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Nawala,
Nugegoda.

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#### 1.0 Introduction

The Bachelor of Education in Special Needs Education Degree programme (B.Ed. (SNE) offered by the Faculty of Education in collaboration with the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences of the Open University of Sri Lanka. The curriculum and 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 B.Ed.(SNE) Degree Programme, is introduced in this brochure.

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 procedure 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 Special Needs Education of the Faculty of Education.

We wish you all success in the Bachelor of Education in Special Needs Education Degree Programme.

#### 2.0 The 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 academic status as any other national university in Sri Lanka. It is the only recognised university in Sri Lanka where the students are able to pursue further education through distance mode.

The academic programmes of the Open University has been designed, to enable persons aged 18 and over to pursue courses leading to Certificates, Diplomas, Degrees and Postgraduate Degrees/Diplomas in their own time and in their own homes.

The Open University comprises of a central Campus, which is located in Nawala, Nugegoda, six Regional Centres (Colombo, Kandy, Matara, Jaffna, Anuradhapura,

Batticoloa), and study centres located throughout the Island.

Currently, the Open University consists of four faculties namely Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Faculty of Natural Sciences, Faculty of Engineering Technology and Faculty of Education. The Bachelor of Education (Special Needs Education) Degree is one of the programmes offered by the Department of Special Needs Education of the Faculty of Education.

#### 2.1 The Study System of OUSL

The OUSL adopts 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.

#### 2.2 Courses 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 or optional.

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 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 Advanced Level).

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 six (36). The minimum number of credits a student can register for an academic year is nine (9). Students who have enrolled for 36 credits may also enrol 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) alphanumeric characters as follows:

First two letters - The field of study

(Table 1)

Third letter - The Programme of study

First digit - Level of the study within

the programme

Second digit - Credit rating

(Table 3)

Last two digits - Unique serial number of

course

#### 3.0 Faculty of Education

The Faculty of Education consists of three academic Departments.

They are the Department of

- 1. Secondary and Tertiary Education
- 2. Early Childhood & Primary Education
- 3. Special Needs Education

The Department of Special Needs Education conducts this B.Ed.(SNE) Degree Programme.

# 3.1 Bachelor of Education in Special Needs Education

B.Ed (SNE) Degree Programme is an Inter- Faculty programme offered by The Faculty of Education, in collaboration with the Faculty of Social Sciences of the Open University of Sri Lanka. It is a four academic year programme, of which the first two years (Level 3 and 4) will be devoted to the teaching of social science subjects and the other two years (Level 5 and 6) to Education subjects. It is a 144 credit programme in which candidate are required to acquire 36 credits at each of the levels.

#### 3.2 Goal

The principal goal of this programme is to develop professional knowledge, attitudes and skills of non graduate which would deal comprehensively with all aspects of special needs education.

#### 3.3 Entry qualifications

# 3.3.1 (Level 3 & 4 conducted by the Department of Social Studies)

- 1. Three passes at the General Certificate of Education (Advanced Level) in Arts / Commerce / Science Streams, or,
- 2. A minimum of seventy two (72) credits from the Certificate in Social Sciences Programme offered by the Department of Social Studies, or
- 3. Successful completion of any Level 2 programme offered by the Open University of Sri Lanka, or
- Successful Completion of any Teacher Training Programme conducted by the Teachers' Colleges/ National Colleges of Education under the Ministry of Education, or,

- 5. An equivalent or higher qualification acceptable to the Senate, **AND**,
- 6. A credit pass for English at the GCE (O/L) examination

#### 3.4 Duration

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

- 2 years- (Levels 3 and 4)
- 2 years- (Levels 5 and 6)

#### 3.5 Media of Instructions

The medium of instruction at level 3 and 4 will be in English. The courses at Level 5 and 6 will be in either Sinhala, Tamil or English.

#### 3. 6 Assessment at Levels 3 & 4.

Students progress is monitored using two components viz. Continuous Assessments and final examinations. The Continuous Assessments include three components: one tutor marked assignment (TMA) and two Continuous Assessment Test(CAT) for each course. The students are required to score a minimum of 40% for at least two Continuous Assessment components to gain eligibility to

sit for the Final Examination. The final grading includes 30% from the Continuous Assessment and 70% from the Final Examination paper.

#### 3.7 Regional Centres

The programme will be conducted only on Colombo Regional Centre.

#### 3.8 Course information at Levels 3 & 4.

Students who register at Levels 3 and 4 of the B.Ed (SNE) Degree programme can choose from the following 4 streams. You have to select your stream at the time of registration.

