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Programmes / Courses of Study Offered By The Faculty of Natural Sciences, OUSL

Programmes/Courses described in this Guide

- Bachelor of Science Degree

Other Programmes/Courses

- Masters in Medical Entomology and Applied Parasitology
- Masters in Environmental Sciences (Inter-faculty)
- Bachelor of Education (Faculty of Education)
- Diploma in Microbiology (Blended online)
- Diploma in Natural Resources and Ecotourism
- Diploma in Laboratory Technology
- Advance Certificate in Wildlife Conservation & Management
- Diploma in Environmental Sciences
- Certificate in Applied Electronics
- Stand Alone Courses in Science

For more information: www.ou.ac.lk/science/

Message from the Dean

Welcome to the Faculty of Natural Sciences

On behalf of the Faculty of Natural Sciences of the Open University of Sri Lanka (OUSL), let me welcome you to our university to pursue your higher studies and fulfill your educational aspirations. I am pleased that you have chosen a science degree programme offered by Sri Lanka's only Open and Distance Learning University, to obtain the skills and qualifications required to succeed in any competitive environment.

Study in the sciences can take you anywhere that you want to go. Your science studies can start your journey to become a scientist or science-based professional in the 21st century.

The Faculty of Natural Sciences at OUSL has over 30 years of experience delivering Science degree programmes through Open and Distance Learning (ODL) methodologies. Due to the nature of its teaching methodology and infrastructure, the OUSL is successfully able to serve a large student population spread throughout the country. Currently Faculty of Natural Science offers a wide range of quality academic programmes in varying disciplines in sciences. You can choose from a collection of programmes leading to Certificates, Diplomas, Degrees and Post-Graduate qualifications based on your interest and career prospects.

The degrees awarded by the OUSL are given the same recognition as those awarded to students studying at other Sri Lankan national universities who offer programmes through face-to-face. The courses on offer are suited to all those who wish to obtain up-to-date knowledge, skills and insight into the various disciplines of science to meet the challenges of today's dynamic, complex and competitive environment. Further, your training in the sciences involves not only acquiring new knowledge, but also applying findings to improve our world, and developing the critical reasoning and problem-solving skills required to use scientific knowledge wisely. It will equip you with the ability to contribute to the new frontiers in science discovery.

All of our programmes are specially designed to suit those with other commitments such as full-time employment, financial obligations and family commitments. Our unique system of ODL, developed over the years, gives you the flexibility to engage in your studies at your own place and at your own pace, at an affordable price.

To date, the Faculty of Natural Sciences at OUSL has very successfully

educated thousands of individuals throughout the country. Our learner support system will guide you and assist you at every stage of your academic career from your very first day of registration up to completion of the programme.

Going to university is a challenge. Being a distance learner can be even more challenging. As I mentioned earlier, you have the flexibility to choose the place, time and space at which you will pursue your studies at the OUSL. However, you should be self-motivated, persistent, learn to work independently, learn to manage your time and determined to work hard to complete your studies.

This undergraduate handbook is carefully designed to be as comprehensive as possible in giving all the essential information needed for a student who plans to follow the degree programme offered at the Faculty of Natural sciences of the OUSL.

Thank you for choosing your higher studies at the Faculty of Natural sciences of the OUSL and warmly welcome you as part of our undergraduate student community. Please go through the information to find out more about us. I wish you all the success in all your efforts to acquire a recognized qualification from our faculty.

On behalf of our Faculty I wish you good luck in all your future endeavors.

Professor J. C. N. Rajendra

Dean/ Faculty of Natural Sciences

GENERAL INFORMATION

The University

The Open University of Sri Lanka (OUSL) is the premier national University in the country which offers Degree, Diploma, Certificate Programmes and other courses through OPEN & DISTANCE LEARNING methodology. Established in 1980, under the Universities Act No. 16 of 1978 and OUSL Ordinance No. 1 of 1990, it has the same legal and academic status as any other national university in Sri Lanka.

The OUSL provides opportunities for any person over 18 years of age to register as a student for a Programme/Course of their choice.

Due to the nature of its teaching methodology and infrastructure, The OUSL is able to serve a large student population scattered throughout the island. Currently, around 40,000 are registered in its six Faculties: Natural Sciences, Engineering Technology, Humanities & Social Sciences, Education, Management Studies and Health Sciences. The University serves its student population via a network of 9 regional centres and 18 study centres (Table 13). The Central campus and the Colombo Regional Centre (CRC) are situated in Nawala. The other eight regional centres are situated at Kandy(KRC), Matara(MRC), Jaffna(JRC), Anuradhapura (ARC), Batticaloa (BRC), Badulla (BaRC), Kurunegala (KuRC) and Ratnapura (RRC).

Faculty of Natural Sciences

The Faculty of Natural Sciences conducts a variety of study programmes including the Degree Programmes leading to B.Sc General/Special Degree and several Diploma/Certificate programmes.

The Faculty functions under the leadership of the Dean who is the administrative and the academic Head. It also has a large number of experienced and qualified teaching staff to help the students in their studies. The six academic departments of the Faculty are: Botany, Chemistry, Computer Science, Mathematics, Physics and Zoology.

