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Do you know?

You probably know that the Open University of Sri Lanka (OUSL) is one of the national universities in Sri Lanka. But did you know that,

OUSL is the premier Open Distance Learning (ODL) institution in Sri Lanka?

Social Studies Department (SSD) of the OUSL offers programmes ranging from Certificate to PhD levels?

SSD offers you the opportunity to learn from a group of well qualified and dedicated faculty members covering a range of social science disciplines?

OUSL has over 40,000 registered students?

Students can study from their homes or their place of work?

OUSL was established with the mission to make high quality education affordable to those who wish to pursue tertiary education at any stage of their lives.



These are a few among the most compelling reasons for you to start and continue your higher education journey with the Department of Social Studies of The Open University of Sri Lanka.

WELCOME

Welcome to the Faculty
of Humanities and Social
Sciences!



Welcome to the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences (HSS) of The Open University of Sri Lanka (OUSL). The HSS is one of the oldest faculties of the OUSL with more than four decades of teaching and research experience. Thank you for selecting our faculty for achieving your higher education aspirations in Social Sciences in preparation for a successful career. Our faculty is located in Nawala and you can reach it easily from anywhere in the country. Moreover, it is located close to the city of Colombo which gives you access to all the facilities and recreations that enables you to balance your academic and leisure life.

The faculty of HSS provides exciting educational opportunities for students from all social, economic and cultural backgrounds. Our faculty consists of four departments and one unit offering multiple academic programmes of study that prepare students for success in the real world. The departments of Social Studies (SSD), Legal Studies, Language Studies, English Language Teaching, and the Information Studies Unit are the entities of the faculty of HSS. It offers a range of programmes from certificate levels (pre-degree programmes) to the doctoral levels. Currently the HSS services a student population of over 10,000 out of which a majority are registered under the Department of Social Studies. The committed academic staff members of the Department of Social Studies who earned their academic credentials from the best universities in the world are dedicated to give you a more exciting learning experience at the Open University of Sri Lanka.

Most of the students registering in our programmes are employed and join with the intention of earning essential degree qualification for their promotions and also for advancing their careers. However, even those who have completed their school education recently can make use of our English medium degree programme to pursue their career and educational expectations. Through the English medium degree programme, we expect to create not only globally competitive graduates but also responsible citizens for our own society.

At the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences of The Open University of Sri Lanka, the students have the opportunity to create their own personalized education in harmony with their personal schedules. More importantly, student centered staff members are always ready to take the students through the learning process according to an individual student's learning requirements. The students have multiple modes of learning such as day schools (lectures), online learning platforms and audio and video recorded materials. However, they are expected to take more interest in self-studies in the Open and Distance Learning methodology adopted at the OUSL. The diverse student population, covering almost all the employment experiences, social and cultural backgrounds and determinations work together in one classroom which gives more than adequate opportunities to understand one's own world in a more practical manner while learning.

If you are interested in preparing for a career in Social Science and longing for an outstanding education in a superb environment, you have found it. Welcome!

Warmest regards,

Prof. Anton Piyarathne
Dean, Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences (HSS)

WELCOME

Message from the
Head- Department of
Social Studies!



Greetings to all our partners in learning!

Hi everyone, my name is Pathmanesan Sanmugeswaran and I am Head of the Department of Social Studies. I want to take this opportunity to welcome you all to the 2023/24 academic year. The past two years have been extremely challenging for all of us, with the COVID pandemic and unprecedented economic crises not only claiming the lives of loved ones near and far, but also growing anxiety and confusion among the population in general.

The Department of Social Studies (SSD) of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences (HSS) is unique in its ethos and character, offering multidisciplinary academic programmes from Foundation Certificate to Postgraduate levels. The Department has evolved with a distinct character and profile over the years for our beneficiaries to excel ultimately in the broad field of Development Studies with a strong foundation inspired by the core disciplines of Economics, Sociology and Anthropology, Mass Communication, Political Science and International Relations, and Youth Studies. I am very proud to say that SSD is one of the pioneering departments in the history of the national university system promoting Social Studies.

The SSD believes that social science graduates should learn to respect democratic values and cultural diversity while demonstrating a strong sense of civic responsibility and social responsiveness. Furthermore, the programmes from Certificate to postgraduate level are recognized internationally with our students well equipped with soft skills, Information Technology skills, interdisciplinary courses, to make a real change to the quality of life of people everywhere. More importantly, our programmes are structured in terms of multidisciplinary scholarship, a pre-requisite in doing research when we are influenced not only by social, economic, political, cultural and moral factors but also other global developments such as transnationalism and diaspora related developments in post war societies. The Department of Social Studies has developed its own culture of teaching, facilitating and advising the students who are in the BA in Social Sciences through incorporating the teaching and learning pedagogies and taxonomies of global relevance. This friendly and sophisticated environment has created a space for the democratization of teaching and learning autonomy in the Department of Social Studies, making us a model for teaching that facilitated human dignity. In this context we of the SSD resolve to be in the frontline for developing and maximizing multidisciplinary Social Sciences in the highest public interest.

I encourage you all to learn about all the programmes, services and facilities offered by the SSD within the national university system and wish you the very best for your academic endeavors and for enriching learning experience.

Dr. Pathmanesan Sanmugeswaran
Head,
Department of Social Studies (SSD)
Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences (HSS)

The Social Studies Department: An 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 Post-graduate levels. Established in 1990, the SSD has gradually evolved with a distinct culture and profile, specializing in development studies with a strong foundation provided through core disciplines of Economics, Sociology, Mass Communication, Political Science and International Relations and Youth and Community Development.



SSD Vision

To emerge as a Centre of Excellence in Development Policy Studies through multi-disciplinary education based on Open Distance Learning

The Mission-

To empower people and pave the way for sustainable and equitable socio-economic, political and cultural development of the country through study programmes ranging from Certificate to Postgraduate levels.

The Department of Social Studies, commonly known as the SSD was established in 1990, and has gradually evolved with a distinct culture with an academic staff with high credentials from globally competitive universities in Asia, Europe, Australia, and America. Graduates of the SSD are expected to be:

- *Scholarly*
- *Competent, and*
- *Socially Responsive*

We welcome students from diverse backgrounds representing all parts of the country. Ideally, we would like students to be:

- *Committed to the pursuit of knowledge and development of skills.*
- *Interested in pursuing a career in the social sciences.*
- *Curious and interested about the world around them and*
- *Motivated and independent*



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.



Starting the Journey with us at Eighteen Years of Age

At eighteen, you are eligible to register for a broad mix of courses offered by the OUSL. However, at the moment some programmes have selection tests as the demand for them always exceed our capacity to cater to them.

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 modules and online material written by specialized 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 use 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 particular programmes and the level for which you have registered. The activity schedule gives you all the information regarding your assignments with submission dates, Day Schools and examination dates.

What are Day Schools?

Day Schools relate to face-to-face interactive sessions at OUSL, providing with opportunities for you to meet with teachers. An academic member of staff is appointed as a Course Leader for each course. These are academics from the department who are responsible for the development of the curriculum and for ensuring that your learning experience is of high quality.

Visiting Academics who work with the course leaders support students in all Regional and Study Centres where Day Schools are held. When you attend a Day School, you are able to discuss and solve your learning difficulties by discussing them with your Day School academic. You can also make an appointment and meet the course leader during weekdays or get in touch with them online at any stage of studies.

