the end of Semester 2 of level 3

YEAR 3-Specialisation in Social Services							
Semester 1				Semester 2			
Code	Core Modules	Hrs/Wk L+T	Credits	Code	Core Modules	Hrs/Wk L+T	Credits
POVT 3101B	Poverty and Social Exclusion	3 + 0	3	MGMT2119B	Managing Public and Private Welfare Institutions	3 + 0	3
LLAW 3209B	Social Security Law and Practice	3 + 0	3	SCIO 3302B	Policing Styles and Principles	3 + 0	3
SCIO 3107B	Welfare and Social Justice	3 + 2	4	LLAW 3210B	Human Rights and Equality law	3 + 0	3
STAT3306B	Social Research methods	3 + 2	4	OPS3205B	Project Management	3 + 0	3
DISS 3000B	<b>Dissertation*</b>			DISS 3000B	<b>Dissertation*</b>		9
→	Start of Level 3			Finish of Level 3			

• Dissertation starts Semester 1 of level 3 and credits will be earned at the end of Semester 2 of level 3

YEAR 3-Specialisation in Criminology							
Semester 1				Semester 2			
Code	Core Modules	Hrs/Wk L+T	Credits	Code	Core Modules	Hrs/Wk L+T	Credits
LWS 3605B	<i>Criminology and Criminal Justice Studies</i>	3 + 2	4	SCIO 3207B	<i>Urban Sociology</i>	2 + 1	3
LWS 3602B	<i>Understanding Criminal Behaviour</i>	3 + 0	3	LWS3603B	<i>Comparative Penal Systems</i>	2 + 1	3
LWS3604B	<i>Criminal Law</i>	3 + 0	3	LLAW 3210B	<i>Human Rights and Equality Law</i>	2 + 1	3
STAT3306B	<i>Social Research Methods</i>	3+2	4	SCIO 3302B	<i>Policing Styles and Principles</i>	2 + 1	3
DISS 3000B	<b>Dissertation*</b>			DISS 3000B	<b>Dissertation *</b>		9
→	<i>Start of Level 3</i>			<i>Finish of Level 3</i>			→

\* Dissertation starts Semester 1 of level 3 and credits will be earned at the end of Semester 2 of level 3

**P. BSc (Hons) Applied Social Sciences – Part Time (Version 6.2)**

YEAR 1							
Semester 1				Semester 2			
Code	Core Modules	Hrs/Wk L+T	Credits	Code	Core Modules	Hrs/Wk L+T	Credits
SSCI 1102B	<i>Introduction to Sociology</i>	3 + 0	3	SSCI 1104B	<i>Social Theory and Sociological Thought</i>	3 + 2	4
MGPL 1105B	<i>Essentials of Psychology</i>	3 + 0	3	SMKG 1508B	<i>Marketing and Public Relations</i>	3 + 2	4
CNLG 1103B	<i>Counselling Theories and Principles</i>	3 + 2	4	SSCI 1105B	<i>Sociology of the Family and Gender Issues</i>	3 + 2	4
COMM1101B	<i>Business Communication</i>	3 + 0	3				
→ Start of Level 1							
YEAR 2							
Semester 1				Semester 2			
Code	Core Modules	Hrs/Wk L+T	Credits	Code	Core Modules	Hrs/Wk L+T+DS	Credits
MBUS1102B	<i>Principles and Practices of Management</i>	3 + 0	3	OSHM 1110B	<i>Workplace Safety and Health Promotion</i>	3 + 0	3
SSDV1104B	<i>Sustainability for Social Sciences</i>	3 + 2	4	SCIO 1201B	<i>Social Psychology</i>	3 + 0	3
STAT1104	<i>Essentials of Statistics</i>	2 + 2	3	SCIO 2204B	<i>Migration and Society</i>	3 + 0	3
				LWS 1401B	<i>Law and Legal Principles</i>	3 + 0	3
Finish of Level 1 →				→ Start of Level 2			
YEAR 3							
Semester 1				Semester 2			
Code	Core Modules	Hrs/Wk L+T	Credits	Code	Core Modules	Hrs/Wk L+T	Credits
SSCI 2106B	<i>Social Work and Social Policy</i>	3 + 2	4	SSDV2602B	<i>Community Services</i>	3 + 0	3
SSCI 2202B	<i>Work Behaviour</i>	3 + 2	4	SMKG 2402B	<i>Customer Relationship Management</i>	3 + 0	3
SCIO 2301B	<i>Criminality and Deviance</i>	3 + 0	3	WPL 2000B	<i>Work Placement</i>		4
Finish of Level 2 →							



