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Do you know?



You probably know that the Open University of Sri Lanka (OUSL) is one of the national universities in Sri Lanka. But did you know that

OUSL is the premier Open Distance Learning (ODL) institution in Sri Lanka?

Social Studies Department (SSD) of the OUSL offers programmes ranging from Certificate to PhD levels?

SSD offers you the opportunity to learn from a group of well qualified and dedicated faculty members covering a range of social science disciplines?

OUSL has over 40,000 registered students?

Students can study from their homes or their place of work?

OUSL was established with the mission to make high quality education affordable to those who wish to pursue tertiary education at any stage of their lives.

Many of our students pursue tertiary education while being employed.



These are a few among the most compelling reasons for you to start and continue your higher education journey with the Department of Social Studies of the Open University of Sri Lanka.

WELCOME

Welcome to the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences!

I am pleased to welcome you to the Department of Social Studies of the Open University of Sri Lanka, one of the leading departments in providing multidisciplinary studies in Social Sciences. It offers a wide spectrum of courses in the fields of Sociology, Economics, Politics, Mass Communication and Youth Studies. The department offers study programmes from certificate to postgraduate levels, in line with its commitment for providing life changing education. Many students enter this department with different career backgrounds bringing rich experiences into their learning. This diversity makes learning extremely productive for both the students and the teachers.

The department is committed to creating an environment where the students can experience a purposeful education through dynamic participation in the related learning processes.

I encourage you to learn about all the programmes, services and facilities offered by this unique multidisciplinary department within the national university system.

Best wishes for an enriching learning experience.

Dr. S.N. Moraes

Dean,

Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences



WELCOME

Welcome to the Department of Social Studies!

Warm Welcome to the Department of Social Studies-A Space for Exploring Your Full Potentials

I warmly welcome you to the department of Social Studies, a space of many opportunities to explore your hidden potentials and talents. A home ground where multiple personalities exist and received, understood, empathized and thrive with strong integrity and respect. Moreover, I thank you and your family members for the trust placed on us and selecting OUSL to pursue your higher studies. The Department of Social Studies (SSD) of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences (HSS) in the Open University of Sri Lanka (OUSL) has been serving for those who could not enter the conventional path of higher education but still aspire to meet their life long higher educational dreams.

The Department of Social Studies (SSD) is a space that encourage the student to think independently and creatively, understand individual potentials and capacities, reimagining the future. The approach of the department is very friendly, hospitable, and systematically accommodating. Our friendly staff members who are always willing to help with a great sense of commitment and dedication are here to facilitate your learning journeys every step of the way towards the final graduation.

We enthusiastically welcome the self-disciplined learners, who are well organized and believe in a systematic approach which sets an ideal background conducive for us to facilitate you to meet your higher educational aspirations and goals. I wish to make it clear at the very beginning that the learners who wish to embark in this journey with us must be prepared to take a lot of responsibility, which is a prerequisite in the Open and Distance Learning model (ODL).

During your studies we would not demand you to behave totally delinking with all your regular commitments or engagements. We

highly encourage you to continue with your other commitments to family, occupation, society, country and while enjoying your life as a normal citizen of the community. At the same time, you should also be thinking of how best you will make use of the multi-disciplinary social science framework and enculturate a multi-disciplinary social science imagination to make your everyday life and society better. I wish you the very best towards your academic endeavors and hope to serve you further in future once you formally register with us as a proud student of OUSL.



Professor Anton Piyrathne (PhD)
Head, Department of Social Studies (SSD)
Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences (HSS)

The Social Studies Department: An Introduction

The Department of Social Studies of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences (HSS) is unique in its ethos and character, offering multi-disciplinary academic programmes from Certificate to Postgraduate levels. Established in 1990, the SSD has gradually evolved with a distinct culture and profile, specialising in development studies with a strong foundation provided through core disciplines of Economics, Sociology, Mass Communication, and Political Science and International Relations.



SSD Vision

To emerge as a Centre of Excellence in Development Policy Studies through multi-disciplinary education based on Open Distance Learning

The Mission-

To empower people and pave the way for sustainable and equitable socio-economic, political and cultural development of the country through study programmes ranging from Certificate to Postgraduate levels.

The Department of Social Studies, commonly known as the SSD was established in 1990, and has gradually evolved with a distinct culture with an academic staff with high credentials from globally competitive universities in Asia, Europe, Australia, and America. Graduates of the SSD are expected to be:

- **Scholarly**
- **Competent, and**
- **Socially Responsible**

We welcome students from diverse backgrounds representing all parts of the country. Ideally, we would like students to be:

- Committed to the pursuit of knowledge and development of skills,
- Interested in pursuing a career in the social sciences,
- Curious and interested about the world around them, and
- Motivated and independent learners.

The Open Distance Learning (ODL) Method Explained

What is 'Open' about the OUSL?

At the OUSL we believe that anyone who wants to study further should be given the opportunity to do so. We have an 'open admissions policy' supported by a ladder of opportunities from pre-degree to postgraduate qualifications. We also encourage the concept of lifelong learning – that you should be able to pursue education at any point in your life, at your own pace, and according to your interests.



Starting the Journey with us at Eighteen Years of Age

At eighteen, you are eligible to register for a broad mix of courses offered by the OUSL. However, at the moment some programmes have selection tests as the demand for them always exceed our capacity to cater to them.

Privileges in Distance Learning

Unlike in the conventional university system where it is compulsory to attend lectures and be physically present in the university, the learning method at the OUSL enables students to study from their homes and workplaces without regularly visiting the university.

The support you receive as a distance learner includes printed course modules and online material written by specialised Course Teams, online connectivity, and day Schools and seminars to provide face to face interaction with your lecturers.

When you register with us you are given your course material in printed and/or blended form. Some of the course material are online and you are provided with instructions on how to use the online courses. You are also given a study pack consisting of guidelines and procedures, your assignments, and an activity schedule for the relevant academic year. The student guidelines explain all you need to know about particular programmes and the level

for which you have registered. The activity schedule gives you all the information regarding your assignments with submission dates, Day Schools and examination dates.

What are Day Schools?

Day Schools relate to face-to-face interactive sessions at OUSL, providing with opportunities for you to meet with teachers. An academic member of staff is appointed as a Course Leader for each course. These are academics from the department who are responsible for the development of the curriculum and for ensuring that your learning experience is of high quality.

Visiting Academics who work with the course leaders support students in all regional and study centres where Day Schools are held. When you attend a Day School, you are able to discuss and solve your learning difficulties by discussing them with your Day School academic. You can also make an appointment and meet the course leader during weekdays or get in touch with them online at any stage of studies.

What are Course Materials?

The printed course material you receive at registration, is called the ‘Tutor in Print’. Sometimes, it is provided online. The course materials are a substitute for the lectures conducted in the conventional system. They are specially written for the OUSL by experts in each field. These include academic staff from the OUSL as well as academics from other local and international universities. They are interactive in style and contain in-text questions, activities, and review questions for students to reflect on the work, and for self-assessment.