What are Course Materials?

The printed course material you receive at registration, is called the 'Tutor in Print'. Sometimes, it is provided online. The course materials are a substitute for the lectures conducted in the conventional system. They are especially written for the OUSL by experts in each field. These include academic staff from the OUSL as well as academics from other local and international universities. They are interactive in style and contain in- text questions, activities, and review questions for students to reflect on the work, and for self-assessment.

Sometimes your courses are in the form of Interactive Multi Media (IMM) or online material and activities. IMM constitutes a combination of printed material and online materials which include reading material and assignments. Online courses are where the course material is available only in the online platform. There is also an online resource depository known as the 'digital library' which includes a glossary, videos and reading material. These can be accessed through the university website.

The OUSL has developed a network of Regional and Study Centres throughout the island. These centers are used for the distribution of course materials, to provide library facilities, for submission of assignments, and sometime for Registration and Day School sessions. You can check-in at the Regional or Study Centre nearest to you and register for your programmes.

What is a Study Program?

A study programme is a combination of compulsory and elective courses leading to a Certificate, Diploma, Degree or Postgraduate degree, on successful completion.

What are Continuing Education Courses?

Continuing Education (CE) courses are offered to students who are registered for regular study programmes, to expose students to diverse fields of studies and career prospects. For instance, the BA in Social Sciences offers a range of CE course for students such as Statistics for Social Sciences, Non- violent Communication and Social Harmony. Some of these CE courses may be compulsory for certain Study Programmes.

Over 40,000
Registered
students are
studying at The
Open University

Many of them
pursue tertiary
education
**while being
employed.**

What is credit rating?

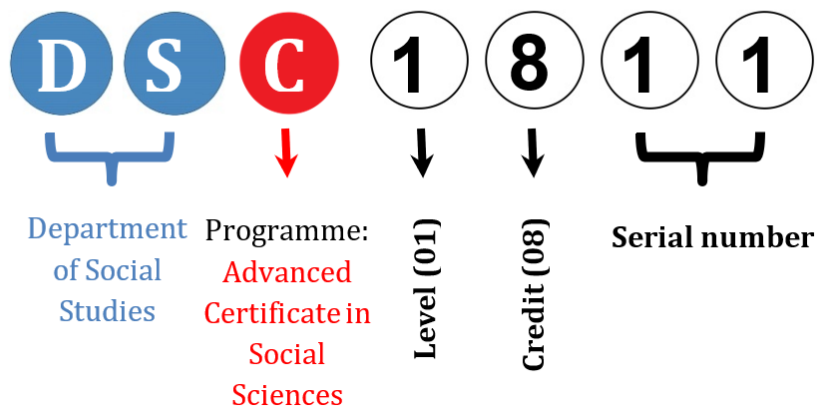
All Study Programmes and courses are given a specific credit rating. This represents the academic value and workload of a course or a programme. It also reflects the time that should be spent on the course. At the OUSL, one credit is defined as 50 notional learning hours. When a credit rating is allocated to a course, it takes into account the time you need to spend on all the activities you need to do to successfully complete a course. This includes reading and understanding course materials, participation in face-to-face sessions, completing continuous assessments and final examinations, reading reference material etc.

What is a Course Code?

Each course that is offered at the OUSL is assigned a course code. This code gives a unique identity to the course. Course codes consist of 3 letters and 4 digits for example, DSU3551. Interpretation of the course codes in various study programmes is presented below.

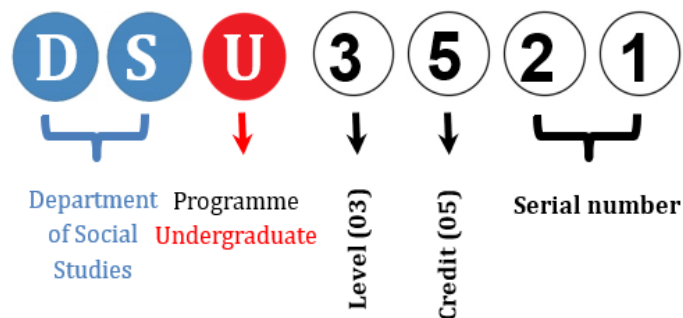
Advanced Certificate in Social Sciences

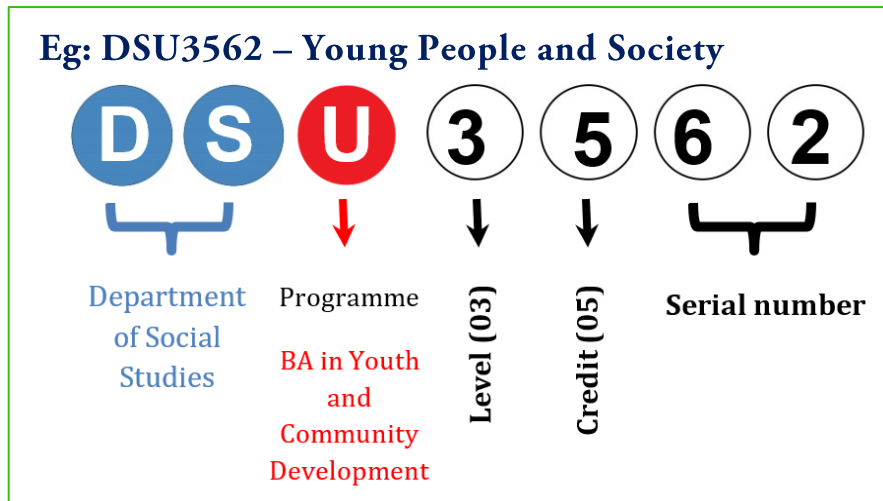
Eg: DSC1811- Modern History of Sri Lanka



BA in Social Sciences

Eg: DSU3521 Introduction to Communication Theory & Practice





How do I decide on my workload?

If you register for a regular study programme such as the BA in Social Sciences, you may register for a minimum of 9 credits or a maximum of 30 credits per year. Additionally, you may register for up to 8 credits of CE courses in each academic year. When you decide on your workload, please consider the number of hours you will have to spend for each course. For example, if you register for a total of 15 credits in a semester you will have to find 750 hours ($15 \times 50 = 750$).

You need to assess if you have this amount of time available for studying before you are deciding on an appropriate workload for yourself. Remember, one of the advantages of studying at the OUSL is that you can choose your credit load, subject to the stipulated minimum and maximum allowed in an academic year. So, adjust your workload according to how much time you can commit for your learning process.



Can I continue my studies while living abroad?

- Yes, you can!
- Students can **continue** their studies while living abroad. However, you need to keep in close contact with your course leader to make sure you fulfill the assessment requirements of your courses.
- **Final examinations** may be organized outside the country through the relevant Sri Lankan Embassies. Students are expected to contact the Sri Lankan embassy in those countries and obtain their consent to hold examinations when necessary. This needs to be done well in advance to enable the Examination Division of the OUSL to make arrangements through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- **Alternatively**, the students can contact a nearby university of their choice and get their consent to supervise the examination. The candidate will be expected to meet the costs of these examinations abroad. These costs may vary considerably.
- However, please note that the **possibility** of holding examinations in a foreign country depends on the willingness of an institution (university/embassy) agreeing to conduct the examinations at the same time they are administered in Sri Lanka.

