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The Open University of Sri Lanka
Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences
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MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN - FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

I am pleased to welcome you to the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences of The Open University of Sri Lanka, one of the largest faculties in Social Sciences within the national university system. It offers a wide spectrum of studies in the broad fields of languages, social sciences and law. The faculty offers study programmes from certificate to postgraduate levels, enabling students to realize their full potential both locally and globally. This is in line with the main philosophy of this university, which is education for all. It is important to highlight that many students enter this faculty with different career backgrounds bringing rich experiences in to their learning. This diversity makes learning extremely productive for both the students and the faculty.

The faculty members bring with them extensive training and expertise in a variety of fields, making it a robust and a diverse center of learning. We feel fortunate that we have been able to attract such highly qualified individuals representing greatly sought-after areas of study and specialisation. This will certainly help broaden the scope of learning for our students. We are committed to creating an environment where all our students can reach their full potential through dynamic participation in the related learning processes.

I encourage you to look at all the programmes, services and facilities explained in this booklet so that you will learn more about this unique faculty within the national university system.
THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA

Introduction

The Open University of Sri Lanka (OUSL) is the premier Open and Distance Learning (ODL) institution in Sri Lanka where students can pursue their studies through their studies, while being employed.

Established in 1980, under the Universities Act No. 16 of 1978 and OUSL Ordinance No. 1 of 1990, as amended, the OUSL has the same legal and academic status as any other national University in Sri Lanka.

Due to the nature of its teaching methodology and infrastructure, the OUSL is able to serve a large student population spread throughout the country. Currently, there are more than 40,000 students studying at the OUSL, who are being served by eight Regional Centers and eighteen Study Centers located around the country. The Central Campus and the Colombo Regional Center are situated at Nawala. The other eight Regional Centers are situated in Kandy, Matara, Jaffna, Anuradhapura, Badulla, Kurunegala, Batticaloa and Rathnapura.

The academic and the administrative Head of the University is the Vice-Chancellor. The Senate of the University, which is chaired by the Vice-Chancellor, is the highest body that makes academic decisions. The University has six Faculties, namely: Natural Sciences, Engineering Technology, Humanities and Social Sciences, Education, Health Science and Management Studies.

Vision

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

Mission

"To enhance access to high quality, affordable and relevant education through Open Distance Learning methodologies and ensure lifelong learning opportunities to face challenges in a knowledge society."
FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Introduction

The Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences is the largest Faculty of The Open University of Sri Lanka providing education opportunities to over 10,000 students in programmes ranging from Foundation level to Master’s degree. The Faculty is made up of three Academic Departments, Language Studies, Legal Studies, Social Studies.

The Mission of the Faculty

The Faculty is dedicated to employing the Open Distance Learning methods to provide quality educational opportunities for adult learners for professional and personal advancement and excellence in scholarship and research in contemporary disciplines in Humanities and Social Science.
NATURE OF THE PROGRAMMES OFFERED BY THE FACULTY

The academic programmes of the Faculty are designed primarily for adult students who are employed and non-employed. The Faculty offers diverse programmes which enable students to enter a programme in keeping with their present educational achievements. Students who already possess conventional qualifications can gain direct entry to Certificate, Diploma, Bachelor's and Postgraduate Degree Programmes. The Certificate Programmes are for students who do not possess adequate formal qualifications. Successful completion of the Certificate Programmes entitle the students to enter higher level study programmes.
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MODE OF STUDY

The Open Distance Learning (ODL) Method

What is ‘Open’ about the OUSL?

At the OUSL we believe that anyone who wants to study further should be given the opportunity to do so. We have an ‘open admissions policy’ supported by a ladder of opportunities from pre-degree to postgraduate qualifications. We also encourage the concept of lifelong learning – that you should be able to pursue education at any point in your life, at your own pace, and according to your interests.

Privileges in Distance Learning

Unlike in the conventional university system where it is compulsory to attend lectures and be physically present in the university, the learning method at the OUSL enables students to study from their homes and workplaces without regularly visiting the university.

