

# THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION HONOURS IN NATURAL SCIENCES DEGREEPROGRAMME

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General information about the Degree of Bachelor of Education Honours in Natural Sciences Degree Programme

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# GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION HONOURS IN NATURAL SCIENCES DEGREE PROGRAMME

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### **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

The General Information about The Degree of Bachelor of Education Honours in Natural Sciences Degree Programme is offered by the Faculty of Education in collaboration with 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.

General information regarding the Open University, its study system and the curriculum of the General Information about The Degree of Bachelor of Education Honours in Natural Sciences Degree Programme, is introduced in this prospectus.

As this programme is conducted in the distance mode you will have only limited opportunities of meeting or contacting members of the academic staff. Therefore, it is essential that you read this brochure thoroughly and understand the procedures for overcoming difficulties you may face while following the programme. If you face problems with respect to any matter related to this programme, do not hesitate to contact the coordinator of the programme in the Department of Secondary and Tertiary Education of the Faculty ofEducation.

We wish you all success in the Degree of Bachelor of Education Honours in Natural Sciences Degree Programme.

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### 2.0 GENERAL INFORMATION

### 2.1The Open University of Sri Lanka

The Open University of Sri Lanka (OUSL) which was established in 1980, is a national university constituted under the University Act No. 16 of 1978 and the OUSL Ordinance No. 1 of 1990 and has the same legal and academic status as any other national university in Sri Lanka. It is one of the recognized university in Sri Lanka where students are able to pursue further education through distance education mode.

The Open University comprises of a Central Campus which is located in Nawala, Nugegoda, Six Regional Centers (Colombo,Kandy,Matara,Jaffna,Anuradhapura and Batticaloa.

The OUSL currently consists of six faculties of, viz. the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, the Faculty of Natural Sciences, the Faculty of Engineering, Health Sciences, Faculty of Management Studies and the Faculty of Education.

### 2.2The Faculty of Education

The Faculty of Education of three consists departments, viz. the Department of Secondary and Tertiary Education, the Department of Early Childhood and Primary Education and the Department of Special Needs Education. The Department of Secondary and Tertiary Education conducts this General Information about the Degree of Bachelor of Education Honours in Natural Sciences Degree Programme.

### 2.3The Study System of OUSL

The OUSL adopts a multimedia study system, with a strong emphasis on distance mode of learning. Students are supported through print materials, audio-visual aids, day schools, laboratory sessions, field work, tutor clinics, workshops and online learning.

### 2.4Courses and Programmes

In the Open University vocabulary a course is a unit of study, which is generally completed within an academic year. A course can either be compulsory oroptional.

A programme of study consists of a combination of compulsory and optional courses. To meet the criteria for an award of a certificate, a Diploma or a Degree it is necessary to complete a programme of study successfully.

The programmes of study offered by the Open University are as follows:

Foundation Programmes Certificate Programmes Higher Certificate Programmes Diploma Programmes Bachelor's Degree Programmes Post Graduate Diploma Programmes Postgraduate Degree Programmes Continuing Education Programmes Stand Alone Courses Foundation Programmes provide opportunities to enroll for Degree Programmes. These Programmes are offered in two levels namely Level 1 (F1) and Level 2 (F2). A student who completes any Foundation Programme in Arts, Commerce, Physical Sciences, Biological Sciences, or Technological

Sciences attain qualifications similar to the level required to enter a conventionalUniversity.

Stand-alone Programmes are not linked to any key Programmes. These can be followed according to the individual needs of anyperson.

The academic value of a Course is expressed in terms of Credit rating. It does not mean a student's performance in an examination. (Eg. A Credit Pass at G.C.E. Ordinary Level or AdvancedLevel).

A credit is calculated on the basis of the number of hours a student has to spend in learning. 18 credits mean 450 (15 hours per week x 30 weeks) study hours. The maximum number of credits a student is permitted to register for an academic year is thirty (30). The minimum number of credits a student can register for an academic year is nine (9). Students who have enrolled for 30 credits may also enroll for Courses designated as Continuing Education up to a limit of further 9 credits.

