



THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
BACHELOR OF EDUCATION
(NATURAL SCIENCES) DEGREE PROGRAMME
Level 5/ Level 6
ACADEMIC YEAR 2018/ 2019



**General information about the Bachelor of Education
(Natural Sciences) Degree Programme are given in this
brochure**

INTRODUCTION

The Bachelor of Education (Natural Sciences) Degree programme is jointly offered by the Faculty of Education and the Faculty of Natural Sciences of the Open University of Sri Lanka. The curriculum and the evaluation of this programme of study, is determined by the two Faculties.

The students who seek admission to this programme should read the Prospectus of the Faculty of Natural Sciences along with this brochure on the Bachelor of Education (Natural Sciences) Degree programme of Faculty of Education.

General information regarding the Open University, it's study system and the curriculum at Levels 3, 4 and 5 of the Bachelor of Science Degree programme are given in the Prospectus of Faculty of Natural Sciences. The curriculum of Levels 3 and 4 of the Bachelor of Education (Natural Sciences) Degree Programme is identical to the curriculum of Level 3 and 4 in the Bachelor of Science Degree Programme of the Faculty of Natural Sciences. All other information regarding the Bachelor of Education (Natural Sciences) Degree Programme is provided in this brochure.

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PROGRAMME OF STUDY

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION DEGREE IN NATURAL SCIENCES

B.Ed (Nat.Sc.) Degree Programme is an Inter-faculty programme offered by The Faculty of Education, in collaboration with The Faculty of Natural Sciences of The Open University of Sri Lanka. It is a four academic year programme, of which the first two years (Levels 3 and 4) will be devoted to the teaching of Science subjects and the other two years (Level 5 and 6) to Education subjects. It is a 128 credit programme in which candidates are required to acquire thirty two (32) credits at each of the levels.

1.0 AIM AND OBJECTIVES

1. To provide further education opportunities for non-graduate Science/ Mathematics teachers in the education system.

2. To provide higher education opportunities for those who are qualified to enter a University.
3. To provide professional qualification for science graduates who are willing to enter the teaching profession.

2.0 ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

2.1 Admission to Level 3 / Level 4

Please refer to the Nat. Sc. Faculty Prospectus.

2.2 Admission to Level 5

Students will be eligible to register for courses at Level 5 of the B.Ed. (Nat.Sc.) Degree Programme on the acquisition of;

- (a) Eligibility in all courses (64 credits) at Levels 3, and 4 (a maximum of 6 credits could be earned from Level 5 of the B.Sc. Degree Programme to complete requirements at level 4)

and

(b) Passes in courses equal to 40 credits at Levels 3, 4 and 5 (a maximum of 6 credits could be earned from Level 5 of the B.Sc. Degree Programme to complete requirements at level 4)

or

B.Sc Degree from a recognized University.

2.3 Admission to Level 6

Students will be eligible to register for courses at Level 6 of the B.Ed. (Nat.Sc.) Degree Programme on the acquisition of;

(a) Eligibility in all courses (64 credits) at Levels 3, and 4 (a maximum of 6 credits could be earned from Level 5 of the B.Sc. Degree Programme to complete requirements at level4)

and

(b) Passes in courses equal to 48 credits at Levels 3 and 4 (a maximum of 6 credits could be earned from Level 5 of the

B.Sc. Degree Programme to complete requirements at level4)

and

(c) Eligibility in all courses (32 credits) at Level 5 (B.Ed.)

or

(d) Exemption in all courses (32 credits) at Level 5 (B.Ed.)

A student who registers for the Degree of Bachelor of Education Programme must register for a minimum 6 credit per academic year. The maximum a student can register for in one academic year is 32 credits.

A student may not register for a course at a particular level unless a specified number of credits or eligibility has been obtained at the preceding level or is exempted from the requirement of obtaining the credits by virtue of other qualifications.

Note:

Students who have registered for Level 5/6 of the B.Ed. (Nat. Sc.) Degree Programme, are required to obtain a minimum of RE grades for those courses for which they have obtained eligibility only, at Levels 3 and 4 (a maximum of 6 credits could be earned from Level 5 of the B.Sc. Degree Programme to complete requirements at level 4) in order to qualify for the final award.

3.0 EXEMPTIONS

Candidates may be exempted from the requirement of obtaining credits in certain courses by virtue of other qualifications.