The support you receive as a distance learner includes printed course materials and online material written by specialised course teams, online connectivity, and day schools and seminars to provide face to face interaction with your lecturers.

When you register with us you are given your course material in printed and/or blended form. Some of the course materials are online and you are provided with instructions on how to complete the online courses. You are also given a study pack consisting of guidelines and procedures, your assignments and an activity schedule for the relevant academic year. The student guidelines explain all you need to know about programme and the level for which you have registered.
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Introduction

The Department of Language Studies (LSD) offers a range of academic programmes that can cater to the needs of diverse groups of students. It is committed to offering high quality programmes in the Distance Education mode utilizing innovative methods of teaching. In relation to English, the courses on offer are structured so that students can commence their studies with minimal levels of competence and proceed to a BA in English and English Language Teaching. The Department is also committed to serving the English language needs of all students registered for diverse undergraduate degrees at OUSL. In recent times, we have also focused attention on enhancing learning opportunities for the two national languages of Sri Lanka: Sinhala and Tamil. The LSD thus offers a range of courses that are relevant to the Sri Lankan context with flexible and affordable avenues of learning where students can achieve professional, social and national goals.

The Mission of the Department

Provide high quality language and literature education through Open Distance Learning methods. Its main objective is to produce educated, responsible and culturally sensitive citizens with critical, analytical and professional skills.
Bachelors Programme

BA (HONOURS) IN ENGLISH AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING (ELT)

About the Programme

It is a 120-credit degree programme which includes the study of English Language, Applied Linguistics, Literature and relevant areas of Education. It is meant for those who wish to earn a Degree in English and especially for those who wish to enter the English Teaching profession or gain employment in fields such as Journalism, Media and Communication and other related fields.

Objectives of the Programme

✓ To enable those with advanced language skills to acquire comprehensive knowledge of the English language and its literature.

✓ To develop analytical skills in English through the study of literary and non-literary texts.

✓ To develop competencies in specified areas of Applied Linguistics and English Language Teaching.

Entry Requirements

1. All applicants should be above 18 years of age.
   And
2. Those who have passed the OUSL Advanced Certificate in English, after 2012, (NOT Advanced Certificate in English for Business and Professional Communication offered by the OUSL) with the required grades will be permitted direct entry to the Bachelor of Arts Honours Degree in English and English Language Teaching programme. Applicants who qualify under this category should nevertheless submit an application before the closing date.  
   Or
3. Those who have passed all six (06) courses of the OUSL Diploma in English Language and Literature programme will be permitted direct entry to the Bachelor of Arts Honours Degree in English and English Language Teaching programme. Applicants who qualify under this category should nevertheless submit an application before the closing date.  
   Or
4. Those who have completed a National Diploma in Teaching English (ESL) of two (02) years duration from a National College of Education (NCOE)  
   Or
5. Any other recognized two (02) year teacher training qualification in Teaching English as a Second Language acceptable to the Senate of the OUSL.
Or

6. Passed 3 subjects (including English Literature) at the GCE Advanced Level Examination or an equivalent qualification.

**Medium of Instruction**

English

**Duration of Programme**

It takes four years minimum to complete this programme. The first year is referred to as Level 3, the second year is Level 4, the third year is Level 5 and the final year is referred to as Level 6. You can choose to study at your own pace and choose to register for only 3 (or fewer) of the 6 courses on offer at each level. This programme is only offered at the Colombo Regional Centre of OUSL.

**Course fee Per Year**

See the website for details

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DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL STUDIES

Introduction

Department of Legal Studies is the only institution in Sri Lanka which offers bachelor’s degree in Law using the Open and Distance Learning (ODL) methodology and it has been offering bachelor’s degree in Law Program since 1985. Department of Legal Studies launched its first post graduate program viz. LL.M in 2013.