#### **Communication Studies**

The Communication Studies stream equips you to insightfully understand the role of human communication in the development process from individual to institutional levels. The discipline enables you to analyze how the communication process impacts on the quality of life within a given social system, proactively or reactively, impacting on the quality of human freedom and your capacity to empower others with thoughts and actions. The critical understanding of theory will positively help you to influence system based reforms proactively especially in the areas of governance at micro and at macro organizational

levels. The discipline, through its broad curriculum will have a liberating impact with purposive human communication becoming a way of life in a society lagging behind with qualities that undermine human existence.

#### **Politics and International Studies**

The Politics and International Studies Stream offers courses that guide and enable you to understand the complexities of national, global and societal politics. With conceptual exposure to the science and art of politics, you will become an astute observer of your society, governments and political systems around the world. You will also begin to think politically and reflect critically about politics. Subjects explored in this stream include politics and governance; political ideologies; gender and politics; cyber politics; politics under globalization; international political economy; conflict, war and peace; political violence; security; world politics; and political theory. This stream is an excellent platform if you are interested in the systematic study of politics, political processes, political behavior and values, political institutions, global politics; and politics at the level government, society and citizens.

#### **Economics and Development Studies**

While providing a good knowledge on the principles of Economics, the stream will also

expose the students to different specialised branches of Economic analysis that would help them understand issues of development through an economic perspective. The students will learn to develop valuable insights into the various economic events, and be an informed participant in the modern economy.

#### **Society and Culture Studies**

Drawing from Sociology and Social Anthropology, the Society and Culture Studies stream offers you an exciting range of options that looks at social institutions, social and cultural processes. It provides you with the concepts, knowledge and skills to understand the world around, to analyse issues of social relevance and to intervene meaningfully in the world around Some of the topics covered this stream include globalisation, marriage and family, education, political systems, social movements. religious institutions, identity, social psychology, gender and development. If you are curious about people, like to understand more about your self and the society in which you live and plan a people oriented career, this stream will be useful and interesting.

### 3.9 Programme Structure at Level 3 and 4 offered by the Department of Social Studies

Level	Type / Credits	Economics and Development Studies	Politics and International Studies	Society and Culture Studies	Communication Studies		
3	Semester 1						
	Mandatory, 18 credits	SSU1231: Princip	SSU1221: Introduction to Communication Theory SSU1231: Principles of Economics I SSU1251: Understanding Society and Culture				
	Semester 2		<u> </u>				
Mandatory, 18 credits  SSU1232: Principles of Economics II  SSU1241: Introduction to International Politics				SSU1232: Principles of Economics II	SSU1222: Communication and Media Ethics		

		SSU1242: Politics and Governance: an introduction	SSU1242: Politics and Governance: An introduction	SSU1242: Politics and Governance: an introduction	SSU1241: Introduction to International Politics	
	Continuing	SSU1252: Underst	tanding Sri Lankan S	ociety		
	Continuing Education, 6 credits  LSE3206: English for General Academic Purposes					
4	Semester 1					
	Mandatory, 18 credits	SSU2231: Economy of Sri Lanka	SSU2241 Living Political Ideas	SSU2152 Social Psychology	SSU2221 Participatory Communication for Development	
		SSU2133:	SSU2143 Politics	SSU2153 Kinship Family	SSU2123 Communication	
		Economics	of off Lanka.	and marriage	in Disaster	

or SSU2135 Monetary Economics	Institutions and Processes or SSU2145 Political Participation, Representation and Governance		Mitigation or SSU2125 Creative Communication
SSU2123 Communication in Disaster Mitigation or SSU2125 Creative Communication	SSU2231 Economy of Sri Lanka	SSU2155 Religion, Society and Culture	SSU2143 Politics of Sri Lanka: Institutions and Processes or SSU2145 Political Participation, Representation and Governance

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SSU2152 or SSU2153 Kinship Family and Marriage or SSU2155 Religion, Society and Culture		SSU2143 Politics of Sri Lanka: Institutions and Processes or SSU2145 Political Participation, Representation and Governance	SSU2155 Religion, Society and Culture

Semester 2				
Mandatory, 18 credits	SSU2132 Health Economics	SSU2242 Politics of South Asia: Internal Dynamics and Extra Regional Powers	SSU2252 Development Theory and Practice	SSU2222 Environmenta Communication
	SSU2134 Political Economy	SSU2144 International Organisations and Transnational Governance or SSU2146 Public Policy and Administration	SSU2154 Economy and Society or SSU2156 Politics and Social Movements	SSU2124 Advertising ar Promotions or SSU2126 Social Media of SSU2127 Appreciation of Film and Theatre
	SSU2136 Public Finance	SSU2252 Development	SSU2144 International	SSU2144 International
		Theory and Practice	Organisations and Transnational	Organisations and