Sometimes your courses are in the form of Interactive Multi Media (IMM) or online material and activities. IMM constitutes a combination of printed material and online materials which include reading material and assignments. Online courses are where the course material is available only in the online platform. There is also an online resource depository known as the ‘digital library’ which includes a glossary, videos and reading material. These can be accessed through the university website.

The OUSL has developed a network of regional and study centres throughout the island. These centres are used for the distribution of course materials, to provide library facilities, for submission of assignments, and sometime for Registration and Day School sessions. You can check-in at the regional or study centre nearest to you and register for your programmes.



Many of them pursue tertiary education **while being employed.**

What is a Study Programme?

A study programme is a combination of compulsory and elective courses leading to a Certificate, Diploma, Degree or Postgraduate degree, on successful completion.

What are Continuing Education Courses?

Continuing Education (CE) courses are offered to students who are registered for regular study programmes, to expose students to diverse fields of studies and career prospects. For instance, the BA in Social Sciences offers a range of CE course for students such as Statistics for Social Sciences, Non-violent Communication and Social Harmony etc. Some of these CE courses may be compulsory for certain Study Programmes.

What is credit rating?

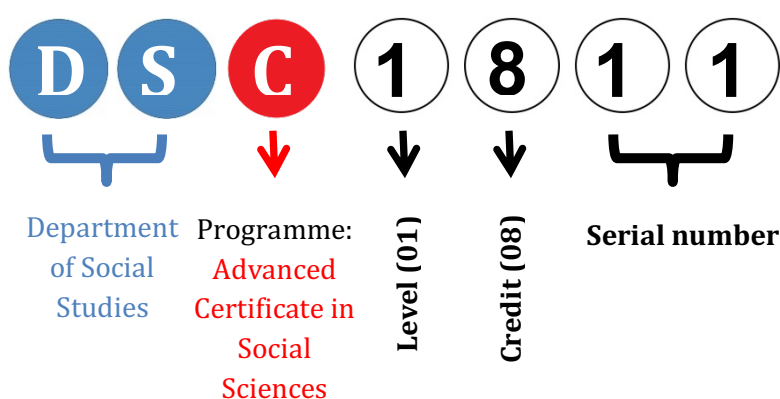
All Study Programmes and courses are given a specific credit rating. This represents the academic value and workload of a course or a programme. It also reflects the time that should be spent on the course. At the OUSL, one credit is defined as 50 notional learning hours. When a credit rating is allocated to a course, it takes into account the time you need to spend on all the activities you need to do to successfully complete a course. This includes reading and understanding course materials, participation in face-to-face sessions, completing continuous assessments and final examinations, reading reference material etc.

What is a Course Code?

Each course that is offered at the OUSL is assigned a course code. This code gives a unique identity to the course. Course codes consist of 3 letters and 4 digits for example, DSU3551. Interpretation of the course codes in various study programmes is presented below.

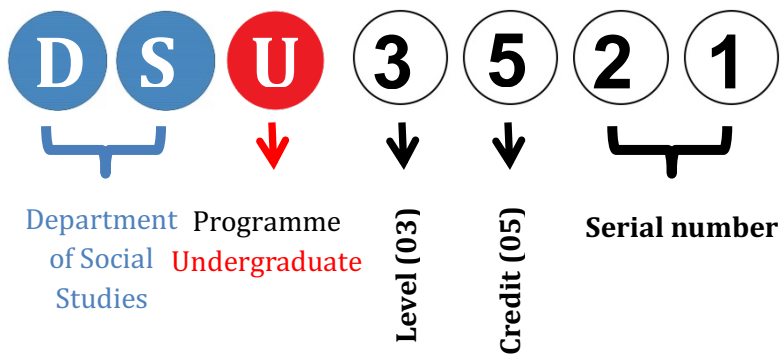
Advanced Certificate in Social Sciences

Eg: DSC1811- Modern History of Sri Lanka



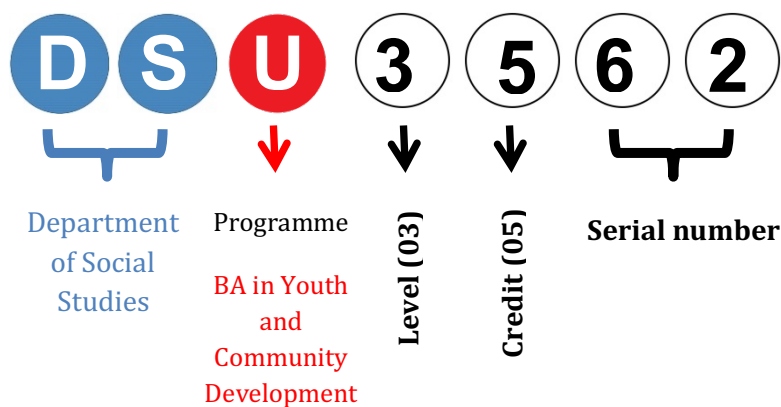
BA in Social Sciences

Eg: DSU3531 - Principles of Economics 1



BA in Youth and Community Development

Eg: DSD3562- Young People and Society



How do I decide on my workload?

If you register for a regular study programme such as the BA in Social Sciences, you may register for a minimum of 9 credits or a maximum of 30 credits per year. Additionally, you may register for up to 8 credits of CE courses in each academic year.

When you decide on your workload, please consider the number of hours you will have to spend for each course. For example, if you register for a total of 15 credits in a semester you will have to find 750 hours ($15 \times 50 = 750$).

You need to assess if you have this amount of time available for studying before you are deciding on an appropriate workload for yourself. Remember, one of the advantages of studying at the OUSL is that you can choose your credit load, subject to the stipulated minimum and maximum allowed in an academic year.

So, adjust your workload according to how much time you can commit for your learning process.

Can I continue my studies while living abroad?

Yes, you can! Students can continue their studies while living abroad. However, you need to maintain close contact with your course leader to make sure you fulfil the assessment requirements of your courses.

Final examinations may be organized outside the country through the relevant Sri Lankan Embassies. Students are expected to make contact with the Sri Lankan embassy in those countries and obtain their consent to hold examinations when necessary. This needs to be done well in advance to enable the Examination Division of the OUSL to make arrangements through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Alternatively, the students can contact a nearby university of their choice and get their consent to supervise the examination. The candidate will be expected to meet the costs of these examinations abroad. These costs may vary considerably.

However, please note that the possibility of holding examinations in a foreign country depends on the willingness of an institution (university/embassy) agreeing to conduct the examinations at the same time they are administered in Sri Lanka.

Student Life

One of the advantages of the OUSL is that you will be part of an extremely diverse student population. We have students from all over the country, employed students, and students from different age groups and ethnic backgrounds. This will give you the opportunity to interact with different types of people and to share experiences with them.



“One of the most challenging and happy experiences in my life was the journey I had with the Open University Sri Lanka... I’m proud to be a part of this institution which has provided innumerable advantages to students all over the country.”

*Archchana Yoganathan,
2017/2018, Society and Culture Studies Stream
Jaffna Regional Centre, OUSL.*

“Students who have studied at the Department of Social Studies have an insightful understanding of the subject matter.”

*Anushka Bandara,
Assistant Director, Kandy Regional Centre, OUSL*

You might think that being a distance mode student, you will not be able to experience a ‘batch’ like your peers in the conventional system.

