

VALUES

The UCJ is committed to...

Learning and Development

The Council facilitates the growth and development of individuals, higher education institutions and communities towards a culture of quality.

Integrity and Ethics

The Council believes in objectivity, honesty, the establishment of trust and confidentiality while consistently operating in an ethical manner.

Excellence

The Council believes in the attainment of high quality standards in all aspects of its work.

Transparency

The Council exhibits openness and fairness in its operations.

Service

The Council provides high quality services to all its stakeholders.

Respect

The Council believes in and values the diversity of its stakeholders.

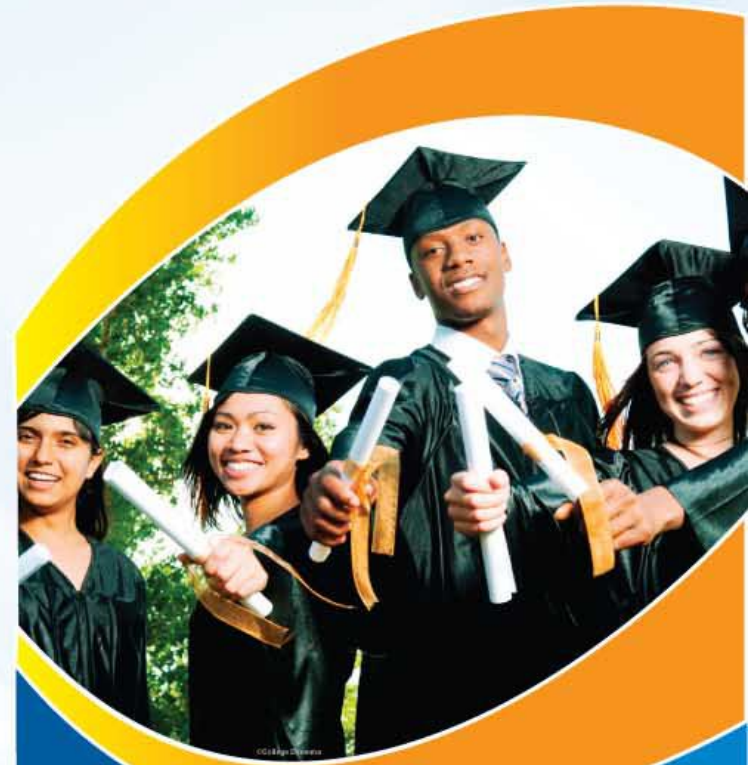
SERVICES

- Registration of higher education institutions operating in Jamaica.
- Accreditation of academic programmes offered by local and overseas institutions operating in Jamaica.
- Institutional Accreditation.
- Evaluation of credentials, and credentials for CSME Certificate of Recognition.
- Development of academic standards.
- Provision of information concerning institutions and programmes offered locally, regionally and internationally.



**THE
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"Assuring Quality in Higher Education"



**EXCELLENCE
QUALITY
STANDARDS**

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ABOUT THE UCJ

The University Council of Jamaica (UCJ) was established in October, 1987 by The University Council of Jamaica Act, 1987. It is a statutory body currently under the portfolio of the Minister of Education, Youth and Information.

VISION

The UCJ aims to be a Centre of Excellence enabling national, regional and international development through quality assurance in higher education.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the University Council of Jamaica is to facilitate and oversee the development and maintenance of a robust higher education quality assurance system.

FUNCTIONS

1. To register institutions offering higher education to ensure that certain minimum standards are met.
2. To provide accreditation for degree and specialised programmes, as well as for institutions.
3. To grant and confer degrees, diplomas, certificates and other academic awards and distinctions to and on persons who have pursued programmes of study approved by the Council at associated higher education institutions.
4. To develop, on an on-going basis, threshold standards for different levels of qualifications in various disciplines, at the higher education level.
5. To research issues pertaining to quality assurance in higher education with a view to maintaining and improving educational outcomes.
6. To assist in the development of higher education institutions by providing professional advice and services for the development and improvement of programmes.
7. To assure the quality of foreign credentials.
8. To facilitate the recognition of cross-border higher education programmes, and those of awarding bodies being offered in Jamaica.
9. To provide appropriate public information about the institutions, programmes and awarding bodies registered, accredited and recognised by the Council.
10. To monitor and evaluate higher education programmes and institutions on an on-going basis to facilitate continuous improvement.
11. To facilitate the free movement of skills and knowledge within the Caribbean Community.



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