The Mission of the Department

To create a knowledge-based society wherein the OUSL law graduates will be the engine and role-model to be emulated by others.
Bachelors Programme

LL.B. Degree Programme

About the Programme

The LLB is a four-year bachelors programmes conducted in all three languages – Sinhala, Tamil and English.

Objectives of the Programme

✓ To guide and assist students to acquire knowledge in core courses in law.

✓ To develop skills of intellectual reasoning, investigation and critical analysis.

✓ To create an understanding of the law in action and of the role of law in contemporary society.

✓ To cultivate the ability to analyze complex facts relating to modern legal issues and to apply law to contemporary realities.

✓ To help students to develop advocacy skills, presentation and writing skills

✓ To develop skills in legal research and the ability to adopt a multi-disciplinary approach to law.
**Entry Requirements**

1. A minimum of C grades for thirty six credits (36) each at levels 1 and 2, from the Foundation Programmes offered by the Open University or a minimum of (30) credits at SLQF level 2 or above from any programme offered by the OUSL.
   **Or**

2. Four (04) passes at the G.C.E (A/L) Examination (under the old curriculum which had four subjects) of which at least three (03) passes should have been obtained at one sitting.
   **Or**

3. Three (03) passes obtained at a single sitting at the G.C.E (A/L) in any stream under the new curriculum.
   **Or**

4. Be an Attorney -at-Law who has been admitted Sri Lanka Bar.
   **Or**

5. An equivalent or higher qualification acceptable to the Senate.

**Medium of Instruction**

Sinhala, Tamil or English.

**Duration of Programme**

Duration of the LL. B Degree Programme is four years.

**Course fee Per Year**

See the website for details
English Language for Legal Studies
(English for Academic Purposes)

Department of Language Studies (DLS) conducts a special program in English for Law students. This is compulsory for all students. Those who do not complete the English Language Program will not be awarded the degree even if they have completed all courses of LL.B Degree Program. You may obtain more details on exemptions and deadlines for claiming exemptions from DLS.

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Post Graduate Programme

Master of Laws in Criminal Justice Administration Programme

About the Programme

The Master of Laws (LL.M) in Criminal Justice Administration Program is a two-year programme with a research project. The broad aim of this programme is to impart juridical, legal and scientific knowledge in the areas of criminal investigation, administration of criminal justice, forensic medicine and other allied sciences which play a vital role in dispensation of criminal justice.

Specific objectives

✓ To promote a research culture among professionals who are actively engaged in law.
✓ To help acquire deeper understanding of administration of criminal justice system and its interdependence with other sciences and help develop students' intellectual skills of critical analysis, investigation, reasoning and objective assessments of complex facts and concepts related to juridical and allied sciences.

Entry Requirements

One of the following qualifications may be considered for registration for the Master of Laws in Criminal Justice Administration Program.

1. A degree in law from a recognized university
   Or
2. Completion of Attorney-at-Law final examination conducted by the Sri Lanka Law College or any equivalent foreign examination that entitles him/her to get enrolled into the Bar to practice law in Sri Lanka or in a foreign country and has at least three years post-qualifying professional experience after enrolling to the Bar.
Medium of Instruction
English

Duration of Programme
The duration of this study program is two (02) academic years.

Course fee
See the website for details

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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES

Introduction

The Department of Social Studies of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences (HSS) is unique in its ethos and character, offering multi-disciplinary academic programmes from Certificate to Postgraduate levels. Established in 1990, the SSD has gradually evolved with a distinct culture and profile, specialising in development studies with a strong foundation provided through the core social science disciplines of Economics, Sociology, Mass Communication and Political Science and International Relations.

The Department believes that social science graduates with strong academic credentials, competencies and skills can contribute meaningfully to the country’s social and economic development and progress. The department also believes social science graduates should learn to respect democratic values, pluralism and cultural diversity while demonstrating a strong sense of civic responsibility and social responsiveness.