YEAR 4 - Specialisation in Sociology							
Semester 1				Semester 2			
Code	Core Modules	Hrs/Wk L+T	Credits	Code	Core Modules	Hrs/Wk L+T	Credits
POVT 3101B	<i>Poverty and Social Exclusion</i>	3 + 0	3	CSR 3204B	<i>Ethics and Society</i>	3 + 0	3
SCIO 3205B	<i>Evolution of Social Behaviour</i>	3 + 0	3	OPS3205B	<i>Project Management</i>	3 + 0	3
SCIO 3206B	<i>Sociology of Life course and ageing</i>	3 + 0	3	MGMT2119B	<i>Managing Public and Private Welfare Institutions</i>	3 + 0	3
STAT3306B	<i>Social Research methods</i>	3 + 2	4	SSCI3107B	<i>Sociology of work and Leisure</i>	3 + 2	4
DISS 3000B	<b>Dissertation*</b>			DISS3000B	<b>Dissertation*</b>		9
→	Start of Level 3			Finish of Level 3 →			

\* Dissertation starts Semester 1 of level 3 and credits will be earned at the end of Semester 2 of level 3

YEAR 4 - Specialisation in Social Services							
Semester 1				Semester 2			
Code	Core Modules	Hrs/Wk L+T	Credits	Code	Core Modules	Hrs/Wk L+T	Credits
POVT 3101B	<i>Poverty and Social Exclusion</i>	3 + 0	3	MGMT2119B	<i>Managing Public and Private Welfare Institutions</i>	3 + 0	3
LLAW 3209B	<i>Social Security Law and Practice</i>	3 + 0	3	SCIO 3302B	<i>Policing Styles and Principles</i>	3 + 0	3
SCIO 3107B	<i>Welfare and Social Justice</i>	3 + 2	4	LWS 3402B	<i>Human Rights and Equality law</i>	3 + 0	3
STAT3306B	<i>Social Research methods</i>	3 + 2	4	OPS3205B	<i>Project Management</i>	3 + 0	3
DISS 3000B	<b>Dissertation*</b>			DISS 3000B	<b>Dissertation*</b>		9
→	Start of Level 3			Finish of Level 3			

- Dissertation starts Semester 1 of level 3 and credits will be earned at the end of Semester 2 of level 3

YEAR 4 - Specialisation in Criminology							
Semester 1				Semester 2			
Code	Core Modules	Hrs/Wk L+T	Credits	Code	Core Modules	Hrs/Wk L+T	Credits
LWS 3605B	<i>Criminology and Criminal Justice Studies</i>	3 + 2	4	SCIO 3207B	<i>Urban Sociology</i>	2 + 1	3
LWS 3602B	<i>Understanding Criminal Behaviour</i>	3 + 0	3	LWS3603B	<i>Comparative Penal Systems</i>	2 + 1	3
LWS3604B	<i>Criminal Law</i>	3 + 0	3	LWS 3402B	<i>Human Rights and Equality Law</i>	2 + 1	3
STAT3306B	<i>Social Research Methods</i>	3+2	4	SCIO 3302B	<i>Policing Styles and Principles</i>	2 + 1	3
DISS 3000B	<b>Dissertation*</b>			DISS 3000B	<b>Dissertation *</b>		9
→	<i>Start of Level 3</i>			<i>Finish of Level 3</i>			→