SSU2252 Development Theory and Practice	SSU2132 Health Economics or SSU2134 Political Economy or SSU2136 Public	Governance or SSU2146 Public Policy and Administration  SSU2132 Health Economics or SSU2134 Political Economy or SSU2136 Public Finance	Transnational Governance or SSU2146 Public Policy and Administration SSU2132 Health Economics or SSU2134 Political Economy or SSU2136 Public Finance
SSU2124 Advertising and Promotions or SSU2126 Social Media or SSU2127	Finance	SSU2124 Advertising and Promotions or SSU2126 Social Media or SSU2127	SSU2154 Economy and Society or SSU2156 Politics and

	Appreciation of Film and Theatre		Appreciation of Film and Theatre	Social Movements
Continuing	Statistics for Socia	1 Sciences		
Education, 9 credits	Soft Skills OR Phi	losophy of Science		

### **3.10** Course Fee (Level 3 &4)

<b>Local Students</b>	
Registration fee	-Rs. 400/=
Course fee (Local Students)	-Rs. 29400 /=
Course fee (Foreign students)	-Rs. 117600/=
Facilities fee	-Rs. 1500 /=
Library fee	-Rs. 100/=

## 4.0 Application Form

Applicants should keep a photocopy of the duly filled application for further reference.

### 4.1 Instruction to fill the Application Form

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#### **Important**

- 1. Please read the following instructions carefully before completing the application form.
- 2. Always use a black ink pen, to fill the application form.
- 3. Refer the Specimen Application Form (Appendix1) for your convenience.
- 4. Fill the cages in BLOCK CAPITAL letters.
- 5. Please complete the cage A, B, C3, C4, D, E and F only.

#### A - Programme Choice

**A1-** Programme Code

B P 0 0

**A2-** Academic Year



- **A3** BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (SPECIAL NEEDS EDUCATION) DEGREE
- **A4** Are you currently a registered student at OUSL. Tick  $(\sqrt{})$  in appropriate box.
- **A5** –If Applicable, Write your current OUSL Student Registration Number.
- **A6-** If Applicable, Write your previous OUSL Student Number.
- **A7-** Preferred OUSL centre. (Indicate one centre)

Regional Centres		Co	des	
Colombo	C	0	1	0

**A8** – Please select the medium of study. Tick  $(\sqrt{})$  in appropriate box.

#### **B** – Personal Information

- **B1-** Tick ( $\sqrt{ }$ ) in appropriate box
- **B2-** Write your National Identity Card Number
- **B3-** In case of a foreigner write the Passport Number
- **B4-** Write your initials in BLOCK CAPITALS
- **B5-** Write Your Last Name in BLOCK CAPITALS
- **B6-** Write your name denoted by Initials
- **B7-** Write your postal address in BLOCK CAPITALS
- **B8-** Write your Postal Code
- **B9-** Gender: Tick  $(\sqrt{})$  in appropriate box
- **B10-** Civil Status: Tick  $(\sqrt{})$  in appropriate box
- **B11-** Write your Date of Birth (State as Date/Month/Year)
- **B12-** Write the Telephone number of your residence, Work place and Mobile (Optional)
- **B13** Write your E-Mail address (Optional)

#### **C – Academic Qualifications**

- C1- See annex I & II for subject codes
- C2- Mention the grade and year obtained for English at
- G.C.E O/L Examination

## C3 and C4 - Qualification Code (Academic & Professional)

**For C3** – Give details of your first degree Select the relevant code for the qualification you have obtained.

N o	Qualification	Co	de
1	Bachelor of Arts	0	1
2	Diploma in Teaching	0	2
3.	Trained Teachers' certificate	0	3

#### For C3 and C4 - Institution Code

Select from the following codes for institutions, where you obtained the qualification.

