

LL.B Degree Programme

Prospectus 2021/22



Department of Legal Studies
The Open University of Sri Lanka

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA

BACHELOR OF LAWS DEGREE

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GENERAL INFORMATION

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA

The Open University of Sri Lanka (OUSL) is an academically autonomous national university in Sri Lanka. It provides higher education through distance learning. Any person over the age of 18 years may pursue programmes of study at OUSL. It offers an opportunity for those who have missed opportunities to follow a programme of study to do so at a later stage in their life.

The OUSL was established under the Universities Act No. 16 of 1978, the Open University of Sri Lanka Ordinance No. 01 of 1990 and its subsequent amendments. It has the same legal and academic status as any other national university in Sri Lanka. Like other state universities in Sri Lanka, the OUSL too has its own Council which is its executive and governing authority, as well as a Senate which acts as the apex academic decision-making body. The Vice Chancellor is the Chief Executive Officer of the university. The university has its own full-time staff, both academic and non-academic, a Central Campus and a network of Regional and Study Centres. At present OUSL has nine Regional Centres in Colombo, Kandy, Matara, Anuradhapura, Jaffna, Batticaloa, Badulla, Kurunegala and Ratnapura, as well as several Study Centres in the various districts.

The University has six Faculties namely, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Faculty of Education, Faculty of Engineering Technology, Faculty of Natural Sciences, Faculty of Health Sciences and Faculty of Management Studies. These Faculties offer different study programmes ranging from certificates to postgraduate degrees and higher degrees. The Dean is the Chief Academic and Administrative Officer of the Faculty. Under each Faculty, there are academic Departments dealing with specific disciplines of study. Each Department has a Head who is responsible for the administrative and academic activities of the Department.

The Department of Legal Studies attached to the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences conducts programmes of study leading to LL.B and LL.M Degrees.

For more details visit the OUSL web page <https://www.ou.ac.lk/>

COURSES AND THE PROGRAMMES OF STUDY

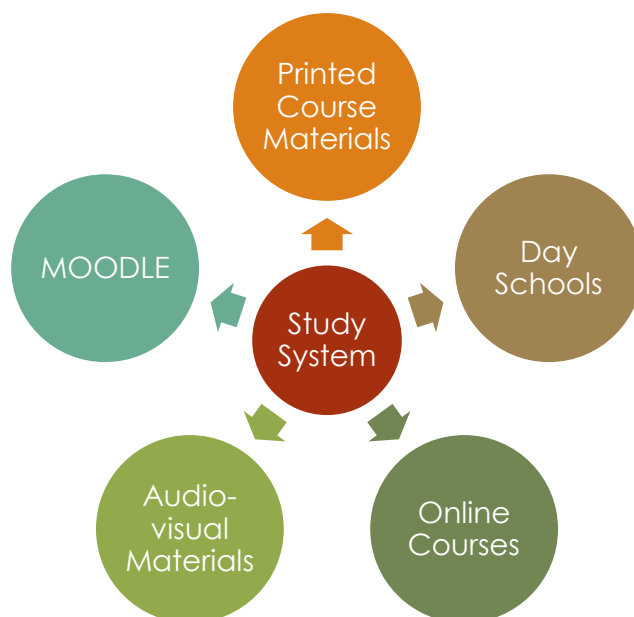
Since the Open University is different from other conventional universities, you will be required to familiarize yourself with the specific vocabulary used by the University in its day to day activities. For example, a COURSE is the basic unit of study, normally completed over a period of an academic year. A PROGRAMME OF STUDY may consist of many courses.

The successful completion of courses offered by a particular academic Department leads to the award of Certificate, Diploma, First Degree or Postgraduate degrees. These qualifications can be obtained by pursuing Foundation, Certificate, Diploma, Bachelor's and Postgraduate study programmes.

THE STUDY SYSTEM

The OUSL adopts an Open and Distance Learning (ODL) method as the mode of teaching and learning. It offers open and flexible access to learning opportunities to anyone, anywhere, and at any time. ODL methods use a wide variety of technologies to bridge the divide that is created by the physical separation of learners from the teachers and the educational institution.

The following study methods are used in the ODL system to deliver its courses.