That is not true, as we encourage you to take an active part in the student life of the university, to engage with other students and to make the fullest use of the extremely unique opportunities presented through the diversity of students of the OUSL.

A most noteworthy feature within the SSD is its commitment to ensure that a diverse community of people are able to pursue higher studies in the English medium; a nationally felt need for Sri Lankans to be locally and internationally competitive.

Students are able to offer lower-level courses in their mother tongue and then move into undergraduate studies in English with institutional help provided.

**BA in Social
Sciences
(Society
and Culture
Studies)
Kurunagala
Regional
Centre
(2018)**



*Ms. M.N.
Dilrukshi
Fernando
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Henegedara GN*

“I halted my education and started employment soon after my A/L examinations. Because of this I re-commenced obtaining my academic qualifications by enrolling in the certificate in social sciences programme in 2011 at the Open University of Sri Lanka. After completing it using that qualification, I joined the BA in Social Sciences offered by the same. OUSL is the best place to achieve your goals as students because you can plan our education according to your schedule. I didn’t stop obtaining my academic qualifications there and at the moment I’m proud to say that I’m also a post-graduate student at the University of Kelaniya.

If the Open University of Sri Lanka didn’t provide me the opportunity through distance learning I would not be able to be where I am today in my academic life. Further, the technological facilities, the flexible studying methods and sharing of schedules in advance provided a student friendly environment for people like me who are also employed. The staff at OUSL is very friendly and helpful.

After I completed my BA Degree in Social Sciences and the discipline training, I obtained in Sociology, it helped both my family life as well as my career. It helps me understand people better and be more empathetic.

Finally, I would like to say that education is a never-ending process until the last day of our life. OUSL helped not just me, but many people restart and continue their education process.”

**Ms. Amali
Wimaladharme**

**B.A in Social
Sciences
(Economics and
Development
Stream)
Kurunagala
Regional Centre**

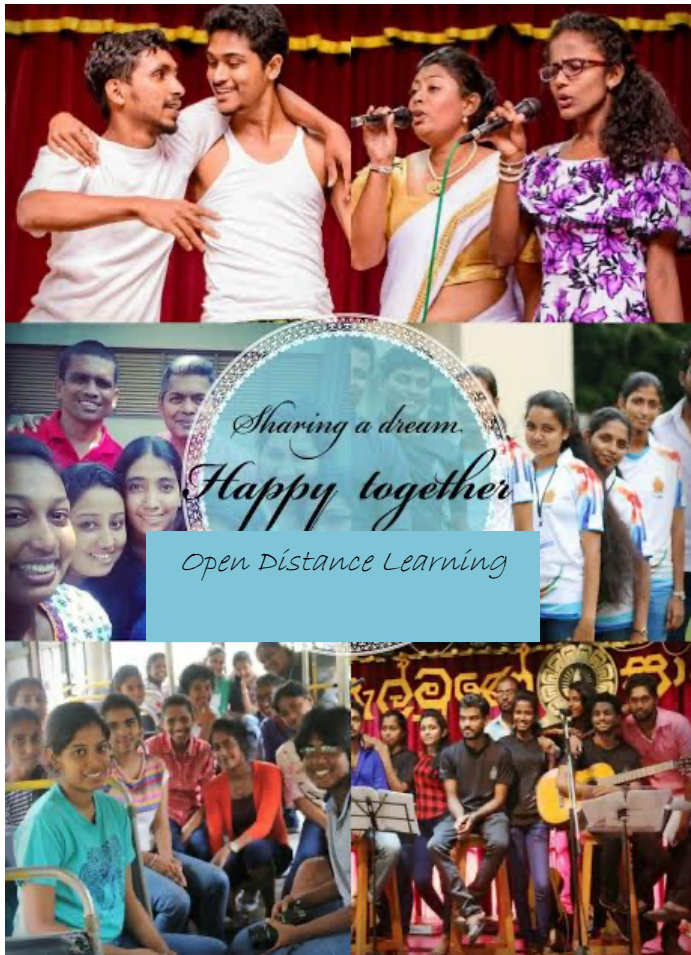
I selected Open University of Sri Lanka for my higher studies based on a number of reasons. Mainly, because it is the only national university in Sri Lanka offering high quality, affordable education in the Open Distance Learning mode to those who wish to pursue tertiary education.

I selected the Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Sciences because it is offered in English medium and it supported me to improve my English knowledge. Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Sciences is a multidisciplinary degree program and it assisted to broaden my knowledge on a number of disciplines and subjects. I had the opportunity to select a study I preferred and from the four streams Economics and Development Studies, Politics and International Relations, Society and Cultural Studies and Mass communication I selected “Economics and Development”. This helped me to understand the society better, how economics seeks to analyze transactions made by the society and its members. The degree programme further, helped me to understand how society works and helped me improve my decision-making abilities.

I graduated with a second-class upper division and with that I obtained many chances to work in both the private sector and the public sector. I was able to work at the OUSL as a staff member and it was an amazing and unforgettable time period in my career. Furthermore, it also provided me with opportunities to sit for competitive and executive level examinations like SLAS (Sri Lanka Administrative Services) and SLEAS (Sri Lanka Educational Administrative Services) etc. The degree program offered me a wide variety of opportunities in order to develop my career and improve my personal life.

Does the Open University have student unions?

Yes. OUSL has its own student union. We encourage you to find out about the student union and to get involved. Our faculty believes in student rights and two students are elected from the HSS Faculty to represent student issues at the Faculty Board. Student representation at the Faculty Board is a medium through which you can ensure that your interests are represented to the faculty and get heard.



The effectiveness of this opportunity that is presented to you depends on the level of interest you take in making sure your views are represented among the student body.

Using these student unions, you can establish a relationship with the University in order to have access to university facilities and services easily.



We encourage you to network and get to know your fellow students and to organise yourself!

Student Support

There are various divisions and units that will support your learning process during your life at the OUSL.

Student Affairs Division

The Student Affairs Division is responsible for maintaining all personal records of OUSL students. You should contact the Student Affairs Division for any of the following:

- You have lost your record book
- You have changed your address
- You want to change your medium of study or study centre, or
- When your personal details (civil status) have changed etc.

Examination Division

The examinations division is responsible for maintaining records of OUSL students. You should fill your final exam entry form three weeks before the final examination. Your admission forms will only be prepared when you make the application. The Examinations Division is responsible for conducting assessments and examinations. Your admission forms will be sent to you by the Examinations Division before you sit for your examination. You should contact the Examination Division for any of the following:

- Any queries regarding the online exam entry form
- Any queries regarding examinations
- Requests for results sheets, transcripts or certificates (you will be required to pay a nominal fee).

Finance Division

The Finance Division administers student fees and related matters. If you have any queries regarding course fees, you should contact the Finance Division in the Central Campus at Nawala. The Finance Division will send you the invoices relating to each semester; you can make the payments at the stipulated bank branches. You should remember to retain the student copy of the voucher with you for future reference. The Shroff Counter at the Colombo Regional Centre is open from 9.00am to 3.00pm on weekdays. You can also make payments for request for certificates or results sheets at the Shroff Counter. Students attached to other Regional Centres may get the assistance of the Regional Officers or Assistant Directors with regard to payment issues. Students from the regions outside Colombo can pay the fees at the nearest Regional Centre or at the stipulated bank.

