

Amended Regulation 1.1.2.1 (a)

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA

**REGULATIONS FOR THE AWARD OF THE
BACHELOR OF LAWS HONOURS DEGREE**

(Prepared under Section 135 of the Universities Act No. 16 of 1978 read with OUSL Ordinance No. 1 of 1990 as amended).

These Regulations may be cited as being approved by Council of The Open University of Sri Lanka at its 159th Meeting held on 17th December 1993 shall be deemed to be consolidated Regulation for the award of the Degree of Bachelor of Laws which amend the Regulation 1.1.2.1 approved by the Council of the Open University of Sri Lanka at its 215th meeting held on 23.10.1998. These Regulations shall be read in conjunction with “The General By-law for the award of Credit Certificates, Advanced Certificates, Diplomas, Degrees, Postgraduate Diplomas and Higher Degrees” referred to hereinafter as the General By-law as amended.

This Regulation shall be effective from the Academic year 2016/2017.

1. Award of the Bachelor of Laws Honours Degree

- 1.1 The Bachelor of Laws Honours Degree (LL.BHons) may be awarded by the Open University of Sri Lanka to a student who has fulfilled all the requirements for an award as specified in the General By-law, and in particular has:
 - 1.1.1 Fulfilled all the requirements for admission to the Programme of Study leading to the award of the Degree as set out in Section 2 of this regulation and,
 - 1.1.2 Paid the fees prescribed by the University in accordance with the Rules for the award of the Degree; and,
 - 1.1.3 Completed the prescribed Programme of Study to the satisfaction of the Senate of the University as set out in Section 3 of this Regulation and the Rules for the award of the Degree; and,
 - 1.1.4 Successfully completed or been exempted from the Certificate Programme in English for Academic Purposes (Legal Studies) as set out in Schedule 1; and,

1.1.5 Successfully completed or been exempted from the courses in Second National Language (SNL) as set out in Schedule 2.

1.2 A student who has successfully completed the prescribed Programme of Study shall be awarded pass or class in accordance with the Rules for the award of the Degree.

2. Eligibility for Admission to the Programme of Study

2.1 A person seeking admission to the programme leading to the award of the Bachelor of Laws Honours Degree shall be required to have obtained:

2.1.1 A minimum of thirty six (36) credits at Level 2 or above from any programme offered by the Open University of Sri Lanka, or,

2.1.2 Four (04) passes at the General Certificate of Education (Advanced Level) Examination (under the old syllabus which has four subjects) of which at least three passes should have been obtained at one sitting, or,

2.1.3 A minimum of three (03) passes at the General Certificate of Education (Advanced Level) examination in any stream, or,

2.1.4 An equivalent or higher qualification acceptable to the Senate,

2.2 The university may select students for admission from among those deemed to be eligible under Section 2.1 of this Regulation, on the basis of their performance at a test conducted for the purpose of admission.

3. Programme of Study

3.1 The Programme of Study shall consist of a combination of courses and other requirements as determined by the Senate and as specified by the Rules for the award of the Degree. The Rules shall specify the level and credit rating of each course in the programme. A student shall have acquired either by successful completion in accordance with the Scheme of Assessment or by exemption, as set out in the Rules for the award of the Degree as follows.

(a) a total of one hundred and forty four (144) credits from the compulsory and elective courses, with a minimum of thirty six (36) credits at each of the Levels 3, 4, 5 and 6 as set out in Schedule 3 and

(b) additional eighteen (18) credits under Certificate Programme in English for Academic Purposes (Legal Studies) as set out in Schedule 1 and

(c) Successfully completed or been exempted from the courses in Second National Language (SNL) as set out in Schedule 2.

- 3.2 A student may acquire the credits required under Section 3.1 of the Regulations above within a maximum of twelve (12) academic years from his or her initial registration to the, Bachelor of Laws Honours Degree of Programme, provided he or she maintains his or her registration as a student or has his or her registration re-activated in accordance with Section 4.9 of the General By-law.

