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The Open University of Sri Lanka
Department of Legal Studies



MASTER OF LAWS

(LL.M) in Criminal Justice Administration

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Introduction

The Master of Laws (LL M) in Criminal Justice Administration Program of the Open University of Sri Lanka has been designed by an eminent group of experts in the field after a thorough and careful study of the country's criminal justice system. Its design, content and expected outcomes not only address current and future needs but also reflect the emerging trends in the field of criminal justice administration. Being the first postgraduate degree program in law in Sri Lanka approved by the Quality Assurance & Accreditation Council of the UGC (University Grants Commission) this pioneering program will not only fill a long standing lacuna in the country's higher education system but also facilitate the professional aspirations of many who are connected with or have an interest in the administration of criminal justice.

The Open University of Sri Lanka (OUSL) is a unique and prestigious institute of higher learning established under the provisions of the Universities Act No 16 of 1978. It is the only national university in Sri Lanka that provides opportunities for life-long learning removing barriers that restrict access to tertiary level education. Using the open and distance learning (ODL) methods and equipped with sophisticated online facilities, OUSL currently serves over 40,000 students. They follow study programs ranging from certificate or pre-degree programs through first degrees to postgraduate qualifications offered by five faculties viz., Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences, Faculty of Education, Faculty of Engineering Technology, Faculty of Natural Sciences and Faculty of Health Sciences. It has a well-connected and coordinated network of eight regional centres and study centres in all administrative districts of the country. A large majority of OUSL students are working adults. The quality assurance of OUSL study programs, including its teaching, learning and assessment processes at the peripheral centres, are constantly monitored by both internal and external experts to ensure that those programs and processes comply with the national quality benchmarks.

The Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

This is the largest Faculty of OUSL in terms of learner numbers. Currently it has over 10,000 students enrolled in four academic Departments i.e. Department of Legal Studies, Department of Language Studies, Department of Social Studies and Department of English Language Teaching. The Master of Laws in Criminal Justice Administration program is conducted by the Department of Legal Studies subject to overall academic and administrative direction and supervision of the Faculty Board of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, the Senate and the University Council.

Department of Legal Studies

Department of Legal Studies has over 40 years of experience in conducting degree level programs in legal studies. Established in 1984, our LL. B degree program is the most popular undergraduate law program except the law degree programs offered by conventional universities in the country. There are over 20 well qualified academic staff members serving full-time in the Department. These staff members have extensive experience in open and distance learning methodology and are highly concerned with the diverse needs of adult learners. In addition to internal staff, Department obtains the services of a panel of experts drawn from various state- sector tertiary level academic institutes, departments, as well as practitioners etc. LL.M program is the first-ever postgraduate program of the Department and the overall responsibility in the delivery activities of the program is managed by the Department.

The Master of Laws in Criminal Justice Administration Program (LL.M)

This post-graduate program is conducted by using the principles of ODL methods. This flexible student-centered approach creates an environment for professionals and others with increasing commitments to continue their advanced studies while fulfilling the professional demands and responsibilities of personal life.

The program consists of 60 credits. Coursework amounts to 45 credits and 15 credits are allocated for completing a research dissertation. The total of 60 credits is spread over in 13 subjects of law, science and technology. The total duration of the programme is two academic years. However, maximum allowable period that a student can remain in the program is six years after which the studentship lapses automatically. The unique intrinsic nature of this program is that it is a multidisciplinary graduate program which combines legal discipline with science and technology subjects. The structure, content and assessment method of each course designed in such a way that it enhances the knowledge and professional experience of candidates. At the end of the program the candidates will be transformed into a well-equipped group of professionals with exceptional skills, knowledge and attitude who would add value to the jobs they perform.

The courses offered by the program are as follows.

FIRST YEAR

Course Code	Course Title
LLPA301	Penology I
LLPA312	Research Methodology
LLPA303	Criminology
LLPA504	Law of Evidence
LLPA605	Criminal Procedure

LLPA306	Criminal Investigation I (Forensic Toxicology, DNA & EQD)
LLPA307	Criminal Investigation II (Ballistics & Explosives)
LLPA408	Medical Science in Criminal Investigation

SECOND YEAR

Course Code	Course Title
LLPA409	Human Rights Relating to Criminal Justice Administration
LLPA410	International Criminal Law
LLPA411	International Humanitarian Law
LLPA302	Penology II
LLPAF13	Dissertation

Dissertation

The Dissertation is the research component of the LL.M Degree Program. Students are required to write a dissertation of 15,000 - 20,000 words. This dissertation is intended to work as a platform that facilitates the interface between theory and practice. Students may select an area of their choice that is within the program curriculum and engage in research under the guidance of an academic supervisor. The dissertation prepared at the end of the research will provide the candidates with an opportunity to demonstrate a wide spectrum of academic and professional skills such as analytical skills, problem solving, presentation skills etc.