The Study System

The study system of the OUSL is based on open and distance learning methods. It is different to the conventional study system most of you are familiar with. Regular attendance at the University is not required and is therefore well suited for those of you who are employed or engaged with other commitments.

Student learning is facilitated through carefully prepared printed course material suitable for self learning. Printed course material is supplemented with audio visual and online learning material. Your progress in courses is evaluated at different time intervals using a variety of assessment methods such as assignment tests and final examinations.

Courses, Academic Value and Time to Study

Faculty of Natural Sciences offers courses at different Levels. Degree level courses are at Levels 3, 4, 5 & 6.

Level 3 courses are offered in Sinhala, English & Tamil and higher level courses are offered only in the English medium.

Each course is identified by a course code. A course code will reflect the level of study and the academic value of the course referred to as the credit rating. The time you will have to allocate for studying a course depends on its credit rating. The minimum credit rating for courses offered by the Faculty of Natural Sciences is 2 credits; such a course will require a minimum allocation of around 100 hours of study time.

Support for Learning

At the OUSL, students are supported in many ways as described below.

Counselling

At the time of registration, you will be assigned an academic staff member as a personal counsellor from whom you may get advice and guidance on selecting courses and other academic matters throughout your undergraduate studies. The Faculty has sevaral other student counsellors to help you overcome any general problems.

Day Schools

Day schools are interactive sessions where you are given an opportunity to meet the academic staff coordinating the course (your course teachers) and discuss problems you may come across in studying your course material. In addition to day schools, we provide face-to-face support through workshops, tutorial sessions and practical classes.

Supplementary Online Support for Courses

In order to give you additional help and also to get you familiarized with modern learning trends and tools, certain courses in the degree programme are supplemented with an online component. Once you register for a course with an online component, you will be informed and advised on how to access and use it.

Laboratory Facilities

Laboratory facilities are available at the Colombo, Kandy and Matara Regional Centres, where you have the opportunity to engage in practical work. Depending on the resources available, some departments may conduct a few practical sessions at Jaffna Regional Centre (JRC) and Anuradhapura Regional Centre (ARC). Computer Laboratory facilities with the Internet access, are available at all Regional Centres and at many study centres.

Library Facilities

OUSL library network consists of the main library located at the central campus and regional libraries at other regional centres. Libraries have the latest collection of books for reference & lending purposes as well as access to past examination papers. Libraries also provide facilities to view CDs/DVDs and videos relevant to your study programme. You have free internet access including access to valuable e-learning resources.

Duty Leave for Government Teachers

If you are a Government teacher following the B.Sc. Degree programme at OUSL, you are entitled to study leave to participate in academic activities (Ref. Circular No. 26/2013 issued by the Ministry of Education - www.moe.gov.lk).

Table 1: Specific Exemptions for GCE (A.L.) Passes

This table provides information on qualifications accepted for exemptions in lieu of GCE (A.L.) passes.

GCE A/L Sri Lanka		Qualifications Accepted for Exemptions										
		OUSL Foundation course in Science / London A/Levels						Institute of Chemistry Lab Technicians Certificate (LTCC)/(DLTC)	Diploma in Sci./ Maths (AUC); Diploma in Teaching Sci./ Maths (NIE); Trained Teachers Certificate		Science Teachers Diploma	
New Scheme	Old Scheme	Pure Maths / Com. Maths/Higher Maths	App. Maths	Physics	Chemistry	Botany / Biology	Zoology / Biology		Maths	Sci.	Phy. Sci.	Bio.Sci.
Combined Maths / Higher Maths	Pure Maths	X							X			
	App. Maths		X						X			
Physics	Physics			X						X	X	
Chemistry	Chemistry				X			X		X		
Biology	Botany					X				X		X
	Zoology						X			X		X

Table 2: Specific Exemptions for EGAP (LEE3410)

IELTS*	Overall score of minimum 5.0 (academic) or 5.5 (general), with not less than 4.0 in writing
TOFEL*	Paper based: overall score of minimum 450 with 3.5 in writing; Computer based: overall score of minimum 200 with 3.5 in writing; Internet based: overall score of minimum 90 with 3.0 (scaled score of 20) in writing
G.C.E (A/L) English Medium	Students who have completed their advance level Examination in English Medium conducted by the Department of Examination.
London A/L	Students who have completed London A/L (Edexcel or Cambridge).
UTEL	Score of not less than band 6.00 in all 4 skills.
Successful completion of a Bachelors Degree/Postgraduate Diploma/Masters in the English medium. National Collage of Education-National Diploma in Teaching (English) conducted and awarded by the NIE. Higher National Diploma in English (SLIATE). Diploma in English from a recognized university. Diploma in Library and Information Science (in the English medium) conducted by the Sri Lanka Library Association. English as a subject at the G.C.E. Advance Level. Diploma in English Language and Literature and Advance Certificate in English conducted by Department of Language Studies.	

