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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES**

**CST 1202-FOUNDATIONS OF THE FUTURE CARIBBEAN (2)
SEMESTER II - 2008/2009**

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Course Objectives

This course is aimed at presenting students with an understanding of the major issues which comprises the immediate realities of the Caribbean, their relationship with non-Caribbean states and the effects of the extremal global environment on the region. Moreover, this course seeks to expand on previous knowledge that would be garnered hitherto.

Method of Delivery

This course is a four credit course; as such there will be a total of three (3) hours of lectures and one (1) hour of tutorials each week. This course will be delivered by face contact and also guest lectures.

Course Assessment

Tutorial paper	-10%
Group semester Essay (Long Paper)	-20%
Mid-semester Examination	-20%
End of semester Examination	-50%

Course weighting

This course is a 50/50 course; as such the weighting is as follows

Coursework	-50%
Final examination	-50%
Total	-100%

COURSE OUTLINE

Week 1: Agriculture in the Caribbean

- Farming systems in the Caribbean
- Agriculture in the Caribbean: Its Problems
- Agriculture in the Caribbean: Sustainability

Week 2-3: poverty and Health in the Caribbean

- Definitions, Origins and types of poverty
- Health Indicators of poverty
- Health-poverty relationship: Theoretical Analysis
- Persistence and areas of alleviation of poverty
- Case studies: Guyana and Haiti
- Future possibilities or lack of in the fight against poverty

Week 4: economics of Caribbean societies

- Elements of Economic Development
- Elements of Caribbean Economics
- Development strategies- Privatization

Week 5: Ecological and Environmental Biodiversity Issues in the Caribbean Environment

- Deforestation
- Tourism and Environmental Degradation
- Industrial activities and Global Warming
- Ozone layer depletion and effects
- Mining and land degradation

Week 6-7: Political Development in the Caribbean

- Constitutional Developments of two Caribbean Societies since the 1960s
- Independence and Nationhood
- Ideological changes and their effect on societies
- Cuba and the Caribbean: An overview of a nation determination to survive

Week 8: Labour and Politics in the Caribbean

- Condition which gave rise to the labour movement
- Development of labour movements in the Caribbean
- Labour, politics and nationalism: An examination of the Nexus

Week 9-10: Major Foreign and Trade Relations

- ACP-EU relations: The place of CARICOM – Lomé Iv
- NAFTA
- A brief overview of the EPA
- Foreign Aid and its implications
- Globalization and the influences of the Global North

Week 11: Race, Class, Ethnicity and Politics

- Conceptualizations of terms
- The problem of race and class, ethnicity, class and politics
- Case studies of any two Caribbean states

Week 12: Technology and Development

- Technology transfer
- Technology and development
- Technology, education and the Information Media
- Technology and culture changes

Week 13: An Overview of Caribbean Religions

- Religious Fundamentalism
- Religious Syncretism
- Folk Religions of the Caribbean

Week 14: REVISION AND EXAMINATION