Student Counselling

The department has a student counsellor who is available for consultations on various issues. For academic matters, you should meet the relevant course leader, Regional Coordinator or Visiting Academic.

Student Counsellor:

Dr. Athulasiri Samarakoon

Email: smasa@ou.ac.lk

Tel: 0112881436

Library Services

The OUSL has an excellent library service. The Central Campus at Nawala houses the main library which is well equipped with books and other resources. The library also has photocopying facilities, inter-library borrowing, access to past examination papers and skills development programmes. You can browse all these services on the university web site at www.lib.ou.ac.lk. Regional Centres and study centres also have library services. The main library is open from 8.30am to 6.30 pm every day except on Poya days and University holidays. Libraries in regional and study centres are open every day except on Sundays and Mondays.



Career Guidance Unit

The Career Guidance Unit is located in the new CRC building at Nawala. You can get support for your career development and employment skills.

Medical Centre

The Colombo Regional Centre has a medical centre for students and staff. It is usually open on all weekdays except on public and university holidays.

Temporary Residential Facilities

The Colombo, Matara and Kandy Regional Centres provide temporary residential facilities for a limited number of students for restricted periods. You have to obtain an application form to request for this facility from the Assistant Registrar of the Faculty or from the reception desk at the residential facility. This application form must be certified by an academic staff member.

Canteens

Student canteens serve meals and other refreshments at reasonable prices at the Central Campus, Colombo, Kandy and Matara Regional Centres. The canteens are open all weekdays and weekends except on University holidays.



Banking Facilities

The OUSL branch of the People's Bank is located at the Nawala-Narahenpita Junction near the University. An electronic cash dispensing outlet of the Peoples Bank (PET) is located at the Colombage Mawatha off Nawala Road.

Photocopying Facilities

The library and the Student Union office provide photocopying facilities at reasonable rates.

Scholarships at the OUSL

There are a limited number of scholarships offered for the OUSL students. Students who qualify for these are strongly encouraged to apply through the student welfare division located in the main administrative building.

The available scholarships for OUSL students are:

- Mahapola Scholarship
- University Bursary
- University Enhancement Bursary
- Open University Enrolment Bursary

How do I apply?

Please contact the student welfare division to obtain the application and guidelines to apply for the above-mentioned scholarships.

For **Mahapola Scholarship, University Bursary and Enrolment Bursary** you need to produce the Application form for each (collect from student Welfare division or OUSL web); Income Assessment Certificate (from Gramaseva Niladari/ Divisional secretary).

For more details and the selection criteria please refer 'Scholarships' in the OUSL website (<http://www.ou.ac.lk>) or contact the Student welfare division.

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Student Welfare Division

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Director /Student Welfare.

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Assessment and Evaluation

There are two types of assessments at the OUSL. They are namely, Continuous Assessments (CA) and Final Examinations.

Continuous Assessments (CA)

Your progress in a course is assessed periodically through continuous assessment tests. There can be several CAs per course.

There are different types of CAs such as Open Book Tests (OBTs), Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs), Close Book Tests (CBTs), Oral Presentations and Learning Journals. For IMM and online courses offered in the BA programme you are also assessed on your participation in the online platform. Oral presentations can be conducted in three methods such as group presentations, poster presentations and individual oral presentations.



A percentage of your average mark from all the CA components will be included in your final grade. For example, in the BA Study Programme, 50% of your final grade will be calculated from your CA marks.

Remember, failure to score the minimum stipulated CA marks will lead to overall failure of that course and you will not be allowed to sit for the final examination.

Final Examinations



again.

At the end of each semester you will have Final Examinations. If you fail to sit for a Final Examination you will be required to re-sit for the examination in the subsequent year. If you get a *FA grade*, it means that you will have to register for that particular course once again. When you re-register for a subject, you will be required to pay for the course

Careers for Social Science Graduates

Social sciences are an integral part of the higher education system, and social science graduates are valuable assets to any country. Social Science education provides you with a broad and humanistic outlook on life. It gives you a critical perspective and a set of skills to intervene meaningfully on issues connected with the world around you.

Our graduates work in a range of fields.

- ✓ ***They work in the development and humanitarian sectors with local and global non-governmental organisations and multilateral agencies such as the United Nations.***
- ✓ ***They work in the field of research and policy development.***
- ✓ ***They work in the public sector as administrators and managers.***
- ✓ ***They work in the private sector in human resource departments and other areas.***
- ✓ ***They work in the media industry and in opinion formation.***

These are some career paths that are open to you as well. You might already be working in one of these sectors and wanting to enhance your career. Or you might be looking for an opportunity to switch careers and go into something new. Or you might be a school leaver, just about to start your professional career. As you can see, there are many options available to you with an undergraduate or postgraduate training in the social sciences.

Courses Offered

This section describes the different programmes offered by the Social Studies Department.

	Certificate in Social Sciences
	B.A in Social Sciences
	B.A in Youth and Community Development
	MA in Development Studies and Public Policy
	Master of Philosophy (M.Phil)
	Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D)

Advanced Certificate in Social Sciences

This is a beginner or entry level study programme offered by the SSD which covers a wide range of subjects such as Economics, Sociology, Mass Communication, Political Science, History, Geography, Law and Management. It is an entry point for those wishing to further their education to graduate levels at OUSL and elsewhere.

What are the objectives of the programme?

The Advanced Certificate in Social Sciences leads to undergraduate and postgraduate studies in the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, and to provide new avenues for education. It can be seen as the first rung of the ladder of opportunities within the Faculty. Those who complete the Certificate in Social Sciences are eligible to apply for Selection Tests in the Department of Legal Studies as well as the Department of Management Studies in addition to gaining entry into the BA Degree Programme in the Social Sciences or the BA Degree in Youth and Community Development.

What are the entry requirements?

- 1) Completed junior secondary level, which is grade 9 or equivalent, **or**
- 2) Completed primary education with certified work experience equivalent to a minimum period of 02 years, **or**
- 3) An equivalent or higher qualification acceptable to the Senate, **AND**
- 4) Should be 18 years of age or above

What is the duration of the Course?

Minimum of **two years** and it is offered at two levels. The student completes the course by passing the continuous assessment components and the final examinations. Final Examinations are held at the end of each semester. Those with a minimum 2 A/level passes in any stream can complete the programme in one year.

What is the medium of instruction?

The programme is offered in **Sinhala, Tamil**, and **English** Languages.

Can I get exemptions from courses?

Those who have qualifications acceptable to the Senate of the OUSL can get exemptions from relevant courses at the time of registration.

What are the benefits of following the Advanced Certificate in Social Sciences?

- Students who complete this course successfully can gain entry to the Degree in Social Sciences or the Degree in Youth and Community Development programmes offered by the Department of Social Studies.
- The Advanced Certificate Course in Social Sciences also functions as a gateway to sit for the entrance examinations for Management and Law Degree Programmes of the OUSL and for a number of other programmes of the University.

