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THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA: EMPOWERING THE NATION THROUGH LIFELONG EDUCATION

Every Sri Lankan deserves the chance to go to university as it supports the development of an individual's full potential to reach personal and career aspirations. University exposure provides opportunities to develop skills and explore talents that can be used at home and the work place. Though the importance of a university education is recognised by most in Sri Lanka, it is a dream realised by very few. This is particularly true for those who are motivated and ready for university late in life as they realise the need and decide to pursue a university level education only after working for a few years.

Such dreams were given wings when The Open University of Sri Lanka (OUSL) was born in 1980. Today, the OUSL spans Sri Lanka via a network of regional and study centres, currently providing higher education to more than 40,000 students.

The OUSL is the pioneer of 'Open and Distance Learning' in higher education in Sri Lanka. It breaks down barriers of age and education, creating a university 'opens' to all. This openness has been operationalized by the adoption of a distance teaching methodology that allows the learner to study at a distance in the comfort of his/her home and at his/her time and pace. The open distance learning methodology has also opened the door to higher education for working students. Today the OUSL is a leader in open distance education with over 35 years experience and thousands of success stories of students who

have completed their studies while balancing challenging careers and family commitments.

Status and qualifications

Established by the Universities Act No. 16 of 1978 and OUSL Ordinance No. 1 of 1990 the OUSL has the same academic status as any other national university in Sri Lanka. OUSL degrees are recognised both nationally and internationally as equal to those offered by any other university under the University Grants Commission.

Areas of study

At present five faculties offer programmes in the OUSL: Natural Sciences, Engineering Technology, Humanities and Social Sciences, Education, and Health Sciences. Each faculty offers an array of programmes ranging from short term programmes, certificates and diplomas to undergraduate and postgraduate degree programmes.

Entry criteria

The OUSL has a programme to suit anyone regardless of his/her present level of education. The study programmes are structured in a manner that allows entry and exit at any point enabling each person to find a programme to match their needs. Therefore, even those with no formal educational qualifications can follow a certificate programme, and then progress via a ladder of opportunities to diploma, degree and postgraduate study.

Entry requirements for degree programmes

The basic requirement for those wishing to follow a degree programme is successful completion of the G.C.E. (A/L) examination. However, there are a range of other qualifications also may be accepted instead. Those who do not possess the basic requirements can register for a certificate course at the Open University and use this as an entry point for a degree programme.

Entry requirements M.Phils and Ph.Ds

Students can register for research degrees throughout the year. Those who wish to pursue higher research degrees please contact the relevant department.

Joining OUSL

Keeping pace with developing technology, the OUSL provides all information regarding programmes of study on its website at www.ou.ac.lk. The university has adopted an online application process, which includes payment of application fees via credit cards and easy cash. This enables students to apply for a course regardless of where they are at the time of calling for applications.

Once a student is selected registration takes place at the centrally located registration block at the centre chosen by the applicant. Course material is provided at the time of registration from book distribution centres.

New students are issued with a student record book, registration number, and student number. They are also provided with a 'My OUSL' account. Information relevant to the student during his/her study period is available via this account, keeping the student updated. The account provides information on personal details, payments, examination results, notices etc.

Study material

The main teaching resource in the OUSL is 'course material' known as the 'tutor in print'. This is printed material that contains the basic content required for the study programme. This material is supplemented by face to face sessions known as 'day schools' where students can clarify problems encountered when reading the course material.

Another important component of teaching in the university is web-based learning. While some courses are offered fully online, most others contain supplementary online material that must be read together with printed course material. The online material can be accessed by the student from his/her own home. Those who do not possess internet facilities can access the material by visiting national online distance education service access centres (NAC Centres) located at regional and study centres of the Open University.

Audio and visual aids, tutor clinics, laboratory and field work, and industry based visits are also part of teaching at the OUSL.

Library facilities

The OUSL has a network of libraries spread across the regional and study centres island-wide. The main library is located in the main campus in Nawala. The library contains an

extensive selection of over 150,000 books. It provides lending, referencing, AVRC (Audio Visual Resource Centre), VRC (Virtual Resource Centre) and photocopying services. Online facilities including access to past examination papers and a range of e-journals and e-databases are also available to OUSL students.

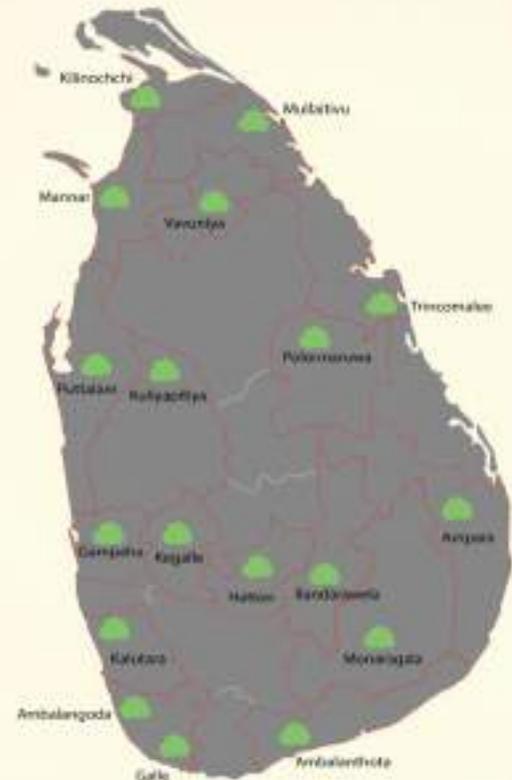
Place of study

The main campus and the Nawala Regional Centre are located in Colombo. However, the OUSL also has a network of regional and study centres spanning the country enabling students to successfully follow study programmes throughout the island. The OUSL has eight regional centres located in Colombo, Kandy, Matara, Jaffna, Batticaloa, Anuradhapura, Badulla and Kurunegala as well as eighteen active study centres across Sri Lanka. This makes the OUSL an ideal place of study for those working and living even in remote parts of Sri Lanka.