* IELTS and TOEFL scores should be obtained not more than 3 years prior to the date of request.

Table 3: Specific Exemption for ICT Skills (CSE3213)

UCTIT	Successful completion of the University Competency Test in Information Technology (UCTIT) conducted by the Higher Education for Twenty Fist Century (HETC) project of the Ministry of Higher Education.
ICT Technician	Successful completion of National Certificate in Information Communication Technology Technician (ICT Technician) NVQ L4 at Vocational Training Centre.
SCDL/ICDL	Successful completion of Sri Lanka Computer Driving License (SCDL) or International Computer Driving License (ICDL)
Short course in Professional Computer Applications	Successful completion of CPCA; Short course in Professional Computer Applications offered by the Department of Computer Science, The Open University of Sri Lanka.

Table 4: Specific Exemptions for CYE3200

	1st year Examination in Science of a recognized University		National Diploma in Mathematics	GCE A/L-Combined/Higher/Pure/Applied Maths, Trained Teachers' Certificate in Maths, PSF1301+PSF2301/PSF1302+ and PSF2302 NDT/JTO/IESL PartI
Course Code	Pure Mathematics	Applied Mathematics		
CYE3200	X	X	X	X

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE PROGRAMME

Designed for those who wish to obtain a B.Sc. General/Special Degree

Programme Code: S1/SS1

Aims and Outcomes

The BSc Degree programme is designed to provide opportunities for higher education in Science, particularly to those who are already in employment.

A B.Sc. graduate of the OUSL is expected to have:

- acquired an understanding of the basic and applied knowledge of the respective disciplines in science
- acquired relevant practical skills to complement and support subject-based theoretical knowledge
- developed the ability to conduct scientific investigations and proceed to undertake research studies at higher levels
- gained a range of critical, analytical, transferable and personal skills
- obtained a broad knowledge on areas outside the subject combinations in Science through open elective courses
- changed from a dependent to an independent learner with the flexibility to move into new and multidisciplinary areas of study, research or employment
- developed an interest in life-long learning

Target Group

- Those in middle level employment in scientific fields who wish to obtain an academic degree and thereby improve their promotional and/or career prospects
- Late developers wanting to come back into the mainstream of formal education with a view to obtaining an academic degree
- Any person wanting to pursue a Degree Programme in Science in their own time and at an affordable cost

Admission Requirements

- Minimum of 03 passes in any number of sittings at the G.C.E. (A.L.) examination in approved science subjects (Applied Mathematics, Biology, Botany, Chemistry, Combined Mathematics, Higher Mathematics, Physics, Pure Mathematics, Zoology (Agriculture and Information Technology are not considered) OR

- Minimum of 30 credits from among the approved subjects in Foundation courses in Science (see Table 1) OR
- Any other equivalent qualifications (see Table 1)

Pre-requisites to register for Level 3 courses

Pre-requisites required to register for any course in a particular discipline at Level 3 (Table 5) are:

Table 5

Discipline	**Pre-requisites G.C.E (A.L.)**
Botany	Pass in Botany/Biology in G.C.E (A.L.) or Foundation
Chemistry	Pass in Chemistry in G.C.E (A.L.) or Foundation
Physics	Pass in Physics in G.C.E (A.L.) or Foundation
Zoology	Pass in Zoology/Biology in G.C.E (A.L.) or Foundation
Computer Science	3 passes in G.C.E. A/L or Foundation in approved Science subjects
Applied Maths	Pass in Applied Maths/ Combined Maths/Higher Maths in G.C.E. A/L or Foundation in science /Foundation courses in Mathematics
Pure Maths	Pass in Pure Maths/ Combined Maths/ Higher Maths in G.C.E. A/L or Foundation in science /Foundation courses in Mathematics

Duration of the Degree

The minimum period required to complete the BSc Degree is 03 academic years. However, the programme provides flexibility to those who wish to take longer (up to a maxmimum of 9 years), depending on other commitments. Most students, including those employed, generally complete the degree in 4-5 years. In the academic year 2014/2015, we commenced offering the B.Sc. Special Degree in major Science disciplines to a limited extent. If you are interested, you can find out about the selection criteria from the Faculty Office. The minimum duration for completion is about 5 years.

Exemptions

You may request for exemptions for certain courses based on your previous qualifications at the tertiary level (e.g. Diploma, 1st or 2nd year from a recognised university).

Applications for claiming exemptions can be collected from the Assistant Registrar of the Faculty. Duly completed application forms together with proof for such qualifications and relevant course descriptions/syllabi should be forwarded to reach the AR/Natural Sciences on or before **17th January 2020.** The Faculty Exemption Committee will assess your qualifications and inform you if exemptions can be granted. It is your responsibility to claim such exemptions at the registration.