**TOTAL NUMBER OF CREDITS: 103**

## Q. NON PRESCRIPTIVE MODULE OUTLINE

### **SSCI 1102B: Introduction to Sociology**

Perspectives in sociology, the interplay between social influences and personal experience, gender issues, stratification, ethnicity and race, groups and organizations, Basic social institutions: marriage and the family, education and the media, and work and economic life

### **MGPL 1105B: Essentials of Psychology**

Major perspectives & areas of speciality in the field of psychology; Studies carried out in various fields of psychology; What makes human beings think, feel & act the way they do; Review of existing research findings; Actions to be taken to harness human potentials individually & in groups for the benefits of organizations; Methodologies for conducting psychological research; Current behavioural problems in organization; Psychology of the masses and its effects on the media

### **CNLG 1103B: Counselling Theories and Principles**

Overview of psychotherapeutic approaches; Humanistic/ Person-centered theory and practice; counselling models: gestalt, cognitive behavioural, psychodynamic; counselling relationship; counselling across cultures; The helping professions; knowledge and attitude needed to use counselling in various fields; issues in counselling; social, cultural, ethnic, religious implications in professional counselling; personal and professional requirements for career development in the field of counselling; academic and practice requirements; ethical frameworks that underpin and contain good practice in counselling; Commitment; Practical sessions

### **COMM 1101B: Business Communication**

Importance of communicating effectively; Internal & external Communication ; Verbal & non Verbal communication; Process of communication; Communication Barriers; Intercultural communication; Teamwork; Conflict & communication; Writing for business audiences – letters, reports, memorandums, e-communication; Interviews – preparing for job interviews, letter of application, curriculum vitae writing; Grooming; Customer Service and Communication

### **SSCI 1104B: Social Theory and Sociological Thought**

Founding figures of social theory; Socrates, Plato, Aristotle, Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau, Saint-Simon and Montesquieu; Contributions of major sociological theorists such as Marx, Weber, and Durkheim and Simmel; Contribution of Women: Martineau, Adams & Gilman; Chicago School, Functionalism, Interaction, Feminism and Structuralism; Contradictions in social theory- Agency and structure, Dualism; Post-Modernism; the future of Social theory.

### **SMKG1508B: Marketing and Public Relations**

Nature and scope of Marketing, the Marketing Environment, Marketing Mix - the 4P's, Product and Services, Place, Price, Promotion, The extended marketing mix, Services Marketing, Broadening, the scope of marketing, Green Marketing, Customer Relationship Management, Marketing Plan and Audit, Integrated marketing communications, Nature, evolution, scope & objectives of PR, the role and importance of PR in business & communication, Communication & public relations writing; PR & the press ; Research & planning for PR campaigns; Print media relations & electronic media relations; Employee relations & multicultural community relations; Government relations & International relations; Sponsorship & Corporate Social Responsibility; Crisis management

### **SSCI 1105B: Sociology of the Family and Gender Issues**

Defining family and its universality; theoretical perspectives; Industrialisation and the family; The changing functions of the family; Trends in Mauritian families; Divorce and Remarriage; the future of marriage and family; The social construction of gender roles; theoretical perspectives on gender; gender inequality in global perspective; gender relations in the workplace; gender and stratification; gender and violence; postmodernism.

### **MBUS 1102B: Principles and Practices of Management**

Definition, Meaning & Scope of Management, Brief overview of Management Approaches, Roles & functions of Managers, Understanding & Managing Business Environment; Decision making; Motivation; Leadership; Teams & team building; Managing for sustainability – managerial behaviour & effectiveness; Perception & communications; Values, Ethics & Professionalism, Corporate Social Responsibility.