OUSL Regional Centers & Study Centers



Regional Centers



Study Centers

Accommodation at OUSL

In keeping with the open distance teaching methodology, the requirement for a student to be physically present at his/her centre of study is minimal. This may be for day schools, examinations, library reference or laboratory work.

The university has temporary residence facilities (TRF) in the Colombo, Kandy and Matara regional centres, which provide students with short term accommodation for such course related activities. They consist of dormitories and a common study area. A moderate fee is charged for the use of this facility. The main campus has a facility that can accommodate around 400 students.

Facilities for study

Constantly upgraded class rooms with modern teaching aids and well-equipped laboratories for science and engineering students enhance the learning experience at the OUSL. Qualified academics from The OUSL and other universities, as well as industrial experts provide guidance at these teaching sessions.

Group activities are also an important aspect of OUSL learning. Study areas that encourage group study and facilitate group work have been built into the environment in all centres while the main library has a discussion room especially dedicated for this purpose.

Continuing studies while away from the centre in keeping with the objective of enabling education at a distance, the university provides students with the unique opportunity of sitting examinations in any part of the world. A student who is compelled to travel abroad can request that provision be made to sit the examination abroad subject to the payment of an additional fee. Most programmes also permit a person registered for study in one centre to participate in activities of the programme in any of the centres where the programme is offered.

Support services

The OUSL provides a range of services which ensure that all student requirements can be met within the university premises. Stationery can be purchased at the World University Service (WUS) Bookshop at the Colombo Regional Centre. Photocopy services are available in the library, Colombo Regional Centre Building and WUS Bookshop, while facilities for obtaining computer printouts and binding of books are also available. University publications can be purchased at the sales centre located in the Colombo Regional Centre.

Centrally located student cafeterias provide food at subsidised rates. A Highland outlet operates adjacent to the examination halls in the Colombo Regional Centre where dairy products can be purchased at discounted rates.

Medical centre and counselling services

The main campus also has a medical centre where qualified nurses and a general practitioner are available for emergency treatment. The centre is open during all weekdays. Students can also access the counselling facility located at the medical centre.

Advisory services

The OUSL Career Guidance Unit conducts activities to help students improve career development skills. Every faculty in the OUSL has student counsellors. Any student who encounters difficulties that impact their studies can approach these student counsellors for guidance.

Disability

Disability is not a barrier for study at the OUSL. Over the years many students challenged by various physical and learning disabilities have successfully completed study programmes in the university. Special needs arising from disability are speedily met if brought to the notice of the relevant faculty or department in a timely manner. All efforts are taken to ensure that every student enjoys an equal opportunity to successfully complete his/her studies.

Financial assistance

Many students are employed and therefore are able to pay the very affordable tuition fees that are payable annually in two instalments. Students who nevertheless require financial assistance towards tuition fees, can obtain partial assistance through Mahapola Scholarships that are awarded by the Mahapola Education Scholarship Trust Fund and university bursaries. The university bursary entitles the recipient to 50 per cent of the tuition fee for the year it is awarded and it is granted on the basis of merit as well as need. Mahapola scholarships also cover part of the tuition fee. They are annual awards that are based on merit and need and are awarded to unemployed students below 30 years of age.

Student unions

Students are key stakeholders of the university. Therefore, the OUSL ensures that they play an active role in decision making regarding study programmes. The university by-laws provide for the annual election of members from among the student body to a student union. This union is empowered to represent student interests in various fora including faculty boards.

Student life

Each faculty has different societies and associations that organise religious, social, cultural and educational activities throughout the year. Societies such as ZooNet, BotSoc, Buckyball and Spectrum actively engage in such activities. Student life on campus is also enlivened by sports activities including cricket, volleyball, chess and carom. The university organises a sports week annually to encourage students across faculties and centres to engage in healthy competition.

Fulfilling the OUSL mission

A dedicated team of academic and non-academic staff under the leadership of the Vice-Chancellor are firmly committed to the mission of the OUSL "to enhance access to high quality, affordable and relevant education through Open and Distance Education and ensure lifelong learning opportunities to face challenges in a knowledge society". Thousands of OUSL graduates across the world bear testimony to the success of this effort.

IMPORTANT FACTS

The tuition fee indicated in this booklet is **only the cost incurred for the programme**. This excludes the registration fee, library fees, facility fee, other services fee and fees for mandatory courses from **StART@OUSL**.

Therefore, it is **not the TOTAL COURSE FEE OF THE PROGRAMME**.

The tuition fee may also vary according to the number of credits that are taken each year. The tuition fee is subjected to fee increments each year and all other fees are subjected to review at the discretion of the university without prior notice. Further according to the Sri Lanka Qualification Framework, the credits are subject to changes and therefore changes in tuition fees are to be expected for programmes that are registered in 2018-2019 onwards. **At the time of applying please recheck the fee.** The rates for foreign graduates will vary, kindly contact us or the International Relations Unit for clarifications.

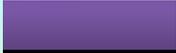
Other fees

	Registration fees (Rs.)	Library fees (Rs.)	Facility fees (Rs.)	StART@OUSL (Rs.)	
Undergraduate	400.00	100.00	1500.00	Full package	7500.00
Postgraduate	1000.00	200.00	1500.00	English only	4800.00