Table 6 - Level 3 Courses

Course Code	Credits	Course Title
Discipline-based and Open Elective Courses		
Botany		
BYU3301	3	Organization of Cells and Plant Biochemistry
BYU3500	5	Diversity of Plants
Chemistry		
CYU3300	3	Basic Principles of Chemistry I
CYU3201	2	Basic Principles of Chemistry II
CYU3302	3	Basic Practical Chemistry
Physics		
PHU3300	3	General and Thermal Physics
PHU3301	3	Basic Electromagnetism
PHU3202	2	Waves in Physics
Zoology		
ZYU3500	5	Animal Life and Diversity
ZYU3301	3	Biogeography
Computer Science		
CSU3200	2	Introduction to Computer Programming
CSU3301	3	Database Design and Implementation
CSU3302	3	Data Structures & Algorithms
Applied Mathematics		
ADU3300	3	Vector Algebra
ADU3201	2	Basic Statistics
ADU3302	3	Differential Equations
Pure Mathematics		
PEU3300	3	Mathematical Logic and Mathematical Proofs
PEU3301	3	Foundations of Mathematics
PEU3202	2	Vector Spaces

Open Elective Courses

Course Code	Credits	Course Title
Level 3		
LLU3261	2	Understanding Law
MSU3208	2	Managing Your Work and People
DSU3298	2	Introduction to Sri Lankan Society
FNU3200	2	Ethics in Science & Technology
ADU3218	2	Basic Statistics
FNU3201*CS	2	Communication Skills
Note: ADU3218 is for Mathematics students not offering Applied Mathematics.		

Continuing Education Courses

Course Code	Credits	Course Title
Compulsory		
CYE3200	2	Mathematics for Chemistry and Biology
LEE3410	4	English for General Academic Purposes (EGAP)
FDE3020	0	Empowering for Independent Learning (EfIL)
CSE3213	2	Information & Communication Technology Skills

Abbreviations:

**CS* - *Compulsory for specialization in Computer Science*

**** - *Offered only for 3-year degree*

Table 7 - Level 4 Courses

Discipline-based Courses		
Course Code	**Credits**	**Course Title**
Botany		
BYU4300	3	Plant Physiology
BYU4301	3	Genetics and Evolution
BYU4302	3	Systematics of Higher Plants and Animals
BYU4303	3	Principles of Microbiology
Chemistry		
CYU4300	3	Inorganic Chemistry
CYU4301	3	Concepts in Chemistry
CYU4302	3	Practical Chemistry II
CYU4303	3	Organic Chemistry I
Physics		
PHU4300	3	Modern Physics
PHU4301	3	Electronics
PHU4302	3	Optics
PHU4303	3	Mathematical Methods for Physics
Zoology		
ZYU4300	3	Animal Form and Function
ZYU4301	3	Ecology
ZYU4302	3	Animal Development
ZYU4303	3	Animal Behaviour
Computer Science		
CSU4300	3	Operating Systems
CSU4301	3	Object Oriented Programming
CSU4302	3	System Analysis & Software Engineering
CSU4303	3	Computer Networks
Applied Mathematics		
ADU4300	3	Statistical Distribution Theory
ADU4301	3	Newtonian Mechanics I
ADU4302	3	Vector Calculus
ADU4303	3	Applied Linear Algebra and Differential Equations
Pure Mathematics		
PEU4300	3	Real Analysis I
PEU4301	3	Real Analysis II
PEU4302	3	Linear Algebra
PEU4303	3	Group Theory I

Table 8 - Level 5 Courses

Discipline- based Courses		
Course Code	**Credits**	**Course Title**
Botany		
BYU5300*	3	Environmental and Applied Microbiology
BYU5301*	3	Plant Pathology
BYU5303	3	Plants and Man
BYU5304*	3	Soils and Plant Growth
BYU5305**	3	Literature Review in Botany
BYU5306*	3	Plant Breeding
BYU5308	3	Postharvest Technology of Fresh Produce
BYU5609	6	Horticulture
BYU5610**	6	Research Project in Botany
Chemistry		
CYU5300*	3	Organometallic Chemistry
CYU5301*	3	Concepts in Spectroscopy
CYU5302*	3	Analytical Chemistry
CYU5303*	3	Organic Chemistry II
CYU5304*	3	Chemistry of Biomolecules
CYU5305	3	Natural Product Chemistry
CYU5306	3	Biochemistry
CYU5307	3	Chemical aspects of Food Industry
CYU5308*	3	Instrumental Methods of Chemical Analysis
CYU5309	3	Environmental Chemistry
CYU5310**	3	Literature Project in Chemistry
CYU5611**	6	Research Project in Chemistry
CYU5312**	3	Industrial Chemistry I
CYU5313**	3	Polymer Chemistry
CYU5614*^	6	Physical Chemistry I
CYU5615*^	6	Advanced Organic Chemistry
CYU5310, CYU5611 Limited enrolment depending on the available facilities in the department		
Physics		
PHU5300*	3	Nuclear and Particle Physics
PHU5301*	3	Practical Physics
PHU5302	3	Atmospheric Physics

Table 8 - Level 5 Courses (continued)