What is the course Fee?

Registration fee	Rs. 400/=
Facility fee	Rs. 1500/=
Library Facilities Fee	Rs. 100/=
Course fee (Local Students)	Per Credit Rs. 850/=
Course fee (Foreign students)	Developed countries- Per Credit \$40 Developing countries- Per Credit \$20

***60% of the course fee should be paid at registration.**

For further information contact:

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BA in Youth and Community Development

The Bachelor of Arts in Youth and Community Development is the logical outcome of a professionally oriented diploma of two years duration. The programme is designed to equip youth work practitioners with core competencies needed for accelerated national development processes. This fulfills a nationally felt need for a professionally trained youth workers at a time the country is in the midst of an accelerated national development drive to mobilize young people for nation building. Considering the deficiencies with reference to youth development in Sri Lanka, the present programme is in every way a timely response to the demands of the professional community to strengthen the process of professionalization of this field on par with Social Work.

Programme Summary

The programme consist of a combination of compulsory and optional courses drawn from the existing BA in Social Sciences, Diploma in Youth Development, and courses developed by the Commonwealth Higher Education Youth Work Consortium. The programme will also provide a special professional training, which will be supported by the Professional Youth Workers Association (PYWA). Each academic year consist of two semesters. Students are assessed through continuous assessments and a final examination for each course in each semester. In level 5 students are expected to complete an internship or extended essay.

Making changes to registered courses

You will be given a period during which you can make changes to the courses for which you have registered. You can add or drop courses during a specified period of time by completing a form designed for this purpose. This is available with the Assistant Registrar of the Faculty. You can also contact the Department Coordinator or the Regional Director in your respective area. When you add or drop courses, you have to maintain a maximum of 36 credits or minimum of 9 credits. You will not be allowed to change your courses after the designated period.

What are the objectives of the programme?

- To ensure that youth workers gain professional credentials for an internationally recognised profession.
- To equip practitioners with generic and core competencies, knowledge, values and skills in the field of Youth and Community Development.
- To promote and facilitate youth for engaging with the national development process with enlightened policy development, implementation and evaluation.
- To build highly competent and enthusiastic personality, who wish to get employed in any type of Youth and Community development work.

- To enable practitioners to obtain a professional education qualification relevant to the field of national development through the Open University of Sri Lanka.
- To build a professional youth worker who can engage with young people and society.

What are the entry requirements?

1. Three (3) passes at the G.C.E (A/L) in any subject stream, **OR**
2. Completion of 30 credits at Level 2 or above from any programme offered by an approved Higher Education Institution **OR**
3. Completion of NVQ Level 4 or accredited work experience equivalent to NVQ Level 4 **OR**
4. An equivalent or higher qualification acceptable to the senate of the OUSL

What is the medium of instruction?

The course is offered only in English.

Scholarships

Selected students will be granted a special scholarship offered by NYSC. For more information, contact the coordinator.

Where will the academic activities be held?

This programme will be offered only at the Colombo Regional Centre for this academic year.

What are the future benefits?

The Degree of Bachelor of Arts in Youth and Community Development will be invaluable for people in diverse professions. The programme covers youth and community development work in public, private and non-governmental sector. It is also a convenient option for those seeking career advancement or career changes and enter the fields of youth and community work. Further it serves as an option for knowledge seekers in the field, and creates greater advantages for practitioners, policy makers or researchers to excel in this field.

What is the course Fee?

Registration fee	Rs. 400/=
Facility fee	Rs. 1,500/=
Library Facilities Fee	Rs. 100/=
Course fee (Local Students)	Per Credit Rs. 1,600/=
Course fee (Foreign students)	Developed countries- Per Credit \$80 Developing countries- Per Credit \$40

Start@ OUSL Course fee will be added to the above fee.

*60% of the course fee should be paid at registration.

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BA in Social Sciences

The BA in Social Sciences is a multi-disciplinary degree offered in the English medium. It gives you the opportunity to obtain a training in social science while also selecting an area of special focus. The curriculum for this programme was designed in line with the subject benchmarks of the UGC and in keeping up with international standards in social sciences. Students who register for the BA can choose from the following areas of focus:

Communication Studies

Communication Studies equip you to insightfully understand the role of human communication in the development process from individual to institutional levels. The discipline enables you to analyse how the communication process affects the quality of life within a given social system, proactively or reactively, impacting on the quality of human freedom and one's 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 and in areas such as Peace and Non-violent Communication, Agricultural Extension, Health Communication, Political Communication etc. The discipline, through its broad curriculum will have a liberating impact on the human mind, with purposive human communication becoming a way of life in a society lagging behind in qualities that strengthen human existence.

Economics and Development Studies

Economics is the study of how societies, governments, businesses, households, and individuals allocate their scarce resources. The discipline has two important features. First, we develop conceptual models of behavior to predict responses to changes in policy and market conditions. Second, we use analytical models to investigate these changes. While providing a good knowledge on the principles of Economics, this area of study will also expose you to different specialised branches of Economic analysis that would help you to understand issues of development through an economic perspective. You will gain valuable insights into the various critical economic events, and be an informed participant in the modern economy.

Politics and International Studies

Politics and International Studies offer 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 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 of government, society and citizens.

Society and Culture Studies

Drawing from the disciplines of Sociology and Social Anthropology, Society and Culture Studies offers you an exciting range of options that look 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 you.

Some of the topics covered in this stream include globalization, 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 will be a useful and interesting area of study.

When do I have to select the area of focus I want to follow?

You must select your area of focus at the time of registration. The detailed curriculum of the BA programme is provided in this prospectus. Please read it carefully and select the area, which you would like to focus during your BA degree.

Making changes to registered courses

You will be given a period during which you can make changes to the courses for which you have registered. You can add or drop courses during a specified period. You must complete a form designed for this purpose. This is available with the Assistant Registrar of the Faculty. You can also contact the Department Coordinator or the Regional Director in your respective area. When you add or drop courses, you must maintain a maximum of 36 credits or minimum of 9 credits. You will not be allowed to change your courses after the designated period.

What is the programme structure?

The BA programme starts at Level 3. You will require a MINIMUM of 3 years to complete this degree programme. Each academic year is divided into two semesters. Each semester, you can offer courses worth a maximum of 15 credits. To complete the programme, you need to have a total of 90 credits. Each year you are offered a combination of compulsory and elective courses. In addition, you are also offered what are known as 'Continuing Education' courses. You can select up to 10 credits of CE courses each year. Some of the Continuing Education courses such as English are compulsory.

What are the entry requirements?

1. A minimum of three passes at the General Certificate of Education (Advanced Level) examination in any stream, or
2. A minimum of 30 credits at SLQF Level 2 or above from any programme offered by a Higher Education Institution approved by the Senate of the Open University of Sri Lanka, **or**
3. Qualification or accredited work experience equivalent to NVQF Level 4 **or**
4. An equivalent or higher qualification acceptable to the Senate

What is the medium of instruction?

English

What is the course Fee?