No	Name of the Institute	Code		
1	National Colleges of Education	N	С	Е
2	Teachers' Training College,	T	T	С
3	The Open University	О	U	S
4	National university of Sri Lanka	N	U	S

■ Grade – Inapplicable

#### **D** – Work Experience

**D1-** Not Applicable

**D2-** Not Applicable

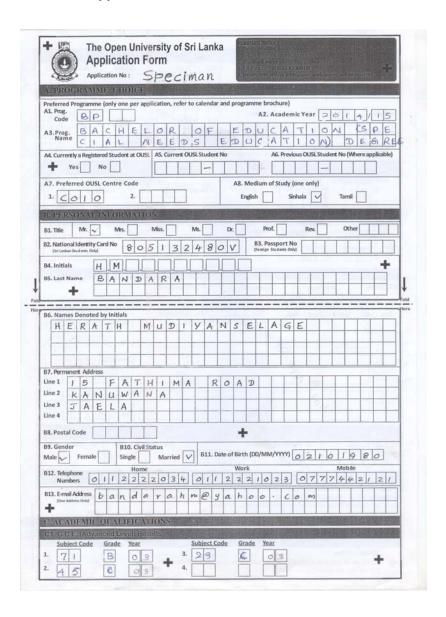
**E** – Not Applicable

### F- Declaration of Applicant

Read carefully, enter the date in the cages and place your signature.

The completed application form should be posted or handed over to the Asst. Director, Open University Regional Centre, Nawala, Nugegoda with the post card provided **on or before 26.04.2014** (Please write your address in the relevant place of the Post Card and affix a stamp)

#### 4.2 Model Application



Subject Grade	Year	Subject	Grade Year	Subject	Grade	Year
. Religion	6. Aesti	hetic Subject		11.		
. First Language	7. Social	Studies and History		12.	TI	m
English C	9 9 8. Techni	ical Subject		13.		
Mathematics	9.			14.	55	
Science and Technology	10			15.	56	
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Annex I - New Syllabus

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Subject	Cod	Subject	Co	Subject	Code
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Physics	01	History of the	25	Oriental	54
		modern world	C	Music	
Chemistry	02	Home	28	Carnatic	55
		Economics		Music	
Mathematics	07	Communicatio	29	western	56
		n & Media		Music	
Agricultural	08	Business	31	Drama &	57
Sc.		Statistics		theatre	
				Sinhala	
Biology	09	Business	32	Drama &	58
		studies		theatre	
Combine	10	Accounting	33	Drama &	59
Maths				theatre	
Higher	11	Buddhism	41	Sinhala	71
Maths					
Civil	14	Hinduism	42	Tamil	72
Technology					
Mechanical	15	Christianity	43	English	73
Tech.					
Electrical	16	Islam	44	Pali	74
Electronic &					
Infor. Tech.					

Food Tech.	17	Buddhist Civilization	45	Sanskrit	75
Agro Tech.	18	Hindu Civi.	46	Arabic	78
Bio resource	19	Islam Civi.	47	Malay	79
Tech					
ICT	20	Greek and	48	French	81
		Roman Civi.			
Economics	21	Christian Civi.	49	German	82
Geography	22	Art	51	Russian	83
Political	23	Dancing	52	Hindi	84
Science		(Kandyian)	A		
Logic and	24	<b>Dancing Low</b>	52	Chinese	86
Indian	25	Dancing	52	Japanese	87
History	A	Sabaragamu	C		
European	25	Dancing	53		
History	В	(Baratha)			

## Annex II - Old Syllabus

Subject	Code	Subject	Cod	Subject	Code
			e		
Physics	01	Business	32	Sinhala	71
		studies			
Chemistry	02	Accounting	33	Tamil	72
Mathematics	07	Buddhism	41	English	73

Agricultural	08	Hinduism	42	Pali	74
Sc.					
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Biology	09	Christianity	43	Sanskrit	75
Combine	10	Islam	44	Latin	76
<b>Higher Maths</b>	11	Buddhist	45	Greek	77
Civil	14	Hindu Civi.	46	Arabie	<b>78</b>
Mechanical	15	Islam Civi.	47	Malay	<b>79</b>
Tech.					
Electrical	16	Greek and	48	Persian	80
Electronic &		Roman Civi.			
Infor. Tech.					
Food Tech.	17	Christian Civi.	49	French	81
Agro Tech.	18	Art	51	German	82
Bio resource	19	Dancing	52A	Russian	83
Tech		(Kandyian)			
Economics	21	Dancing (Low	52B	Hindi	84
		country)			
Geography	22	Dancing	52C	Urdu	85
		Sabaragamu			
Political	23	Dancing	53	Chinese	86
Science		(Baratha)			
Logic and	24	Oriental	54	Japanese	87
Indian	25A	Carnatic	55		
History		Music			
European	25B	western Music	56		
Home	28	Drama &	57		
Economics		theatre			
		Sinhala			

Communicati	29	Drama &	58	
on & Media		theatre Tamil		
Business	31	Drama &	59	
Statistics		theatre		
		English		