SSD Vision

To empower people and communities towards establishing a society based on the principles of sustainable and equitable socio-economic, political and cultural development through study programmes ranging from Certificate to Postgraduate levels.

The mission of our Department

To emerge as a Centre of Excellence in the Social Sciences with a specific focus on Development Policy and Conflict Studies through multi-disciplinary education delivered in the Open and Distance mode.

Graduate Attributes

- Scholarly
- Competent
- Insightful and socially responsible
Bachelors Programmes

BA in Social Sciences Degree Programme

About the Programme

The BA in Social Sciences is a multi-disciplinary degree offered in the English medium. It gives you the opportunity to obtain a training in social science while also selecting an area of special focus. The curriculum for this programme was designed in line with the subject benchmarks of the UGC and in keeping up with international developments in the social sciences. Students who register for the BA in Social Sciences can choose from the following areas of focus:

1. Communication Studies
2. Economics & Development Studies
3. Politics and International Studies

Entry Requirements

1. A minimum of three passes at the General Certificate of Education (Advanced Level) examination in any stream,
   Or
2. A minimum of 30 credits at SLQF Level 2 or above from any programme offered by a Higher Education Institution approved by the Senate of the Open University of Sri Lanka,
   Or
3. Qualification or accredited work experience equivalent to NVQF Level 4
   Or
4. An equivalent or higher qualification acceptable to the Senate

Medium of Instruction

English

Duration of Programme

Minimum three years and maximum nine years
### Course fee

See the website for details

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BA in Youth and Community Development

The Bachelor of Arts in Youth and Community Development is the logical outcome of a professionally oriented diploma of two years duration which the department pioneered in collaboration with the Commonwealth. The programme is designed to equip youth work practitioners with core competencies needed for national development processes. This fulfills a nationally felt need for professionally trained youth workers. Considering the deficiencies with reference to youth development in Sri Lanka, the present programme is in every way a timely response to the demands of the professional community to strengthen the process of professionalization of this field on par with other areas of Social Work.

The programme consists of a combination of compulsory and optional courses drawn from the existing BA in Social Sciences, Diploma in Youth Development, and new courses developed by the Commonwealth Higher Education Youth Work Consortium. The programme will also provide a special professional training, which will be supported by the Professional Youth Workers Association (PYWA).

Specific objectives

✓ To ensure that youth workers gain professional credentials for an internationally recognized profession.

✓ To equip practitioners with generic and core competencies, knowledge, values and skills in the field of Youth and Community Development.

✓ To promote and facilitate youth engagement in the national development process with skills in policy development, implementation and evaluation.

✓ To strengthen competencies of those desiring employment Youth and Community development work.

✓ To enable practitioners to obtain a professional education qualification relevant to the field of national development through the Open University of Sri Lanka.

✓ To build a professional youth worker who can engage with young people and society.
Entry Requirements

1. Three (3) passes at the G.C.E (A/L) in any subject stream
   Or
2. Completion of 30 credits at Level 2 or above from any programme offered by an approved Higher Education Institution
   Or
3. Completion of NVQ Level 4 or accredited work experience equivalent to NVQ Level 4
   Or
4. An equivalent or higher qualification acceptable to the senate of the OUSL

Medium of Instruction

English.

Duration of Programme

Three (03) years

Course fee

See the website for details

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Postgraduate Programmes

MA in Development Studies and Public Policy

About the Programme

OUSL in collaboration with the Marga Institute offers the Master of Arts (MA) in Development Studies and Public Policy. Marga Institute is a non-profit centre for development research and advocacy established in 1972 on a private initiative of a group of public officers, academics and professionals. This is a programme of minimum two years duration with a research project.

If you would like to pursue a career in the fields of policy analysis, development administration, monitoring and evaluation in the development and humanitarian sectors or if you are already working in these sectors and wish to advance your career, this programme offers you knowledge and research skills from a multi-disciplinary approach to development. Drawing on the academic and professional experience and expertise of the two institutions, the MA in Development Studies and Public Policy offers you a unique post-graduate study programme in the distance mode.

