



UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS
STUDY PROGRAMMES IN ECONOMICS – 2020
(English Medium)

1. MPhil/PhD in Economics

The doctoral degree programme is aimed at meeting the academic and professional needs of those who are engaged in 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.

Admission requirements

- (i) First or Second Class (upper) division in the Special Degree in Economics or related field from a recognized university
or
- (ii) Master's Degree in Economics or in a related field from a recognized university.
or
- (iii) Any other postgraduate qualifications recognized by the University as equivalent to (ii) above.

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

Duration: 3 years, by research under supervision
Course fee: Rs.780, 000.00 payable in 3 annual instalments

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2. Masters in Economics (MEcon)

This programme is aimed at providing an advanced theoretical knowledge and analytical skills in Economics. The course targets those with an intermediate knowledge of Economics who wish to deepen their conceptual and analytical capabilities to meet professional demands and academic capabilities.

Admission Requirements

- (i) First or Second Class Honours Degree in Economics or a related field from a recognized university
or
- (ii) First or Second Class in the General Degree with Economics or related field as a major subject from a recognized university or equivalent qualifications and two years of work experience in a related field
or
- (iii) Any other Degree with Economics or related field as a major subject, from a recognized university or equivalent qualification recognized by the University of Colombo and five years of work experience in a related field
or
- (iv) Postgraduate Diploma in Financial Economics / Economic Development from the University of Colombo or any other equivalent qualification recognized by the University of Colombo
or
- (v) A professional qualification that will be recognized on a case by case basis by the University of Colombo, as equivalent to any of the qualifications from (i) to (iv) above
and
- (vi) Good knowledge of English and adequate computer literacy
and
- (vii) Gaining the required score at the selection test and at the interview

Duration: 2 years, by course work and research
Course fee: Rs. 250,000.00, payable in 2 instalments

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3. Master of Financial Economics (MFE)

This programme is aimed at providing theoretical and analytical competence in Financial Economics. The course targets those who are already engaged in financial markets and related fields, and who wish to acquire a deeper understanding and practical competence in the subject area to meet professional knowledge and skills.

Admission Requirements:

- (i) First or Second Class Honours in the Special Degree in Economics or a related field, from a recognized university
or
- (ii) First or Second Class in the General Degree Examination with Economics or related field as a major subject, from a recognized university or equivalent qualifications and two years work experience in a related field
or
- (iii) Any other Degree with Economics or related field as a major subject, from a recognized university or equivalent qualifications recognized by the University of Colombo and five years work experience in a related field
or
- (iv) Postgraduate Diploma in Financial Economics/Economic Development from the University of Colombo or any other equivalent qualifications recognized by the University of Colombo .
or
- (v) A professional qualification that will be recognized, on a case by case basis by the University of Colombo, as equivalent to any of the qualifications in (i) to (iv) above.
and
- (vi) Good knowledge of English and adequate computer literacy
and
- (vii) Gaining the required score at the selection test and at the interview

Duration: 1 Year by course work; Students may choose either Saturday or Sunday classes
Course fee: Rs. 180,000.00, payable in 2 instalments

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4. Postgraduate Diploma Leading to Masters in Tourism Economics and Hotel Management: (PgDTEHM)

This programme is aimed at improving knowledge and skills needed for decision makers, policy designers, planners, researchers, hotel managers and marketeers of the tourism industry. The programme consists of effective applications with interactive learning experience through industry, policy-making bodies, and the university.

The initial registration is for the Postgraduate Diploma with 1 year of studies. On the successful completion of the Postgraduate Diploma, the students are enrolled for the Master's degree in the 2nd year of studies.

Admission Requirements:

- (i) The minimum academic entry qualification is a general degree from a recognized University.
Or
- (ii) A Postgraduate Diploma or a Professional Qualification Recognized by the University of Colombo as equivalent to a degree
Or
- (iii) Three Year Management Diploma from the Sri Lanka Institute of Tourism and Hotel Management (SLITHM) with Two Years Industry Experience
Or
- (iv) Four Year Management Diploma from the Sri Lanka Institute of Tourism and Hotel Management (SLITHM) with One-Year Diploma Programme (non-graduate) in Travel and Tourism Economics and Hotel Management and Two Years Industry Experience
Or
- (v) Any other qualifications or experience which demonstrates that a candidate possesses appropriate knowledge and skills at degree level
And
- (vi) Good working knowledge of English; applicants should satisfy the University requirement on their language competency.

Duration: 2 years, as the 1st year for the Postgraduate Diploma with the provision for the 2nd year for the Master's degree

Course Fee: Rs. 175,000.00 for Postgraduate Diploma, payable in 2 instalments
Rs. 200,000.00 Master's degree, payable in 2 instalments

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For more information and download the application: www.uoctourism.com

5. Postgraduate Diploma in Economic Development (PgDED):

The programme aims to provide specialized skills and training in a number of branches in economics to meet the challenges of current local and global economic trends. The course targets those who are interested in the fields related to Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, Finance and Banking, Development Studies, Project Management, Transport and Logistics, and Quantitative Techniques with data analysis.

Admission Requirements:

- (i) Degree in Economics or related discipline from a recognized University/Institution
or
- (ii) Any other Degree with one year`s work experience relevant to the subject matters of the postgraduate diploma
or
- (iii) Professional qualification from a recognized professional body equivalent to a Bachelors` degree acceptable to the Faculty Board of the Faculty of Arts with one year`s post qualifying work experience relevant to the subject matters of the postgraduate diploma.
or
- (iv) Higher Diploma or any other qualification/s equivalent to a Bachelors` degree from a recognized University/ institution with one year`s work experience relevant to the subject matters of the postgraduate diploma or a higher diploma with three years` post qualifying experience relevant to the subject matters of the postgraduate diploma acceptable to the Board of the Faculty of Arts.
and
- (v) Gaining the required score at the selection test and at the interview

Duration: 1 year by coursework and minor dissertation
Course fee: Rs. 80,000.00, payable in 2 instalments

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6. Executive Diploma of Business and Financial Economics (EDBFE)

This programme imparts specialized knowledge and skills in the following fields of Business and Financial Economics, Entrepreneurship and Microfinance, Quantitative Economics, and Project Planning and Management. It would enhance the opportunities for young and energetic professionals and entrepreneurs, and open the door for advanced studies in Economics.