Student Life

One of the advantages of the OUSL is that you will be part of an extremely diverse student population. We have students from all over the country, employed students, and students from different age groups and ethnic backgrounds. This will give you the opportunity to interact with different types of people and to share experiences with them.



"One of the most challenging and happy experiences in my life was the journey I had with the Open University Sri Lanka... I'm proud to be a part of this institution which has provided innumerable advantages to student all over the country"

Archchana Yoganathan,
2017/2018, Society and Culture Studies Stream
Jaffna Regional Centre, OUSL

"Students who have studied at the Department of Social Studies have an insightful understanding of the subject matter."

Anushka Bandara,
Assistant Director, Kandy Regional Centre, OUSL

"You may be a particle of carbon to the society; Nevertheless OUSL would make you a rare gemstone, where all will call you a DIAMOND"

- Jayani Dissanayake-



Humble hello to everyone, I'm Jayani Dissanayake from Open University of Sri Lanka, who completed my Bachelor's degree in Social Sciences following the stream of Economics and Development Studies obtaining a First Class Degree with flying colors being the only first class of the economics stream on the academic year 2021. Also, I was able to go for Dean's Awards in both my second year (2019) and final year (2021). It was indeed a beautiful journey made with loads of memories, experiences, life achievements and lessons. After A/Ls mostly youngsters in Sri Lanka try to seek an option to continue their higher education. Thus, OUSL is always a hope for a child to achieve their dreams. There are regional centers island wide where you get an easy access with a proper ODL method to study. I started my bachelor's with A/Ls and then since the first step to my university I set my targets. There is a good, talented and humble academic staff to guide you to the best. Also, you can use the library to refresh your knowledge and start exploring yourself. I still remember I included even references in certain answer sheets at written examinations to prove my answer for the question provided. At last but not least, the whole experience in OUSL can't be ever forgotten because it was such a great place where anyone would accomplish all your dreams with your efforts and dedications. I'm so glad to be a part of OUSL because it indeed a good example for equality where age, status, class, marital status, professional level and hierarchies don't count in for the term "Education". Join hand in hand for our university where you will never feel lost in your life. Finally, I would like to add my heartiest gratitude for my university, academics and non-academics as a whole for being supportive throughout my academic years and making it a wonderful journey.

Testimonial of Sanjaya Amarathunga

Just after being appointed as an information communication teacher in a government school, I decided to join OUSL and continue my higher studies in social sciences. I found it very convenient for me to manage my profession with the studies because of the supportive academic and non-academic staff of the OUSL. OUSL is the best place which supports achieving your dreams successfully. Further, the technological facilities, Library facilities, flexible studying methods and pre scheduled lectures enhanced the student friendly environment for employees like me. I am proud to say that I have already got many opportunities after completing the BA in social sciences with a first class and The Gold Medal for being student in Social Sciences. Moreover, it helps me understand people better and to be empathetic. Finally, I would like to say that education is a never ending process until the last day of our lives. OUSL supported not only me but thousands of students to navigate their lives in the best way.



W.G.P.S. Amarathunga

Teacher

CP/G/Wewalawewa Maha Vidyalaya Dambulla

Does the Open University have student unions?

Yes. OUSL has its own student union. We encourage you to find out about the student union and to get involved. Our faculty believes in student rights and two students are elected from the HSS Faculty to represent student's issues at the Faculty Board. Student representation at the Faculty Board is a medium through which you can ensure that your interests are represented to the faculty and get heard.



The effectiveness of this opportunity that is presented to you depends on the level of interest you take in making sure your views are represented among the student

Using these student unions, you can establish a relationship with the University in order to have access to university facilities and services easily.

Student Support

There are various divisions and units that will support your learning process during your life at the OUSL.

Student Affairs Division

The Student Affairs Division is responsible for maintaining all personal records of OUSL students. You should contact the Student Affairs Division for any of the following:

- You have lost your record book
- You have changed your address
- You want to change your medium of study or Study Centre, or
- When your personal details (civil status) have changed etc.

Examination Division

The examinations division is responsible for maintaining records of OUSL students. You should fill your final exam entry form three weeks before the final examination. Your admission forms will only be prepared when you make the application. The Examinations Division is responsible for conducting assessments and examinations. Your admission forms will be sent to you by the Examinations Division before you sit for your examination. You should contact the Examination Division for any of the following:

- Any queries regarding the online exam entry form
- Any queries regarding examinations
- Requests for results sheets, transcripts or certificates (you will be required to pay a nominal fee).

Finance Division

The Finance Division administers student fees and related matters. If you have any queries regarding course fees, you should contact the Finance Division in the Central Campus at Nawala. The Finance Division will send you the invoices relating to each semester; you can make the payments at the stipulated bank branches. You should remember to retain the student copy of the voucher with you for future reference. The Shroff counter at the Colombo Regional Centre is open from 9.00am to 3.00pm on weekdays. You can also make payments for request for certificates or results sheets at the Shroff Counter. Students attached to other Regional Centres may get the assistance of the Regional Officers or Assistant Directors with regard to payment issues. Students from the regions outside Colombo can pay the fees at the nearest Regional Centre or at the stipulated bank.

Student Counselling

The department has a student counsellor who is available for consultations on various issues. For academic matters, you should meet the relevant course leader, Regional Coordinator or Visiting Academic.

Student Counsellor:

Dr. Athulasiri Samarakoon

Email: smasa@ou.ac.lk

Tel: 0112881436

Library Services

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, skills development programmes and provides access to E-Recourses (e-books, e-databases, e-journals). It also provides Remote Access to University Subscribed E-resources. 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.



Career Guidance Unit

The Career Guidance Unit is located in the new CRC building at Nawala. You can get support for your career development and employment skills. Further details on Career Guidance Unit can be found from the CGU website <https://ou.ac.lk/cguhome>

Medical Centre

The Colombo Regional Centre has a medical Center for students and staff. It is open on all weekdays except on public and university holidays. <https://ou.ac.lk/medical-center>

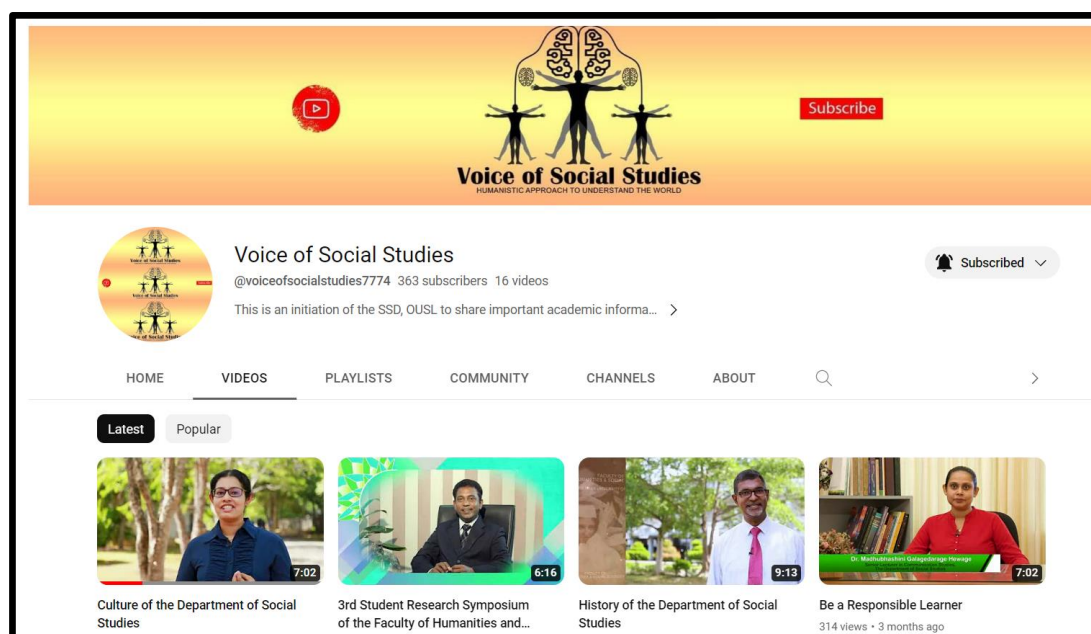
Temporary Residential Facilities

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.