Registration fee	Rs. 400/=
Facility fee	Rs. 1500/=
Library Facilities Fee	Rs. 100/=
Course fee (Local Students)	Per Credit Rs. 1,600/=
Course fee (Foreign students)	Developed countries- Per Credit \$80 Developing countries- Per Credit \$40

Start@ OUSL Course fee will be added to the above fee.

*60% of the course fee should be paid at registration.

Example: DSU3521 is a five credits course. To take this course you have to pay (5 X Rs.1600/=). That is Rs.8,000/=

Gold Medals

Students who perform well in the BA Degree in Social Sciences are eligible for the following Gold Medals at the end of the programme. These are awarded annually at the University Convocation.

- **Dr. Gamani Corea Gold Medal to the Best Student in Social Sciences**
- **Dr. Anura Goonesekera Gold Medal to the Best Student in Mass Communication**
- **Professor H.A. de. S. Gunasekera Gold Medal to the Best Student in Economics**
- **Professor Gananath Obeyesekere Gold Medal to the Best Student in Sociology**

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Continuing Education (CE)

Continuing Education (CE) courses are offered to students who are registered for regular study programmes, to expose them to diverse fields of studies and career prospects. Students following the BA in Youth and Community Development and BA in Social Sciences must follow this and obtain 10 credits in addition to the required 90 credits of course work.

The Continuing Education courses are;

Acedemic Level	Course Code	Course Title
Offered at Level 3 (StART@OUSL Courses)	LEE3410	EGAP (offered in Level 3)
	DSE3215	Social Harmony (offered in Level 4)
	CSE3213	ICT Skills (offered in Level 3)
CE course Offered in Level 4	DSE4207	Non-Violent Communication
CE course Offered in Level 4 and 5	DSE5301	Statistics for Social Sciences

MA in Development Studies and Public Policy

The MA Degree in Development and Policy Studies is open to graduates who aspire to make a career in the development sector, locally as well as internationally.

This is a programme of minimum two years duration. This programme offers you knowledge and research skills from a multi-disciplinary approach to development. Drawing on the academic and professional experience and expertise of our faculty, the MA in Development Studies and Public Policy offers you a unique post-graduate study programme in the distance mode.

What are the entry requirements?

- 1) A degree from a recognized university with at least one year of work experience in the fields of planning, administration and implementation of development projects, **or**
 - 2) Secured an equivalent or higher qualification acceptable to the Senate of the Open University of Sri Lanka with at least one year of work experience in the fields of planning, administration and implementation of development projects
- AND**
- 3) Selection through an interview conducted by the Department of Social Studies whenever the need arises.

What is the programme structure?

This programme will consist of 45 credits worth of Regular courses, 15 credits worth of research work and 3 credits worth of Continuing Education Courses. The two academic years are divided into four semesters to enable students to give undivided attention to selected courses.

Major Cross Cutting Themes

The Plantation Economy; Food Self Sufficiency; State Enterprises and the State Controlled Economy; Structural Adjustment and Economic Reforms; Process of Liberalization; The Social Welfare State; The Demographic Transition; Poverty Reduction; Trade Union Movement; Ethnic Conflict; Youth Politics; Political Parties; Constitutional Changes; Communication in Attitudinal Transformation, Public Opinion Formation, Diffusion of Innovations.

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Master of Philosophy (M.Phil) and Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D)

The M.Phil/ Ph.D programme at the Department of Social Studies is open to those who have completed a Master's Degree in the field of Social Sciences. Both programmes carry a thesis as the main component of assessment.

The candidates seeking admission to the MPhil/PhD programme should submit a research proposal in 2000 words indicating the background of the research, literature review and intended methodology to the Research Degree Coordinator of the Department of Social Studies.

The minimum duration of the MPhil programme is two years and PhD programme will be three years.

The research proposal should be in line with the research interests of the senior staff of the department. Please go through the staff profile for information regarding the individual research interests of the staff.

There is no deadline for enrolment!

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How do I Apply?

From where can I get application forms?

You should download application forms from the OUSL website at www.ou.ac.lk. and fill the application form online. Please note that payments should be made online.

What happens after applying?

If you are selected for the BA Study Programme you will be notified to come and Register. We will take around 3-4 weeks to process the applications. It is very important that you attend the Orientation Programme since you will be given a lot of information on the BA study programme.

What is registration?

Registration is when your study programme with the OUSL officially starts! Registration documents along with a payment voucher stating the course fee will be sent to you prior to registration. You will also be notified as to the dates on which you can register for the programme. You can pay the course fee to the nearest People's Bank branch, online or at the nearest OUSL regional or study Centre prior to registration. You can make the payment in two instalments:

1st instalment: 60% of the course fee at registration

2nd instalment: 40% of the course fee in the second semester

All payment matters will be handled by the Finance Division of the Open University of Sri Lanka.

Where can I register?

You can register at the OUSL centre closest to where you live. At registration, you can select the courses you want to follow for that year. The academic staff of the SSD will be available to provide you with academic counselling – that is, they will help you to decide how to choose your courses and how many courses you should register for in that year.

When do I get my course material?

After you register and you make the payments for the courses that you have selected, you can collect your course materials for the relevant academic year from the Book Distribution Centre. This is a very important part of your registration process.

Once you get your course material you are officially a student of the OUSL and your learning process begins immediately!

What documents do I need to bring with me for registration?

1. Birth Certificate or signed copy of Birth Certificate and copies
2. Three (3) passport size photographs
3. National ID plus photocopy
4. Original Educational Certificates (OL and AL certificates) with copies

Is that all I must do?

Well, you will also be invited at registration for the Orientation Programme. The Orientation Programme will provide you with more detailed and specific information about your study programme. You will get to meet your lecturers and you can clarify any questions you have with them or the other staff of the department regarding your study programme. You will also be shown the other support facilities that are available to you such as the library services and career guidance unit.

Annexure 1: Detailed Curriculum: Certificate in Social Sciences 2021/22

Level 1	
Course Code	Course Name
DSC1811	Modern History of Sri Lanka
DSC1712	Human Geography
DSC1813	Introduction to Management
DSC1714	Understanding Law
Level 2	
DSC2811	Elements of Political Science
DSC2812	Fundamentals of Economics
DSC2713	Introduction to Mass Communication
DSC2714	Foundation of Sociology
CE course	
LEE1602	English for Social Sciences

Annexure 2: Detailed Curriculum: BA in Youth and Community Development 2021/22

LEVEL 3	
Course Code	Course Title
DSU3521	Introduction to Communication Theory and Practice
DSU3561	Principles and Practices of Youth in Development Work
DSU3551	Understanding Society and Culture
Course Code	Course Title
DSU3562	Young People and Society
DSU3542	Politics and Governance: an introduction
DSU3563	Management and Leadership Skills for Youth Work
CE Courses	
LEE3410	English for General Academic Purposes
CSE3213	ICT (option CS3213 or DSE4207)
LEVEL 4	
Course Code	Course Title
DSU4562	Project Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation
DSU4561	Promoting Enterprise and Economic Development
DSU4263	Working with Youth in Community and Organizational Settings.
DSU 4564	Conflict Resolution: Strategies and Skills
DSU 4566	Contemporary Issues in Youth Development
DSU4352	Social Psychology or
DSU4360	The role of Psychology in Youth and Community Work
	And
DSU4269	Ethics and Integrity for Community Development or
DSU4267	Youth and Development Work: Personal and Professional Development
	And
DSU4365	Gender and Development or
DSU4368	Youth Governance and Participation
CE Courses	
DSE3215	Social Harmony
DSE5301	Statistics for Social Sciences
DSE4207	Non-Violent Communication (option CS3213 or DSE4207)