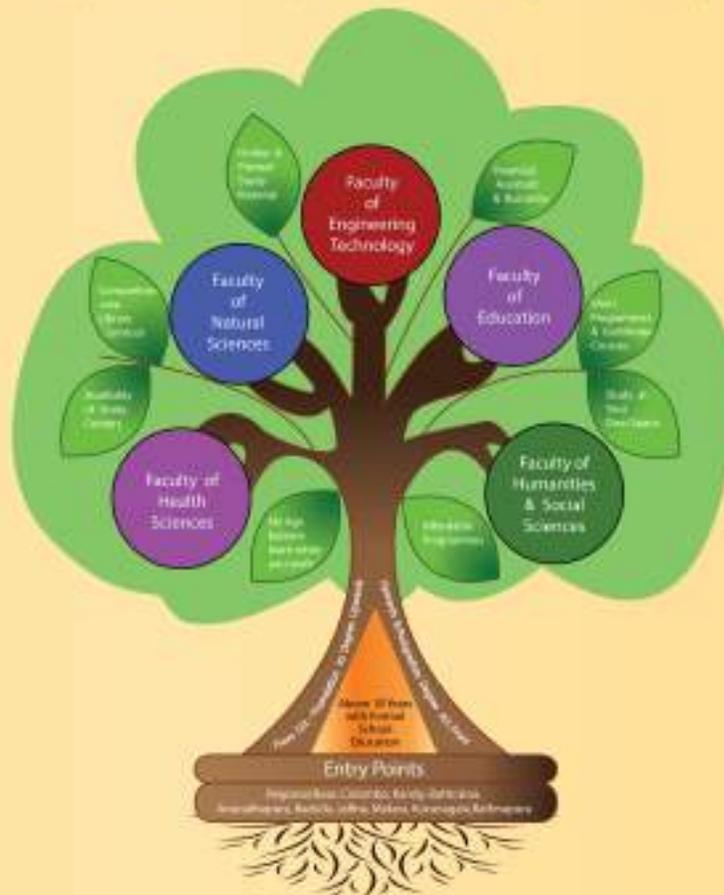
How to use this booklet

The booklet is arranged by the application calling month for easy reference.

It is colour coded in the respective colours of the five faculties

	Faculty of Education
	Faculty of Engineering Technology
	Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences
	Faculty of Health Sciences
	Faculty of Natural Sciences

**Internationally and Nationally Recognised
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Faculty of Education

Certificate in Pre-School Education
Advance Certificate in Pre-school Education
Diploma in Early Childhood Education & Primary Education
B.Ed (Drama & Theatre)
B.Ed (Natural Science)-Level 3
B.Ed (Special Needs Education) Degree Programme (Level 5)
MA (Teacher Education)-Interational - MATE-0)
Master of Education (M.Ed)
Postgraduate Diploma in Education (PGDE)
Postgraduate Diploma in Special Needs Education (PGD-SNE)

Faculty of Health Sciences

Bachelor of Pharmacy (B.Pharm)
Bachelor of Medical Laboratory Sciences (BMLS)
BSc Nursing

Faculty of Natural Sciences

Certificate in Computer Networks & Security (CCNS)
Certificate in Wild Life Conservation and Management
Certificate in Professional Computer Applications (CPCA)
Diploma in Environmental Science
Diploma in Natural Resources & Tourism
Bachelors of Science (BSc)
M.Sc. in Entomology & Applied Parasitology
M.Sc in Environmental Sciences

Faculty of Engineering Technology

Certificate in Industrial Studies Area of specializations : Animal Husbandry & Aquaculture
Certificate in Industrial Studies - Area of specializations: Apparel Technology
Diploma in Information Systems and Technology
Bachelor of Technology Honours in Engineering - Area of specializations: Civil/ Electrical/Electronics & Communication/ Computer/ Mechanical/ Mechatronics/Textile and Clothing
Bachelors of Industrial Studies Honour:Agriculture/Apparel Production and Management/Fashion Design and Product Development/Textile Manufacture
Bachelor of Software Engineering Honours
Postgraduate Diploma in Technology in Construction Management - Master of Technology in Construction Management
Postgraduate Diploma in Technology in Apparel Production and Management
Master of Technology in Apparel Production and Management

Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

Certificate in Social Sciences
Certificate in Basic Tamil and Sinhala
Certificate in Entrepreneurship and Small Business Management (ESBM)
Advance Certificate in English for Business & Professional Communication
Diploma in English Language and Literature (DELL)
Diploma in Youth Development
BA in Social Sciences
BA in English & English Language Teaching (BAELT)
Bachelor of Management Studies (BMS)
Bachelor of Laws (LL.B)
MA in Development Studies and Public Policy
LLM Criminal Justice Administration
Master in Business Management / Human Resources Management
Commonwealth Executive MBA/CEMPA

01. Bachelor of Education (B.Ed.) in Special Needs Education (Level 5&6)
Dept. of Special Needs Education, Faculty of Education

Course Type	Undergraduate	Required Qualification	Completion of any level 3 & 4 programme conducted by the OUSL.
Minimum Duration	2 years		
Medium	S/T/E * Depends on the number of students		
Tuition Fee	Rs. 108,920/=		
Registration Month	November		
Programme Description	The programme aims to provide further educational opportunities for those who have completed any diploma level programme (level 3 & 4) conducted by the OUSL.		

02. Postgraduate Diploma in Education (PGDE)*Dept. of Secondary & Tertiary Education, Faculty of Education*

Course Type	Postgraduate	Required Qualification	Degree with one (01) year teaching experience.
Minimum Duration	18 months		
Medium	S/E/T		
Tuition Fee	Rs. 61,700/=		
Registration Month	December		
Programme Description	This is a 45-credit programme offered to graduates of recognised universities who are in the education services or those with equivalent qualifications acceptable to the Senate. The main objective is to provide professional training to graduate teachers in the school system.		

03. Master of Education in Special Needs Education (MEsNE)*Dept. of Secondary & Tertiary Education, Faculty of Education*

Course Type	Postgraduate	Required Qualification	A pass in the Postgraduate Diploma in Special Needs Education from OUSL or any other recognized university. OR a pass in the Postgraduate Diploma in Education form OUSL OR any other recognized university OR a pass in Bachelor of Education Degree form OUSL OR any other recognized university with a minimum GPA of 3.0 OR an equivalent or higher qualification acceptable to the Senate.
Minimum Duration	2 years		
Medium	S/T/E		
Tuition Fee	Rs. 116,700/=		
Registration Month	November		
Programme Description	The aim of this programme is to prepare teachers and other professionals to provide leadership in SNE and advocacy for quality services for children with special need and to work with students with special needs in the most inclusive and least restrictive environments as educational programme planners, teacher educators and as researchers in the field of special needs education		

04. Bachelor of Arts in English & English Language Teaching (BAELT)

Dept. of Language Studies, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

Course Type	Undergraduate	Required Qualification	Passed the OUSL Diploma in English Language and Literature OR Posses a National Diploma in Teaching English (ESL) of two years duration from a National College of Education (NCOE) OR posses any other recognized two-year teacher training qualification in Teaching English as a Second Language acceptable to the Senate of the OUSL OR Passed 3 subjects (including English Literature) at the GCE Advanced Level Examination or equivalent qualifications AND All the applicants except those applying under category (a) are required to pass a Selection Test conducted by the Department of Language Studies.
Minimum Duration	4 years		
Medium	E		
Tuition Fee	Rs. 142,560/=		
Registration Month	March- 2019		
Programme Description	The B.A. in English and English Language Teaching includes the study of Applied Linguistics, English Language Teaching, Literature and other relevant areas of education. It is meant for anyone who wishes to enter the ELT profession.		