Provided however, a student shall acquire thirty six (36) credits at Level 3 within a maximum of four (4) academic years from his or her initial registration to the Bachelor of Laws Honours Degree Programme.

- 3.3 Registration for courses at any given level should be in accordance with the Rules made under this Regulation.

4. Exemptions

- 4.1 The Senate may grant exemptions to a candidate either from specified courses or from the requirements of obtaining a specified number of credits given at levels or from obtaining other requirements towards the award in recognition of previously obtained qualifications and experience or other achievements as set out in Schedule 4.
- 4.2 The total credit exemptions so granted shall not exceed seventy two (72) credits, i.e. fifty percentage (50%) of total credit requirement of the programme.
- 4.3 Exemptions shall be granted in the manner specified in Section 4 of the Rules.

5. Credit Transfer

- 5.1 There shall be no credit transfers granted for this programme.

6. Rules and Revisions

- 6.1 Rules for the Award of the Bachelor of Law Honours Degree shall be made by the Senate.
- 6.2 These Regulations may be revised, amended or repealed as and when deemed necessary by the Senate.
- 6.3 Such revisions, amendments or repeals shall come into effect on a date as determined by Senate and approved by the Council.

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These Rules shall be effective from the Academic year 2016/2017.

1. Registration for the Programme of Study Leading to the Award of the Bachelor of Laws Honours Degree

- 1.1 A person has to be eligible for admission, and be so admitted to the Programme of Study leading to the Award of the Bachelor of Laws Honours Degree in accordance with the By-laws and Regulations before he or she can register for any of the courses in the programme.
- 1.2 A person may register for courses in the programme subject to limits on the credit load and any other conditions as laid down in the By-laws and the Regulations, provided that the requirements of Sections 1.3, 1.4, 1.5 and 1.6 of the Rule below are satisfied.
- 1.3 To be eligible to register for the programme at Level 3, a person shall have satisfied the pre-requisites for admission specified in Section 2 of the Regulations for the Award of the Bachelor of Laws Honours Degree.
- Provided however, an Attorney-at-Law who has been exempted in terms of Schedule 3 shall be eligible to register for any course in Level 4.
- 1.4 To be eligible to register for the programme at Level 4, a student shall have successfully completed all the courses in Level 3 as given in Schedule 3.

- 1.5 To be eligible to register for any course at Level 5, a student shall have successfully completed or being exempted the courses adding up to seventy two credits (72) in Level 3 and 4 as given in Schedule 3.
- 1.6 To be eligible to register for any course at Level 6, a student shall have obtained a minimum of Overall Continuous Assessment Marks hereinafter referred to as OCAM of 40% each courses totalling up to thirty six (36) credits at Level 5 as given in Schedule 3.

2 Scheme of Assessment

- 2.1 The assessment of a student in any course shall consist of two components, viz.: Continuous Assessment and Final Examination.
- 2.2 The content, nature and weightage of each of these components shall be in accordance with the Rules relating to the scheme and method of assessment as determined by the Faculty Board of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences.
- 2.3 A student may appear for the Final Examination in respect of any course in Levels 3 and 4 irrespective of the mark obtained for the OCAM of that course.
- 2.4 Subject to the Schedule 3 of the Rules below, a student in Level 5 and 6 may appear for the Final Examination irrespective of the mark obtained for the Overall Continuous Assessment Component.
- 2.5 Subject to the Section 2.9 of the Rules below, a student in Level 3 and 4 who has obtained an OCAM, of at least 35% for a particular course but has failed to obtain a C grade or above on an Overall Assessment Mark may carry forward that OCAM to the subsequent academic year as given in Schedule 3.
- 2.6 Subject to the Section 2.9 of the Rules below, a student in Level 5 and 6 who has obtained an OCAM, of at least 40% for a particular course but has failed to obtain a C grade or above on an Overall Assessment Mark may carry forward that OCAM to the subsequent academic year as given in Schedule 3.
- 2.7 The Overall Assessment Mark (Z %) of a student in respect of any course shall be based on the OCAM (X %) and the mark obtained at the Final Examination (Y %) and shall be computed as follows:

$$\text{if } Y \geq 40 \text{ and then } Z = 0.3 X + 0.7Y$$

$$\text{if } Y < 40, \text{ then } Z = Y$$

- 2.8 Each student who sits for the final examination shall be awarded a grade and a Grade Point Value (GPV) in respect of the course based on the Overall Assessment Mark (Z%) as follows:

