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Accreditation in the Commonwealth Caribbean

- Accreditation vs Official Degree-Granting Recognition
  - Public vs Private Institutions
- Official Degree-Granting Recognition in the United States
- Official Degree-Granting Recognition in the Caribbean
## Caribbean Systems with an active national accreditation body

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<tr>
<th>Country</th>
<th>National Accreditation Council (NAC) &amp; date of establishment</th>
<th>Active</th>
<th>NAC has accredited programs</th>
<th>Current Supervisory Body if a NAC is not operating</th>
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<tr>
<td>Barbados</td>
<td>Barbados Accreditation Council, 2004</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>n/a</td>
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<td>Guyana</td>
<td>National Accreditation Council, 2005</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Ministry of Education, with some institutions under jurisdiction of Ministry of Agriculture and Ministry of Health</td>
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<td>Jamaica</td>
<td>University Council Jamaica, 1987</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>n/a</td>
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<td>St. Kitts and Nevis</td>
<td>St. Kitts and Nevis Accreditation Board, 2000</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>The NAC works in conjunction with the Ministry of Education</td>
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<td>Trinidad &amp; Tobago</td>
<td>Accreditation Council of Trinidad &amp; Tobago, 2004</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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## Caribbean systems with legislation in place for an accreditation body

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<th>National Accreditation Council (NAC) &amp; date of establishment</th>
<th>Legislation in place for a NAC</th>
<th>Has draft legislation for a NAC</th>
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<td>Antigua &amp; Barbuda</td>
<td>National Accreditation Board, 2006</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>n/a</td>
<td>Ministry of Education</td>
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<td>Bahamas</td>
<td>National Accreditation and Equivalency Council of the Bahamas, 2006</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>n/a</td>
<td>Tertiary/Quality Assurance Division of the Ministry of Education, Youth, Sports and Culture; works in conjunction with the Public Service Department which approves qualifications for employment.</td>
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<td>Bermuda</td>
<td>n/a</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Dominica</td>
<td>n/a</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>n/a</td>
<td>Ministry of Education and Human Resource Development</td>
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<td>Montserrat</td>
<td>n/a</td>
<td>n/a</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>St. Vincent &amp; the Grenadines</td>
<td>St. Vincent &amp; the Grenadines National Accreditation Board</td>
<td>No</td>
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Caribbean Systems with traditional quality assurance structures

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<td>Education Department of the Ministry of Social Development</td>
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<td>British Virgin Islands</td>
<td>Department of Education and Culture of the Ministry of Education and Culture</td>
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<td>Cayman Islands</td>
<td>Education Council of the Ministry of Education, Training and Employment</td>
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<td>Grenada</td>
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<td>Turks &amp; Caicos Islands</td>
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Caribbean Examinations Council (CXC)

The Caribbean Exams: Recognise Worldwide

- Est. 1972 as regional examination board to replace the UK boards

Offered first examinations in 1979

Development of syllabuses, exams, and exams administration

Offices in Barbados and Jamaica

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Strategic Vision

Making CXC a globally competitive brand

Making CXC an IT-intelligent organisation

Improving products and services

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16 Participating Territories

- Antigua & Barbuda
- Anguilla
- Barbados
- Belize
- British Virgin Islands
- Cayman Islands
- Dominica
- Grenada
- Guyana
- Jamaica
- Montserrat
- St. Kitts & Nevis
- St. Lucia
- Turks and Caicos Islands
- St. Vincent and the Grenadines
- Trinidad & Tobago

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Examinations Offered by the CXC

- **Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate (CSEC)**
- **Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examination (CAPE)**
- **Caribbean Vocational Qualification (CVQ)**
CXC System of Assessment

Criterion-referenced system

Performance is measured against specific objectives, set criteria or standards

Continuous Assessment
- School-Based Assessment at CSEC
- Internal Assessment at CAPE

Proficiencies
- General: leads to post-secondary studies
- Technical: knowledge for technical competence and post-secondary studies

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# 6-Point Grading System

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<th>Prior to 1998</th>
<th>Post 1998</th>
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Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examination (CAPE)

Subjects are
1-Unit or 2-Unit
Each requiring 150 hours

- 1-Unit = three modules
- 2-Unit = two 1-Unit courses

The Certificate
- List all subjects
- Includes a statement on Profile grade (CSEC) or Module grade (CAPE)
- Assessment of performance in each subject (Overall Grade)

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CXC Associate Degrees

9 Associate Degrees Offered

- Business Studies
- Computer Science
- Environmental Science
- General Studies
- Humanities
- Mathematics
- Modern Languages
- Natural Sciences
- Technical Studies

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CXC Associate Degrees

- Grade Point Average

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<td>I</td>
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<tr>
<td>II</td>
<td>3.5</td>
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<td>3.0</td>
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Transcripts

The Process

Student goes to www.cxc.org

Downloads the Transcript Request form

Prints and completes form

Sends to CXC with US$10.00

Rush charge of US$25.00 for next day delivery

Transcript is sent to university

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Transcripts

The university sends CXC the list of the students who are awaiting acceptance.

When the initial results are compiled, those students’ results are sent directly to the university.

Early Release of results
Building Partnerships

- CXC
- Your College or University

Articulation Agreement
- CXC Associate Degree
- CAPE Qualifications

Information on credits and exemptions
- How schools treat CAPE and CSEC qualifications
- Number of students with CAPE and CSEC entering each year

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Articulation with US Schools

**USF**
Two-and-two agreement for specific bachelor degrees

**Monroe College**
One year off for Business Administration and Computer Science

**SUNY-Plattsburgh**
One year off for any corresponding bachelors degrees

**Johnson and Wales**
Credits and exemptions for all CAPE Units

**Oglethorpe**
One year off for corresponding bachelor degrees

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Introduction to UWI
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- The Premier tertiary level institution in the English-speaking Caribbean
- 4 campuses serving 16 countries of the English speaking Caribbean
- Committed to “unlocking West Indian potential”
UWI at a glance
UWI’s 3 Physical Campuses
UWI’s Role in the Caribbean

Teaching and Learning geared toward unlocking West Indian potential

Cutting edge Research with a Caribbean focus

Providing Strategic and Policy Advice to public and private institutions
Teaching and Learning

- Leading the way in **educational reform** in the Caribbean

- Modernized **education strategies** at UWI

- The **Open Campus**
Research

UWI the leading research institution in the Region.

Development in Research by Faculty

- Engineering
- Humanities & Education
- Law
- Medical Sciences
- Pure and Applied Science
- Science and Agriculture
- Social Sciences
Research

- RESEARCH FOCUS:
  - Agriculture
  - Climate Change
  - Geo-Science
  - Medical Technology
  - Marine Biology
  - Educational Studies
  - Linguistics
  - Cultural Studies
  - Diaspora Studies
  - Political Science
  - HIV/AIDS Prevention and Management
  - Information and Communication Technology
  - Justice and Security
  - Poverty Reduction
  - Public Health
  - Trade and Sustainable Economic Growth
  - Caribbean Studies
Strategic and Policy Advice

- The UWI- CARICOM Integration Project
- Connecting UWI experts to international and regional businesses, Governments and NGOs through the UWI Business Development Offices
- The UWI Consulting Company
The Internationalization Process
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- Why internationalize?
- Difficulties with the internationalization process
- International staff and student statistics
- International perceptions
The Way Forward
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