Quality Assurance

Quality assurance is conducted by using benchmarks established in line with international standards. Also, as a first step towards achieving quality assurance the UGC Quality Assurance and Accreditation Council has already approved this program.

Teaching and assessment method

The teaching and assessment methods are in line with well- established open and distance learning (ODL) methods. Face to face teaching sessions are held on weekends at the Central Campus, Nawala. The dates, times and names of lecturers

conducting these teaching sessions will be informed to you at the time of enrolment. The number of teaching sessions for each course depends on the credit weightage of that course. In addition, there may be seminars, field visits and practical demonstrations depending on the nature of the course content.

The assessment of students' performance in each course is conducted by using ODL assessment methods such as Tutor Marked Assignments (TMAs), submission of dissertations and final examinations etc.

Note: Due to the prevailing pandemic situation the department may conduct classes online through zoom. Instructions on this will be given to students depending on the situation.

Entry Qualifications

In order to be considered for registration for the Master of Laws in Criminal Justice Administration Program an applicant should

- Have a degree in law from a recognized university;
- or
- Be an Attorney at Law with a minimum three (3) year's post qualifying practicing experience

Program Duration

The duration of the program is two academic years. However, the maximum period allowed for a student to complete the programme is six (6) years. Therefore, any registered student is required to complete his or her studies within a maximum of six years from the date of first registration.

However, those who complete 45 credits of coursework except for the research dissertation - may exit the programme with the qualification of Postgraduate Diploma in Criminal Justice Administration. This option is subject to obtaining prior approval in the prescribed form and maintaining an overall GPA of 2.00 or above.

Medium of Instruction

The medium of instruction, teaching and assessment of this program is in English.

Fees

Total fee for the program is Rs.441,000/=. This is payable in four instalments over a period of two years.

The Program Committee of the Master of Laws in Criminal Justice Administration Program

The Program Committee of the Master of Laws in Criminal Justice Administration Program consists of the following members;

Professor Camena Guneratne, *(Professor in the Department of legal Studies)*

Dr. Yasodara Kathirgamathamby *(Senior Lecturer, Department of Legal Studies)*

Mr. W.D. Manoj *(Director – LLM Program, Senior Lecturer, Department of Legal Studies)*

Ms. Niluka Damayanthi *(Senior Lecturer, Department of Legal Studies)*

Ms. Sandhya Hewameealla *(Senior Lecturer, Department of Legal Studies)*

Ms. Wasana Panditharathne *(Senior Lecturer, Department of Legal Studies)*

Ms. Janaha Selvaras *(Senior Lecturer, Department of Legal Studies)*

Ms. Niroshika Liyana Muhandiram *(Lecturer, Department of Legal Studies)*

Mr. Ramindu Perera *(Lecturer, Department of Legal Studies)*

INSTRUCTIONS TO COMPLETE THE ON LINE APPLICATION FORM

- (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 and log in with their username and password. The 'Returning Applicants' section instructs existing students to enter their login details and click 'Login'. A login form is provided with fields for 'Username' and 'Password', a 'Login' button, and a 'Create New Account' link. A note at the bottom of the form states: '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 user name and password and press the login button

- (2) Then you will see the following page


New User Creation

You can use your own Username and Password a password must have at least six (6) characters

Title *

Select

(Create a username and a password and give personal details)



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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

LastName

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..)

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.

- (3) **Once you enter all details and click the button “Create Account” you will see the following page**
- (4) **Click “Add New Application”
Then you will see the following page**



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My Applications
Log Out

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Wednesday, 12th July 2017

My Application Details

No previous application(s) found, Please click [Add New Application](#) for new application

No	App No	Programme	Application Fee	Date Applied	View	Payment	Selection Test Admission	Docs & Past papers

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(5) ON LINE APPLICATIONFORM

Fill the form as indicated below

Program: Select LL.M in Criminal Justice Administration from the drop-down menu

Preferred Centre: Colombo (as the Programme is offered only in Colombo) from the drop-down menu

Medium: English (as the Programme is offered only in English medium) from the drop down menu

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

Other Qualification: THIS IS MOST RELEVANT TO YOU AND VERY IMPORTANT

- (1) If you have a law degree, indicate here the Degree, University and year of the degree.
- (2) If you do not have a law degree but are an Attorney at law, state that you are an Attorney at Law and indicate clearly the year in which you took oaths as an attorney at law

The decision to call or not to call you for selection interview will be taken based on the information provided under “other qualifications” Therefore please indicate your qualifications clearly

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**

Following payment options are available for applicants.

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