Overall Assessment Mark (Z %)	Grade	Grade Point Value
≥ 80	A+	4.00
70-79	A	4.00
65-69	A -	3.70
60-64	B+	3.30
55-59	B	3.00
50-54	B-	2.70
45-49	C+	2.30
40-44	C	2.00
35-39	C-	1.70
30-34	D+	1.30
20-29	D	1.00
00-19	E	0.00

A+, A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+ and C constitute pass grades

- 2.9 A student who fails to obtain an Overall Assessment Mark (Z%) of 40% for a particular course in Levels 3, 4, 5 and 6 shall be deemed to have failed that course. Such a candidate may repeat that course by re-registering subject to Sections 2.5, 2.6 and 2.11 of the Rule below.
- 2.10 A student who is awarded a grade lower than grade C cannot count that course towards his or her credit requirements unless he or she re-appears for that course at a subsequent attempt and obtains a pass grade.
- 2.11 A student who either repeats a course or who re-appears for a final assessment or is exempted from a course shall be deemed to have obtained a GPV not higher than 2.00.
- 2.12 A student who withdraws from a course by a written communication addressed to the Registrar within a period of three months from the last date of registration may be allowed to re-register for that course without being considered a repeat student. The date of commencement of the programme for the purpose of this rule, shall be as determined by the Senate.
- 2.13 The content and weightage for the components of Continuous Assessment and Final Examination for the Continuing Education courses shall be in accordance with the rules relating to the Scheme of Assessment in respect of that course as determined by the Faculty offering that course.

- 2.14 The assessment of each individual student, in a course in accordance with the Rules, shall be carried out by a Panel of Examiners constituted as follows:

Dean, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences (Chairperson)
Head of the Department of Legal Studies
Head of the Department of Language Studies
Chief Examiner(s) of all courses at Levels 3, 4, 5 and 6
Setting Examiner(s) of all courses at Levels 3, 4, 5 and 6
Marking Examiner(s) of all courses at Levels 3, 4, 5 and 6

The Senior Assistant Registrar of Examinations shall function as the Secretary to the Panel of Examiners.

3 Award of the Degree

- 3.1 A candidate who satisfies the requirements according to Section 3.6 of the Rule shall be awarded the Bachelor of Laws Honours Degree.
- 3.2 A candidate who satisfies the requirements for the award of the Bachelor of Laws Honours Degree shall be awarded such degree either with:

First Class Honours, or,
Second Class Honours (Upper Division), or,
Second Class Honours (Lower Division),

Provided he or she has satisfied such requirements specified in Sections 3.6, 3.7, 3.8, 3.9 and 3.10 of the Rule below, or as a Pass as specified in Section 3.5 of the Rule within such period as may be specified by the Senate

- 3.3 Such award in respect of each student shall be recommended to the Senate by a Board of Examiners constituted as follows:

Vice Chancellor (Chairperson)
Dean, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences
Head of the Department of Legal Studies
Head of the Department of Language Studies
Chief Examiners of all courses at Levels 3, 4, 5 and 6
Setting Examiners of all courses at Levels 3, 4, 5 and 6

The Senior Assistant Registrar or Examinations shall function as the Secretary to the Board of Examiners.

- 3.4 The Board of Examiners shall also recommend the award of medals and prizes if any, to the Senate.

- 3.5 The overall Grade Point Average (GPA) shall determine the Pass or Class of the Bachelor of Laws Honours Degree.