LEVEL 5	
Course Code	Course Title
DSU5651	Social Science Research Methods
DSU5469	Youth, Health, Safety and Well-Being
DSU5268	Livelihoods and Development
DSU5363	Supporting Youth in Grief and Trauma
DSU5661	Training course on professional youth work
DSU5324	Cross Cultural Communication or
DSU5364	Youth Advocacy: Principles and Tools
	And
DSU5361	Extended Essay or
DSU5362	Internship
	And
DSU5367	Community Based Disaster Risk Reduction or
DSU5366	Youth and Sustainable Development
CE Courses	
DSE5301	Statistics for Social Sciences

Annexure 3: Detailed Curriculum: BA in Social Sciences 2021/22

Level 03			
Communication Studies	Economics and Development Studies	Politics and International Studies	Society and Culture Studies
Semester 1			
SSU1221/DSU3521 Introduction to Communication Theory and Practice			
SSU1231/DSU3531 Principles of Economics I			
SSU1251/DSU3551 Understanding Society and Culture			
Semester 2			
SSU1222/ DSU3522 Communication and Media Ethics	SSU1232/ DSU3532 Principles of Economics 2	SSU1241/ DSU3541 Introduction to International Politics	SSU1232/ DSU3532 Principles of Economics II
SSU1242/ DSU3542 Politics and Governance: An Introduction	SSU1242/ DSU3542 Politics and Governance: An Introduction	SSU1242/ DSU3542 Politics and Governance: An Introduction	SSU1242/ DSU3542 Politics and Governance: An Introduction
SSU1252/ DSU3552 Understanding Sri Lankan Society and Culture	SSU1252/ DSU3552 Understanding Sri Lankan Society and Culture	SSU1252/ DSU3552 Understanding Sri Lankan Society and Culture	SSU1252/ DSU3552 Understanding Sri Lankan Society and Culture
LSE3210/LEE3410: English for General Academic Purposes (EGAP)			
CSE3153/CSE3213: ICT Skills			

Level 04 – Semester 1			
Communication Studies	Economics and Development Studies	Politics and International Studies	Society and Culture Studies
Semester 1			
SSU2221/ DSU4621 Participatory Communication for Development	SSU2231/ DSU4631 Economy of Sri Lanka	SSU2241/ DSU4641 Living Political Ideas	SSU2152/ DSU4352 Social Psychology
SSU2123/ SU4323 Communication in Disaster Mitigation or SSU2125/ SU4325 Creative Communication	SSU2133/DSU4333 Development Economics or SSU2135/DSU4335 Monetary Economics	SSU2143/DSU4343 Politics of Sri Lanka or SSU2145/DSU4345 Political Participation, Representation and Governance	SSU2153/DSU4353 Kinship, Family and Marriage
			SSU2155/DSU4355 Religion, Society and Culture

SSU2143/DSU4343 Politics of Sri Lanka or SSU2145/DSU4345 Political Participation, Representation and Governance	SSU2123/DSU4323 Communication in Disaster Mitigation or SSU2125/DSU4325 Creative Communication	SSU2133/DSU4333 Development Economics or SSU2135/DSU4335 Monetary Economics	SSU2123/DSU4323 Communication in Disaster Mitigation
SSU2152/DSU4352 Social Psychology or SSU2153/DSU4353 Kinship, Family and Marriage or SSU2155/DSU4355 Religion, Society and Culture	SSU2143/DSU4343 Politics of Sri Lanka or SSU2145/DSU4345 Political Participation, Representation and Governance or SSU2155/DSU4355 Religion, Society and Culture	SSU2123/DSU4323 Communication in Disaster Mitigation or SSU2125/DSU4325 Creative Communication or SSU2155/DSU4355 Religion, Society and Culture or SSU2153/DSU4353 Kinship, Family and Marriage	SSU2143/DSU4343 Politics of Sri Lanka or SSU2145/DSU4345 Political Participation, Representation and Governance
SSE3107/DSE4207: Non-Violent Communication (new CE course)			
SSE3105/DSE3215: Social Harmony			
SSE3106/ DSE5301: Statistics for Social Sciences			

Level 04 - Semester 2			
Communication Studies	Economics and Development Studies	Politics and International Studies	Society and Culture Studies
Semester 2			
SSU2222DSU4622 Environmental Communication	SSU2132/DSU4332 Health Economics	SSU2242/DSU4642 Politics of South Asia	SSU2252/DSU4652 Development Theory and Practice
SSU2124/DSU4324 Advertising and Promotion or SSU2126/DSU4326 Social Media or SSU2127/DSU4327 Appreciation of film and Theatre	SSU3131/DSU4334 International Economics	SSU2144/DSU4344 International Organizations and Transnational Governance or SSU2146/DSU4346 Public Policy and Administration	SSU2154/DSU4354 Economy and Society or SSU2156 /DSU4356 Politics and Social Movements
SSU2144/DSU4344 International Organizations and Transnational Governance or SSU2146/DSU4346 Public Policy and Administration	SSU2136/DSU4336 Public Finance	SSU2154/DSU4354 Economy and Society or SSU2156/DSU4356 Politics and Social Movements	SSU2146/DSU4346 Public Policy and Administration or SSU2132/DSU4332 Health Economics or SSU2126/DSU4326 Social Media
SSU2154/DSU4354 Economy and Society or SSU2156/DSU4356	SSU2252/DSU4652 Development Theory and Practice	SSU2134DSU4334 International Economics	SSU3131/DSU4334 International Economics or

Politics and Social Movements			SSU2127/DSU4327 Appreciation of Film and Theatre or SSU2144/DSU4344 International Organizations and Transnational Governance
SSE3106/ DSE5301: Statistics for Social Sciences			

Level 05 – Semester 1			
Communication Studies	Economics and Development Studies	Politics and International Studies	Society and Culture Studies
Semester 1			
SSU3121/DSU5321 Communication Research or SSU3127/DSU5327 Media Democracy	SSU2134/DSU5331 Global Political Economy or SSU3133/DSU5333 Comparative Economic Systems	SSU3141/DSU5341 Gender Politics	SSU3153/DSU5353 Gender and Social Inquiry
SSU3123/DSU5323 Corporate Communication and Image Building or SSU3125/DSU5325 Communication Campaigns	SSU3135/DSU5335 Resource Economics or SSU3137/DSU5337 Principles of Econometrics	SSU2134/DSU5331 Global Political Economy or SSU3133/DSU5333 Comparative Economic Systems or SSU3155/DSU5355 Education and Social Mobility or SSU3157/DSU5357 Globalization, Migration and Social Change or SSU3127/DSU5327 Media Democracy	SSU3143/DSU5343 Democracy and Development or SSU3145/DSU5345 State, Society and Citizens or SSU3123/DSU5323 Corporate Communication and Image Building or SSU3125/DSU5325 Communication Campaigns or SSU3127/DSU5327 Media Democracy
SSU2134/DSU5331 Global Political Economy or SSU3133/DSU5333 Comparative Economic Systems or SSU3155/DSU5355 Education and Social Mobility or	SSU3123/DSU5323 Corporate Communication and Image Building or SSU3125/DSU5325 Communication Campaigns or SSU3127/DSU5327 Media Democracy or SSU3143/DSU5343 Democracy and	SSU3143/DSU5343 Democracy and Development	