Our YouTube Channel

Welcome to our department's official YouTube channel! Here, we show case the latest developments, research, and activities within our department. Our channel is a hub for informative and educational content, featuring videos that covers a wide range of topics related to our field of study.

<https://www.youtube.com/@voiceofsocialstudies7774/videos>



Banking Facilities

The OUSL branch of the People's Bank is located at the Nawala-Narahenpita Junction near the University. An electronic cash dispensing outlet of the Peoples Bank (PET) is located at the Colombage Mawatha, Nawala Road.

Photocopying Facilities

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

Canteens

Student canteens serve meals and other refreshments at reasonable prices at the Central Campus, Colombo, Kandy and Matara Regional Centers. The canteens are open every weekday and weekends except on university holidays.

Scholarships at the OUSL

There are many scholarships offered for the 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:

- Mahapola Scholarship
- University Bursary
- University Enhancement Bursary
- Open University Enrolment Bursary

How do I apply?

- Please contact the student welfare division to obtain the application and guidelines to apply for the above mentioned scholarships.
- 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).
- For more details and the selection criteria please refer 'Scholarships' in the OUSL website (<https://ou.ac.lk/scholarships>) or contact the Student welfare division.

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Student Welfare Division

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Director /Student Welfare

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Academic Performance Assessment and Evaluation

There are two types of assessments at the OUSL. They are namely, Continuous Assessments (CA) and Final Examinations.

Continuous Assessments (CA)

Your progress in a course is assessed periodically through continuous assessment tests. There can be several CAs per course.

There are different types of CAs such as Open Book Tests (OBTs), Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs), Close Book Tests (CBTs), Oral Presentations and Learning Journals. For blended and online courses offered in the BA programme you are also assessed on your participation in the online platform. Oral presentations can be conducted in three methods such as group presentations, poster presentations and individual oral presentations.

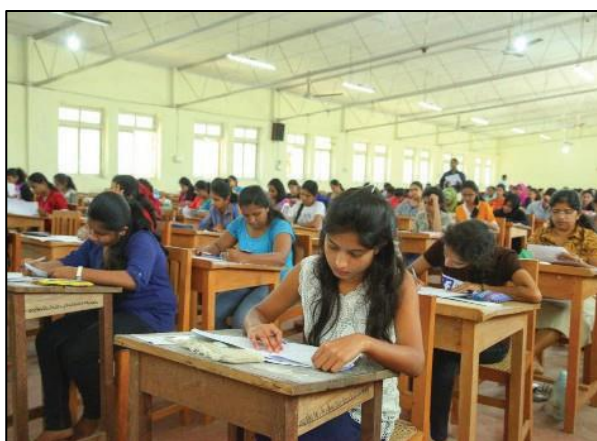
A percentage of your average mark from all the CA components will be included in your final grade. For example, in the BA Study Programme, 50% of your final grade will be calculated from your CA marks.

Remember, failure to score the minimum stipulated CA marks will lead to overall failure of that course and you will not be allowed to sit for the final examination.



Final Examinations

At the end of each semester, you will have Final Examinations. If you fail to sit for a Final Examination, you will be required to re-sit for the examination in the subsequent year. If you get an FA grade, it means that you will have to register for that particular course once again. When you re-register for a subject, you will be required to pay for the course again.



Careers for Social Science

Social sciences are an integral part of the higher education system, and social science graduates are valuable assets to any country. Social Science education provides you with a broad and humanistic outlook on life. It gives you a critical perspective and a set of skills to intervene meaningfully on issues connected with the world around you.

Our graduates work in a range of fields. They work in the development and humanitarian sectors with local and global non-governmental organizations and multilateral agencies such as the United Nations and Private Sector.

These are some career paths that are open to you as well. You might already be working in one of these sectors and wanting to enhance your career or you might be looking for an opportunity to switch careers and go into something new. Or you might be a school leaver, just about to start your professional career. As you can see, there are many options available to you with an undergraduate or postgraduate training in the social sciences.

Courses Offered

This section describes the different programmes offered by the Social Studies Department.



Advanced Certificate in Social Sciences

This is a beginner or entry level study programme offered by the SSD which covers a wide range of subjects such as Economics, Sociology, Mass Communication, Political Science, History, Geography, Law and Management. It is an entry point for those wishing to further their education to graduate levels at OUSL and elsewhere.

What are the objectives of the programme?

The Advanced Certificate in Social Sciences leads to undergraduate and postgraduate studies in the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, and to provide new avenues for education. It can be seen as the first rung of the ladder of opportunities within the faculty. Those who complete the Certificate in Social Sciences are eligible to apply for Selection tests in the Department of Legal Studies as well as the Faculty of Management Studies in addition to gaining entry into the BA Degree Programme in the Social Sciences or the BA Degree in Youth and Community Development.

What are the entry requirements?

- 1) Completed junior secondary level, which is grade 9 or equivalent, or
- 2) Completed primary education with certified work experience equivalent to a minimum period of 02 years, or
- 3) An equivalent or higher qualification acceptable to the Senate, AND
- 4) Should be 18 years of age or above

What is the duration of the Course?

Depending on your prior academic achievements the duration will be either one year or two years. The student completes the course by passing the continuous assessment components and the final examinations. Final Examinations are held at the end of each semester. Those with a minimum 2 Advanced Level passes in any stream can complete the programme in one year.

What is the medium of instruction?

The programme is offered in Sinhala, Tamil, and English Languages.

Can I get exemptions from courses?

Those who have qualifications acceptable to the Senate of the OUSL can get exemptions from relevant courses at the time of registration.

What are the benefits of following the Advanced Certificate in Social Sciences?

- Students who complete this course successfully can gain entry to the Degree in Social Sciences or the Degree in Youth and Community Development programmes offered by the Department of Social Studies.
- The Advanced Certificate Course in Social Sciences also functions as a gateway to sit for the entrance examinations for Management and Law Degree Programmes of the OUSL and for a number of other programs of the University.

What is the course Fee?

Registration fee	Rs. 500/=
Facility fee	Rs. 2500/=
Course fee (Local Students)	Per Credit Rs. 960/=
Developed countries- Per Credit	\$46
Developing countries- Per Credit	\$23

***60% of the course fee should be paid at registration.**

For further information contact:

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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. The programme is designed to equip youth work practitioners with core competencies needed for accelerated national development processes. This fulfils a nationally felt need for professionally trained youth workers at a time the country is in the midst of an accelerated national development drive to mobilize young people for nation building. 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 Social Work.