ASSIGNMENTS AND EXAMINATIONS

Students' performance is evaluated throughout the course of studies. Students are required to sit several tests and submit a number of assignments throughout the academic year. Those are evaluated, graded and returned to them together with the marks and examiners' written comments. This evaluation system is called Continuous Assessment. Students should read all instructions relating to Continuous Assessment Tests (CATs) and should understand their academic importance.

The Department may decide on the nature, structure, weightage and number of tests/assignments per course and it may vary from course to course and year to year. For example, it could take the form of Closed Book Tests (CBTs) / No Book Test (NBTs), Open Book Tests (OBTs), Tutor Marked Assignments (TMAs), Oral Presentations, Project Reports, etc.

Students should sit the required number of Continuous Assessment Tests (CATs) and a Final Examination for each course. The Overall Mark of a course is determined by combination of Overall Continuous Assessment Marks (OCAM) obtained through tests/assignments and final examinations. CATs are an important component of the examination system in the Open University and obtaining marks at CATs is essential for successful completion of a course.

LIBRARY FACILITIES

The Main Library is located within the Central Campus premises and there are also libraries in the Regional Centres. They provide lending and reference facilities to students. The staff in those libraries will help you to obtain necessary information on reading and reference materials you may need for your studies.

FEES AND OTHER EXPENSES

The Open University is a fee-levying distance learning institution. The Finance Division will issue a payment voucher to all selected applicants to make those payments of fees in two installments. Students should pay the first installment prior to enrolment.

LL. B DEGREE PROGRAMME

AIMS OF THE PROGRAMME

The Department of Legal Studies has been offering an LL.B Degree since 1984. It is the only university in Sri Lanka which offers an LL.B Degree in the Open and Distance Learning mode (ODL).

The aims of the programme are to produce law graduates who understand the functioning of the law and the legal system in the socio-political and economic context of Sri Lanka, to enhance the capacity of such graduates to critically assess this system, and on graduation, to contribute to the development of Sri Lanka's legal system and the administration of justice.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants who wish to apply to the programme are required to:

1. Have four passes at the General Certificate of Education (Advanced Level) Examination (under the old syllabus which has four subjects) of which at least three passes should have been obtained at one and the same sitting, or,

2. Have three (03) passes at one and the same sitting at the General Certificate of Education (Advanced Level) Examination in Sri Lanka in any stream, or
3. Have completed thirty (30) course credits at SLQF level 2 or above from any Programme offered by the Open University of Sri Lanka, or
4. Be an Attorney-at-Law of the Supreme Court of Sri Lanka; or
5. Have an equivalent or higher qualification acceptable to the Senate

Attorneys-at-Law will be exempted from the admission test and from Level 3 of the programme and may seek direct entry into Level 4. **However, Attorneys-at-Law should note that this year the programme will be offered only at Level 3 (1st year). Therefore if they wish to register directly in Level 4 (2nd year) they should wait until next year.**

Applicants with any of the above qualifications (except Attorneys-at-Law) will have to sit for a Selection Test and selection will be done based on performance at this Test.

THE SELECTION TEST

The selection test will be conducted by the Department of Examinations and they will inform you about the Examination Centre and other details.

The structure of the selection test would be as follows:

- **Comprehension Test in Sinhala/Tamil** (1 ½ hours)
- **English Language** (1 ½ hours)
- **General Intelligence** (1 hour)

Each component will carry 100 marks and a candidate will have to obtain **a minimum of 25% for each component** in order to be considered for admission.

After the selection test, a certain number of students who have scored the highest marks out of 300 will be admitted to the programme. This number will be selected on an all Island merit basis. **Please note that obtaining the**

required marks in each component alone will not guarantee admission to the programme.

REGIONAL CENTERS

Students who have been admitted to the programme can choose one of the following Regional Centers in which to follow the LL.B Degree programme.