Admission Requirements:

- a. Three passes at the G.C.E (A/L) Examination or its equivalent and, five years of experience in executive level relevant to the subject area of EDBFE
- b. Any Diploma (one year) from a recognized university/institution or an equivalent qualification recognized by the University of Colombo
- c. A professional qualification that will be recognized on case by case basis by the University of Colombo
- d. Gaining the required score at the selection test and at the interview

Medium: Sinhala/English
Duration: 1 year and 3 months
Course fee: Rs. 70,000.00, payable in 2 instalments

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7. Diploma in Travel & Tourism Economics and Hotel Management (DTTEHM)

A multi-disciplinary diploma designed to meet the increasing demand for multi-skilled professionals for the travel, tourism and hotel industry. The programme is aimed at improving competency through interactive and application-oriented approaches in the socio-economic, ecological, marketing, managerial, accounting, information technological and legal aspects of travel and tourism industry. The course targets those who are already engaged in the travel and tourism fields at different professional levels and those who aspire career opportunities in the industry.

Admission Requirements:

- i. Three passes at the G.C.E. (Advanced Level) Examinations or its equivalent. (Preference will be given to the applicants who possess adequate work experience).
or
- ii. Three passes at the G.C.E. (Ordinary Level) Examination or its equivalent and have sufficient practical experience in the industry.
and
- iii. A good working knowledge of English

Duration: 1 year
Course Fees: Rs. 125,000.00, payable in 2 instalments
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8. Diploma in Microfinance (DMF)

Microfinance is important in promoting micro enterprises which would play a critical role in contributing to output and employment and which would be the potential small and medium enterprises in the future. The course targets those with an intermediate knowledge of microfinance who wish to deepen their conceptual and analytical capabilities to meet career demands in the areas of microfinance.

Admission Requirements

i. Three passes at the G.C.E (A/L) Examination or its equivalent; (preference will be given to persons who possess relevant work experience)

or

ii. Professional qualification acceptable to the university as equivalent to (i) above.

Medium: Sinhala/English
Duration: 1 year
Course fee: Rs. 60,000.00, payable in two instalments

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9. Certificate Programme in Travel Tourism and Hospitality Management (CTTHM)

The programme is offered by the University of Colombo in partnership with the Sri Lankan Aviation College (SLAC) and the Travel Agents Association of Sri Lanka (TAASL). It provides an academic and industry qualification to the individuals who wish to pursue an attractive career in Travel and Tourism Industry and groom themselves in becoming academically sound industry professionals.

Programme Content: Introduction to Travel, Tourism and Hospitality Management; Airline Geography and Application; Fundamentals in Air fares and IATA BSP; Ticketing and Travel Logistics; Travel Documents and Formalities; Effective Communication and Industry; Report Writing; Inbound Tours and Tour Management; Best Professional Practices in Travel and Hospitality Management: Sri Lanka in the Global Context;

Minimum admission Requirement

- (i) Six passes in the GCE (O/L) Examination with four credit passes, including Mathematics and English or
- (ii) Any other qualification approved by the University of Colombo and
- (iii) Fluency in English

Duration: 6 months, including On the Job Training

Course Fees: Rs. 65,000.00

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APPLICATION PROCEDURE

An Application for any programme should be completed and submitted online, while its printed copy should be submitted in person.

1. Visit the Economics Programme Management System at <https://arts.cmb.ac.lk/econ/epms>
2. Fill the online application and Submit it; you can Save, Retrieve, and Edit until submission
3. After the submission, print a PDF copy of the application which can be downloaded
4. Sign the printed copy, and bring it along with you for the Admission Test / Interview

REFEREE REPORTS

Page 4 and 5 of the printed version of the Application are forms for 2 Referee Reports which should be handed over to the respective referees. The referees are requested to complete PART 2 of the form and, send directly to the Administrator, Programme Management Unit (PMU) of the Department of Economics within 2 weeks after the closing date of the application.

APPLICATION FEE

Application fee for the Sri Lankan applicants is Rs. 2,000.00 for any programme, which should be credited to the University of Colombo collection account at any People's Bank branch, under the respective Reference No. given below:

MPhil / PhD in Economics	304145000001
Master's in economics	304145100000
Master of Financial Economics	304145200009
Postgraduate Diploma in Economic Development	304145400007
Postgraduate Diploma leading to Masters in Tourism Economics and Hotel Management	304145900002
Executive Diploma in Business and Financial Economics	304145700004
Diploma in Travel and Tourism Economics and Hotel Management	304145500006
Diploma in Micro Finance	304145600005
Certificate Programme in Travel Tourism and Hospitality Management	304145800003

OTHER FEES

In addition to the Course fee, the selected candidates are required to pay the Annual Registration fee, Library fee, Examination fee, and a Refundable Library Deposit at the registration for the respective programmes. The details of these payments are found in the course brochures available at the Department of Economics.

APPLICATION CLOSING DATE

December 15, 2019

COMMENCEMENT OF TEACHING

February 2020

All programmes are conducted in the weekends only.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

If you have any difficulty in filling and submitting the on-line application, send an email to:

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CONTACT US

For further information, you may contact the coordinators of the respective programmes or visit:

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