### **SSDV 1104B : Sustainability for Social Sciences**

Origins & concept of sustainability; Definitions and measures of economic, social and environmental sustainability; Key concepts & drivers of sustainability; Sustainable development issues & socio-cultural sustainability; The triple bottom line: economics, environment & equity; Roles of stakeholders, institutions, the business community, government, consumers & NGOs; Principles of social sustainability; Social footprint; Social sustainability assessment framework; Corporate social responsibility; Resource production & consumption; Education and sustainable lifestyle; Transport and social sustainability; Eco-efficiency & carbon trading ; Sustainable industry and business

### **STAT 1104B: Essentials of Statistics**

Introduction to Statistics; Type of data; Measurement and scaling techniques; Data collection and data preparation; Graphical representation of data; Measures of location and dispersion; Basic probability; Distribution of random variables: Binominal and Normal distribution; Sampling distribution and interval estimation

### **OSHM 1110B: Workplace Safety and Health Promotion**

Concepts of Safety and Health promotion; Environmental workplace hazards & Occupational Health: Ergonomics, Psycho-social diseases and wellness promotion; Workplace violence; Safety considerations in the work environment; Promotional strategies for developing safety and health culture: internal and external customer; Legislation governing Safety and Health; Role of Employer, Supervisor & Management in Safety & Health promotion; Organisation Safety & Health policy; Current issues in Safety and Health promotion

### **SCIO 1201: Social Psychology**

People's social interactions, relationships, social perceptions, and attitudes; using knowledge of cognitive processing to understand the complexities of social phenomena- socialization, personality development, self actualization and interpersonal processes; analysing current social problems; applying knowledge to practical issues, such as organisations and workplace settings; methods used in social psychology; ethical issues

### **SCIO 2204 Migration and Society**

Definition; Theories of Migration; Costs, benefits, opportunities and challenges; Labour Migration in a capitalist system; Migration in the World Economic system; Dimensions of Gender and Class; Process of Migration in the North and South; immigration policies and politics; Forms, Causes and Consequences; Diasporas; globalisation of

international migration.

### **SCIO 2301: Criminality and Deviance**

Definition; The relativity of deviance; physiological and psychological attempts to explain deviance; sociological theories of deviance-functionalism, conflict, symbolic interactionism and phenomenological perspectives; Reaction by deviants; Gender and crime; Masculinities and crime; Postmodernism and criminology

### **SSDV2602B: Community Services**

Understanding community services; Aspects of community services; Role of community services in community development; Community education; Ethics and Principles of Working with Young People and Young People's Services; Community Work and Citizenship; Management of People and Resources; Contemporary community issues; Ageing population and community services.

### **SKMG 2402B: Customer Relationship Management**

Introduction to customer relationship management; Customer expectations, satisfaction & loyalty; Customer-focused strategies to attract, satisfy & retain customers; Branding, positioning & product loyalty; Managing customer feedback & handling complaints; Roles of employees in CRM; Framework for CRM implementation; Role of information technology in developing and managing customer relations; Ethical issues arising from the acquisition, use and sharing of customer data; Measuring success of customer-centred initiatives

### **LWS 1401B: Law and Legal Principles**

Introduction to common law, civil law, criminal law & international law; Legal personality & commercial law (company law & law of contract etc.); The separation of powers: legislative, executive & judiciary; Laws governing the media; Regulating authorities for the media; Libel, slander & defamation; Copyright laws, intellectual property & functions of WIPO

### **SSCI 2106B : Social Work and Social Policy**

History and development of social work theory and methods; areas of social work interventions; Methods of communication and engagement to develop trust and maintain confidence; Assertion; Valuing diversity and promoting independence; Risk Assessment; research in social work, General theories and issues of social policy, skills in planning and policy development; use of techniques and models in estimating social needs and optimal provisions. Social and political parameters in planning and policy; planning for social work intervention. Students are expected to carry out small-scale planning exercises.

