The Open University of Sri Lanka

Awareness seminar

Faculty of Engineering Technology (FET)

2019
Aims of the Presentation

- To make you aware of:
  - The Open University of Sri Lanka and its role in the higher education system in Sri Lanka
  - Study method of the OUSL
  - Study programmes offered by the Faculty of Engineering Technology (FET)

- To provide you an opportunity to obtain clarification on our study programmes
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About the OUSL

Main Campus at Nawala
The Open University of Sri Lanka

Vision
To be the premier Open and Distance Learning institution in Asia through excellence, efficiency and equity in lifelong learning.

Mission
To enhance access to high quality, affordable and relevant education through Open Distance Education and ensure lifelong learning opportunities to face challenges in a knowledge society.
Academic and Legal Status

- Same Academic and Legal status as other National Universities
- One of the 15 National State Universities
- Comes under the purview of University Grants Commission (UGC)
- Established in 1980 under Universities Act No.16 of 1978
Faculties

- Education
- Engineering Technology
- Health Sciences
- Humanities and Social Sciences
- Natural Sciences
Study Programmes

- Certificates / Advanced certificates
- Diplomas / Higher Diplomas
- Bachelors Degrees
- Bachelors Honours Degrees
- Postgraduate Diplomas
- Masters Degrees
- Research Degrees
- Stand-alone Courses
Facilities

- NODES Access Centres
- Nine (09) Regional Centers (RCs) & Eighteen (18) Study Centers (SCs) spread throughout the country
- Library facilities at Regional Centers
- Computer Laboratories at RCs & some of SCs
- Temporary Residential Facilities at Colombo, Kandy and Matara RCs
- Main campus and Colombo Regional Centre at Nawala
Write Your Own Story of Success
Study at the OUSL and enrich your career

Open Distance Education
Anybody over 18 years of age having the desire and ability for higher studies can enter

- Can study at anytime from anywhere
- Flexibility in phase of study
- Can study while working
- Those with relevant qualifications in addition to entry qualifications can enter at higher levels in a Study Programme
Study Method

- Printed self study course material
- Audio-visual/ Multi-media material
- Day schools
- Web based learning resources
- Workshop training/Industrial training
- Lab sessions/ Design classes/ Field work/ Field visits/Factory visits etc.
Assessments and Evaluations

- **Continuous Assessment**
  - Assignments/Mini projects
  - Lab Reports/ Design Reports/ Field Reports/ Presentations/ Viva
  - Continuous Assessment Tests (CATs)
  - Web based assessments

- **Final Examinations**
- **Industrial Trainings**
- **Final year Projects**
Why You select OUSL

- Affordable cost
- Study while working
- Wide range of study programmes to suit many
- Excellent Student support through Regional Network
- Well equipped laboratories
- Government recognized awards
- 35 year of experience in providing university education
- Well qualified academic and administrative staff

Excellent Student support through Regional Network
Academic Departments

- Agricultural & Plantation Engineering
- Civil Engineering
- Electrical & Computer Engineering
- Mathematics & Philosophy of Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Textile & Apparel Technology
Undergraduate Study Programmes

Bachelor of Technology Honours in Engineering

- Civil Engineering
- Electrical Engineering
- Computer Engineering
- Electronic & Communication Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Mechatronics Engineering
- Textile & Clothing Engineering

Bachelor of Industrial Studies Honours

- Agriculture
- Apparel Production & Management
- Fashion Design & Product Development
- Textile Manufacture

Important: Exit with Higher Diploma is also possible
Diploma & Certificate Programmes

Diploma in Information Systems and Technology

Advanced Certificate in Apparel Technology
Bachelor of Technology Honours in Engineering Degree

- Government recognized Engineering Degree
- Enter with GCE (A/L) 3 passes in physical Science stream in one sitting OR OUSL Foundation
- Medium of Instruction - English
- Duration 4 years
- Courses from SLQF levels 3 - 7
- Intermediate award of Higher Diploma
- Total cost approx. Rs. 300,000 (at present rate of course fees)
Entry Qualifications

• Passes in the subjects, Combined Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry at the General Certificate of Education (Advanced Level) Examination, Sri Lanka, in one sitting

• Completed foundation courses equivalent to the subjects listed above offered by OUSL

• An equivalent or higher qualification acceptable to the University
Those who possess higher qualifications (in addition to entry qualifications at the lowest level) such as NDT, HNDE and NDES may enter at higher levels, depending on the exemptions granted.
- **Minimum Duration**
  - 4 academic years to complete the Degree from Level 3 (Those entering at higher levels may complete in less than 4 years)

- **Medium**
  - English
Bachelor of Technology Honours in Engineering Programme

B.Tech Honours in Engineering Degree

Level 6/7

Level 5

Level 4

Level 3

Higher Qualifications

GCE (A/L) 3 passes in mathematics stream/Equivalent

Higher Diploma in Technology

Passes in relevant OUSL Foundation
Bachelor of Industrial Studies
Honours Degree Programme

Entry Qualifications

For Agriculture specialization:

- A pass in Biology and any other two subjects among Chemistry, Physics or Agriculture in one sitting.

