

20th July 2020

Dear Students,

This letter is to inform you of our plans for the academic activities of semester 2 for the BA in Social Sciences (BASS) programme.

As you are aware, due to the global pandemic we are still not in a position to conduct day schools face-to-face as before nor the academic activities. Though we would like to have in-person interactions with you, for the time being, we are compelled to conduct both day schools and assessments virtually.

Therefore, for Semester 2, we will have day-schools via zoom and you will have your Continuous Assessments (CAs) online.

Please find the Semester 2 day-school schedules for the BA in Social Sciences attached along with this letter. Kindly note that we will have Elearn platforms for all courses and these will be accessible to you hopefully by 10th August 2020. We plan to conduct day-schools from 15th August onwards. The zoom links for day schools will be shared by the module leaders either on Elearn or via email or both. Please check the Elearn platforms after they are opened for further information on these and also your CA components.

Please also note that we have made the following changes to the CA components. They are:

Level 3- You will not have the CAT 1 (CBT). Instead, you will have two online Tutor Marked Assignments (TMAs). The first TMA would be the one in your academic guidelines (see pg 40-45). The second TMA questions will be shared with you on Elearn by the module leader. You will have to submit both online on the Elearn Platform. Your third CA the Multiple Choice Question (MCQ) will also be held online.

Level 4- You will not have supervised CBT's as your CAT 1 and also the Oral Presentations for traditional courses as mentioned in your academic guidelines. Instead, your CA's will be as follows:

- Two TMAs and MCQ test for 6 credit courses. We have already shared one TMA question with you in your academic guidelines (**see P:40-41**) The second TMA questions will be shared with you by the module leader on Elearn. You will have to submit the TMAs online on the Elearn Platform. Your third CA the Multiple Choice Question (MCQ) will be held online.
- One TMA and MCQ test for 3 credit traditional courses. Both these will be shared with you by the module leader on Elearn. You will have to submit the TMA online on the Elearn Platform and the MCQ will be held online.
- One TMA and Online activities for IMM and online courses. The TMA questions will be shared with you by the module leader on Elearn. You will have to submit the TMA online on the Elearn Platform.

Level 5- You will not have supervised CBT's as your CAT 1 and also the Oral Presentations for traditional courses as mentioned in your academic guidelines. Instead, your CA's will be as follows:

- One TMA and MCQ test for 3 credit traditional courses. Both these will be shared with you by the module leader on Elearn. You will have to submit the TMA online on the Elearn Platform and the MCQ will be held online.
- One TMA and Online activities for IMM and online courses. The TMA questions will be shared with you by the module leader on Elearn. You will have to submit the TMA online on the Elearn Platform.
- For DSU5361 Extended Essay and DSU5362 Internship the CA would be the same as CA 1 – proposal and CA 2 – oral presentation. You will have to submit your proposal online and Oral presentations will be held via Zoom. We will share further information via the Elearn platform and also on your first day-school. You will also have to submit your final Extended Essay or learning journal online on the Elearn platform. **Also please note that in case you are unable to do your internship due to the pandemic, you will be allowed to submit and extended essay. This is a special flexibility for this semester only.**

You will need to register to sit for your final examinations from 20th October 2020- 20th November 2020. We will inform you about the nature of your final examination later after assessing the situation in the country. It is too early now for us to plan this as we still cannot predict how the pandemic situation will unfold.

We have taken the above measures thinking of your wellbeing and safety. This is at the moment our prime concern. If you have further concerns or need clarifications, please contact course leaders. Please let us know if you have any difficulties and we will try our best to help you.

We hope that you will kindly cooperate with us during this time, even though this is not the ideal situation. However, we hope that things will turn for the better so that we can resume academic activities normally. We will continue to keep you updated of any changes.

Please take care and keep safe.