### **SSCI 2202B : Work Behaviour**

The emerging field of workplace psychology/ behaviour; Attitudes, commitments, values and ethics; Behaviour from different perspectives and how it is perceived differently in the society; Personality processes: construct and performance; Motivational theories, applications and Practices; Job analysis and Job evaluation; Performance Management and Rating systems; Employment Testing: Abilities, Personality & Skills/ Achievement; Training and Development; New Leadership approaches; Understanding Work teams; Conflict resolution and Management; Employee relations; Safety and Health, Employee Health problems; Stress: its effects and management; New Frontiers in Work Psychology: EQ and SQ

### **WPL 2000B PORT 2000B : Workplacement /Portfolio**

A workplacement of 300 hours will be undertaken by full time students  
Part time students will have to submit a portfolio

### **POVT 3101B: Poverty and Social Exclusion**

Definitions of poverty; types; measurement; national strategies to combat exclusion and meet needs; media reports on social exclusion and poverty; major historical developments of policy making; connections between structural inequalities and social divisions in the Mauritian society.

### **SCIO 3205B: Evolution of Social Behaviour**

Fundamentals of evolution; selection and adaptation; Eugenics. Mendel, and inheritance; DNA and development; the group-selectionist fallacy; the evolution of co-operation; inclusive fitness and kin altruism; the theory of parental investment; the sociobiology of sex; parent-offspring and genetic conflict and genomic imprinting; reciprocal altruism,

deceit and the evolution of consciousness and the emotions; sex roles, socialization, and evolved cognitive differences between the sexes; autism research and its implications for the understanding of normal social behaviour; the imprinted brain theory and its implications for psychiatry and the social sciences; incest; the nature/nurture controversy; the relevance and validity of evolution; the Standard Social Science Model, Evolutionary Psychology and the crisis in sociology.

### **SCIO 3206B: Sociology of Life Course and Ageing**

Introduction to the Life course paradigm; themes and critiques; Methods and models; Human agency and structural constraints; Constraints to human agency; Inter-generational transmission of attitudes and behaviours; Short and long-term Effects of Family structure and resources; Turning points; transition to adulthood; Work-life transitions and trajectories; Social factors in ageing; Sociological perspectives on ageing; Sociology of death and dying

### **STAT 3306B : Social Research Methods**

This module is designed for students who wish to gain an understanding of social science research potentials and limits. It is also intended for those who want to research social phenomena scientifically. Contents to be covered include: The research process, Social research problem formulation, Writing proper research questions & research objectives; Literature review techniques, Referencing strategies and systems, Obstacles to scientific Inquiry, Quantitative & qualitative research design, Unobtrusive research, Survey research, types of samples & sampling methods; Qualitative and quantitative data collection methods; Ethical consideration in research; Qualitative and quantitative data analysis, Report writing

### **CSR 3204B: Ethics and Society**

Introduction to ethics & morality; Ethics & philosophy; Societal attitudes towards business & communication; Business ethics & social responsibility; Codes of ethics for stake holders; Social & Corporate values; Corporate governance and transparency in government administration & business management; Private & public sectors relationship within the ethical framework; Global competitiveness & international trade; Behaviour multinationals & transnational corporations within the global society

### **OPS 3205B: Project Management**

Introduction, Philosophy & Concepts; Project Lifecycle; Project Selection; Planning Fundamentals; Network Scheduling; PERT & CPM; Resource Planning & Allocation; Cost Estimating & budgeting ; Scope Management ; Managing Risks in Projects; Project Control, Evaluation, Reporting & Termination; Project Organisation structure & Integration; Project Quality Management ; Project Communication; Teams & Leadership

### **MBUS 2103B: Managing Public and Private Welfare Institutions**

Managing welfare institutions; public and private institutions; social welfare agency administration and management; record keeping; types of welfare institutions; funding and budget management; dealing with issues related to internal and external clients; public support and interventions; crisis management; cyclones, flood, fire management; dealing with trauma; needs and wants of communities; perception of welfare institutions and public expectations.