SSU3157/DSU5357 Globalization, Migration and Social Change	Development or SSU3145/DSU5345 State, Society and Citizens	or SSU3145/DSU5345 State, Society and Citizens	SSU3155/DSU5355 Education and Social Mobility or SSU3157/DSU5357 Globalization, Migration and Social Change
SSU3251/DSU5651: Social Science Research Methods			

Level 05- Semester 2			
Communication Studies	Economics and Development Studies	Politics and International Studies	Society and Culture Studies
SSU3124/DSU5324 Cross Cultural Communication	SSU3132/DSU5332 Agricultural Economics or SSU3138/DSU5338 Banking and Financial Systems	SSU3142/DSU5342 Conflict Resolution and Peace Building	SSU3152/DSU5352 Social Theory
SSU3122/DSU5322 Media Occupations and Professions or SSU3126/DSU5326 Media Organizations and Management	SSU3134/DSU5334 Philosophical Foundations of Economics or SSU3136/DSU5336 Urban Economics	SSU3144/DSU5344 Sri Lanka in a Globalized World or SSU3147/DSU5347 Law and Politics or SSU3146/DSU5346 Cyber Politics and the State	SSU3154/DSU5354 Health and Society or SSU3156/DSU5356 Ethnicity in Everyday Life
SSU3144/DSU5344 Sri Lanka in a Globalized World or SSU3146/DSU5346 Cyber Politics and the State	SSU3144/DSU5344 Sri Lanka in a Globalized World	SSU3156/DSU5356 Ethnicity in Everyday Life	SSU3144/DSU5344 Sri Lanka in a Globalized World or SSU3147/DSU5347 Law and Politics or SSU3146/DSU5346 Cyber Politics and the State

SSU3154/DSU5354 Health and Society or SSU3156/DSU5356 Ethnicity in Everyday Life	SSU3154/DSU5354 Health and Society or SSU3156/DSU5356 Ethnicity in Everyday Life or SSU3146/DSU5346 Cyber Politics and the State	SSU3122/DSU5322 Media Occupations and Professions or SSU3136/DSU5336 Urban Economics	SSU3134/DSU5334 Philosophical Foundations of Economics or SSU3136/DSU5336 Urban Economics or SSU3122/DSU5322 Media Occupations and Professions or SSU3126/DSU5326 Media Organizations and Management
DSU 5361: Extended Essay			
DSU 5362: Internship Report			
SSE3101/ DSE5301: Statistics for Social Sciences			

Annexure 4: Conversion Table BA in Social Sciences

BA Degree (<i>old</i>) Structure Course Codes	BA Degree (<i>new</i>) Structure Course Codes
SSU1201 Principles of Communication	SSU1221 Introduction to Communication Theory & Practice
SSU1202 Socio-legal Perspectives of Communication	SSU1222 Communication and Media Ethics
SSU1203 Principles of Microeconomics	SSU1231 Principles of Economics I
SSU1204 Principles of Macroeconomics	SSU1232 Principles of Economics II
SSU1205 Introduction to Sociology	SSU1251 Understanding Society and Culture
SSU1206 Sri Lankan Society	SSU1252 Understanding Sri Lankan Society and Culture
SSU2201 Development Communication	SSU2221 Participatory Communication for Development
SSU2202 Survey of Mass Media	SSU3122 Media Occupations & Professions SSU3127 Media Democracy
SSU2203 Publicity & Promotions	SSU2124 Advertising and Promotions SSU2123 Communication in Disaster Mitigation
SSU2204 Economy of Sri Lanka: Structure & Analysis	SSU2231 Economy of Sri Lanka
SSU2205 Development Economics	SSU2133 Development Economics SSU2136 Public Finance
SSU2206 Health Economics	SSU2132 Health Economics SSU2135 Monetary Economics
SSU2207 Applied Sociology	SSU2152 Social Psychology SSU2153 Kinship, Family and Marriage
SSU2208 Social Work & Social Welfare	SSU2155 Religion, Society and Culture SSU2156 Politics and Social Movements
SSU2209 Community Development	SSU2252 Development Theory & Practice
SSU3201 Environmental Journalism	SSU2222 Environmental Communication
SSU3203 Cross Cultural Communication	SSU3124/DSU5324 Cross Cultural Communication SSU3126/DSU5326 Media Organizations and Management
SSU3202 Mass Communication Research	SSU3121 Communication Research SSU3128 Project

SSU3204 International Trade and Financial Relations	SSU3131 International Economics SSU3138 Banking and Financial Systems
SSU3205 Agricultural Economics	SSU3132 Agricultural Economics SSU3135 Resource Economics
SSU3206 Comparative Studies on Economies	SSU3133 Comparative Economic Systems SSU3134 Philosophical Foundations of Economics
SSU3207 Sociological Theories & Research Methods	SSU3152 Social Theory SSU3156 Ethnicity in Everyday Life
SSU3208 Modern Organizations & Social Movements	SSU3154 Health and Society SSU3153 Gender & Social Inquiry
SSU3209 Gender & Development	SSU3154 Health and Society SSU3153 Gender & Social Inquiry
SSE1101 Introduction to Quantitative Techniques	SSE3101 Statistics for Social Sciences
SSE1103 Introduction to Internet	PCU1163 ICT skills
LSE3205 English for General Academic Purposes	LSE3206 English for General Academic Purposes

*All charges and fees subject to change

Annexure 5: Detailed Curriculum: MA in Development Studies and Public Policy 2021/22

Level 9 (MA 1st year)

Course code	Course title	Credits	Semester
DSP9401	Concepts of Development	4	1
DSP9402	Economics of Development	4	1
DSP9403	Sociology of Development	4	1
DSP9304	Multi-disciplinary Approach to Development Analysis	3	1
DSE 9301	Critical Reading and Academic Writing	3	1
DSP9405	Post-independence Development History of Sri Lanka	4	2
DSP9406	Politics of Development	4	2
DSP9407	Development Communication for Behavior and Social Change	4	2
DSP9308	Project Planning, Implementation and Evaluation	3	2
Total		33	

Level 10 (MA 2nd year)

Course code	Course title	Credits	Semester
DSPA201	Development Strategies and Policies	2	1
DSPA302	Contemporary Economic Thought and Public Policy	3	1
DSPA303	Contemporary Social Thought and Public Policy	3	1
DSPA304	Contemporary Political Thought and Public Policy	3	1
DSPA405	Research Methodology in Social Sciences	4	1
DSPAF06	Dissertation	15	2
		30	

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