Department of Social Studies- The Open University of Sri Lanka

BA in Social Sciences Level 4

Day School Timetable: Level 4 -Semester 2

Date	Course Code	Course Title	Time
16 th August 2020	DSU4652	Development Theory & Practice	Group 1 : 8.00 a.m. – 10.00 a.m.
	DSU4622 DSU4642	Environmental Communication Politics of South Asia: Internal Dynamics & Extra Regional Powers	10.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.
	DSU4344	International Organizations & Trans. Gov.	Group 1 : 1.00 p.m. – 3.00 p.m.
	DSE 3215	Social Harmony	3.30 p.m. – 5.30 pm (3 Parallel sessions will be conducted by 3 lecturers)
17 th August 2020	DSU 4344	International Organizations & Trans. Gov.	Group 2 : 5.30 p.m. – 7.30 p.m.
18 th August 2020	DSU 4652	Development theory and Practices	Group 2 : 5.30 p.m. – 7.30 p.m.
22 nd August 2020	DSE 5301	Statistics for Social Sciences	Group 1: 3.30 pm - 5.30 pm
25 th August 2020	DSE 5301	Statistics for Social Sciences	Group 2: 5.30 pm - 7.30 pm
27 th August 2020	DSE 5301	Statistics for Social Sciences	Group 3: 5.30 pm - 7.30 pm
23 rd August 2020	DSU4354	Economy & Society	8.00 a.m. – 10.00 a.m.
	DSU4356	Politics & Social Movements	Group 1: 8.00- 10.00 am

	DSU4324 DSU4327	Advertising & Promotions Appreciation of Film & Theatre	10.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.
	DSU4346	Public Policy & Administration	1.00 p.m. – 3.00 p.m.
	DSU4642	Politics of South Asia: Internal Dynamics & Extra Regional Powers	3.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.
24 th August 2020	DSU 4356	Politics & Social Movements	Group 2: 5.30 pm - 7.30 pm
30 th August 2020	DSU4334	International Economics	Group 1: 8.00 a.m. – 10.00 a.m.
	DSU4332	Health Economics	Group 1: 10.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.
	DSU4336	Public Finance	1.00 p.m. – 3.00 p.m.
	DSE 3215	Social Harmony	3.30 p.m. – 5.30 pm (3 Parallel sessions will be conducted by 3 lecturers)
31 st August 2020	DSU4334	International Economics	Group 2: 5.30 pm - 7.30 pm
2 nd September 2020	DSU4332	Health Economics	Group 2: 5.30 pm - 7.30 pm
6 th September 2020	DSU4652	Development Theory & Practice	Group 1: 8.00 a.m. – 10.00 a.m.
	DSU4344	International Organizations & Trans. Gov.	Group: 1 10.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.
	DSU4622 DSU4642	Environmental Communication Politics of South Asia: Internal Dynamics & Extra Regional Powers	1.00 p.m. – 3.00 p.m.
	DSU4622	Environmental Communication	3.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.
7 th September 2020	DSU 4652	Development Theory & Practice	Group 2: 5.30 pm - 7.30 pm
9 th September 2020	DSU 4344	International Organizations & Trans. Gov.	Group 2: 5.30 pm - 7.30 pm

13 th September 2020	DSU4344	International Organizations & Trans. Gov.	Group 1: 8.00 a.m. – 10.00 a.m.
	DSU4334	International Economics	Group 1: 10.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.
	DSU4332	Health Economics	Group 1: 1.00 p.m. – 3.00 p.m.
	DSU4336	Public Finance	3.30 p.m. – 5.30 pm
14 th September 2020	DSU 4344	International Organizations & Trans. Gov.	Group 2: 5.30 pm - 7.30 pm
15 th September 2020	DSU4334	International Economics	Group 2: 5.30 pm - 7.30 pm
16 th September 2020	DSU4332	Health Economics	Group 2: 5.30 pm - 7.30 pm
19 th September 2020	DSE5301	Statistics for Social Sciences	Group 1: 1.00 p.m. – 3.00 pm
22 nd September 2020	DSE 5301	Statistics for Social Sciences	Group 2: 5.30 p.m. – 7.30 pm
24 th September	DSE 5301	Statistics for Social Sciences	Group 3: 5.30 p.m. – 7.30 pm
20 th September 2020	DSU4346	Public Policy & Administration	8.00 a.m. – 10.00 a.m.
	DSU4324 DSU4327	Advertising & Promotions Appreciation of Film & Theatre	10.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.
	DSU4354	Economy & Society	1.00p.m. – 3.00 p.m.
	DSU4356	Politics & Social Movements	Group 1:1.00 pm - 3.00 pm
	DSU 4652	Development theory & practice	Group 1: 3.30 p.m – 5.30 p.m.
21 st September 2020	DSU4356	Politics & Social Movements	Group 2: 5.30 p.m. – 7.30 pm
23rd September 2020	DSU 4652	Development theory & practice	Group 2: 5.30 p.m. – 7.30 pm
10 th October 2020	DSE5301	Statistics for Social Sciences	Group 1: 3.30 pm-5.30 pm