05. Diploma in English Language and Literature (DELL)*Dept. of Language Studies, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences*

Course Type	Diploma	Required Qualification	Advanced Certificate in English for Business and Professional Communication Stage 11 (OUSL) with B+ passes or above in LSE 2212 and LSE 2214 . B- passes in LSE 2213 and LSE 2215 OR Certificate in Professional English (OUSL) with three (03) PC passes OR three (03) 'S' passes at G.C.E. (A/L) in any discipline/3 subjects at any OUSL Foundation Level Course or Equivalent AND a pass in the Entry Test.
Minimum Duration	1 year		
Medium	E		
Tuition Fee	Rs. 46,550/=		
Registration Month	March -2019		
Programme Description	This programme includes English Literature, Advanced Reading and Writing , and Grammar and Communication Skills. It will be of interest to those who wish to enter higher education, English Language Teaching, Journalism and other relevant fields.		

06. Certificate in Basic Sinhala & Tamil
Dept. of Language Studies, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

Course Type	Certificate	Required Qualification	No formal qualification required.
Minimum Duration	Beginner - 1 year Basic - 1 year		
Medium	S/T		
Tuition Fee	Beginner - 6,300/= Basic - 9,160/=		
Registration Month	September		
Programme Description	<p>This programme provides a basic introduction to the Sinhala/Tamil language in the aspects of speech, reading, listening and writing using effective self-study material. Regular interactive face-to-face sessions conducted by qualified and experienced tutors will complement the study material.</p>		

07. Master of Education Coursework (M.Ed. Coursework)*Dept. of Secondary & Tertiary Education, Faculty of Education*

Course Type	Postgraduate	Required Qualification	Bachelor of Education, (B.Ed). OR Postgraduate Diploma in Education (PGDE) with a minimum GPA of 3.0 & at least a B+ in Educational Psychology, Foundations of Education and Educational Measurement and Evaluation.
Minimum Duration	12 months		
Medium	S/T/E		
Tuition Fee	Rs. 92,000/=		
Registration Month	February - March (2019)		
Programme Description	This is a 30 credit programme. This programme aims to expand the opportunities for higher studies in education for those who are already serving in the field of education and to promote research in areas relevant to the development of education.		

08. Certificate in Laboratory Technology (CLT)*Faculty of Natural Sciences*

Course Type	Certificate	Required Qualification	Formal education up to the G.C.E. (O/L) examination.
Minimum Duration	1 Year		
Medium	E		
Tuition Fee	Rs. 33,800/=		
Registration Month	January 2019		
Programme Description	This certificate programme enables you to work and manage a laboratory efficiently. It consists of four courses - Basic Biology for Laboratory, Basic Chemistry for Laboratory, Basic Mathematics and Computer Skills, Basic Physics for Laboratory. Each course has a theory component and also a practical component (five days).		

09. Master of Science in Environmental Science*Centre for Environmental Studies & Sustainable Development (CESSD)**Faculty of Natural Sciences*

Course Type	Postgraduate	Required Qualification	Graduates from a recognised university OR any other higher qualification acceptable to the Senate.
Minimum Duration	2 years		
Medium	E		
Tuition Fee	Rs. 170,000/=		
Registration Month	February - 2019		
Programme Description	This postgraduate degree offers opportunities to personnel from government, non-government and private sectors to achieve the necessary knowledge and skills to identify and deal with current and future environmental issues and concerns.		

10. Commonwealth Executive Master of Business Administration & Public Administration (CEMBA/CEMPA)

Dept. of Management Studies, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

Course Type	Postgraduate	Required Qualification	An Undergraduate Degree or Equivalent Professional Qualification A minimum of Two years relevant experience at a Managerial level
Minimum Duration	2 years		
Medium	E		
Tuition Fee	Rs. 350,000/=		
Registration Month	March (2019)		
Programme Description	CEMBA/CEMPA programmes are the outcome of collaboration between the Commonwealth of Learning (COL) and four open universities in South Asia: Allama Iqbal Open University (Pakistan), Bangladesh Open University, Indira Gandhi National Open University (India) and the Open University of Sri Lanka. Established in 2002, the CEMBA/CEMPA programme is now expanding through partnership with universities in Asia, Africa, the South Pacific and South America. Curriculum developers from universities in Australia, New Zealand, Sri Lanka, India and Canada, wrote original course materials.		

11. Advanced Certificate in Entrepreneurship and Small Business Management (ESBM)

Dept. of Management Studies, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

Course Type	Certificate	Required Qualification	Six (06) passes in G.C.E. (O/L) with Credit Passes for Mathematics and Language or Foundation Programme in Social Science Level 01 offered by the OUSL.
Minimum Duration	1 years		
Medium	S/T/E		
Tuition Fee	Rs. 25,000/=		
Registration Month	February (2019)		
Programme Description	<p>The main objective of the ESBM programme is to contribute to the development of a strong entrepreneurial business front that actively participates in the national economy.</p> <p>The course is designed with the aim of producing students to become entrepreneurs, both in spirit and performance. The programme offers eight (8) courses with a business project report. Students who successfully complete the ESBM programme are eligible to pursue the Bachelor of Business Management Degree (BMS) with the exemption from the selection test.</p>		

12. Advanced Certificate in Pre-School Education*Dept. of Early Childhood and Primary Education, Faculty of Education*

Course Type	Certificate	Required Qualification	Should have obtained the Certificate in Pre-School Education programme conducted by the OUSL.
Minimum Duration	1 year		
Medium	S/T/E		
Tuition Fee	Rs. 28,900.00		
Registration Month	March 2019		
Programme Description	The programme will assist those engaged in the education and care of young children to advance their knowledge in the principles of child development. It will create awareness of issues relating to early childhood years, with a special emphasis on Sri Lankan children and sensitise child caregivers to the values and ethics related to child development in the present socio-cultural context.		

