

# Guyana

## STRUCTURE OF HIGHER EDUCATION SYSTEM

### **Description:**

Higher education in Guyana is provided by the University of Guyana and by specialized Institutions of higher education: Technical Institutes, a College of Education, a School of Agriculture and a Management Training Institute. Resources come from Government grants. The University is governed by the University Council and the Academic Board.

### **Stages of studies:**

#### *University level first stage: Undergraduate studies*

The minimum entrance requirement for a Bachelor's Degree is the Caribbean Examinations Council Secondary Education Certificate (general proficiency) or the General Certificate of Education 'O' level. Courses last four years in Architecture, and three to four years in Arts, Natural Sciences, Social Sciences and Technology. The University also offers a one-year course in Law for students preparing the Bachelor of Law at the University of the West Indies (Barbados). Three-year courses lead to the award of a Certificate in Medical Technology and to various Diplomas: Radiotherapy and Physiotherapy in three years, Management and Technology in two years. A first Degree is a prerequisite in education.

#### *University level second stage: Graduate studies*

Graduate studies lead to the award of a Master's Degree in Arts, Science or Social Sciences, following a minimum of one year of study, more often two. The University of Guyana also confers Graduate Diplomas in Education and Development Studies after two years' study.

#### *Distance higher education:*

The Institute of Distance and Continuing Education (IDCE), which is a branch of the University of Guyana, offers a Diploma in Occupational Health and Safety. It also collaborates with the National Association of Secretaries in offering a two-year programme leading to the award of the Administrative Professional Secretaries Diploma.

## ADMISSION TO HIGHER EDUCATION

### **Admission to non university higher education studies:**

*Name of secondary school credential required:* Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate

*Name of secondary school credential required:* General Certificate of Education Ordinary Level

### **Admission to university-level studies:**

*Name of secondary school credential required:* Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate

*Minimum score/requirement:* Five CSEC Grades 1 to 3 at no more than 2 sittings; English and Mathematics are major subjects for entry to School of Education and Humanities, faculties of Health Sciences, Natural Sciences, Social Sciences and Technology.

*For entry to:* All institutions and programmes

*Name of secondary school credential required:* General Certificate of Education Ordinary Level

*Minimum score/requirement:* Five O levels at no more than 2 sittings; English and Mathematics are major subjects for entry to School of Education and Humanities, Faculties of Health Sciences, Natural Sciences, Social Sciences and Technology.

### **Foreign students admission:**

*Apply to individual institution:* Yes

*For entry to:* University courses

## NATIONAL BODIES

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*Role of national body:* Education delivery; development of policies for all levels of the education system in Guyana; implementation of plans to achieve objectives affecting education delivery.

*Data for academic year:* 2007-2008

*Source:* Guyana National Commission for UNESCO, 2007 (Bodies, 2008)