Specific objectives

1. To upgrade the knowledge base and analytical skills of social science graduates to embark on multi-disciplinary research of local and global significance.

2. To equip students with research skills and methodologies, adhering to highest ethical standards to facilitate evidence-based development analysis and intervention.

3. To promote the analysis of policy initiatives of governmental and other international organizations.

Entry Requirements

1) A degree from a recognized university with at least one year of work experience in the fields of planning, administration and implementation of development projects,
   \textbf{Or}
2) Secured an equivalent or higher qualification acceptable to the Senate of the Open University of Sri Lanka with at least one year of work experience in the fields of planning, administration and implementation of development projects
   \textbf{AND}
3) Selection through an interview conducted by the Department of Social Studies whenever the need arises.
Medium of Instruction
English

Duration of Programme
Two years

Course fee
See the website for details

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Master of Philosophy (MPhil) and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

About the Programme

The MPhil/PhD programme at the Department of Social Studies is open to those who have completed a Master’s Degree in the field of Social Sciences. Both programmes carry a thesis as the main component of assessment. The candidates seeking admission to the MPhil/PhD programme should submit a research proposal in 2000 words indicating the background of the research, literature review and intended methodology to the Research Degree Coordinator of the Department of Social Studies.

Entry Requirements

A Masters degree in the Social Sciences from a recognized university

Medium of Instruction

English

Duration of Programme

The minimum duration of the MPhil programme is two years and PhD programme will be three years.

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Blood donation Programme
BA Orientation Programme

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FACULTY WEBSITE

Introduction

The official Website of the Faculty of HSS is considered as a communication arena that can be utilized by major three stakeholders of the university: students, academics and administrative staff. It offers necessary information regarding the details about the above three departments.
STUDENT RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM(SRS)

The Research Committee of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences organizes the Student Research Symposium for undergraduate and post graduate students in the fields of Humanities and Social Sciences at OUSL annually.

Objectives of the Symposium

✓ To strengthen the research culture within the faculty of HSS
✓ To provide feedback for ongoing student research projects
✓ To develop students skills in research communication
DEAN’S AWARDS
JOURNAL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES - VISTAS

VISTAS is a peer reviewed journal which offers a distinctive forum to discuss and disseminate new knowledge and research findings in all areas related to the Humanities and Social Sciences.

It will provide an opportunity for both new and experienced researchers and scholars to publish their papers online as well as in print.
QUALITY ASSURANCE CELL

Programme Review

The Bachelors degree programmes of the Faculty of HSS were reviewed by the University Grants Commission through its Quality Assurance Unit in 2008. The programmes received the following grades.

Year – 2018

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FACILITIES & SUPPORT SERVICES FOR STUDY

Academic Counselling
Each student is provided counselling during orientation sessions conducted before registration to academic programmes. The counsellor will guide the students and provide greater awareness about the University, the study system and the other particulars regarding the programme of study. This assistance is available throughout the study period of the student and all students are advised to make best use of this service.

Student counselling
- Academic staff attached to the each Department and Regional Centres are always available to offer counseling service on any academic or other matters to students.
- Students should contact the Department and Regional Centres to obtain prior appointment to meet the staff. In addition, student may contact the Chief Academic Student Counselor an the Student Counselor of the Faculty of Humanaties & Social Sciences to obtain this service.

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StART@OUSL
The StART@OUSL (Student Academic Readiness Training at OUSL) is offered to all new students registering for undergraduate degree programmes offered by OUSL. The main objective of this training programme is to prepare students to undertake their studies in the distance mode. The courses offered through this programme include,

English for General Academic Purposes (EGAP)
ICT skills
Social Harmony
Online Support

In order to give the students additional help and also to familiarize with modern learning trends and tools, some courses are supplemented with an online component. The online activities could be accessed from home or from OUSL computer centres located in Regional/Study centres.