13 . Diploma in Early Childhood Education & Primary Education*Dept. of Early Childhood & Primary Education, Faculty of Education*

Course Type	Diploma	Required Qualification	Advanced Certificate in Pre - School Education OR three (03) passes in G.C.E. (A/L), G.C.E. O/L six (06) passes including mathematics & first language and the selection test OR Diploma in Teaching offered by the National Colleges of Education, OR teacher training certificate awarded by the teacher training colleges. To follow in the programme in English medium, at least a credit pass (before 2001) OR "B" pass (from 2001) for English language at the G.C.E. (O/L).
Minimum Duration	2 years		
Medium	S/E/T		
Tuition Fee	Rs. 72,000/= (with ACPE) Rs. 83,700/= (without ACPE)		
Registration Month	June (2019)		
Programme Description	The goal of this programme is to improve the quality of early childhood education and primary education in Sri Lanka. Its specific objectives are to enable participants to perform effectively as teachers/caregivers in early childhood education and primary education.		

14. Master of Science (M.Sc.) in Medical Entomology & Applied Parasitology

Dept. of Zoology, Faculty of Natural Sciences

Course Type	Postgraduate	Required Qualification	Bachelor's degree in science (biological science) from a recognised university, OR bachelor's degree in veterinary science from a recognised university, OR Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) degree from a recognised university.
Minimum Duration	2 years		
Medium	E		
Tuition Fee	Rs. 225,00/=		
Registration Month	February -2019		
Programme Description	This master's degree programme is designed to meet the growing need for knowledge and skills development in vector borne disease control and vector control.		

15. Bachelor of Management Studies Honours Degree [BMS (Hons)]*Dept. of Management Studies, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences*

Course Type	Undergraduate	Required Qualification	Three (03) passes in G.C.E(A/L) in one sitting OR any foundation programme offered by the OUSL OR Other Qualifications acceptable to the OUSL Senate and selection test OR the Certificate ESBM
Minimum Duration	4 years		
Medium	Level 3 and 4 – S/T/E Level 5 and 6 – E		
Tuition Fee	Rs. 149,000/=		
Registration Month	June (2019)		
Programme Description	The BMS degree programme aims to impart knowledge relating to theory, principles, concepts, techniques and current practices in management and provides learners with a varied understanding of management practices in an organization. It allows the learners to obtain the knowledge and skills needed to assume management positions in a wide range of organizations. A pathway for higher studies locally and internationally.		

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16. Master of Business Administration (MBA) in Human Resources Management (HRM)

Dept. of Management Studies, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

Course Type	Postgraduate	Required Qualification	Bachelor's degree from a recognized university with a minimum of two (02) years managerial experience
Minimum Duration	2 years		
Medium	E		
Tuition Fee	Rs. 325,000/=		
Registration Month	March (2019)		
Programme Description	The MBA in HRM programme provides a strong platform to the learners to excel in the world of business by coupling their industry experience with conceptual knowledge focused on HRM. Comprising of ten (10) core courses, three (03) elective courses, a research methodology course and a research based dissertation, the programme offers a highly engaged distance learning experience awarding a postgraduate diploma in HRM at the end of the first year and a MBA upon completion of the second year.		

17. Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.)*Faculty of Natural Sciences*

Course Type	Undergraduate	Required Qualifications	Three (03) G.C.E.(A/L) passes in approved science subjects (in any number of sittings) OR OUSL Foundation Courses in Science.
Minimum Duration	3 years		
Medium	Level 3- S/E/T Level 4 and above -E		
Tuition Fee	Rs. 225,000/=		
Registration Month	March- April - 2019		
Programme Description	<p>This programme provides an opportunity to obtain a science degree and thereby improve promotional/career prospects. A 90 credit programme, it offers a combination of discipline-based courses, open electives and continuing education courses. Depending on performance in the first two years the student can qualify to follow a B.Sc. (Honours) Degree programme specialising in a subject in the final two years.</p>		

18. Diploma in Information Systems and Technology (DIST)*Dept. of Electrical & Computer Engineering, Faculty of Engineering Technology*

Course Type	Diploma	Required Qualification	Three (03) passes in G.C.E. (A/L) in any stream OR 30 credits passed in any foundation programme offered by the OUSL AND a pass in the selection test.
Minimum Duration	1 year		
Medium	English		
Tuition Fee	Rs. 75,900/=		
Registration Month	April (2019)		
Programme Description	The programme is designed in accordance with the requirements of the Sri Lanka Qualification Framework. Successful completion of this Diploma creates the potential for the candidate to find a suitable placement in the IT industry.		

19. Bachelor of Software Engineering Honours (BSE)*Dept. of Electrical & Computer Engineering, Faculty of Engineering Technology*

Course Type	Undergraduate	Required Qualification	Three (3) passes in G.C.E. (A/L) in any stream OR equivalent qualification AND pass in the selection test.
Minimum Duration	4years		
Medium	E		
Tuition Fee	Rs. 405,000/=		
Registration Month	April - 2019		
Programme Description	The programme is designed according to the requirements of IEEE/ACM guidelines and confirms to the requirements of the Sri Lanka Qualification Framework.		

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20. Advanced Certificate in Industrial Studies - Apparel Technology*Dept. of Textile and Apparel Technology, Faculty of Engineering Technology*

Course Type	Certificate	Required Qualification	Required to obtain six (6) passes in G.C.E.(O/L) examination for admission to the certificate programme.
Minimum Duration	1 year		
Medium	S/E		
Tuition Fee	Rs. 24,000/= (Approx.)		
Registration Month	April - (2019)		
Programme Description	The programme has been designed for those who are in the apparel industry but without relevant basic theoretical and practical knowledge about the garment manufacturing process. They will be able to gain sound fundamental knowledge of raw materials and the production process. A 30- SLQF credits programme, it facilitates entry into the Bachelor of Industrial Studies degree programme.		

