

20<sup>th</sup> 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 5**

**BASS Level 5 Day School Timetable - Semester 2**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Course Code</b>	<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Time</b>
15 <sup>th</sup> August 2020	DSU5361/ DSU5362	Extended Essay/ Internship	8.00 a.m-10.00 a.m.
	DSU5332	Agriculture Economics	10.30 a.m-12.30 p.m
	DSU5342	Conflict Resolution and Peacebuilding	
	DSU5352	Social Theory	
	DSU5354	Health and Society	1.00 p.m-3.00 p.m.
	DSU5356	Ethnicity in Everyday Life	
	DSU5336	Urban Economics	3.30 p.m-5.30 pm
DSU5334	Philosophical Foundations of Economics		
22 <sup>nd</sup> August 2020	DSU5324	Cross Cultural Communication	8.00 a.m-10.00 a.m
	DSU5338	Banking and Financial Systems	
	DSU5326	Media Organizations and Management	10.30 a.m-12.30 p.m
	DSU5347	Law and Politics	1.00 p.m-3.00 p.m.
	DSU5346	Cyber Politics	
DSE5301	Statistics for Social Sciences (Group1)	3.30.p.m-5.30 p.m	
25 <sup>th</sup> August 2020	DSE5301	Statistics for Social Sciences (Group2)	5.30 pm-7.30pm
27 <sup>th</sup> August 2020	DSE5301	Statistics for Social Sciences (Group3)	5.30 pm-7.30pm
30 August 2020	DSU5322	Media Occupations and Professions	10.30-12.30 am
5 <sup>th</sup> September 2020	DSU5361/ DSU5362	Extended Essay/ Internship	8.00 a.m-10.00 a.m
	DSU5336	Urban Economics	10.30 a.m-12.30 p.m
	DSU5334	Philosophical Foundations of Economics	
	DSU5344	Sri Lanka in a Globalized World: Issues and Challenges (Group1)	1.00 p.m-3.00 p.m.
	DSU5326	Media Organizations and Management	3.30.p.m-5.30 p.m
8 <sup>th</sup> September 2020	DSU5344	Sri Lanka in a Globalized World: Issues and Challenges (Group2)	5.30 pm-7.30pm
19 <sup>th</sup> September 2020	DSU5332	Agriculture Economics	8.00 a.m-10.00 a.m
	DSU5342	Conflict Resolution and Peacebuilding	
	DSU5354	Health and Society	10.30 a.m-12.30 p.m
	DSU5356	Ethnicity in Everyday Life	
	DSE5301	Statistics for Social Sciences (Group1)	1.00 p.m-3.00 p.m.
DSU5322	Media Occupations and Professions	3.30.p.m-5.30 p.m	

22 <sup>nd</sup> September 2020	DSE5301	Statistics for Social Sciences (Group2)	5.30 pm-7.30pm
24 <sup>th</sup> September 2020	DSE5301	Statistics for Social Sciences (Group3)	5.30 pm-7.30pm
10 <sup>th</sup> October 2020	DSU5352	Social Theory	8.00 a.m-10.00 a.m
	DSU5324	Cross Cultural Communication	
	DSU5338	Banking and Financial Systems	
	DSU5326	Media Organizations and Management	10.30 a.m-12.30 p.m
	DSU5347	Law and Politics	1.00 p.m-3.00 p.m.
	DSU5346	Cyber Politics	
	DSE5301	Statistics for Social Sciences (Group1)	3.30.p.m-5.30 p.m
13 <sup>th</sup> October 2020	DSE5301	Statistics for Social Sciences (Group2)	5.30 pm-7.30pm
15 <sup>th</sup> October 2020	DSE5301	Statistics for Social Sciences (Group3)	5.30 pm-7.30pm
21 <sup>st</sup> November 2020	DSU5332	Agriculture Economics	8.00 a.m-10.00 a.m
	DSU5338	Banking and Financial Systems	
	DSU5342	Conflict Resolution and Peacebuilding	
	DSU5352	Social Theory	
	DSU5324	Cross Cultural Communication	10.30 a.m-12.30 p.m
	DSU5354	Health and Society	
	DSU5356	Ethnicity in Everyday Life	
	DSU5344	Sri Lanka in a Globalized World: Issues and Challenges (Group1)	1.00 p.m-3.00 p.m
	DSU5336	Urban Economics	3.30.p.m-5.30 p.m
DSU5334	Philosophical Foundations of Economics		
24 <sup>th</sup> November 2020	DSU5344	Sri Lanka in a Globalized World: Issues and Challenges (Group2)	5.30 pm-7.30pm
28 <sup>th</sup> November 2020	DSU5361/ DSU5362	Extended Essay/ Internship	8.00 a.m -10.00 a.m
	DSU5347	Law and Politics	10.30 a.m -12.30 p.m
	DSU5346	Cyber Politics	
	DSU5344	Sri Lanka in a Globalized World: Issues and Challenges (Group1)	1.00 p.m-3.00 p.m
	DSU5322	Media Occupations and Professions	3.30.p.m-5.30 p.m
2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2020	DSU5344	Sri Lanka in a Globalized World: Issues and Challenges (Group2)	5.30 pm-7.30pm

All Day School Sessions will be held via Zoom.

## Continuous Assessment Components - Semester 2:

CA dates				Final submission date - Extended Essay and Internship
TMA and Proposal submission date- Extended Essay and Internship	MCQ Dates for Traditional courses	Online activities submission date	Oral presentations Dates - Extended Essay and Internship	
12 <sup>th</sup> September 2020	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> October 2020	4 <sup>th</sup> October 2020	16 <sup>th</sup> -28 <sup>th</sup> October for Extended Essay and Internship	15 <sup>th</sup> December 2020

*OCAM releasing date : 30<sup>th</sup> November 2020*

➤ Final Examinations: 19<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Please note that all students who wish to sit for Final Examinations must apply **ONLINE**. If not, you will not receive admission cards. You need to apply for the Final Examination through MyOUSL from 20<sup>th</sup> October 2020 to 20<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

## Continuous Assessment Test Schedule (Semester II)

Date	Course Code	Title	Type of Assessment
2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> October 2020	DSU5324	Cross Cultural Communication	MCQ
	DSU5352	Social Theory	
	DSU5342	Conflict Resolution and Peacebuilding	
	DSU5334	Philosophical Foundations of Economics	
	DSU5326	Media Organization and Management	
	DSU5338	Banking and Financial Systems	
	DSE 5301	Statistics for Social Sciences	

**Please discard the ORAL presentation topics for semester 2 given in your academic guidelines as we will not be able to conduct them due to the COVID 19 global pandemic.**

- **CAT 1- TMA I Submission: 12<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

The TMA I will be uploaded on the Elearn platforms by the module leaders. The completed TMAs should be uploaded on Elearn. In writing the TMA please follow the gridlines provided in page 39-40 of your level 5 academic guidelines. The only change to that is instead of submitting a hard copy you have to submit your TMA online on ELARN platform.

- **CA2 – For Traditional Courses: MCQ's for other traditional courses 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2020**

The MCQ will contain 30 questions and it will be administered online. The question paper will be open for all level 5 traditional courses on the above mentioned dates. Please log onto the Elearn platforms within the given time period to attempt the MCQ. However, students will only be given **one (01) attempt** and they should answer **within one hour**.

- **CA2 – For online/IMM Courses: 4<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

There will be 2-4 compulsory online activities for each course which you will have to complete on or before the deadline.

- **CA2 – For Extended Essay and Internship Oral Presentations: 16<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup> October**

The Oral presentations will be conducted via Zoom. You will be provided further details on this.