### **SSCI 3107 B: Sociology of Work and Leisure**

Definition and Evolution of work; Work and non-work; Theoretical perspective on work; Work and the family, Work and Gender; types of employment; unemployment, the future of work. Sociology of Leisure; Leisure and social stratification; Gender and leisure; gambling and its social implication

### **LLAW 3209B: Social Security Law and Practice**

Idea, aims and objectives of social security service; bodies ensuring smooth running of service; Laws governing social security-National Pensions Act, National Savings Fund, Social Aid, Social Aid Regulations 1984, Unemployment hardship relief act, UHR Regulations

### **SCIO 3107B: Welfare and Social Justice**

The welfare society and its clients; Balancing Individual and Societal responsibilities; influential theories of justice; historical roots of the welfare state; evolution of social values and social welfare; ideology, social policy and Govt intervention; Case study of presently existing welfare regimes; Nonprofit and Private social welfare; social trends affecting social welfare. Globalisation and social justice.

### **SCIO 3302B: Policing Styles and Principles**

Policing styles and principles; police discretion and the police role in society; policing methods; 3 Es, police/community relations and police technology; deciding upon policing styles; Dilemmas in policing – force or service, crime fighters

or peace - keepers, reactive or preventive, state police or community police. Models of policing – ‘Community’, ‘Zero Tolerance’, Problem – Oriented’, ‘Intelligence – led’, the merits and problems associated with each model and the relevance of each to the development of ‘best practice’ policing.

### **LWS 3402B: Human Rights and Equality law**

Protection of fundamental rights and freedoms of the individual; Equality and protection from discrimination; Legal protection of human rights in Mauritius; The role of the Supreme Court; The role of Human Rights Commission; The role of NGOs; International Protection of human rights ( International Covenant on Civil and Political rights, International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural rights; Regional protection of human rights (European convention on human rights, African Charter on Human and People’s Rights)

### **LWS3605 B: Criminology and Criminal Justice Studies**

Introduction to Criminology, the definition of criminology, the historical background, measuring crime, the extent of crime, sources of crime information, Psychological theories of crime, feminist perspective and criminology, victimology, the classical school, positivism, anomie and strain theory, labelling theory, control theory, media and crime. Themes and issues in the study of criminal justice ; Crime statistics and victimisation surveys ; Pre-trial processes - from arrest to sentencing; Policing and the politics of police powers.; Sentencing and penal aims; Young offenders and youth justice; Imprisonment: policies and problems ; Alternatives to custody: punishment in the community; Issues and politics of criminal justice policy

### **LWS3602B: Understanding Criminal Behaviour**

Understand offending behaviour from a social and psychological perspective, the role of Psychology to explain certain types of crime will be analysed, factors related to criminal behaviour, nature v/s nurture debate to explain criminality, the psychology of terrorism.

### **LWS3604B: Criminal Law**

The criminal Code; Attempt; Conspiracy; Complicity; Larceny; Aggravated larceny; Swindling; Embezzlement; Sexual offences; Defences (insanity, duress, mistake, self-defence); Excuses (provocation)

### **SCIO 3207B: Urban Sociology**

The roots of urban sociology in the nineteenth century; Urbanism as a way of life; Representing the city; Community and social cohesion; The contemporary city as the arena for social division; The underclass, spatial and social exclusion; Contested spaces & urban cultures; Defensive Exclusion: the growth of 'gated communities'; Identity, Ethnicity in the city; 'City Crimes' and 'Crime in the city'. Urban design and social engineering, and governance; Globalization and the postmodern city cities as both ordered and disordered.

### **LWS 3603B: Comparative Penal systems**

History of punishment; analysis of penal systems in Western Europe and North America, Africa, Australia and South America in order to understand the continuities and discontinuities between different countries and continents: penal aims and objectives; the sentencing process; custodial disposal measures; alternatives to custody and comparative penal systems.

### **DISS 3000B: Dissertation**

A 10,000-12,000 words dissertation will have to be submitted at the end of the semester and completed on a topic in the area of specialisation. The work submitted should conform to the Undergraduate Dissertation Guidelines. Topics studied by students should be relevant to the discipline and deal with contemporary issues in the field.