Programme Summary

The programme consists of a combination of compulsory and optional courses drawn from the existing BA in Social Sciences, Diploma in Youth Development, and courses developed by the Common wealth 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). Each academic year consists of two semesters. Students are assessed through continuous assessments and a final examination for each course in each semester. In level 5 students are expected to complete an internship or extended essay. Based on the students' requests, they can obtain Diploma and Higher Diploma in Youth and Community Development after successful completion of Level 3 and 4 respectively.

Making changes to registered courses

You will be given a period during which you can make changes to the courses for which you have registered. You can add or drop courses during a specified period of time by completing a form designed for this purpose. This is available with the Assistant Registrar of the Faculty. You can also contact the Department Coordinator or the Regional Director in your respective area. When you add or drop courses, you have to maintain a maximum of 36 credits or minimum of 9 credits. You will not be allowed to change your courses after the designated period.

What are the objectives of the programme?

- 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 for engaging with the national development process with enlightened policy development, implementation and evaluation.
- To build a highly competent and enthusiastic personality, who wish to get employed in any type of 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.

What are the 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 program offered by an approved Higher Education Institution OR
3. Completion of NVQ Level 4 or accredited work experience equivalent to NVQ Level 4
4. An equivalent or higher qualification acceptable to the senate of the OUSL

What is the medium of instruction?

The course is offered only in English.

Scholarships

Selected students will be granted a special scholarship offered by NYSC. For more information, contact the coordinator.

Where will the academic activities be held?

This programme will be offered at all Regional Centres. Conducting Academic activities at Study Centres will depend on the number of registered students in the respective Study Centre.

What are the future benefits?

The Degree of Bachelor of Arts in Youth and Community Development will be invaluable for people in diverse professions. The programme covers youth and community development work in public, private and non-governmental sectors. It is also a convenient option for those seeking career advancement or career changes and to enter the fields of youth and community work. Further, it serves as an option for knowledge seekers in the field, and creates greater advantages for practitioners, policy makers or researchers to excel in this field.



What is the course Fee?

Registration fee	Rs. 500/=
Facility fee	Rs. 2,500/=
Library Facilities Fee	Rs. 100/=

Course fee (Local Students) Per Credit Rs. 1,800/=

Developed countries- Per Credit \$86

Developing countries- Per Credit \$43

Start@ OUSL Course fee will be added to the above fee.

***60% of the course fee should be paid at registration.**

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BA in Social Sciences

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 in the national standards in social sciences. Students who register for the BA can choose from the following areas of focus:

Communication Studies

Communication Studies equip you to insightfully understand the role of human communication in the development process from individual to institutional levels. The discipline enables you to analyze how the communication process affects the quality of life within a given social system, proactively or reactively, impacting on the quality of human freedom and one's capacity to empower others with thoughts and actions.

The critical understanding of theory will positively help you to influence system based reforms proactively especially in the areas of governance at micro and at macro organizational levels and in areas such as Peace and Non-violent Communication, Agricultural Extension, Health Communication, Political Communication etc. The discipline, through its broad curriculum will have a liberating impact on the human mind, with purposive human communication becoming a way of life in a society lagging behind in qualities that strengthen human existence.

Economics and Development Studies

Economics is the study of how societies, governments, businesses, households, and individuals allocate their scarce resources. The discipline has two important features. First, we develop conceptual models of behavior to predict responses to changes in policy and market conditions. Second, we use analytical models to investigate these changes. While providing a good knowledge on the principles of Economics, this area of study will also expose you to different specialized branches of Economic analysis that would help you to understand issues of development through an economic perspective. You will gain valuable insights into the various critical economic events, and be an informed participant in the modern economy.

Politics and International Studies

Politics and International Studies offer courses that guide and enable you to understand the complexities of national, global and societal politics. With conceptual exposure to the science and art of politics, you will become an astute observer of your society, governments and political systems around the world. You will also begin to think politically and reflect critically about politics. Subjects explored in this stream include politics and governance; political ideologies; gender and politics; cyber politics; politics under globalization; international political economy; conflict, war and peace; political violence; security; world politics; and political theory. This is an excellent platform if you are interested in the systematic study of politics, political processes, political behavior and values, political institutions, global politics; and politics at the level of government, society and citizens.

Society and Culture Studies

Drawing from the disciplines of Sociology and Social Anthropology, Society and Culture Studies offers you an exciting range of options that look at social institutions, social and cultural processes. It provides you with the concepts, knowledge and skills to understand the world around to analyze issues of social relevance and to intervene meaningfully in the world around you. Some of the topics covered in this stream include globalization, marriage and family, education, political systems, social movements, religious institutions, identity, social psychology, gender and development. If you are curious about people, like to understand more about your-self and the society in which you live and plan a people-oriented career, this will be a useful and interesting area of study.

When do I have to select the area of focus I want to follow?

You must select your area of focus at the time of registration. The detailed curriculum of the BA programme is provided in this prospectus. Please read it carefully and select the area, which you would like to focus during your BA degree.

Making changes to registered courses

You will be given a period during which you can make changes to the courses for which you have registered. You can add or drop courses during a specified period. You must complete a form designed for this purpose. This is available with the Assistant Registrar of the Faculty. You can also contact the Department Coordinator or the Regional Director in your respective area. When you add or drop courses, you must maintain a maximum of 36 credits or minimum of 9 credits. You will not be allowed to change your courses after the designated period.

What is the programme structure?

The BA programme starts at Level 3. You will require a MINIMUM of 3 years to complete this degree program. Each academic year is divided into two semesters. Each semester, you can select courses worth maximum 15 credits. To complete the programme, you need to have a total of 90 credits. Each year you are offered a combination of compulsory and elective courses. In addition, you are also offered what are known as 'Continuing Education' courses. You can select up to 10 credits of CE courses each year. Some of the Continuing Education courses such as English are compulsory.

What are the 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 NVQ Level 4 or
4. An equivalent or higher qualification acceptable to the senate.

What is the medium of instruction?

English

What is the course Fee?

Registration fee	Rs. 500/=
Facility fee	Rs. 2500/=
Library Facilities Fee	Rs. 100/=
Course fee (Local Students)	Per Credit Rs. 1,800/=
Course fee (Foreign students)	
Developed countries- Per Credit	\$86
Developing countries- Per Credit	\$43
Start@ OUSL Course fee will be added to the above fee.	

***60% of the course fee should be paid at registration.**

Example: DSU3521 is a five credits course. To take this course you have to pay (5 X Rs.1800/=). That is Rs.9,000/=

Gold Medals

Students who perform well in the BA Degree in Social Sciences are eligible for the following Gold Medals at the end of the programme. These are awarded annually at the University Convocation.

- Dr. Gamani Corea Gold Medal to the Best Student in Social Sciences
- Dr. Anura Goonesekera Gold Medal to the Best Student in Mass Communication
- Professor H.A. de. S. Gunasekera Gold Medal to the Best Student in Economics
- Professor Gananath Obeyesekere Gold Medal to the Best Student in Sociology



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Continuing Education (CE)

Continuing Education (CE) courses are offered to students who are registered for regular study programmes, to expose them to diverse fields of studies and career prospects. Students following the BA in Youth and Community Development and BA in Social Sciences must follow this and obtain 10 credits in addition to the required 90 credits of course work.