Course Code	Credits	Course Title
PHU5303*	3	Data Acquisition and Signal Processing
PHU5304	3	Biophysics
PHU5305	3	Essentials of Geology
PHU5306	3	Applied Geology
PHU5307	3	Medical Physics
PHU5308	3	Fundamentals of Geophysics
PHU5309	3	Literature Survey Project in Physics
PHU5610	6	Research Project in Physics
PHU5311	3	Astronomy
PHU5312*	3	Solid State Physics
PHU5313*	3	Advanced Electromagnetism
PHU5314*	3	Thermodynamics
PHU5315	3	Renewable Energy Sources
Zoology		
ZYU5300	3	Aquatic Biology
ZYU5301	3	Fish Biology and Fishery Management
ZYU5302	3	Conservation & Management of Biodiversity
ZYU5303	3	Environmental Toxicology
ZYU5304	3	Parasitology
ZYU5305	3	Human Biology
ZYU5306	3	Entomology
ZYU5307	3	Mammalian Biology
ZYU5608	6	Zoology Project
ZYU5309	3	Paleobiology
ZYU5310*^	3	Concepts and Application on Evolutionary Biology
ZYU5311*	3	Literature Review in Zoology
ZYU5313*	3	Research Methodology
Computer Science		
CSU5300	3	IT Project Management
CSU5301	3	Software Quality Assurance
CSU5302*	3	Web Technologies
CSU5303*	3	Management Information Systems
CSU5304[NM]	3	Mathematics for Computing

Table 8- Level 5 Courses (continued)

CSU5305	3	Theory of Computing
CSU5306	3	Digital Electronics
CSU5307*	3	Data Communication
CSU5308*	3	Artificial Intelligence
CSU5309*	3	Information Security & Cryptography
CSU5310	3	Computer Architecture
CSU5311*	3	Computer Graphics
CSU5320	3	Project in Computer Science
Applied Mathematics		
ADU5300 *AM	3	Linear Programming
ADU5301	3	Regression Analysis I
ADU5302*M , *AM	3	Mathematical Methods
ADU5303	3	Newtonian Mechanics II
ADU5304 *AM	3	Operational Research
ADU5305	3	Statistical Inference
ADU5306	3	Fluid Mechanics
ADU5307 *AM	3	Numerical Methods
ADU5308	3	Graph Theory
ADU5309	3	Design and Analysis of Experiments
ADU5615	6	Project in Mathematics
Note: ADU5302 compulsory for those offering Applied Mathematics at Level 5 in S1 Structure.		
Pure Mathematics		
PEU5300 *M	3	Riemann Integration
PEU5301	3	Ring Theory
PEU5302	3	Combinatorics
PEU5303 *M	3	Number Theory
PEU5304 *M	3	Introduction to Complex Analysis
PEU5305 *M	3	Complex Analysis I
Note: PEU5304 compulsory for those offering Pure Mathematics at Level 5 in S1 Structure.		

Open Elective Courses

Course Code	Credits	Course Title
Level 5		
ADU5318	3	Bio Statistics (Non-Mathematics Students)
ADU5319	3	Design and Analysis of Experiments
ADU5320	3	Introduction to MATLAB Software
BYU5318	3	Environmental Studies
PHU5318	3	Electronics for Biology Students

Abbreviations:

** - Compulsory for the relevant discipline specialization.*

** AM - Compulsory for Specialization in Applied Mathematics.*

**M - Compulsory for Specialization in Mathematics.*

**S - Compulsory for Specialization in Statistics.*

**^ - Compulsory for the relevant discipline specialization and Offered only for 4-year Special degree.*

**NM - Compulsory for the relevant discipline specialization students not offering both Applied Mathematics & Pure Mathematics.*

NM - Students not offering both Applied Mathematics and Pure Mathematics in 3-year degree

*** - Offered only for 3-year degree*

Table 9 - Level 6 Courses

Discipline- based Courses		
Course Code	**Credits**	**Course Title**
Botany		
BYU6300*	3	Plant Molecular Biology
BYU6301	3	Bioinformatics
BYU6302	3	Biotechnology
BYU6303*	3	Experimental Design and Biological data Analysis
BYU6304	3	Integrated Crop Protection
BYU6305	3	Industrial Microbiology
BYU6306	3	Molecular Systematics
BYU6307*	3	Advanced Plant Physiology and Biochemistry
BYU6308*	3	Advanced Ecology
BYU6309	3	Soil Biology
BYU6310	3	Advanced Plant Pathology
BYU6911*	9	Research Project in Botany(Special Degree)
BYU6313*	3	Special Topics in Botany
Chemistry		
CYU6600*	6	Advanced Concepts in Chemistry
CYU6301	3	Selected topics in Inorganic Chemistry
CYU6302	3	Medicinal Chemistry
CYU6303	3	Chemistry in Material Science
CYU6304	3	Inorganic Spectroscopy & Structural Chemistry
CYU6305*	3	Concepts in Industrial Chemistry
CYU6606*	6	Advanced Experimental Chemistry
CYU6307*	3	Industrial Training and Literature Seminar
CYU6608*	9	Research Project in Chemistry
Physics		
PHU6300*	3	Advanced Practical in Physics
PHU6301*	3	Advanced Solid State Physics
PHU6302*	3	Advanced Quantum Mechanics
PHU6603*	6	Advanced Research Project in Physics