Each course is assigned a course code consisting of seven (7)

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Alphanumeric characters as follows:

First two letters - The field of study

Thirdletter - The Programme ofstudy

Firstdigit - Level of the study within theprogramme

Second digit - Credit rating (Table 3)

Last two digits - Unique serial number of course

Faculty	Disciplines of Study	Course codes
	Education	ES
Education	Early Childhood	EC
	Special Needs Education	SN
	Pure Mathematics	PE
	Botany	BY
	Chemistry	CY
Natural Sciences	Physics	PH
	Zoology	ZY
	Applied Mathematics	AD
	Civil Engineering	CE
	Communication Technology	TL
	Computer Science	CS
Engineering Technology	Electrical Technology	TE
3 3	Electronic Technology	TN
	Engineering	EN
	Mechanical Engineering	ME
	Textile Technology	TT
	Language Studies	LS
Humanities and Social	Management Studies	MS
Sciences	Legal Studies	LS
	Social Studies	SS
	Science in Nursing	NS
Health Sciences	Medical Laboratory Sciences	ML
	Bachelor of Pharmacy	BP

Table 1: Course Codes according to Disciplines of Study

# 3.0 General Information about the Degree of Bachelor of Education Honours in Natural Sciences Degree Programme

Degree of Bachelor of Education Honours in Natural Sciences 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 122 credit programme in which candidates are required to acquire 30 credits at 3, 4,5 levels and 32 credits at level 6.

This programme is specially designed for secondary school Science/Mathematics teachers, as well as for those who aspire to become Science/Mathematics teachers.we are proud to say this program awarded a "B" Grade, after careful consideration at the program review conducted in 2018 by the University Grant Commission.

### 3.1 Aims and Objectives

- To provide further education opportunities for nongraduate Science/ Mathematics teachers in the educationsystem.
- To provide higher education opportunities for those who are qualified to enter aUniversity.
- To provide a professional qualification for science graduates who are willing to enter the teaching profession.

### 3.2AdmissionRequirements

- a) obtained a minimum of 3 passes at any number of sittings at the G.C.E. (Advanced Level) Examination in three Science subjects (from among, Biology/ Botany/ Zoology/ Chemistry/ Physics/ Combined Mathematics/ Applied Mathematics/ Pure Mathematics/ Mathematics), or,
- b) obtained a minimum of 30 credits from among the approved Foundation Courses in Science offered by the Faculty of NaturalSciences,

or,

 c) a secured an equivalent or higher qualification acceptable to the OpenUniversity.

### 3.3Pre-requisites to register for Level 3 courses

Pre-requisites required to register for any course in a particular discipline at Level 3 are listed under table 2.

*Table 2:*Pre-requisites required to register for any course in a particular discipline at Level 3

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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 .C.E. A/L or Foundation in science /Foundation courses in Mathematics

### 3.4 Duration

A minimum of four academic years are required to complete the programme.

### 3.5 Workload

A student will be required to complete courses adding up to a total of 122 credits for the Bachelor of Education Honours in Natural Sciences Degree. Those who are without exemptions are also required to register for English and Mathematics courses. The maximum number of credits a student can register for in one academic year is30.

### 3.6 Exemptions

Candidates may be exempted from the requirement of obtaining credits in certain courses by virtue of other qualifications.Specific exemptions from Foundation levels and Level 3 are indicated in Appendix I.

Exemptions from the Level 3 would not be given at the registration. Students need to apply for exemptions from a committee appointed by the Faculty of Natural Sciences, before the add/ drop period.

Teachers who have successfully followed the 3-year Teacher Education programme of a National College of Education and hold the Diploma in Teaching Science/Mathematics would be exempted from Level 5 of thisProgramme.

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.

### 3.7 Start at OUSL (three months)

Before commencing the Degree of Bachelor of Education Honours in Natural Sciences programme, all students are compelled to follow the StART@OUSL[Students Academic Readiness Training at OUSL].

It is three months 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 iscompulsory for all workshops.

Please noteit is compulsory that you should pass the efil course (fde3020) for you to register at level 4.

It is compulsory that you should pass the courses LEE3410, CSE3213 and CYE3200 for you to register at level 5.

### 3.8Courses

Courses offered for Level 3 of the Degree of Bachelor of Education Honours in Natural Sciences programme are given in Tables 4 and 5 in AppendixII.

Please note that you have to register for the Continuing Education Courses LEE 3410 (English) and CYE 3200 (Mathematics for students offering Chemistry, Botany or Zoology), if not exempted, as a Compulsory Requirement.

Courses offered for Level 4 of the Degree of Bachelor of Education Honours in Natural Sciences programme are given in following Table 6 in Appendix II.

Please note that admission requirements at Level 4 arePasses/exemption/ valid OCAM (Over all Continuous Assessment Mark /concurrent Registration in the 30 credits of specified compulsory course requirement at Level 3, and, Passes/ exemption/ OCAM in LEE3410 (English) and CYE3200 (Mathematics for Students offering Chemistry, Botany or Zoology)

### 3.9Media 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.

### 3.10 Evaluation

Evaluation of this programme includes continuous assessment tests, laboratory work, fieldwork, teaching practice, observations and a project.