This shall be the credit weighted mean of all the individual GPV obtained by a candidate for one hundred and forty four (144) credits of courses he/she has offered. The grades obtained for the continuing education courses shall not be included in the calculation of the GPA. The GPA shall be computed as follows;

$$\text{GPA} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (\text{GPV}_i)(\text{CR}_i)}{\sum_{i=1}^n (\text{CR}_i)}$$

where GPV = Grade Point Value of course
CR_i = credit rating of course *i*

GPA shall be calculated to the second decimal place subject to a maximum of 4.00.

- 3.6 A candidate shall be awarded a degree with a Pass, if he or she has obtained:
- (i) A minimum Grade Point Average of 2.00 in compulsory and electives at Levels 3, 4, 5 and 6, as in Schedule 3.
 - (ii) A minimum of C grade for the Continuous Education courses adding up to eighteen (18) unless exempted from same credits as in Schedule 1 and,
 - (iii) Successfully completed or been exempted from the courses in Second National Language (SNL) as in Schedule 2.
- 3.7 A candidate shall be awarded a degree with Second Class Honours (Lower Division) if he or she has obtained a degree with a Pass in accordance with Section 3.6 of the Rule above, and has obtained:
- (i) A⁺, A, A⁻ or B⁺ grades for courses adding up to not less than fifty four (54) credits at Level 4, 5 and 6, as given in Schedule 3.
 - (ii) A minimum Grade Point Average of 3.00 from compulsory and electives at Levels 4, 5 and 6, as given in Schedule 3.
 - (ii) The grades for the computation of Grade Point Average 3.00 should have been obtained at the first attempt at each examination.
- 3.8 A candidate shall be awarded a degree with Second Class Honours (Upper Division), if he or she has obtained a degree with a Pass in accordance with Section 3.6 of the Rules above and has obtained:
- (i) A⁺, A, A⁻ or B⁺ grades for courses adding up to not less than fifty four (54) credits at Levels 4, 5 and 6 as given in Schedule 3.

- (ii) A minimum Grade Point Average of 3.30 from compulsory and electives at Levels 4, 5 and 6, as given in Schedule 3.
 - (ii) The 'Pass' grades for the computation of Grade Point Average 3.30 should be obtained at the first attempt at each examination.
- 3.9 A candidate shall be awarded a degree with First Class Honours, if he or she has obtained a degree with a Pass in accordance with Section 3.6 of the Rules above, and has obtained:
- (i) A⁺ or A grades for courses adding up to not less than fifty four (54) credits at Levels 4, 5 and 6 as in Schedule 3.
 - (ii) A minimum Grade Point Average of 3.70 from compulsory and elective courses at Levels 4, 5 and 6, as given in Schedule 3.
 - (ii) The grades for the computation of Grade Point Average 3.70 should have been obtained at the first attempt at each examination.
- 3.10 A student who repeats or re-appear for a course in Level 4, 5 and 6 shall not be eligible to be awarded a degree with Class.

4. Exemptions

Exemptions may be granted, in accordance with the limits specified in the Regulations and as given in Schedule 4.

Provided that the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences may grant exemptions other than those as given in Schedule 3 with the approval of the Faculty and the Senate.

5. Credit Transfers

Credit transfers may not be granted for this programme

6. Fees

Fees, as given in Schedule 5, shall be paid on demand.

7. Rules and Revisions

7.1 These Rules may be revised, amended or repealed as and when deemed necessary by the Senate.

7.2 Such revisions, amendments or repeals shall come into effect as determined by the Senate and approved by the Council.