Table 9 - Level 6 Courses (continued)

PHU6304*	3	Advanced Electronics
PHU6305	3	Nanophysics and its Applications
PHU6306*	3	Statistical Physics
PHU6307	3	Modern Optics
PHU6308*	3	Classical Mechanics
Zoology		
ZYU6300	3	Management of Insect Pests and Vectors
ZYU6301	3	Aquaculture
ZYU6302	3	Immunology
ZYU6303	3	Molecular Biology
ZYU6605*	6	Advanced Laboratory Techniques in Zoology
ZYU6306	3	Ornithology
ZYU6908*	9	Research Project in Zoology
ZYU6309	3	Oceanography and Ocean Resources
ZYU6310	3	Wild life Management and Conservation
ZYU6311*	3	Special Topics in Zoology
Computer Science		
CSU6300	3	Advanced Database Management Systems
CSU6302	3	Software Architecture
CSU6303	3	Image Processing
CSU6304	3	Advanced Computer Security
CSU6305	3	Electronic Commerce
CSU6306	3	Neural Networks
CSU6307	3	Mobile and Cloud Computing
CSU6308	3	Natural Language Processing
CSU6620	6	Reserarch project in Computer Science
Applied Mathematics		
ADU6300	3	Stochastic Processes
ADU6601	6	Applied Number Theory
ADU6602	6	Statistical Quality Control
ADU6303	3	Actuarial Mathematics
ADU6304*****	3	Computational Mathematics
ADU6305*****	3	Optimization Theory

Table 9 - Level 6 Courses (continued)

ADU6306	3	Mathematical Modelling
ADU6307	3	Advanced Statistical Distribution Theory
ADU6308	3	Survival Analysis
ADU6309	3	Medical Statistics
ADU6610*S	6	Multivariate Analysis
ADU6611*M, *AM ,*S	6	Research Project
Pure Mathematics		
PEU6300*	3	Group Theory II
PEU6601*	6	Point Set Topology
PEU6602*	6	Measure Theory
PEU6303	3	Complex Analysis II
PEU6304	3	Functional Analysis
PEU6305	3	Introduction to Galois Theory
PEU6306	3	Advanced Topics in Real Analysis
Note: In case of Mathematics Special, remaining 9 credits should be selected from Pure Mathematics courses at level 5 and/or level 6 with the approval of the department.		

Open Elective Courses

Course Code	Credits	Course Title
Level 6		
FNU6300	3	GIS and Remote Sensing in Natural Resource Management
FNU6301	3	Environmental Degradation Management
FNU6302	3	Fundamentals of Environmental Impact Assessment

Abbreviations:

- * - *Compulsory for the relevant discipline specialization.*
- * *AM* - *Compulsory for Specialization in Applied Mathematics.*
- **M* - *Compulsory for Specialization in Mathematics.*
- **S* - *Compulsory for Specialization in Statistics.*
- **NM* - *Compulsory for the relevant discipline specialization students not offering both Applied Mathematics & Pure Mathematics.*
- *NM* - *Students not offering both Applied Mathematics and Pure Mathematics in 3-year degree*
- ** - *Offered only for 3-year degree*

Before Registration

Open Days

Open days provide an opportunity for those interested to visit the University to get first hand information regarding the OUSL and Faculty Programmes and to see facilities available for students.

Table 10 - Schedule of Open Days - from 9.00 a.m. onwards

Venue		**B.Sc. Degree programme**
Colombo Regional Centre	-	21st December 2019 and 02nd January 2020
Kandy Regional Centre	-	04th January 2020
Matara Regional Centre	-	04th January 2020
Batticaloa Regional Centre	-	04th January 2020
Jaffna Regional Centre	-	04th January 2020
Anuradhapura Regional Centre	-	04th January 2020
Badulla Regional Centre	-	04th January 2020
Kurunegala Regional Centre	-	04th January 2020
Rathnapura Regional Centre	-	04th January 2020

Pre - registration Orientation Sessions

You can obtain more details about the OUSL and its science programme by attending pre-registration orientation sessions conducted ahead of the dates for Registration.

It is compulsory to attend one of these sessions and bring the original G.C.E. (A.L) and G.C.E. (O.L) or equivalent certificates with photocopies. At orientation, you are assigned an academic staff member who will act as your personal counsellor. He/she will assist you in clarifying any doubts related to the Programme, guide you in selecting courses and in filling the registration form correctly.

Table 11-Schedule of Orientation Sessions-9.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.

Venue	**Date**	**Medium**
	B.Sc. degree	
Colombo Regional Centre	08th and 12st February 2020	E, S, T
Kandy Regional Centre	08th and 12st February 2020	E, S
Matara Regional Centre	08th February 2020	E, S
Batticaloa Regional Centre	08th February 2020	E, T
Anuradhapura Regional Centre	08th February 2020	E, S
Jaffna Regional Centre	08th February 2020	E, T
E- English S- Sinhala T- Tamil		

Registration

Registration sessions are held at nine Regional Centres. Once you apply for the programme, the university will inform the date and centre you will be required to attend to register for the programme.

