



# UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO

## Department of Demography STUDY PROGRAMMES - 2024

### **MPhil / PhD in Demography – 2024**

The MPhil/doctoral degree programme is aimed at meeting the academic and professional needs of those who are engaged in population and socio-economic planning, research and consultancy, higher levels of teaching and training, administration and management, and advocacy and policy making.

The initial registration is for the MPhil with the provision for upgrading to PhD studies on the basis of performance during the first-year of studies. This is a fulltime research degree and shall be awarded on the basis of a thesis and an oral examination. The thesis will be prepared under the guidance of one or more supervisor/s appointed by the University.

In order to enhance the capacity of carrying out their research, the selected candidates shall be required to attend course work on Demographic/Population and Social Research Methods scheduled for Saturdays during the first semester.

#### **Admission requirements (PhD)**

No person shall seek registration for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy unless she/he possesses:

- i) A Master of Philosophy degree in a field relevant/related to the proposed research from a recognised university where the study programme is not less than two years full-time or equivalent part-time in duration.  
**OR**
- ii) Registered as a candidate for the degree of Master of Philosophy in the Faculty of Arts and has pursued the approved programme of research for a minimum period of one year and has presented the prescribed chapters to the satisfaction of an expert panel appointed by the Higher Degrees Committee of the Faculty of Arts and the expert panel has recommended the candidate be upgraded to the PhD programme.

#### **Admission requirements (MPhil)**

No person shall seek registration as a candidate for the degree of Master of Philosophy unless she/he possesses:

- i) A two-year Master's degree with either coursework and research or by research from a recognised university/institution in a discipline relevant/related to the proposed research (an entry-level qualification equivalent to SLQF Level 10);  
**OR**
- ii) A one-year Master's degree from a recognised university/institution, with experience and/or research in the relevant field (an entry-level qualification equivalent to SLQF Level 9 plus experience and/or research in the relevant field);  
**OR**

iii) A Bachelor's Honours degree in the relevant field or related subject with a First Class pass from a recognised university/institution, with experience and/or research in the relevant field (an entry-level qualification equivalent to SLQF Level 6).  
**OR**

iv) A Bachelor's Honours degree in the relevant field or related subject with a Second-Class Upper Division pass from a recognised university/institution, with publications and/or work experience and/or research in the relevant field and (an entry-level qualification equivalent to SLQF Level 6).

A good knowledge of English and adequate computer literacy is essential. Working experience and research experience in the relevant fields will be considered as additional qualifications.

**Duration:**

PhD: Three years by research under supervision  
MPhil: Two years, by research under supervision

**Medium of Instruction:**

PhD: English  
MPhil: English

**Delivery mode:** on-site

**Course fee: PhD**

**Local Students**

**Course fee:** Rs. 450,000.00 - Payable in 3 annual instalments

**Application Fee:** Rs. 1,000.00

*Please credit your application fee of Rs. 1,000.00 to University of Colombo main collection account, under the Ref. No. 304072800002 University of Colombo to any People's Bank Branch.*

**Registration Fee:** Rs. 1,500.00

**Library deposit:** Rs. 5,000.00 (refundable)

**International Students**

**Course fee:** USD 9,000.00 – Payable in 3 annual instalments

**Application Fee:** USD 10.00

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**Registration Fee:** USD 15.00

**Library deposit:** USD 50.00 (refundable)

## Course fee: MPhil

### Local Students

**Course fee:** Rs. 300,000.00 - Payable in 2 annual instalments

**Application Fee:** Rs. 1,000.00

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**Registration Fee:** Rs. 1,500.00

**Library deposit:** Rs. 5,000.00 (refundable)

### International Students

**Course fee:** USD 6,000.00 – Payable in 2 annual instalments

**Application Fee:** USD 10.00

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**Registration Fee:** USD 15.00

**Library deposit:** USD 50.00 (refundable)

For more information, please contact the MPhil/PhD Course Coordinator.

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**Closing date of applications:** 15 May 2024

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