The Continuing Education courses are;

Academic Level	Course Code	Course Title
Offered at Level 3 (StART@OUSL Courses)	LEE3410	EGAP (offered in Level 3)
	DSE3215	Social Harmony (offered in Level 4)
CE course Offered in Level 4	DSE4207	Non-Violent Communication
CE course Offered in Level 4 and 5	DSE5301	Statistics for Social Sciences

MA in Development Studies and Public Policy

This is a programme of minimum two years duration. 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 our faculty, the MA in Development Studies and Public Policy offers you a unique post-graduate study programme in the distance mode.

What are the 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,
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
AND
3. Selection through an interview conducted by the Department of Social Studies whenever the need arises.

What is the programme structure?

This programme will consist of 45 credits worth of Regular courses, 15 credits worth of research work and 3 credits worth of Continuing Education Courses. The two academic years are divided into four semesters to enable students to give undivided attention to selected courses.

Major Cross Cutting Themes

The Plantation Economy; Food Self Sufficiency; State Enterprises and the State Controlled Economy; Structural Adjustment and Economic Reforms; Process of Liberalization; The Social Welfare State; The Demographic Transition; Poverty Reduction; Trade Union Movement; Ethnic Conflict; Youth Politics; Political Parties; Constitutional Changes; Communication in Attitudinal Transformation, Public Opinion Formation, Diffusion of Innovations.

What is the course Fee?

Registration fee	Rs. 1500/=
Facility fee	Rs. 2500/=
Library Facilities Fee	Rs. 200/=
Course fee (Local Students)	Per Credit Rs. 2,200/=
Course fee (Foreign students)	
Developed countries- Per Credit	\$105
Developing countries- Per Credit	\$53

***60% of the course fee should be paid at registration.**

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Master of Philosophy (M.Phil) and Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D)

The M.Phil/ Ph.D 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.

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

The research proposal should be in line with the research interests of the senior staff of the department. Please go through the staff profile for information regarding the individual research interests of the staff.

There is no deadline for enrolment!

For further information contact:

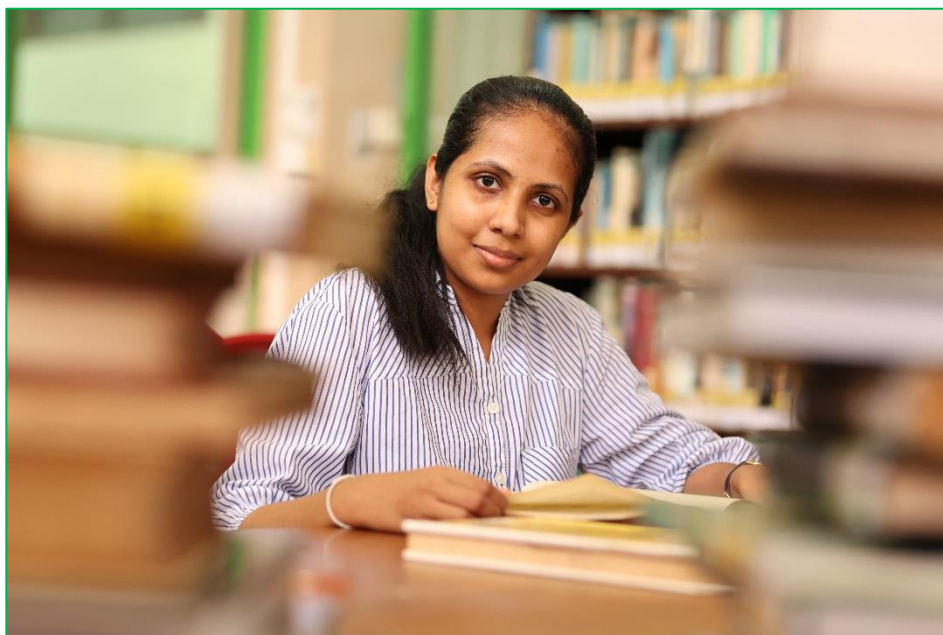
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Diploma in Tourism Operations

The Diploma in Tourism Operations is a one year programme offered in the English medium during two semesters. The first semester will cover the four core courses. The courses for the second semester depend on the stream that you have selected. There are two streams; Stream in Tourism and Hotel Operations and Stream in Tourism and Travel Operations. Stream selection takes place during registration.

What are the objectives of the programme?

The Diploma Programme in travel, tourism, and the hospitality industry has three objectives. Firstly, it aims to provide students with the necessary practical and conceptual training to succeed in operational roles. Secondly, it offers a nationally recognized qualification that can be used as a foundation for higher-level training in the field. Finally, the program seeks to enhance the knowledge and experience of professionals already working in the industry. This includes those who have been in the industry for some time and wish to deepen their understanding of its principles and practices.

What are the entry requirements?

- Three passes in any discipline at the General Certificate of Education (Advanced Level) Examination, Sri Lanka, or
- Six passes at the General Certificate of Education (Ordinary Level) Examination, Sri Lanka and five years of certified work experience in the relevant field, or
- Six passes at the General Certificate of Education (Ordinary Level) Examination, Sri Lanka and successfully completed the Short Course in Tourism and Hotel Operations of the Open University of Sri Lanka, with three years of certified work experience in the relevant field, or
- Successful completion of any SLQF level 2 programme with minimum 30 (thirty) credits offered by a Higher Educational Institution acceptable by the Senate, or
- Successful completion of National Vocational Qualification (NVQ) Level 4 in Tourism and Hospitality field, or
- An equivalent or higher qualification acceptable to the Senate of the OUSL.

What is the duration of the Course?

The Diploma programme will be conducted in English and will have a duration of one year. It will consist of 30 credits (SLQF) at level 3. The programme aims to provide students with a comprehensive understanding of the subject matter, and equip them with the necessary skills and knowledge to excel in their chosen field.

What is the medium of instruction?

The programme is offered only in English language.

What are the benefits of following the Diploma in Tourism Operations?

- Enhanced career prospects: The diploma program equips students with skills and knowledge necessary to excel in the tourism industry, thus increasing their chances of employability and career progression.
- Flexible learning: As a distance learning program, students have the flexibility to study at their own pace and from any location, making it ideal for those who are working or have other commitments.
- Industry-relevant curriculum: The program is designed with the consultation of industry experts and is regularly updated to ensure it stays relevant and addresses the current needs of the industry.
- Affordability: The Open University of Sri Lanka is known for its affordable education programs, making it accessible to students who may not have the financial means to pursue a degree at a traditional university.

What is the course Fee?

Registration fee	Rs. 500/=
Facility fee	Rs. 2500 /=-
Course fee (Local Students)	Per Credit Rs. 1690/=
Developed countries- Per Credit	81 \$
Developing countries- Per Credit	41 \$

***Course fee can be paid in two installments.**

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Short Course in Tourism and Hotel Operations

The Short Course in Tourism and Hotel Operations offered by the Open University of Sri Lanka is an excellent opportunity for individuals looking to gain valuable knowledge and skills in the tourism and hospitality industry. This course provides a comprehensive overview of the tourism and hotel industry, covering concepts such as tourism and leisure, hotel operations, customer service and professional and personal development. The course is designed to equip students with the knowledge and skills necessary to succeed in the industry, making it an ideal choice for those seeking to enhance their career prospects in this field.