SCHEDULES

- Schedule 1 - Courses in Certificate Programme in English for Academic Purposes (Legal Studies)
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Schedule I –Courses in Certificate Programme in English for Academic Purposes (Legal Studies)

Name of the Continuing Education Courses	Type/ Credits	Course Code	Course Title
Certificate Programme in English for Academic Purpose (Legal Studies)	Compulsory 18 Credits	LSC0207,	Beginners
		LSC1207	Part I
		LSC2207	Part II

Schedule 2–Courses in Second National Language (SNL)

Name of the Continuing Education Courses	Type/ Credits	Course Code	Course Title
Second National Language (SNL).	Non Credit Course	LSE3083	Second National Language (Sinhala)
	Non Credit Course	LSE3084	Second National Language (Tamil)

Schedule 3 – Curriculum, Course List & Pre-requisites of the Bachelor of Laws Honours Degree

Level	Type/ Credits	Course Code	Course Title	Pre-requisites	
				Pre-requisites – Level	Pre-requisites – sit for the Final Examination
Level 3	Compulsory 36 Credits	LWU1201	Constitutional Law I	Regulation 2:Eligibility for Admission to the Programme of Study	Rule 2.3 A student may appear for the Final Examination in respect of any course in Levels 3 and 4 irrespective of the mark obtained for the OCAM of that course.
		LWU1202	Principles of Equity		
		LWU1411	Introduction to the Laws of Sri Lanka		
		LWU1412	Legal Method		
Level 4	Compulsory 36 Credits	LWU2311	Law of Contracts	Rule 1.4: At least C grade for all courses in Level 3	
		LWU2312	Criminal Law		
		LWU2313	Family Law		
		LWU2314	Constitutional Law II		
Level 5	Compulsory 36 Credits	LWU3311	Administrative Law	Rule 1.5: At least C grade for all courses in Level 3 and 4	Rule 2.6 At least 40% for Continuous Assessment component of a course with an OCAM The assessment of a student in LWU3312 and LWU3314 courses shall consist of compulsory CA components
		LWU3312	Land Law		
		LWU3314	Environmental Law		
		LWU3315	Public International Law		
Level 6	Compulsory 18 Credits	LWU4321	Jurisprudence	Rule 1.6: At least 40% for Marks (OCAM)for all courses in Level 5	Rule 2.6 At least 40% for Continuous Assessment component of a course with an OCAM The assessment of a student in LWU4321 course shall consist of compulsory CA component.
		LWU4323	Labour Law		
	Electives 18 Credits	LWU4324	Commercial Law		
		LWU4325	International Human Rights Law		
		LWU4326	Law of Delict		

Schedule 4 - Exemptions for Law Courses

<p>Admission Test for the Bachelor of Laws Honours Degree (LL.B Hons)</p>	<p>Attorneys-at-Law and graduates in law from a recognized university may obtain direct admission to the programme, and shall be exempted from any test for the purpose of admission.</p>	<p>Graduates in law from a recognized university may obtain exemptions for courses that they have successfully completed for their previous degree. Such exemptions shall be granted after evaluation of the relevant syllabus and courses by the Faculty and Senate.</p>
<p>Level 3 Courses offered at Level 3 in LWU1201 Constitutional Law I, LWU1202 Principles of Equity, LWU1411 Introduction to the Laws of Sri Lanka, LWU1412 Legal Method</p>	<p>Attorneys-at-Law shall be exempted from all courses at Level 3, totalling up to thirty six credits at Level 3 of the programme.</p>	
<p>Level 4 Courses offered at Level 4 in LWU2311 Law of Contracts, LWU2312 Criminal Law, LWU2313 Family Law, LWU2314 Constitutional Law II</p>	<p>No exemptions granted at Level 4.</p>	
<p>Level 5 Courses offered at Level 5 in LWU3311 Administrative Law, LWU3312 Land Law, LWU3314 Environmental Law, LWU3315 Public International Law</p>	<p>No exemptions granted at Level 5.</p>	
<p>Level 6 Courses offered at Level 6 in LWU4321 Jurisprudence, LWU4323 Labour Law, LWU4324 Commercial Law LWU4325 International Human Rights Law LWU4326 Law of Delict</p>	<p>No exemptions granted at Level 6.</p>	

Schedule 5 – Fees

The fees payable for the programme shall be determined by the Council.

The tuition fees for each year of the programme shall be payable in two instalments comprising 70% as first instalment at registration and 30% as second instalment not later than four months after registration. The other fees shall be payable at registration or as determined by the Council.

Recommended for Faculty Approval

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