21. Postgraduate Diploma in Technology in Apparel Production & Management/ Master of Technology in Apparel Production & Management

Dept. of Textile and Apparel Technology, Faculty of Engineering Technology

Course Type	Postgraduate	Required Qualification	Bachelor's Degree in Textile and Apparel Technology or Bachelor of Industrial Studies or any other discipline are eligible to apply with a minimum of two (2) years post-qualifying experience in the industry. Those who possess professional qualifications in the field of textile and apparel technology, CIMA, CIM Apparel Merchandising (with appropriate additional credits) are eligible to seek for provisional registration OR other relevant qualifications and experience acceptable to the university.
Minimum Duration	1 Year (PGD) 2 Year (Masters)		
Medium	E		
Tuition Fee	Rs. 172,000 (PGD) Rs. 350,000 (Masters) (Approx.)		
Registration Month	April - 2019		
Programme Description	This programme is designed, with emphasis on the apparel sector, to produce effective managers who will be competent to successfully manage and lead industrial or national organizations.		

22. Certificate in Industrial Studies: Animal Husbandry and Aquaculture

*Dept. of Agricultural & Plantation Engineering,
Faculty of Engineering Technology*

Course Type	Certificate	Required Qualification	Six (6) passes at the G.C.E. (O/L) and preferably involved in agriculture industry; animal rearing or fishing as a livelihood.
Minimum Duration	1 year		
Medium	S/E/T		
Tuition Fee	Rs. 21,600/=		
Registration Month	April - 2019		
Programme Description	This programme is designed for those who are already engaged in animal husbandry and aquaculture at industry level and are hoping for further improvement and for those who want to become self-employed in the animal husbandry and aquaculture industry. The programme is demand-driven considering employability opportunities both locally and globally.		

23. Bachelor of Technology Honours in Engineering:
Civil/Electrical/Electronics & Communication/Computer/Mechanical
Mechatronics/ Textile & Clothing
Dept. of Civil Engineering, Electrical & Computer Engineering &
Textile & Apparel Technology

Course Type	Undergraduate	Required Qualification	G.C.E. (A/L) three (3) passes in one sitting in physical science stream OR 30 SLQF credits from relevant foundation courses offered by the OUSL OR any other equivalent qualifications acceptable to the university.
Minimum Duration	4 years		
Medium	E		
Tuition Fee	Rs. 2,21,540/=		
Registration Month	April 2019		
Programme Description	The undergraduate programme is carefully designed in accordance to the requirements of the SLQF, specifying minimum and maximum limits of each category of courses to ensure that the programme is balanced and meets the academic requirements of major engineering institutions in Sri Lanka and overseas. It is also possible to obtain a higher diploma in an approved technological discipline after successful completion of the required combination of courses and credit requirement. The higher diploma is one of the main avenues to enter middle-level technical grades within the engineering profession.		

24. Bachelor of Industrial Studies Honours: Agriculture/Apparel Production & Management/ Fashion Design & Product Development/ Textile Manufactures
*Dept. of Agricultural and Plantation Engineering & Textile and Apparel Technology,
 Faculty of Engineering Technology*

Course Type	Undergraduate	Required Qualification	For Agriculture: should have a pass in biology - G.C.E. (A/L) AND two subjects from either chemistry, physics, agriculture or combined mathematics OR a relevant OUSL foundation course OR any other equivalent qualification acceptable to the university. For all other specialisations: Three (03) passes in G.C.E. (A/L) subjects OR 36 credits from relevant foundation courses offered by the OUSL OR any other equivalent qualifications acceptable to the university.
Minimum Duration	4 years		
Medium	E		
Tuition Fee	Rs. 194,475/=		
Registration Month	April (2019)		
Programme Description	The programme is carefully designed in accordance with the requirements of the Sri Lanka Qualification Framework especially for persons currently employed in middle level management / technical grades in various industries. It is also possible to obtain a higher diploma in an approved discipline after successful completion of the required combination of courses and credit requirement.		

25. Master of Law (LL.M.) in Criminal Justice Administration*Dept. of Legal Studies, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences*

Course Type	Postgraduate	Required Qualification	A LL. B from a recognized University, Or be an Attorney-at-Law with three (03) years post-qualifying professional experience OR be admitted to the Bar in any foreign country with 3 years post qualifying professional experience, OR registration at the Sri Lanka Medical Council as a medical practitioner with a MBBS degree and 3 years post qualifying professional experience in the field of forensic medicine, or an equivalent or higher qualification acceptable to the Senate.
Minimum Duration	2 years		
Medium	E		
Tuition Fee	Rs. 378,000		
Registration Month	March - 2019		
Programme Description	This has been designed to address the current and future needs of the criminal justice system of Sri Lanka. This programme not only fills a long-standing lacuna in the country's higher education system but also facilitates the professional development aspirations of many who are connected with or have an interest in the field of criminal justice administration.		

26. Bachelor of Education (B. Ed.) Natural Sciences*Dept. of Secondary and Tertiary Education, Faculty of Education*

Course Type	Undergraduate	Required Qualification	G.C.E. (A/L) three (03) passes in science or mathematics OR a foundation programme in science offered by the OUSL.
Minimum Duration	4 years		
Medium	S/E/T		
Tuition Fee	Rs. 270,620/=		
Registration Month	Levels 3 & 4 – April 2019 Levels 5 & 6 – June 2019		
Programme Description	The Dept. of Secondary & Tertiary Education of the Faculty of Education offers this inter-faculty programme in collaboration with the Faculty of Natural Sciences. Of this four (04) year programme the first two years (levels 3 & 4) are devoted to the teaching of science subjects and the last two years (levels 5 & 6) to the teaching of educational subjects. It is a 128-credit programme in which candidates are required to acquire 32 credits at each of the levels.		