OUSL E-learn

OUSL E-learn is a learning platform that is designed to offer various online learning opportunities for you and to support interaction between the learner and the tutors. These include blended or online courses. Some courses might also have supplementary material on the E-learn platform.

It is essential that you become familiar with E-learn to successfully complete those courses. The Course Leaders will give you more information regarding this.

MyOUSL

MyOUSL is the student web portal which all students have to access frequently. To access MyOUSL, use the link at the OUSL home page (http://www.ou.ac.lk/) OR (http://myousl.ou.ac.lk)

MyOUSL is regularly updated with important information,

- Registration Information, timetables of academic activities, reschedules, CA Test marks, etc.
- All urgent announcements will be communicated.
- Information on registered courses, results, payment made, and other general information.
- Students are also required to submit applications to sit final examinations through MyOUSL.

Student Email Account

You will get an OUSL email account when you register. The student email account is based on your unique Student ID number.

Short Message Service (SMS)

The University also uses the SMS to contact students. Therefore, provide your mobile number at registration to activate the SMS service.
**Library Service**

The OUSL has an excellent library service. The Central Campus at Nawala houses the main library which is well equipped with books and other resources. The library also has photocopying facilities, inter-library borrowing, access to past examination papers and skills development programmes, a wide variety of subjects and many foreign and local journals; fully equipped Audio -Visual Resource Centre (AVRC) with a substantial collection of videos/audios/CDs to supplement print material. You can browse all these services on the university web site at www.lib.ou.ac.lk. Regional Centres and study centres also have library services.

The main library is open from 8:30am to 6:30 pm every day except on Poya days and University holidays. Libraries in regional and study centres are open every day except on Sundays and Mondays.

**Financial Assistance - Scholarships Bursaries**

**Scholarships at OUSL**

There are a limited number of scholarships offered for OUSL students. Students who qualify for these are strongly encouraged to apply through the student welfare division located in the main administrative building.

The available scholarships for OUSL students are:

- University Bursary
- Mahapola Scholarship
- Dean’s list Awards and scholarships
- University Enhancement Bursary
- Open University Enrolment Bursary

Please contact the student welfare division to obtain the application and guidelines to apply for the above-mentioned scholarships.

**University Bursary**

University Bursary is awarded by the OUSL to the value of 50% of the tuition fees of courses for which the student registered for during a particular academic year. Students will be selected based on an application made by them on the basis of Merit and Need.
Mahapola Scholarships:

Mahapola scholarships are awarded by the Mahapola Higher Education Scholarship Trust Fund to the value of Rs.8,000/= each towards the payment of tuition fees of courses. Students will be selected based on an application made by them on the basis of merit and Need.

Dean’s List Awards and Scholarship:

The Dean’s Award for the Faculty of HSS is made available for students who perform well in undergraduate programmes. The Dean’s List is computed after the complete release of the final examination results of a particular academic year.

Benefits for students:
- Each student placed on the Dean’s List will receive a letter of commendation from the Dean/HSS.
- The students placed on the Dean’s List may become eligible to be considered for scholarships worth of 24 credits reimbursement of the tuition fee.

For Mahapola Scholarship, University Bursary and Enrolment Bursary you need to produce the Application form for each (collect from student Welfare division or OUSL web); Income Assessment Certificate (from Gramaseva Niladari/ Divisional secretary).

University Enhancement Bursary

Awarded by OUSL to motivate the degree level students to complete the courses they have offered in a particular year and complete their degree Within the stipulated period. The value of the scholarship varies based on the number of times the student is successful in meeting the bursary criteria.

Open University Enrolment Bursaries

Awarded by OUSL in the first year of enrolment for economically disadvantaged students. It is awarded to the value of 50% of the tuition fees of courses for which the student registers during the first year of registration with the University.