13 th October 2020	DSE5301	Statistics for Social Sciences	Group 2: 5.30 p.m. – 7.30 pm
15 th October 2020	DSE5301	Statistics for Social Sciences	Group 3: 5.30 p.m. – 7.30 pm
18 th October 2020	DSU4334	International Economics	Group 1: 8.00 a.m. – 10.00 a.m.
	DSU4332	Health Economics	Group 1: 10.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.
	DSU4336	Public Finance	1.00 p.m. – 3.00 p.m.
	DSU4652	Development Theory & Practice	Group 1: 3.30 p.m. – 5.30 pm
19 th October 2020	DSU4334	International Economics	Group 2: 5.30 p.m. – 7.30 pm
20 th October 2020	DSU4332	Health Economics	Group 2: 5.30 p.m. – 7.30 pm
21 st October 2020	DSU4652	Development Theory & Practice	Group 2: 5.30 p.m. – 7.30 pm
25 th October 2020	DSU4622	Environmental Communication	8.00 a.m. – 10.00 a.m.
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	DSU4346	Public Policy & Administration	3.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.
26 th October 2020	DSU4356	Politics & Social Movements	Group 2: 5.30 p.m. – 7.30 pm

Venue:

All day School sessions will be conducted online through ZOOM:



The zoom links will be sent by the respective Course Leaders in due course. Please log onto the zoom sessions at least 15 minutes in advance.

Continuous Assessment Components - Semester 2

- **TMA I Submission**

The TMA I will be uploaded in the elearn platforms. The completed TMAs should be uploaded on elearn or handed over to the respective Regional/Study Centre on or before the deadline given above.

- **TMA 2 Submission (Only for 6 credit courses)**

The TMA 2 will be uploaded in the elearn platforms. The completed TMAs should be uploaded on elearn or handed over to the respective Regional/Study Centre on or before the deadline given above.

- **MCQ Test**

The MCQ will contain 30 questions and it will be administered online. The question paper will be open for level 4 courses for two days. Please log onto the elearn platforms within the given time period to attempt the MCO. However, students will only be given one (01) attempt and they should answer within one hour.

- **ONLINE ACTIVITIES**

The online activities will be conducted for IMM and online courses. Please log onto the elearn platforms to complete the online activities.

TMA Submission Date	MCQ	Online activities
<p>TMA 1 : 12th September 2020 & TMA 2 : 26th September 2020 * The submission <u>deadline</u> is final and no assignments will be entertained thereafter.</p>	<p>From 16th to 17th October 2020</p>	<p>04th October 2020</p>
<p>Please see the CA schedule given in the next page for further information.</p>		

Continuous Assessment Schedule (Semester II)

Date	Credit limit	Course Code & Course Title	Nature of Assessment
12 th September 2020 (TMA 1) & 26 th September 2020 (TMA 2)	For 6 credit traditional courses	DSU4622- Environmental Communication DSU4642- Politics of South Asia: Internal Dynamics & Extra Regional Powers DSU4652- 2Development Theory & Practice	TMA 1 &2
From 16 th to 17 th October 2020	For 6 credit traditional courses	DSU4622- Environmental Communication DSU4642- Politics of South Asia: Internal Dynamics & Extra Regional Powers DSU4652- 2Development Theory & Practice	MCQ
From 2nd to 3rd October 2020	CE course – 3 credits	DSE5301 - Statistics for Social Sciences	MCQ
12th September 2020		DSE5301 - Statistics for Social Sciences	TMA 1
12 th September	CE course- 2 credits	DSE 3215 – Social Harmony	Learning Journal
12 th September 2020	For 3 credit Traditional courses	DSU4354- Economy & Society	TMA 1
From 16 th to 17 th October 2020	For 3 credit Traditional courses	DSU4354- Economy & Society	MCQ
12 th September 2020	IMM and online courses	DSU4324-Advertising & Promotions DSU4327-Appreciation of Film & Theatre DSU4334-International Economics DSU4332-Health Economics DSU4336-Public Finance DSU4344-International Organizations & Transnational Governance DSU4346- Public Policy & Administration DSU4356 - Politics & Social Movements	TMA 1

04th October 2020	IMM and online courses	DSU4324-Advertising & Promotions DSU4327-Appreciation of Film & Theatre DSU4334-International Economics DSU4332-Health Economics DSU4336-Public Finance DSU4344-International Organizations & Transnational Governance DSU4346-Public Policy & Administration DSU4356- Politics & Social Movements	Online Assessment Component
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OCAM releasing date : 30th November 2020

❖ **Final Examinations: 19th December 2020**

Please note that all students who wish to sit for Final Examinations must register ONLINE. If not, you will not receive admission cards. You need to apply for the Final Examination through MyOUSL from 30th October 2020 to 30th November 2020