

Academic Year
2023/ 2024



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THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA

Call for Applications for
Study Programmes of the
Department of

Social Studies

Advanced Certificate in Social Sciences

The successful completion of this programme will give you direct entry to the BA Degree in Social Sciences. This will also be an entry qualification to sit for the entrance examinations in Law and Management Degree programmes of the Open University of Sri Lanka.

Entry requirements

01. Completed junior secondary level, which is grade 9 or equivalent, **OR**
02. Completed primary education with certified work experience equivalent to a minimum period of two (02) years, **OR**
03. An equivalent or higher qualification acceptable to the Senate, **AND**
04. Should be 18 years of age or above.

Medium : Sinhala, Tamil and English

Duration : Minimum One (01) / Two (02) years depending on the level of entry.

Academic activities will be conducted in all Regional Centres.
Conducting academic activities at Study Centres will depend on the numbers of registered students in the respective Study Centre.

BA Degree in Youth and Community Development

The BA Degree in Youth and Community Development provides the theoretical knowledge and professional competencies related to the broad field of youth and community development work. Successful completion of this degree will be helpful in obtaining employment opportunities in a host of local and international organizations, and in seeking occupational recognition from related professional institutions.

Students can obtain Diploma and Higher Diploma in Youth and Community Development after successful completion of Level 3 and Level 4 respectively.

Entry requirements

01. Three (3) passes at the G.C.E (A/L) in any subject stream, **OR**
02. A minimum of thirty (30) course 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**
03. Completion of NVQ Level 4 or accredited work experience equivalent to NVQ Level 4, **OR**
04. An equivalent or higher qualification acceptable to the Senate of the Open University of Sri Lanka.

Medium : English

Duration : 03 Years

Academic activities will be conducted in all Regional Centres.
Conducting academic activities at Study Centres will depend on the numbers of registered students in the respective Study Centre.

BA Degree in Social Sciences

The BA Degree in Social Sciences offers you the opportunity to obtain a multi-disciplinary social science training. Students who register for the BA degree can choose from the following areas of focus:

1. Communication Studies
2. Economics and Development Studies
3. Politics and International Studies
4. Society and Culture Studies

Entry Requirements

01. A minimum of three (03) passes at the General Certificate of Education (Advanced Level) examination in any stream, **OR**
02. A minimum of thirty (30) course credits at SLQ 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**
03. Qualification or accredited work experience equivalent to NVQ Level 4, **OR**
04. An equivalent or higher qualification acceptable to the Senate of the Open University of Sri Lanka.

Medium : English

Duration : 03 Years

Academic activities will be conducted in all Regional Centres.
Conducting academic activities at Study Centres will depend on the numbers of registered students in the respective Study Centre.

MA Degree in Development Studies and Public Policy

The MA Degree in Development Studies and Public Policy is offered by the Department of Social Studies of the Open University of Sri Lanka to produce expertise in national development through integrative social sciences. This programme is open to graduates who aspire to make a career in the development sector, locally as well as internationally.

Entry Requirements

01. A degree from a recognized university with at least one (01) year of work experience in the fields of planning, administration and implementation of development projects, **OR**
02. Secured an equivalent or higher qualification acceptable to the Senate of the Open University of Sri Lanka **with** at least one (01) year of work experience preferably in the fields of planning, administration and implementation of development projects, **AND**
03. Selection through a written test and interview conducted by the Department of Social Studies when ever the need arises.

Language Pre-requisites for Admission

- (a) English medium degree from a UGC recognized institution, **OR**
- (b) IELTS with a minimum overall score of 6.5 or TOEFL (paper-based scores between 500 and 550) or internet-based scores between 61 and 79.

Medium : English

Duration : 02 years

Academic activities will be conducted at Colombo Regional Centre (CRC) only.

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

The department is accepting applications for the above programmes throughout the year. These programmes are designed with the development studies focus which can be approached from the perspectives of Social Science disciplines such as Sociology, Anthropology, Economics, Communication, Politics and International Studies and Youth Studies. For further details please contact Dr. S. Pathmanesan with a research proposal via spath@ou.ac.lk

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Submission of Online Application from: 03rd April 2023

Closing date of Application: 01st May 2023

Application fee could be paid online using a debit card (which has online payment facilities)/ credit card.

Payment in cash can also be made to the nearest Regional/ Study centre of the OUSL.

Prospectus for all the programmes can be downloaded from
https://www.ou.ac.lk/fac_humanities_dep_social-studies/

The application fee for the Advanced Certificate in Social Sciences will be Rs. 500/=

The application fee for the BA Degree in Youth and Community Development will be Rs. 500/=

The application fee for the BA Degree in Social Sciences will be Rs. 500/=

The application fee for the MA Degree in Development and Policy Studies Rs. 1000/=

For Further Information Contact:

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