For more details and the selection criteria please refer ‘Scholarships’ in the OUSL website (http://www.ou.ac.lk)
ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISIONS

• **Student Affairs and Welfare Division**

The Student Affairs & Welfare Division located in the administrative building of the Nawala Central Campus is responsible for maintaining all personal and academic records of OUSL students. In case of loss of Record book or change of address, students should immediately inform the Student Affairs & Welfare Division. Students should also contact this Division for other matters pertaining to registration of students, such as changes to the medium of study, study centre, civil status.

Specific welfare functions coming under this Division are,

- Selection and approval of students for bursaries/scholarships
- Initiate activities to enhance student welfare, social harmony and ethnic cohesion among students
- Entertain complaints and grievances from students
- Facilitate the management of TRF facility and other common amenities
- Coordinate student counselling services

*Address: Senior Assistant Registrar, Student Affairs, PO Box 21, The Open University of Sri Lanka, Nawala, Nugegoda*  
*Tel.: 0112881342 / 0112881485*

• **International Relations Division**

Initiatives have been taken to attract foreign students through the International Relations Division. Number of MOUs has been signed between number of countries in Asian continent and Commonwealth countries to promote academic programmes of OUSL.
• **Examinations Divisions**

  • All the final examinations will be conducted by the examination Division. Your results and eligibility status will be announced by them. Admissions for final examinations will be issued by them. You are not allowed to sit for the final examination without the admission card. However, students are allowed to sit the final examination without admission card, if the student has successfully completed continues assessments.

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• **Finance Divisions**

  • All the issues with reference to the finance will be handled by the Bursar of the central campus and the staff attached to the regional centres.

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  Tel: 0112881346 / 0112881345
OTHER FORMS OF WELFARE

Temporary Residential Facilities (TRF)
The Colombo, Matara and Kandy Regional Centres provide temporary residential facilities for a limited number of students for restricted periods. You have to obtain an application form to request for this facility from the Assistant Registrar of the Faculty or from the reception desk at the residential facility. This application form must be certified by an academic staff member.

Medical Centre
The Colombo Regional Centre has a medical centre for students and staff. It is usually open on all weekdays except on public and university holidays.

OUSL Counselling Unit
The Healthcare Centre has a Counselling Unit, which offers free and confidential counselling services to promote mental health and well-being of the students and staff.

Physical Education Division and Sport Activities
The physical Education Division is dedicated to facilitate sports activities and participation of students in sports events organized by other higher education institutions. The OUSL Sports Week is a major event organized by the university for students.

Canteens
Student canteens serve meals and other refreshments at reasonable prices at the Central Campus, Colombo, Kandy and Matara Regional Centres. The canteens are open all weekdays and weekends except on University holidays.

Facilities for Payment of Fees
Payment facilities are available to students at the Shroff counter in the new CRC Building. Weekdays from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm.

Banking Facilities
OUSL branch of the People's Bank is located at the Nawala-Narahrenpita Junction near the University. An electronic cash dispensing outlet of the Peoples Bank (PET) is located at the Colombo Mawatha off Nawala Road.

Photocopying Facilities
The library and the Student Union office provide photocopying facilities at reasonable rates.

Career Guidance Unit
This Unit is located in the new CRC Building at Nawala and conducts activities to help OUSL
students and graduates to enhance their career development skills and to optimise employment opportunities available to them.

**University Students’ Union**
The Open University Students’ Union (OUSU) is the legitimate body that represents students. The main objective of the OUSU is to represent the needs of all OUSL students at the University.

More Information will be available in the OUSL website.

**Co-Curricular Activities**
Societies/Associations in the University organise many social, cultural, religious and educational activities/functions that students can take part.
The Regional Educational Services (RES) division of OUSL provides extensive support required by the six Faculties of the university to conduct their academic programmes. There are nine (09) Regional Centres and nineteen (19) Study Centres spread throughout the country, all coming under the purview of this division.

According to the policy of OUSL, one Regional Centre should be situated in a province and one Study Centre in every district. However, according to the demand of the courses and the availability of students, some districts contain more Centres.
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