A student's progress is assessed continuously throughout the course by means of continuous assessment through both theory and practical assignments and at the end of the course by means of а Final Examination Performance at continuous assessment will be considered in deciding the eligibility to sit the Final Examination. Minimum OCAM for the courses conducted by Natural Sciences is 35.

The overall assessment mark (Z%) of in respect of any course shall be based on both the Overall Continuous Assessment Mark (X%) and the mark obtained at the Final Examination (Y%), and shall be computed asfollows:

(a) For courses at Levels 3 and 4 offered by the Faculty of Natural Sciences the following grading system shall beapplied.

Each student who sits the final examination in a course will be awarded a grade dependent on the overall

assessment mark (Z) as follows:

If  $Y \ge 40$ , then Z = 0.4 X + 0.6 Y

If  $30 \le Y < 40$ , then Z = 0.4 X+0.6 Y, subject to a maximum of 40

If Y < 30, then Z = Y

(b) For courses at Levels 5 and 6 offered by

theFaculty of Education, the following grading system shall be applied.

If  $Y \ge 40$ , then Z = (0.4 X + 0.6 Y)If Y < 40, then Z = Y

For each course, an overall Grade and a Grade Point Value will be awarded based on Z% as shown below.

Range of	Overall Grade	Grade Point
Marks (Z%)		Value
85-100	A <sup>+</sup>	4.00
70-84	А	4.00
65-69	A	3.70
60-64	B <sup>+</sup>	3.30
55-59	В	3.00
50-54	B	2.70
45-49	C+	2.30
40-44	С	2.00
35-39	C	1.70
30-34	$D^+$	1.30
20-29	D	1.00
00-19	E	0.00

Table 3: The overall assessment mark Z%

A+, A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, and C are Pass grades. OCAM (Overall Continuous Assessment Mark) should be more than 35 at Levels 3 & 4 for all the courses offered by Natural Science Faculty. Absentees for a final examination will be assigned a RX Grade.

### 3.11 Fees

The fees for Levels 3 and 4 payables by the students registered for Degree of Bachelor of Education Honours in Natural Sciences programme in year 2020/ 2021 are given below.

*Table 4:* Fees for Degree of Bachelor of Education Honours in Natural Sciences Programme Level 3 &4

Course Fee for th	ne Academic Year 2	01	9/ 2020	
Registration Fee			Rs.4	00.00
Facilities Fee			Rs.1,!	500.00
Library Fee			Rs.1	00.00
Refundable Lab De	eposit		Rs. 1,	100.00
Tuition Fees(per credit) (Levels 3 and 4)			Rs.2,	530.00
StART@OUSL (Full Package)			Rs.8500.00(Full package) also refer note	
	For 18 Credits	F	or 24 Credits	For 30 Credits
Level 3 & 4	Rs. 45,540.00	R	s. 60,720.00	Rs. 75,900.00

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.

Youwillbereceiving**twoseparatevouchers**;oneforB.Sc.programmeand the other for StART@OUSLProgramme.

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

### 3.12 Award of the Degree

The Degree of Bachelor of Education Honours in Natural Sciences will be awarded in accordance with the provisions of the Open UniversityRegulations. Table 1: Specific Exemptions for GCE (A.L.)Passes

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

							Qualific	Qualifications Accepted for Exemptions	emptions			
									Diploma	Diploma in Sci./ Maths		
GCE A/L	/L								)	(AUC);		
Sri Lanka	ka		OUSL	Foundation	OUSL Foundation course in Science /	ience /		Institute of	Di	Diploma in		
				London	London A/Levels			Chemistry Lab	Teaching Sc	Teaching Sci / Maths (NIE);	Science Teachers Diploma	ers Diploma
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		Pure	App. Maths	Dhveice	Physics Chemistry	Botany	Zoology	tificate				
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/ Higher Maths App. Maths	App. Maths		х						x			
Physics	Physics			Х						Х	Х	
Chemistry	Chemistry				Х			Х		Х		
Dictory	Botany					Х				X		Х
DIVIUGY	Zooloov						Х			Х		Х

# 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
* 1101	writing
IOFEL*	paper based: overall score of minimum 450 with 3.5 in writing; computer base: overall score of minimum 200 with 3.5 in writing:
G.C.E.(A/L) English	Internet based: Overall score of minimum 90 with 3.0 (scaled score of 20) in writing
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 National College of Edu	Successful completion of a bachelor's degree / Postgraduate Diploma/ Master in the English medium National College of Education – National Diploma in teaching (English) conducted and awarded by the NIE
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English as a subject at	English as a subject at the G.C.F. Advance Level
Diploma in English Lan	Diploma in English Language and Literature and Advance Certificate in English conducted by Department of