<p>Colombo Regional Centre Ms. U.H.B.V.P Angamma Assistant Director OURC, Nawala, Nugegoda EXT: 380 Staff: 281,464,420 011 853930 E-mail: adcol@ou.ac.lk</p>	<p>Matara Regional Centre Mr. G. Dinesh Assistant Director OURC, Nupe, Matara. 041-2222943/041-2229782 E-mail: admat@ou.ac.lk</p>
<p>Kandy Regional Centre Mr. Anushka Bandara Assistant Director OURC, Polgolla, Kandy 081-2494083/84 081-2494495/96/97 E-mail: adkan@ou.ac.lk</p>	<p>Anuradhapura Regional Centre Ms.R.Y.H.Perera Assistant Director OURC, Jayanthi Mawatha, (Depot Area) , Anuradhapura 025-2222871 E-mail: adanu@ou.ac.lk</p>
<p>Batticaloa Regional Centre Mr. A.D Kamalanathan Assistant Director OURC, No.23 New Road Batticaloa. 065-2222264 E-mail: robat@ou.ac.lk</p>	<p>Jaffna Regional Centre Mr. K.Kanthavel Assistant Director OURC, Browns Road, No.303, Kokuvil, Jaffna 021-2223374</p>
<p>Kurunegala Regional Centre Mr. M.B.Sakalasooriya Assistant Director OURC, Negombo Road Malkaduwwa, Kurunegala. 037-2223473 E-mail: adkur@ou.ac.lk</p>	<p>Badulla Regional Centre Ms. H.N.K.Galahitiyawa Assistant Director, OURC, No. 18/1, Bandaranayake Mawatha Badulla. 055-3012151/055-2228842 E-mail: adbad@ou.ac.lk</p>

<p>Ratnapura Regional Centre Ms. Dr. (Ms) U.W.N.P. Wanigasekara, Assistant Director, OURC, Hidellana, Ratnapura. 045-2228660 045-2228075 E-mail: adrat@ou.ac.lk</p>	
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MEDIUM OF STUDY AND INSTRUCTION

The medium of instruction of the LL. B Degree Programme will be **English**.

However, the medium of instruction for law courses in **Level 3** will be **Sinhala, Tamil and English**.

Course materials and other supplementary study materials will be provided only in the English medium.

DURATION OF THE PROGRAMME

The programme will be of four years duration. An academic year of the LL.B Degree Programme consists of two semesters.

A student is required to complete the LL. B Degree Program within a maximum of twelve (12) academic years from the date of her/his first registration.

CURRICULUM OF THE LL.B DEGREE PROGRAMME

1 st Year - LEVEL 3			
	Course title and course code	Credit rating	Elective / Core
Semester 1	Legal System and Legal History of Sri Lanka – LLU3401	4	C
	Roman Law – LLU3302	3	C
	English for Legal Studies I – LTU3304	3	C
	Politics and Governance - an introduction – DSU3341	3	C

	Concepts of Crime – LLU3303	3	C
Semester 2	Kinship, Marriage and Family – DSU3352	3	C
	Principles of Equity – LLU3304	3	C
	Legal Method – LLU3505	5	C
	International Relations – DSU3348	3	C
	Introduction to Law and Society – DSU3351	3	C
	Total Credits	33	

2nd Year - LEVEL 4			
	Course title and course code	Credit rating	Elective / Core
Semester 1	English for Legal Studies II -LTU4403	4	C
	Law and Economics – DSU4331	3	C
	Constitutional Law I – LLU4506	5	C
	Legal Research and Writing– LLU4307	3	C
	Criminal Law I - LLU4408	4	C
Semester 2	Law of Property– LLU4309	3	C
	Criminal Law II– LLU4310	3	C
	Family Law– LLU4511	5	C
	Constitutional Law II– LLU4312	3	C
	Law of Contracts– LLU4413	4	C
	Total Credits	37	

3rd Year - LEVEL 5			
	Course title and course code	Credit rating	Elective / Core
Semester 1	Labour Law – LLU5514	5	C
	Law of Delict– LLU5515	5	C

	International Law– LLU5516	5	C
	Interpretation of Statutes – LLU5317	3	C
Semester 2	Environmental Law– LLU5518	5	C
	Administrative Law– LLU5519	5	C
	Land Law – LLU5420	4	C
	Commercial Law– LLU5521	5	C
	Total Credits	37	

4th Year - LEVEL 6			
	Course title and course code	Credit rating	Elective / Core
Semester 1	Human Rights Law – LLU6522	5	C
	Jurisprudence 1– LLU6323	3	C
	Research Project – LLU6624	6	C
	Company Law– LLU6325	3	E Choose 9 credits
	International Trade Law and Regulations - LLU6326	3	
	International Investment Law – LLU6327	3	
	Intellectual Property Law– LU6328	3	
Semester 2	Jurisprudence II – 6329	3	C
	Law and Development– LLU6330	3	E Choose 12 credits
	International Humanitarian Law– LLU6331	3	
	Law of the Sea –LLU6332	3	
	International Refugee Law– – LLU6333	3	
	International Criminal Law– – LLU6334	3	
	Total Credits	38	