What are the objectives of the programme?

The objective is to train students at a basic level in the fast-developing tourism and hotel industry is to equip them with the essential knowledge and skills required to succeed in this dynamic field. This includes providing them with a solid foundation in hospitality management, customer service, and tourism industry trends. The training will also focus on developing the basic concepts, problem-solving, communication, and interpersonal skills, which are essential for success in this industry.

What are the entry requirements?

- Should be over 18 years of age
- Ability to follow the course in English Language

What is the duration of the Course?

The short course in tourism and hotel operations, which will be conducted by the social studies department, is designed to provide participants with a comprehensive understanding of the key concepts and principles in this field. The course duration will be 30 hours of class work.

What is the medium of instruction?

The programme is offered only in English language

What are the benefits of following the Short Course in Tourism and Hotel Operations?

- The short course in tourism and hotel operations at the Open University of Sri Lanka provides a comprehensive understanding of the key concepts and principles in this field, preparing students for entry-level positions in the industry.
- The course is designed to be flexible and accessible, allowing participants to balance their studies with work or other commitments.
- Upon completion of the course, you will be awarded a certificate of participation.

What is the course Fee?

Course fee (Local Students)	Rs.12,000 /=
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How do I Apply?

From where can I get application forms?

The Application Form is accessible online via this web link <https://reginfo.ou.ac.lk/applyonline/>. Please note that payments should be made online.

What happens after applying?

If you are selected for the Study Programme that you applied for, you will be notified to come and Register. We will take around 3-4 weeks to process the applications. It is very important that you attend the Orientation Programme since you will be given a lot of information on the BA study programme.

What is registration?

Registration is when your study programme with the OUSL officially starts! Registration documents along with a payment voucher stating the course fee will be sent to you prior to registration. You will also be notified as to the dates on which you can register for the programme. You can pay the course fee to the nearest People's Bank branch, online or at the nearest OUSL Regional or study Centre prior to registration. You can make the payment in two instalments:

- 1st instalment: 60% of the course fee at registration
- 2nd instalment: 40% of the course fee in the second semester

All payment matters will be handled by the Finance Division of the Open University of Sri Lanka.

Where can I register?

You can register at the OUSL center closest to where you live. At registration, you can select the courses you want to follow for that year. The academic staff of the SSD will be available to provide you with academic counselling that is, they will help you to decide how to choose your courses and how many courses you should register for in that year.

When do I get my course material?

After you register and you make the payments for the courses that you have selected, you can collect your course materials for the relevant academic year from the Book Distribution Centre.

Once your registration is complete you are officially a student of the OUSL and your learning process begins immediately!

What documents do I need to bring with me for registration?

1. Birth Certificate or signed copy of Birth Certificate and copies
2. Three (3) passport size photographs
3. National ID and a photocopy
4. Original Educational Certificates (O/L and A/L certificates) with copies

Is that all I must do?

Well, you will also be invited at registration for the Orientation Programme. The Orientation Programme will provide you with more detailed and specific information about your study programme. You will get to meet your lecturers and you can clarify any questions you have with them or the other staff of the department regarding your study programme. You will also be shown the other support facilities that are available to you such as the library services and career guidance unit

*** All Fees are subject to change.**

Annexure 1: Detailed Curriculum: Advanced Certificate in Social Sciences 2023/24

Level 1	
Course Code	Course Name
DSC1811	Modern History of Sri Lanka
DSC1712	Human Geography
DSC1813	Introduction to Management
DSC1714	Understanding Law
Level 2	
DSC2811	Elements of Political Science
DSC2812	Fundamentals of Economics
DSC2713	Introduction to Mass Communication
DSC2714	Foundation of Sociology
CE course	
LEE1602	English for Social Sciences

Annexure 2: Detailed Curriculum: BA in Youth and Community Development 2023/24

Level 3 - Semester I	
DSU3521	Introduction to Communication Theory & Practice
DSU3561	Principles and Practices of Youth in Development Work
DSU3551	Understanding Society and Culture
Semester II	
DSU3562	Young People and Society
DSU3542	Politics and Governance: an introduction
DSU3563	Management and Leadership Skills for Youth Work
CE Courses	
LEE3410	English for General Academic Purposes (EGAP)
CSE3215	Social Harmony

Level 4 - Semester I	
DSU4562	Project Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation
DSU4561	Promoting Enterprise and Economic Development
DSU4263	Working with Youth in Community and Organizational Settings.
DSU4352	Social Psychology
Semester II	
DSU4564	Conflict Resolution: Strategies and Skills
DSU4566	Contemporary Issues in Youth Development
DSU4365	Gender and Development or
DSU4368	Youth Governance and Participation
DSU4267	Youth and Development Work: Personal and Professional Development
CE Courses	
DSE4207	Non-Violent Communication
DSE5301	Statistics for Social Sciences

Level 5 - Semester 1	
DSU5651	Social Science Research Methods
DSU5661	Training course on professional youth work
DSU5363	Supporting Youth in Grief and Trauma
Semester II	
DSU5469	Youth, Health, Safety and Well-Being
DSU5268	Livelihoods and Development
DSU5324 or	Cross Cultural Communication or
DSU5364	Youth Advocacy: Principles and Tools
DSU5361 or	Extended Essay
DSU5362	Internship
DSU5367 or	Community Based Disaster Risk Reduction
DSU5366	Youth and Sustainable Development
CE Courses	
DSE5301	Statistics for Social Sciences

Annexure 3: Detailed Curriculum: BA in Social sciences 2023/24

Level 03			
Communication Studies	Economics and Development Studies	Politics and International Studies	Society and Culture Studies
Semester 1			
DSU3521 Introduction to Communication Theory and Practice DSU3531 Principles of Economics I DSU3551 Understanding Society and Culture			
Semester 2			
DSU3522 Communication and Media Ethics	DSU3532 Principles of Economics 2	DSU3541 Introduction to International Politics	DSU3532 Principles of Economics II
DSU3542 Politics and Governance: An Introduction	DSU3542 Politics and Governance: An Introduction	DSU3542 Politics and Governance: An Introduction	DSU3542 Politics and Governance: An Introduction
DSU3552 Understanding Sri Lankan Society and Culture	DSU3552 Understanding Sri Lankan Society and Culture	DSU3552 Understanding Sri Lankan Society and Culture	DSU3552 Understanding Sri Lankan Society and Culture
LEE3410: English for General Academic Purposes (EGAP)			
DSE3215: Social Harmony			

Level 04 – Semester 1			
Communication Studies	Economics and Development Studies	Politics and International Studies	Society and Culture Studies
Semester 1			
DSU4621 Participatory Communication for Development	DSU4631 Economy of Sri Lanka	DSU4641 Living Political Ideas	DSU4352 Social Psychology
DSU4323 Communication in Disaster Mitigation or SU4325 Creative Communication	DSU4333 Development Economics or DSU4335 Monetary Economics	DSU4343 Politics of Sri Lanka or DSU4345 Political Participation, Representation and Governance	DSU4353 Kinship, Family and Marriage DSU4355 Religion, Society and Culture