27. Advance Certificate in English for Business & Professional Communication
Dept. of Language Studies, Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences

Course Type	Certificate	Required Qualification	Six (06) passes at G.C.E. (O/L) OR equivalent qualification and sit the placement test.
Minimum Duration	2 year		
Medium	E		
Tuition Fee	Stage - 1 Rs. 12, 815 Stage - 2 Rs. 20, 075 Rs. 32, 890		
Registration Month	July - 2019		
Programme Description	This programme is specially designed for adults who wish to develop their English language skills and enhance their career growth. The programme is offered in two stages.		

28. Advance Certificate in Wildlife Conservation and Management*Dept. of Zoology, Faculty of Natural Sciences*

Course Type	Advance Certificate	Required Qualification	Obtained six (06) Passes with two 'C' Passes with Mathematics and First Language, at the G.C.E. (O/L) OR equivalent OR a higher qualification OR successfully completed a NAQF level 3 qualification
Minimum Duration	1 year		
Medium	S/E		
Tuition Fee	Rs. 23,000/=		
Registration Month	April -2019		
Programme Description	The aim of the programme is to provide an education and practical training in biology, ecology of wild species, and principles and practice of conserving threatened wildlife. This programme encourages to pursue further studies or careers in the field of Wild life Conservation and Management.		

29. Certificate in Pre-School Education*Dept. of Early Childhood and Primary Education, Faculty of Education*

Course Type	Certificate	Required Qualification	G.C.E. O/L six (06) passes including mathematics & first language and a pass in the selection test. To follow the programme in the English medium at least a credit pass (before 2001) OR "B" pass (from 2001) for English language at the G.C.E. (O/L).
Minimum Duration	1 year		
Medium	S/E/T		
Tuition Fee	Rs 22, 500/=		
Registration Month	June (2019)		
Programme Description	This certificate enables students to gain knowledge, skills and attitudes related to the total development of the pre-school child and master competencies related to the teaching-learning process in pre-school.		

30. Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.)*Dept. of Legal Studies, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences*

Course Type	Undergraduate	Required Qualification	Any OUSL foundation programmes at levels 1 & 2 OR four (04) passes at G.C.E (A/L) old syllabus which had four (04) subjects with at least three (03) passes at one sitting and the other subject in the same stream at a subsequent sitting; OR three (03) passes in core subjects under the new syllabus in one sitting at the G.C.E. (A/L) OR an equivalent higher qualification acceptable to the OUSL Senate; OR be an Attorney-at- Law. It is also mandatory to sit for the Selection Test.
Minimum Duration	4 years		
Medium	S/E/T		
Tuition Fee	Rs. 171,600/=		
Registration Month	November - 2019		
Programme Description	The Dept. of Legal Studies is the only institution in Sri Lanka that offers a Bachelor's degree in law (LL.B.) using the Open and Distance Learning (ODL) methodology. It has been developed and designed to teach core areas of law relevant to national requirements. It consists of eighteen (18) courses and three (03) of which are elective courses. Being a pioneer LL.B. degree programme for more than three decades, it has created an avenue for every learner to enter into the legal profession of Sri Lanka.		

31. Diploma in Environmental Science <i>Dept. of Botany, Faculty of Natural Sciences</i>			
Course Type	Diploma	Required Qualification	Three (03) passes at the G.C.E. (A/L), OR any foundation programme/ Certificate Programme in Environmental Science/ Certificate Programme in Wildlife Conservation & Management, conducted by the OUSL, AND at least a credit pass (old scheme) OR B pass (new scheme) in the English language at the G.C.E. (O/L) OR any other qualification acceptable by the Senate.
Minimum Duration	1 year		
Medium	E		
Tuition Fee	Rs. 40,000/=		
Registration Month	June -2019		
Programme Description	This course is suitable for those who are already employed in fields related to the environmental sciences to upgrade their skills and those who wish to be employed in this field.		

32. Bachelor of Science Honours in Nursing [BScHons (Nursing)]*Dept. of Nursing, Faculty of Health Sciences*

Course Type	Undergraduate	Required Qualification	Entry to level 5: Three (03) passes in one sitting at the G.C.E.(A/L), including Biology, OR, C grades (60 credits) at Levels 1 and 2 foundation courses-OUSL including biology AND, "S Pass" in English G.C.E(O/L), OR, qualification acceptable to the Senate, AND, Diploma in Nursing offered by the OUSL, OR, General Certificate in Nursing or Diploma in Nursing of the Ministry of Health, Sri Lanka, OR, three (03) year Diploma in Nursing from institutions suitable to OUSL, with 02 years working experience, AND Pass the selection test based on the merit list
Minimum Duration	4 years		
Medium	English		
Tuition Fee	Rs. 300,000/=		
Registration Month	September - 2019		
Programme Description	The Bachelor of Science Honours in Nursing degree program provide nurses with opportunity to improve their knowledge and skills required to go beyond the bed side nursing and play key roles in academic, administration and research fields in nursing.		

33. Bachelor of Medical Laboratory Sciences Honours [BMLS(Hons)]*Dept. of Medical Laboratory Sciences, Faculty of Health Sciences*

Course Type	Undergraduate	Required Qualification	Three (03) Pass grades in one sitting at the G.C.E. A/L, including Biology and Chemistry, OR, Three (03) Pass grades from among the Foundation Courses (both Parts 1 and 2) of the OUSL, including Biology and Chemistry, AND, S Pass for English at the G.C.E. O/L OR an equivalent or higher qualification acceptable to the Senate, AND, Diploma in Medical Laboratory Technology, Ministry of Health, Sri Lanka AND Pass the Selection Test.
Minimum Duration	4 years		
Medium	English		
Tuition Fee	Rs. 312,000/=		
Registration Month	September-2019		
Programme Description	This Honours degree programme offers opportunities for medical laboratory technologists to update their knowledge and skills in medical laboratory sciences to suit the needs of the healthcare sector and for relevant academic and research fields.		