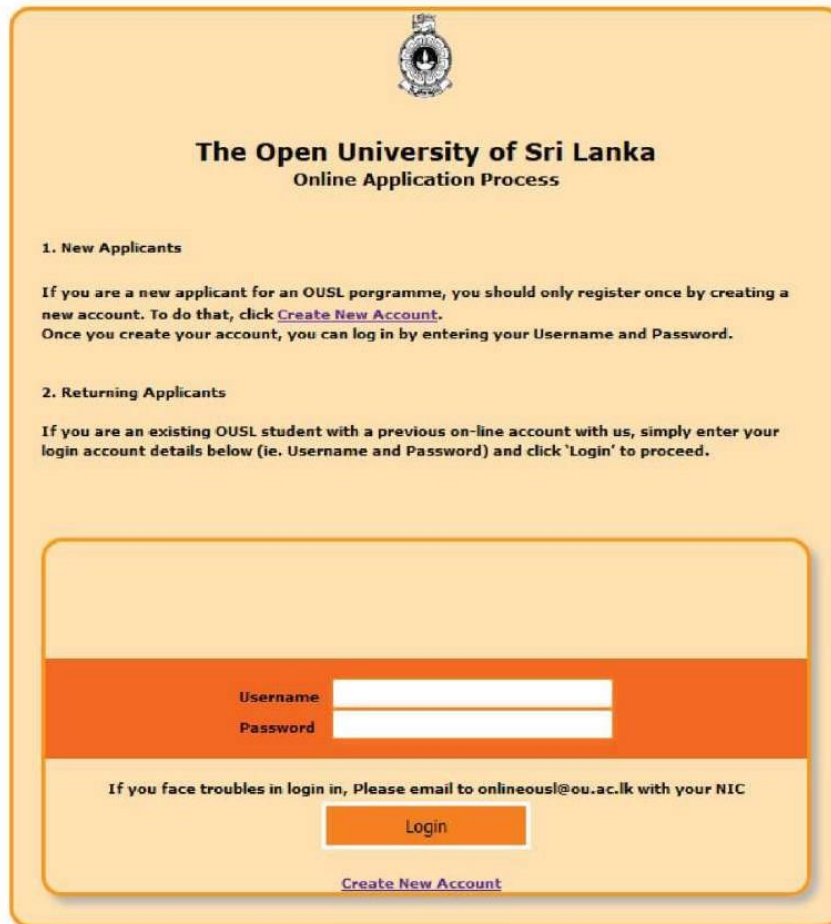
THE ONLINE APPLICATION FORM

Please read the brochure carefully before filling in the online application form.

For the completion of online application Form please refer the weblink www.ou.ac.lk

- (1) Login to the Open University web page by typing <https://payment.ou.ac.lk/>

Then you will see the following page:



The screenshot shows the 'The Open University of Sri Lanka Online Application Process' page. At the top center is the university's crest. Below it, the title 'The Open University of Sri Lanka' and subtitle 'Online Application Process' are displayed. The page is divided into two sections: '1. New Applicants' and '2. Returning Applicants'. The 'New Applicants' section instructs users to create a new account by clicking 'Create New Account' and then log in with their username and password. The 'Returning Applicants' section instructs existing students to enter their login details and click 'Login'. At the bottom, there is a login form with fields for 'Username' and 'Password', a 'Login' button, and a 'Create New Account' link. A note at the bottom of the form area says 'If you face troubles in login in, Please email to onlineousl@ou.ac.lk with your NIC'.

If you are a new applicant click the hyper link " Create New Account"

If you are an existing OUSL student type username and password and press the login button

(2) Then you will see the following page

Create a username and a password and give personal details

(3) Once you enter all details and click the button “Create Account” you will see the following page