DSU4343 Politics of Sri Lanka or DSU4345 Political Participation, Representation and Governance	DSU4323 Communication in Disaster Mitigation or DSU4325 Creative Communication	DSU4333 Development Economics or DSU4335 Monetary Economics	DSU4323 Communication in Disaster Mitigation or DSU4325 Creative Communication
DSU4352 Social Psychology or DSU4353 Kinship, Family and Mariage or DSU4355 Religion, Society and Culture	DSU4343 Politics of Sri Lanka or DSU4345 Political Participation, Representation and Governance or DSU4355 Religion, Society and Culture	DSU4323 Communication in Disaster Mitigation or DSU4325 Creative Communication or DSU4355 Religion, Society and Culture or DSU4353 Kinship, Family and Mariage	DSU4343 Politics of Sri Lanka or DSU4345 Political Participation, Representation and Governance
DSE4207: Non-Violent Communication			

Level 04 - Semester 2			
Communication Studies	Economics and Development Studies	Politics and International Studies	Society and Culture Studies
Semester 2			
DSU4622 Environmental Communication	DSU4332 Health Economics	DSU4642 Politics of South Asia	DSU4652 Development Theory and Practice
DSU4324 Advertising and Promotion or DSU4327 Appreciation of film and Theatre	DSU4334 International economics	DSU4344 International Organizations and Transnational Governance or	DSU4354 Economy and Society or DSU4356 Politics and Social Movements

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DSU4344 International Organizations and Transnational Governance or DSU4346 Public Policy and Administration	DSU4336 Public Finance	DSU4354 Economy and Society or DSU4356 Politics and Social Movements	DSU4346 Public Policy and Administration or DSU4332 Health Economics
DSU4354 Economy and Society or DSU4356 Politics and Social Movements	DSU4652 Development Theory and Practice	DSU4334 International Economics	DSU4334 International Economics or DSU4327 Appreciation of Film and Theatre or DSU4344 International Organizations and Transnational Governance
DSE5301: Statistics for Social Sciences			

Level 05 – Semester 1			
Communication Studies	Economics and Development Studies	Politics and International Studies	Society and Culture Studies
Semester 1			
DSU5321 Communication Research or DSU5327 Media Democracy	DSU5331 Global Political Economy or DSU5333 Comparative Economic Systems	DSU5341 Gender Politics	DSU5353 Gender and Social Inquiry

DSU5323 Corporate Communication and Image Building or DSU5325 Communication Campaigns	DSU5335 Resource Economics or DSU5337 Principles of Econometrics	DSU5331 Global Political Economy or DSU5333 Comparative Economic Systems or DSU5355 Education and Social Mobility or DSU5357 Globalization, Migration and Social Change or DSU5327 Media Democracy	DSU5345 State, Society and Citizens or DSU5323 Corporate Communication and Image Building or DSU5325 Communication Campaigns or DSU5327 Media Democracy
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DSU5331 Global Political Economy or DSU5355 Education and Social Mobility or DSU5357 Globalization Migration and Social Change			
DSU5651: Social Science Research Methods			

Level 05- Semester 2			
Communication Studies	Economics and Development Studies	Politics and International Studies	Society and Culture Studies
DSU5324 Cross Cultural Communication	DSU5332 Agricultural Economics or DSU5338 Banking and Financial Systems	DSU5342 Conflict Resolution and Peace Building	DSU5352 Social Theory
DSU5322 Media Occupations and Professions or DSU5326 Media Organizations and Management	DSU5334 Philosophical Foundations of Economics or DSU5336 Urban Economics	DSU5344 Sri Lanka in a Globalized World or DSU5347 Law and Politics or DSU5346 Cyber Politics and the State	DSU5354 Health and Society or DSU5356 Ethnicity in Everyday Life
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DSU5354 Health and Society or DSU5356 Ethnicity in Everyday Life	DSU5354 Health and Society or DSU5356 Ethnicity in Everyday Life or DSU5346 Cyber	DSU5322 Media Occupations and Professions or DSU5336 Urban Economics	DSU5334 Philosophical Foundations of Economics or DSU5336 Urban Economics or DSU5322

	Politics and the State		Media Occupations and Professions or DSU5326 Media Organizations and Management
DSU 5361: Extended Essay DSU 5362: Internship			
DSE5301: Statistics for Social Sciences (can also be offered at level 4)			

Annexure 4: Detailed Curriculum: MA in Development Studies and Public Policy 2023/24

Level 9 (MA 1st year)

Course code	Course title	Credits	Semester
DSP9401	Concepts of Development	4	1
DSP9402	Economics of Development	4	1
DSP9403	Sociology of Development	4	1
DSP9304	Multi-disciplinary Approach to Development Analysis	3	1
DSE 9301	Critical Reading and Academic Writing	3	1
DSP9405	Post-independence Development History of Sri Lanka	4	2
DSP9406	Politics of Development	4	2
DSP9407	Development Communication for Behavior and Social Change	4	2
DSP9308	Project Planning, Implementation and Evaluation	3	2
Total		33	

Level 10 (MA 2nd year)

Course code	Course title	Credits	Semester
DSPA202	Development Strategies and Policies	2	1
DSPA302	Contemporary Economic Thought and Public Policy	3	1
DSPA303	Contemporary Social Thought and Public Policy	3	1
DSPA304	Contemporary Political Thought and Public Policy	3	1
DSPA405	Research Methodology in Social Sciences	4	1
DSPAF06	Dissertation	15	2
Total		30	

Annex 5 : Diploma in Tourism Operations (Course Content)

The course structure - Level 3

The academic year is divided into TWO (02) SEMESTERS. In the first semester, all students will offer the same courses. They are called the core courses and are as follows:

1st Semester (about 4 months)

DSD3309 Introduction to Tourism

DSD3410 Geography and History of Tourism

DSD3411 Tourism Economics

DSD3412 Tourism Marketing

2nd Semester (about 4 months)

In the second semester, course selection will differ depending on your chosen stream.

Type A: Stream in Tourism and Hotel Operations

DSD3413 Accommodation and Reception Operations

DSD3414 Food & Beverages Operations

DSD3415 Food Production and Culinary Art

DSD3516 Practical Training – Tourism & Hotel Operations

Type B: Stream in Tourism and Travel Operations

DSD3417 Leisure and Tourism Resources

DSD3418 Travel and Tourism Operations

DSD3219 Airline Ticketing

DSD3520 Practical Training – Tourism & Travel Operations

Practical Training (DSD3516 and DSD3520)

Students should provide a certificate of completion of 500 hours of practical training based on a competencies training schedule. The training could be carried out either at a recognized training institution or an approved tourism establishment. Proof of employment of at least 6 months from any recognized accommodation unit, restaurant, travel agency or airline is also acceptable on submission of a certified report based on a given format, from the place of work. The assessment of the practical training will be based on a written Proposal considered as a Continuous Assessment (CA) and a Learning Journal which will be considered as the Final Examination.

Short Course in Tourism and Hotel Operations (Course Content)

The theory part of the short course is:

- Leisure & Tourism Industry
- Customer Service
- Personal and Professional Development
- Accommodation Operations
- Food & Beverages Operations
- Basic Cookery

Current Activities

- **SRSHSS Research Symposium-2023**

3rd Student Research Symposium - OUSL

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