When you come for Registration you need to bring:

1. National identity card and a photocopy
2. Original Birth Certificate and a photocopy
3. Two passport size photographs (35mm x 45mm)
4. G.C.E. A.L. (for BSc) or equivalent certificates and photocopies certified by your Counsellor
5. Registration Form (R3) countersigned by Personal Counsellor (Forms will be given at Orientation Sessions)
6. University copy of the paid voucher
7. Declaration form

StART@OUSL[**S**tudents **A**cademic **R**eadiness **T**raining at OUSL]

It is a three month training programme to facilitate students to develop their study skills in order to become independent learners in the Open and Distance Learning (ODL) system of the Open University. It comprises three Compulsory courses and three optional courses offered at **Level 3**, the first year of the degree programme

Compulsory courses:

- FDE3020 Empowering for Independent Learning (EfIL) - (Free)
- LEE3410 English General Academic Purposes (EGAP) - Rs. 5500/=
- CSE3213 ICT Skills - Rs. 3000/=

A Student should offer all three compulsory courses to complete the StART@OUSL programme.

However, you may also offer some of the optional courses if you so wish considering the following information.

Social Harmony - 3 Compulsory Day Schools plus Multicultural Interactive Session

Soft Skills for Personality Development – 8 Activity based practical oriented workshops. Attendance compulsory for all workshops

PLEASE NOTE

1. IT IS COMPULSORY THAT YOU SHOULD PASS THE EfIL COURSE (FDE3020) FOR YOU TO REGISTER AT **LEVEL 4.**
2. IT IS COMPULSORY THAT YOU SHOULD PASS THE COURSES LEE3410, CSE3213 and CYE3200 FOR YOU TO REGISTER AT **LEVEL 5.**

Fee

Fees for students registering for the BSc Degree Programme in the academic Year 2018/19 are as follows.

Registration Fee	-	Rs. 400.00
Facilities Fee	-	Rs. 1500.00
Refundable Lab Deposit	-	Rs. 1100.00
Library Facilities	-	Rs. 100.00
StART@OUSL	-	Rs. 8500.00 (Full package) also refer page 22

Tuition Fees (for local students)

Tuition fees for the academic year may differ depending on the number of credits that you register for.

Course Tuition fee

1. Rs. 2310/= per credit
2. Number of Credits of regular courses to be offered/registered per year – between 8-30
3. First instalment B.Sc. students will initially receive a voucher corresponding to **24 credits**. For this first instalment you will have to pay 60% of Tuition. the **payment may be reduced at the time of registration if you wish to register for a lesser number of credits.**

First Instalment

First instalment has to be paid at the time of registration for B.Sc. Degree Programme.

Second instalment which is 40% of tuition fees, is due in approximately 5 months after the registration.

Note:

If you wish to cancel your registration and withdraw from the programme of study you will be required to inform the relevant Assistant Director/Regional Center.

A refund will be made only if you notify before the Add/Drop date.

You will be receiving **two separate vouchers;** one for B.Sc. programme and the other for StART@OUSL Programme.

You are required to make **payments for both vouchers** before coming for registration.

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Table 13 - Locations of Regional and Study Centres

Centre	Code	Address (Telephone)
The Open University Regional Centres (OURC)		
Colombo	WP10	OURC, Nawala, Nugegoda (011-2853930)
Jaffna	NP40	OURC, Browns Road, Kokuvil, Jaffna (021-2223374)
Kandy	CP20	OURC, Polgolla, Kandy (081-2494083 - 081-2494084)
Matara	SP30	OURC, Nupe, Matara (041-2222943)
Anuradhapura	NC50	OURC, Jayanthi Mawatha (Depot Area), Anuradhapura (025-2222871)
Batticaloa	EP60	OURC, 23, New Road, Batticaloa (065-2222264)
Badulla	UP80	OURC, 08, Bandaranayaka Mw, Badulla, (055-2228842)
Kurunegala	NW70	OURC, Negombo Rd, (Nissanka Mw Junction), Malkaduwawa, Kurunegala (037-2223473)
Ratnapura	SG90	Hiddellana, Ratnapura (045-2228660)
The Open University Study Centres (OUSC)		
Ambalangoda	SP31	80/1, Polwatte Road, Halwatura Ambalangoda (091-2258585)
Ambalanthota	SP33	Rajasaranagama Road, Lunama South , Ambalanthota (047-2225533)
Ampara	EP61	Inginiyagala Road, ,Samapura, Ampara. (063-2222052)
Bandarawela	UP81	St. Thomas Road, Wewatenna, Bandarawela (057-2222820)
Galle	SP32	Labuduwa, Galle (091-2223784)
Gampaha	WP11	Gampaha Road, Miriswatte, Mudungoda.(033-2234571/033-2234572)
Hatton	CP21	Thondaman Vocational Training Centre, Hatton (051-2225139)
Kalutara	WP12	66/2, Nagoda Road, Kalutara (034-2223399)
Kegalle	SG91	Kumaratunge Munidasa Mawatha, Kegalle (035-2222501)
Moneragala	UP82	Technical College Junction, Sirigala, Potuvil Road, Moneragala (055-2277395)
Polonnaruwa	NC51	24th Mile Post Bendiwewa Jayanthipura, Polonnaruwa (027-2225776)
Puttalam	NW71	1/137, Colombo Road, Puttalam (032-2266822)
Vavuniya	NP41	366, Kandy Road, Thekkawaththai, Vavuniya (024-2222995)
Killinochchi	NP42	155th Mile Post, Kandy Road, Killinochchi (021-2283970)
Trincomalee	EP62	26/A, Post Office Rd, Trincomalee (026-2222088)
Kuliyapitiya	NW72	Technical College, Kuliyapitiya, (037-2281181, 037-2281271)
Mullaitiv	NP43	Aathiparasakthy Ariviyal College, Ward No. 04, Irranaippalai Veethy, Puthukkudiyiruppu, Mullaithiv.
Mannar	NP44	OUSC, RDS Building, Minor Seminary Road, Chavatkaddu, Mannar. (0232-251999)