Note: Holders of higher qualifications such as NDT, NDA HNDA and Aquinas College Diploma may enter at higher levels.
Bachelor of Industrial Studies
Honours Degree Programme

Entry Qualifications

- For specializations;
  - Apparel Production & Management
  - Fashion Design & Product Development
  - Textile Manufacture

- Passes in any 3 subjects at GCE(A/L) examination in one sitting/
  Completion of Certificate/Advanced Certificate in
  Industrial Studies –Apparel Technology/
  Any other equivalent or higher qualification

Note: Holders of higher qualifications such as NDT, SLITA and
Brandix Diploma may enter at higher levels
Bachelor of Industrial Studies Honours Degree Programme

- **Minimum Duration**: 4 years from level 3
- **Medium**: English
Bachelor of Industrial Studies Honours Degree Programme

- **BIS Honours Degree**
  - Level 6
  - Level 5
  - Level 4
  - Level 3

- **Higher Qualifications**
- Minimum GCE (A/L) 3 passes in any courses /Equivalent

- **Pass** 30 credits of OUSL Foundation /Certificate in Industrial studies

- **Higher Diploma in Industrial Studies**
Entry Qualifications

- Passed 3 subjects in GCE (A/L) in any stream except General English and General IT   OR

- Passed in any 3 subjects in any foundation programme of the OUSL   OR

- C passes in any three subjects in Cambridge/Edexcel Advanced Level Examination

- Equivalent qualification (30 credits)
  granted by exemption evaluation committee

AND

Passing a selection Test
Bachelor of Software Engineering

- **Programme Duration:**
  4-years
  Students entering with given entry qualifications can complete the Degree of Bachelor of Software Engineering in 3 years

- **Medium:**
  English

For further details contact

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Tel: 2881272/2881081
Why do DIST?

- Fit for industry in just one year
- Many career avenues due to diverse course structure
  - IT/Programming
  - Graphic Designing
  - E-Commerce
  - Mobile App Solutions Provider
- Flexibility : Learn while you earn
Entry Qualifications

- 3 passes in GCE (A/L) any stream
- Equivalent/Higher Qualifications are also considered
  - OUSL Foundation
  - BCS Certificate etc..
Further Information

Programme Coordinator

Email: dist@ou.ac.lk
Contact: 0112881272
Entry Qualifications

▪ At least 6 passes in GCE(O/L) including mathematics and the first language
▪ Medium of instruction: Sinhala/English
▪ Minimum Duration: One Year

Further information - Contact: 011 2881 310
How to apply?

- You may submit the application on-line through the University website (www.ou.ac.lk).

- Payments can be made on-line through Debit/Credit cards and via eZcash payments.
Registration

- After your application is processed you will be called for Registration
- On the assigned day you may register and enrol for courses & obtain study materials and the activity Diary

  Then...

  - Participate in Faculty post- registration orientation and follow the one-day EfIL programme
  - You can start studies right away
  - Follow the activity schedule given in the “Activity Diary”
  - Keep in contact with course/academic coordinators
Fee Structure
Why does OUSL charge fees?

- **Unrestricted access**

  - OUSL annual intake about 12,000 students. Other 14 universities together admit about 22,000 students

- **Recurrent expenditure is covered by student fees**

  - Printed & audio-visual material, assignments, laboratory classes, visiting staff, continuous assessment, regional services, etc.
Why does OUSL charge fees?

- OUSL was established (by act and ordinance) on this basis to give opportunity for those who learn while employed.
- Only a reasonable amount is charged from the students while a substantial portion of the student fees is subsidised by the government.
Financial Assistance

- **Enrolment Bursaries**
- **Depends on the performance & needs**
- **To cover only the tuition fees**
- The following bursaries can be applied after the first year:
  - Mahapola Scholarships
  - University Bursaries
  - University Enhancement Bursaries

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Further Information

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Thank you!