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## Seven new programmes on offer at UoM

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**Admission to the University of Mauritius (UoM) for the academic year 2012/13, starting in August, is already open. Students have up to March 26 to submit their application. This year, the University is offering seven new courses.**

Now that the results of the Higher School Certificate are out, admission procedures to Universities have already started. UoM is offering seven new courses for the academic year 2012/13 as well as part-time courses for the benefit of those who are working. Also, the programmes offered are meant to be more accessible to mature students.

The Faculty of Agriculture is introducing four new courses. BSc (Hons) Food Science and Technology, a three-and-a-half year full-time course; BSc (Hons) Agriscience and Technology (Minor: Agricultural Extension) which is a full-time course over a period of three years; and BSc (Hons) Agriscience and Technology (Minor: Agrifood Marketing) which is also a full-time course over three years. The Faculty is also offering Diploma/BSc (Hons) Agriscience and Technology, a new part-time course of five-year duration.

In the Faculty of Engineering, two new courses are being introduced: BSc (Hons) Design and Colour Applications and BSc (Hons) Sustainable Product Design, both being full-time courses over three years.



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One new course is being introduced in the Faculty of Law and Management. BA (Hons) Law and Criminal Justice is a three-year full-time course with the objective of offering students the opportunity to gain a legal education with courses taught in both law and criminal justice. It intends to give a thorough grounding in the principles of law but at the same time bridges the gap between theory and practice. It leads to a bilingual law degree designed to provide excellent foundational legal knowledge to students. The programme also provides an excellent education to those who wish to join other professions where an extensive legal background is necessary.

Note that the Faculty of Science is offering a Bachelor of Pharmacy (BPharm) but the course is presently under review. The four-year BPharm programme leads to a Bachelor in Pharmacy and is designed to be a professional undergraduate course, like the BSc (Hons) Biomedical Sciences programmes, the BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy and the BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy currently run by the Department of Health Sciences. Accordingly, the degree of flexibility will differ from most BSc (Hons) Programmes being run by the Faculty.

The programme design has taken into account the minimum requirements for the training and education of Pharmacists set by the UK Quality Assurance Agency subject benchmark for award of a Pharmacy degree. The BPharm at UoM, like in all UK pharmacy degree courses, is a 4-year full-time extended undergraduate degree, hence equivalent to a Master of Pharmacy classified honours award in UK. In addition to the successful completion of the four-year full-time theory and practical training, students will need to complete a 12-month pre-register training placement in hospital and private retail pharmacies to be awarded the BPharm. BPharm graduates will need to satisfy any other prevailing requirements of the Mauritius Pharmacy Board to obtain professional registration as a pharmacist in Mauritius.

#### UoM & CITREC

Accounting programmes recognised by CGA Canada

The Canadian International Training & Education Corp (CITREC) and the University of Mauritius (UoM) signed a partnership agreement last month that will ensure that UoM graduates receive transfer credits towards their study of Canada's Certified General Accountants Association certification (CGA) program.

In another major achievement by the UoM, as part of its agreement, CGA Canada in partnership with CITREC has evaluated UoM degree standards and found them to be substantially equivalent to Canadian degree standards. As such an undergraduate degree from the UoM in any discipline is recognized by CGA Canada as having met the university degree requirement.

As a CGA policy, all students will be required to have a university degree that is assessed as equivalent to a Canadian university degree. UoM becomes the first University in Mauritius and the first in the Southern African Development Community (SADC) to have reached this agreement with CITREC and CGA Canada. The degree from UoM may be in any discipline, not just accounting or business. This degree combines versatile management education and core business skills that complement CGA's accounting and financial management professional studies. A student who does not have a university degree from an institute that is recognised by CGA Canada cannot graduate with the CGA designation.

"We all recognise the power of collaboration and look forward to the benefits that this productive relationship will provide to our respective organisations. With our combined force, UoM students can look forward to international learning opportunities which will stand them in good stead for their future careers in the global accounting economy," CGA Canada Vice-President International Lyle Handfield Said.

He said that CGA Canada works closely with tertiary institutions around the world ensuring students meet the association's high academic and professional standards.

"Through our representative CITREC, this new agreement will provide Mauritian students with the opportunity to earn a prestigious university degree and internationally recognized professional accounting designation," he added. CITREC CEO Ashwant Dwivedi said that as part of this agreement, students of UOM who decide to pursue the CGA designation will receive multiple course credit towards CGA's foundation and advanced level courses



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towards their study of the CGA program.

"For the Foundation Studies (Levels 1 – 3) of the CGA program a UoM student who has graduated with a BSc (Hons) Accounting program will receive a number of transfer credits towards the CGA foundation and Advanced level study," he explained.

CITREC CEO also announced the opportunity for the UoM to offer advance level courses by incorporating CGA curriculum into its current business program.

"I am pleased to offer this opportunity to UoM on behalf of CGA Canada," he added.

Mauritians who have other designations, which include ACCA, CPA Australia, CPA Ireland and OEC France, can also apply to receive CGA designation.

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