Language Studies IELTS and TOFEL scores should be obtained not more than three years prior to the date of request

# Appendix-I

able 3:Specific I	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 first century (HETC) project for the ministry of Higher Education
ICT Technician	Successful completion of National Certificate in Information Communication Technology Technician (ICT Technician) NVQ L4 at Vocational training center
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 Application offered by the Department of Computer Science, The Open University of Sri Lanka
Table 4: Specific	Table 4: Specific Exemptions for CYE3200

	1st year Examination in Science	ar 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 Partl
Course Code	Pure Mathematics	Applied Mathematics		
CYE3200	Х	Х	Х	Х

# Appendix - II

Course Code	Credits	Course Title
Discipline-ba	ased 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	1	
ZYU3500	5	Animal Life and Diversity
ZYU3301	3	Biogeography
Computer So	cience	
CSU3200	2	Introduction to Computer Programming
CSU3301	3	Database Design and Implementation
CSU3302	3	Data Structures & Algorithms
Applied Math	nematics	
ADU3300	3	Vector Algebra
ADU3201	2	Basic Statistics
ADU3302	3	Differential Equations
Pure Mathem	natics	
PEU3300	3	Mathematical Logic and Mathematical Proofs
PEU3301	3	Foundations of Mathematics
PEU3202	2	Vector Spaces

### Table 5: Level 3 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* <sup>cs</sup> 2 Communication Skills				
Note: ADU3218	is for Mathe	ematics students not offering Applied Mathematics.		

### Table 6: Open Elective Courses

### **Table 7: 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 ComputerScience
- \*\* Offered only for 3-yeardegree

### Table 8: 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	ł	•				
ZYU4300	3	Animal Form and Function				
ZYU4301	3	Ecology				
ZYU4302	3	Animal Development				
ZYU4303	3	Animal Behaviour				
Computer Scie	nce					
CSU4300	3	Operating Systems				
CSU4301	3	Object Oriented Programming				
CSU4302	3	System Analysis & Software Engineering				
CSU4303	3	Computer Networks				
Applied Mather	natics					
ADU4300	3	Statistical Distribution Theory				
ADU4301	3	Newtonian Mechanics I				
ADU4302	3	Vector Calculus				
ADU4303	3	Applied Linear Algebra and Differential Equa- tions				
Pure Mathemat	ics					
PEU4300	3	Real Analysis I				
PEU4301	3	Real Analysis II				
PEU4302	3	Linear Algebra				
PEU4303	3	Group Theory I				

### **Appendix - III**

# Instructions to fill the Online Application Form of the Degree of Bachelor of Education Honours in Natural Sciences Programme 2020/ 2021

 Click on the following locations and obtain a username and password www.ou.ac.lk/ Online Application/create newaccount

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 whennecessary.

• All OU centers will provide internet facilities for those who do not have access; seelist.

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

# Online registration Pathway:



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	The Open University Regional Centres (OURC)					
Location	Code	Addre ss	Telephone			
Colombo	WP10	Asst. Director, Open University Regional Centre, Nawala, Nugegoda	011-2853930			
Kandy	CP20	Asst. Director, Open University Regional Centre, Polgolla, Kandy	081-2494083			
Matara	SP30	Asst. Director, Open University Regional Centre, Nupe, Matara	041-2222943			
Jaffna	NP40	Co-ordinator, Open University Regional Centre, Technical College, Kokuvil, Jaffna	021-2223374			
A'pura	NC50	Regional officer Jayanthi Mawatha, Anuradhapura	025-2222871			
Batticalo	EP60	Open University Regional Centre, Bar Road, Batticaloa	065-222264			
Kurunegala	NW70	Open University Regional Centre, Negombo Rd, (Nissanaka Mw Junction), Malkaduwawa Kurunegala.	0372223473			
Badulla	UP80	Open University Regional Centre, No. 08, Bandaranayaka Mw, Badulla.	055-2228842			

# Table 9: Addresses of the Regional Centres

Students who wish to apply for B.Ed. (Hons) in Natural Science Degree Programme should refer both prospector of B.Ed. (Hons) in Natural Science and the B.Sc. Degree programe.

Please Refer the prospector of B.Sc. Programme for further information about open days at centers, pre-registration orientation sessions, teaching staff of B.Sc. Degree programme and contact numbers of relevant coordinators of B.Sc. Programme.

### Important

The students who will apply to the B.Ed. (Hons) in Natural Science Degree Programe should participate to the open days at centers and pre-registration orientation sessions which will be conducted by the Faculty of Natural Sciences.

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