Instructions for ONLINE Application

APPLICATION for the BSc Degree Programme online (via internet)

1. Click on the following locations and obtain a user name and password

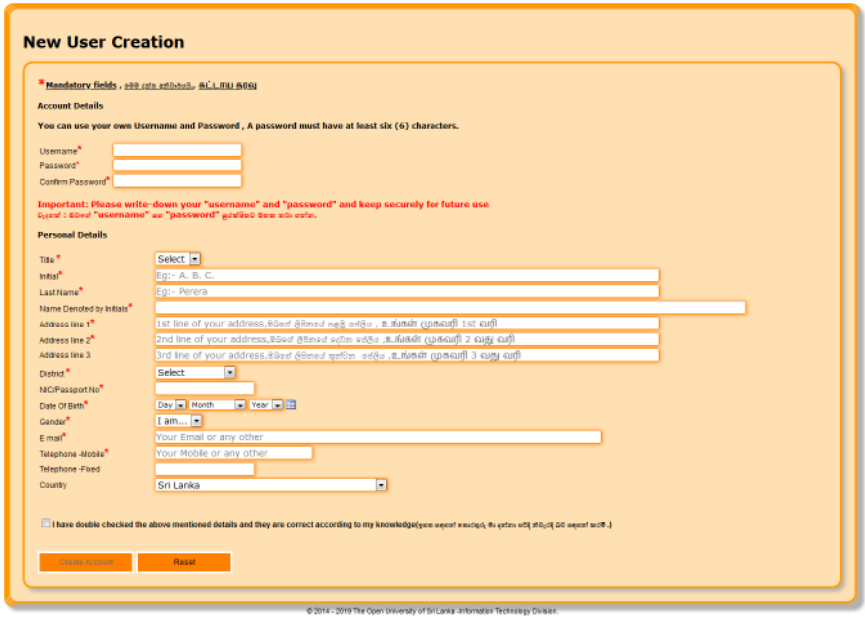
   www.ou.ac.lk/ Online Application/create new account

Note:

- You need to provide information considered as MANDATORY including an email address and a mobile number, both of which may be your own or could be that of one of your friends. The officials may use them to communicate with you, to acknowledge receipt of your applications and to provide you additional information as and when necessary.
- All OU centers will provide internet facilities for those who do not have access; see list.

2. Go to "Online Application" and fill the form and submit
3. Application fees : Rs. 350 by cash or credit/debit card

Sample Online Application form



Programme Calendar 2020/2021

Activity and Venue	Date
Open days	
Colombo Regional Center (CRC)	See page 20
Regional Centers in Kandy (KRC), Matara (MRC), Jaffna (JRC), Batticaloa (BRC),	
Anuradhapura (ARC), Kurunegala, Badulla, Rathnapura	
Orientation / Counseling	
CRC	See page 20
BRC	
ARC	
JRC	
KRC and MRC	
Registration	
CRC	26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, February 2020 and 02nd, 03rd, 04th, March 2020
KRC and MRC	27th, 28th, 29th, February 2020 and 03rd March 2020
ARC/BRC/ JRC	27th, 28th and 29th, February 2020
Kurunegala/Badulla/Rathnapura	29th, February 2020
Late Registration	
CRC/BRC/JRC/MRC/KRC/ARC	05th Mrch 2020
Add / drop courses	
CRC/BRC/JRC/MRC/KRC/ARC	17th and 18th September 2020
Drop courses	
CRC only	14th October 2020
Commencement of Semester 1	**EGAP** - 10th May 2020 **ICT SKILLS** - 30th May 2020 **ACADEIC ACTIVITIES -** 24th August 2020

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If you have not received the package calling you for Registration on or before **19th February 2020 for B.Sc. Degree Programme**, please contact Senior Assistant Registrar/Student Affairs on **011 2881205** or Assitant Registrar Faculty of Natural Science **011 2881226** at your earliest. You must attend the relevant registration session as mentioned

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