The screenshot shows the 'On-line Application' page of the Open University of Sri Lanka. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'Edit Account details', 'Programme Details', 'Add New Application', 'My Applications', and 'Log Out'. Below this, the user is logged in as 'ranjan' on Friday, 27th January 2017. The main heading is 'On-line Application' with a sub-heading 'Please Fill the Application Details'. A note states: 'Fill the mandatory fields which are mentioned as *. If you need to edit the personal details, go to "Edit Account Details" from the main menu.' The form is divided into 'Programme Data' and 'Personal Data' sections. The 'Programme Data' section includes fields for Program (Bachelors Degree in Science), Preferred Center (Colombo), and Medium (English). The 'Personal Data' section includes fields for Title (Mr.), Initial (A.B.), Last Name (Kumara), Name Denoted by Initials (Aruna Bandara), Address line 1 (Nawala), Address line 2 (Nugegoda), District (Select), NIC/Passport No (889632546V), Date of Birth (1988-02-24), E-mail (kumara@gmail.com), Telephone - Mobile (0714444123), Telephone - Fixed (0112881000), Country code (LK), and Civil Status (Select). There are also text areas for GCE O/L, GCE A/L, Work Experience, and Other Qualifications, each with a note about separating subjects or details by commas. At the bottom, there are 'Apply & Pay' and 'Reset' buttons, and a disclaimer: 'Before you click the "Apply and Pay" button, please double check your application—particularly the Preferred Center and the Medium of Study. Once you apply, you cannot change application details.'

Welcome to The Open University of Sri Lanka On-line Application System

[Edit Account details](#) [Programme Details](#) [Add New Application](#) [My Applications](#) [Log Out](#)

Logged as ranjan Friday, 27th January 2017

On-line Application

Please Fill the Application Details

Fill the mandatory fields which are mentioned as *. If you need to edit the personal details, go to "Edit Account Details" from the main menu.

Programme Data

Please read the brochure carefully before applying ([Upcoming programmes](#))

Program*

Preferred Center*

Medium*

Personal Data

Title

Initial

Last Name

Name Denoted by Initials

Address line 1

Address line 2

Address line 3

District *

NIC/Passport No

Date of Birth

E-mail

Telephone -Mobile

Telephone -Fixed

Country code

Civil Status

(Enter subjects separated by commas (,) Eg:- English A, Maths B, etc...)

GCE O/L

(Enter subjects separated by commas (,) Eg:- Biology B, Chemistry A, etc...)

Biology B, Chemistry A

GCE A/L*

(Enter Work Experience separated commas (,))

Work Experience

(Enter Qualifications separated by commas (,) Eg:- Details of the Degree, University and Year etc...)

Other Qualifications

Before you click the "Apply and Pay" button, please double check your application—particularly the Preferred Center and the Medium of Study. Once you apply, you cannot change application details.

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(4) Click “Add New Application” Then you will see the following page

OUSL ONLINE APPLICATION

<https://payment.ou.ac.lk/proglist.php>



The screenshot shows the user interface of the Open University of Sri Lanka's online application system. At the top center is the university's crest. Below it, a welcome message reads "Welcome to The Open University of Sri Lanka On-line Application System". A navigation menu contains links for "Edit Account details", "Programme Details", "Add New Application", "My Applications", and "Log Out". The user is logged in as "sankhar" and the date is "Wednesday, 12th July 2017".



The screenshot shows the "My Application Details" page. It features a heading "My Application Details" and a message: "No previous application(s) found, Please click [Add New Application](#) for new application". Below this is a table with the following columns: No, App No, Programme, Application Fee, Date Applied, View, Payment, Selection Test Admission, and Docs & Past papers.

No	App No	Programme	Application Fee	Date Applied	View	Payment	Selection Test Admission	Docs & Past papers
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(5) ONLINE APPLICATION FORM

Fill the form as indicated below

Program: Select Bachelor of Laws from the drop-down menu

- Select “General Applicant” if you are not a practicing lawyer.
- Select “Lawyers Only” if you are practicing lawyer.

Preferred Centre: Select your preferred Centre from the drop-down menu

Medium: Select and complete the “Medium” in which you want to do the Selection Test.

Personal Data (This is self-explanatory and therefore fill relevant fields with your personal information)

Email address and mobile phone number: Since the only mode of contacting you is only through email and mobile phone, providing your email address and mobile phone number is mandatory. (Those who do not have an email address, please create one before filling this application)

G.C.E. O/L and A/L: Give relevant details

Once you complete entering relevant information, click the button “Apply and pay”

- (6) Then you come to the payment option page**
- (7) Select the payment option and make the payment**
- (8) Following payment options are available**

for applicants.

- Pay online using a credit/debit card or pay using eZ cash or
- Cash payment to the nearest regional/study centre of the OUSL