General qualifications required to claim exemptions from the Levels 3, 4 and 5 of the B.Ed. programme, are given in Appendix.

Please refer to Nat. Sc. Faculty Prospectus, for full details regarding the exemptions from Level 3 / Level 4.

Exemptions should normally be claimed during registration.

The maximum number of credits a student can claim exemption from the B.Ed (Nat.Sc.) programme, is 64.

A student granted an exemption from a particular course of study would be deemed to have obtained a final mark of 40 and a C grade in that particular course, irrespective of whatever mark he/she may have received at an equivalent course/examination.

4.0 COURSES

4.1 Courses offered at Level 3 / Level 4

Courses offered for levels 3, and 4 of the B.Ed. (Nat. Sc.) Degree Programme are same as for B.Sc. Degree Programme.

Please refer to Nat. Sc. Faculty Prospectus for further information.

4.2 Courses offered at Level 5 / Level 6

Courses offered for Level 5 and 6 of the B.Ed. (Nat. Sc.) Degree programme are given in Tables 1 and 2.

Table 1 - Courses offered at Level 5 of B.Ed. (Nat. Sc.) Degree Programme

Level 5		
Compulsory Courses		
Course Code	Course title	Credit Rating
STU5511	Educational Psychology	5
STU5512	Foundations of Education	5
STU5513	Comparative Education and Educational Problems	5
STU5314	Guidance and Counselling in Education	3
STU5315	Curriculum, Theory and Practice	3
STU5816	Educational Technology for Teaching Science and Mathematics	8
Optional Courses		
One of the following course to be offered		
STU5517	Child Rights	3
STU5518	Primary Education	3
Total No. of credits		32

**Table 2 - Courses offered at Level 6 of B.Ed.
(Nat. Sc.) Degree Programme**

Level 6		
Compulsory Courses		
Course Code	Course title	Credit rating
STU6801	Psychology of the Adolescent	8
STU6802	Teaching Practice	8
STU6803	Project	8
STU6505	Measurement & Evaluation in Education	5
STU6306	Educational Management	3
Total No. of credits		32

5.0 MEDIA OF INSTRUCTION

The medium of instruction at level 3 will be in either Sinhala, Tamil or English. A student may choose any one of these. The courses at level 4 will be in English. Courses at Level 5 and 6 will be in either Sinhala, Tamil or English.

6.0 EVALUATION

Evaluation of this programme includes laboratory work, fieldwork, teaching practice, observations and project.

A student's progress is assessed continuously throughout the course by means of continuous assessment through assignments and at the end of the course by means of a Final Examination. Performance at continuous assessment will be considered in deciding the eligibility to sit the Final Examination.

Please refer to Nat. Sc. Faculty Prospectus for further information regarding Level 3 and 4.

7.0 FEES

The fees payable by the students registered for B.Ed. (Nat. Sc.) Degree programme year 2016/2017 are given in Table 3.

Table 3 - Fees for B.Ed. (Nat. Sc.) Degree Programme

Course Fee for the Academic Year 2018/ 2019	
Registration Fee	Rs. 400.00
Facility Fee	Rs. 1500.00
Library facility Fee	Rs. 100.00
Refundable Stu.Deposit	Rs. 1100.00
Tuition Fees- NEW CREDIT	Rs 1900.00

Please refer to Nat. Sc. Faculty Prospects for further information.

8.0 AWARD OF THE DEGREE

The Degree of Bachelor of Education (Natural Sciences) will be awarded in accordance with the provisions of the Open University Regulations.

APPENDIX

Schedule of General Credit Exemptions for B.Ed. (Nat. Sc.) Degree Programme

Level 3 / Level 4 / Level 5

<i>Certificate/Examination</i>	<i>Number of Credits Exempted</i>		
	<i>Level 3</i>	<i>Level 4</i>	<i>Level 5</i>
Diploma in Teaching Science/Mathematics (National Colleges of Education)		-	32
B.Sc. (Natural Sciences) Degree of a recognized University	32	32	-

**Instructions to fill the ONLINE Application Form
Bachelor of Education Degree Programme
2017/ 2018**

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.

Addresses and telephone numbers of the Regional Centres :

<i>The Open University Regional Centres (OURC)</i>			
Location	Code	Address	Telephone
Colombo	WP10	Asst. Director, Open University Regional Centre, Nawala, Nugegoda	0112853930