34 .Bachelor of Pharmacy Honaours [BPharm (Hons)]*Dept. of Pharmacy, Faculty of Health Sciences*

Course Type	Undergraduate	Required Qualification	Three (03) Pass grades in one Three (03) Passes in one sitting at the G.C.E. A/L, including Biology & Chemistry, OR, C grade or equivalent in 60 credits at levels 1 and 2 from among the Foundation Course of the OUSL, including Biology and Chemistry, or, an equivalent or higher qualification acceptable to the senate AND, C grade in Chemistry at the G.C.E. A/L examination or a B- grade in each of the Chemistry courses at the Foundation Courses of OUSL, AND, S Pass for English at the G.C.E. O/L, AND, Pass at the Selection Test.
Minimum Duration	4 years		
Medium	English		
Tuition Fee	Rs. 312,000/=		
Registration Month	September-2019		
Programme Description	This Honours degree programme offers opportunities for undergraduates to update their knowledge and skills in pharmaceutical sciences to suit the needs of the healthcare sector and for relevant academic and research fields.		

35. Bachelor of Science Honours in Psychology (BScHons [Psychology])
Dept. of Psychology & Counselling, Faculty of Health Sciences

Course Type	Undergraduate	Required Qualification	Three (3) passes in one sitting at G.C.E (A/L) or Three (3) passes in the OUSL foundation courses (Parts 1 & 2), AND, "S" Pass for English at G.C.E (O/L), OR, an equivalent or higher qualification accepted by the Senate, AND, pass at the Selection test and Viva Voce
Minimum Duration	4 years		
Medium	English		
Tuition Fee	Rs. 300,000/=		
Registration Month	September - 2019		
Programme Description	The degree programme is for those interested in understanding the discipline, acquiring knowledge and learning basic skills of Psychology through its subfields of Counselling, Clinical, Health, Social, Occupational and Developmental Psychology		

36 . Certificate in Social Sciences (CSS)*Dept. of Social Studies, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences*

Course Type	Certificate	Required Qualification	Completed junior secondary level, which is grade 9 or equivalent, OR completed primary education (which is grade 5) with certified work experience equivalent to a minimum period of 02 years OR an equivalent or higher qualification acceptable to the Senate, AND should be 18 years of age or above
Minimum Duration	1-2 years		
Medium	S/E/T		
Tuition Fee	Rs. 42,000/=		
Registration Month	August - 2019		
Programme Description	A study programme that provides an alternative path to higher education in the social sciences. Candidates with two (2) G.C.E. (A/L) passes can complete in one year by acquiring 30 SLQF credits.		

37. Bachelor of Arts in Social Sciences (BASS)*Dept. of Social Studies, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences*

Course Type	Undergraduate	Required Qualification	A minimum of three passes at the General Certificate of Education (Advanced Level) examination in any stream, OR a minimum of 30 credits at SLQF Level 2 or above from any programme approved by the Senate of the Open University of Sri Lanka, OR qualification or accredited work experience equivalent to NVQF Level 4 OR an equivalent or higher qualification acceptable to the Senate.
Minimum Duration	3 years		
Medium	E		
Tuition Fee	Rs. 117,000/=		
Registration Month	August- 2019		
Programme Description	A study programme that will equip students with knowledge and skills valuable to employers such as problem solving, effective written and oral communication, creative and critical thinking, cross-cultural awareness and social research skills.		

38. Diploma in Youth Development (DYD)*Dept. of Social Studies, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences*

Course Type	Diploma	Required Qualification	A minimum of three passes at the G.C.E. A/L in any stream, OR a minimum of 30 credits at SLQF Level 2 or above from any programme approved by the Senate of the Open University of Sri Lanka, OR qualification or accredited work experience equivalent to NVQF Level 4 OR an equivalent or higher qualification acceptable to the Senate.
Minimum Duration	2 years		
Medium	S/E/T		
Tuition Fee	Rs. 48,000/=		
Registration Month	August -2019		
Programme Description	A programme of study that will help development practitioners, youth workers and policy makers to learn and appreciate the importance of youth centric development.		

39. Master of Arts in Development Studies and Public Policy*Dept. of Social Studies, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences & the Marga Institute*

Course Type	Postgraduate	Required Qualification	A degree from a recognized university OR secured an equivalent or higher qualification acceptable to the OUSL Senate with at least one year of work experience in planning, administration & implementation of development projects AND through an interview held by the Department of Social Studies whenever the need arises.
Minimum Duration	2 years		
Medium	E		
Tuition Fee	Rs. 226,800/=		
Registration Month	August-2019		
Programme Description	This policy studies programme will enable students to gain an in-depth understanding of policy formulation through a multi-disciplinary approach to policy analysis and critical thinking. This programme is administered with the collaboration of the Marga Institute which is a non profit centre for research and advocacy.		

40. Bachelor of Arts Honors in Library and Information Studies (LIS)

Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

Course Type	Undergraduate	Required Qualification	Completion of a 3 year diploma (60 credits) in LIS from a recognised professional or educational institution. Should be above 18 years of age.
Minimum Duration	2 Years		
Medium	E		
Tuition Fee	Rs. 78,000/=		
Registration Month	August - 2019		
Programme Description	The programme leads to a professional degree through lateral entry where the students complete the levels 5 & 6 at OUSL to earn 60 credits. Students are able to obtain a 120 credit B.A. Honours degree in LIS.		

40. Bachelor of Education (B.Ed.) Drama & Theatre
Dept. of Secondary & Tertiary Education, Faculty of Education

Course Type	Undergraduate	Required Qualification	G.C.E. (A/L) three (03) passes and the Higher Diploma offered by the Tower Hall Theatre Foundation of Sri Lanka..
Minimum Duration	4 years		
Medium	S		
Tuition Fee	Rs. 112,600/=		
Registration Month	June 2019		
Programme Description	<p>This programme aims to provide opportunities for those who have obtained the Higher Diploma in Drama and Theatre of the Tower Hall Theatre Foundation to join the teaching profession. B.Ed Drama & Theater Degree programme is a one hundred and forty four (128) credit programme with a minimum duration of four academic years. The Higher Diploma in Drama & Theater offered by the Tower Hall Theater Foundation is considered equivalent in content and credit value to Levels 3 & 4 of the B.Ed Degree programme.</p>		

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