

## COURSE CONTENT

Course Units offered in two semesters are as follows:

- Research Methodology
- Environmental Management and Sustainable Development
- Water Resources Management
- Perspectives in Regional Planning and Development
- Introduction to GIS
- Population Perspectives and Development
- Natural Hazards and Management
- Data Management for Environment and Regional Planning
- Minor Dissertation

## HOW TO APPLY

The application form and course brochure can be obtained from the Department website.

<https://arts.cmb.ac.lk/geo/index.php/masters-degree/>

Duly completed application form must be sent to the Coordinator, Master of Environment & Regional Development, Department of Geography, University of Colombo, Colombo 03 or email to [merd@geo.cmb.ac.lk](mailto:merd@geo.cmb.ac.lk).

Application Closing Date : **10th January, 2025**

## DATE OF COMMENCEMENT

**March 2025**

## PROGRAMME FEE

**Total Course Fee (Including Registration, Examination & Course Fee ) : LKR 125,000**

**Application Fee : LKR 2,000**

**Library Fee : LKR 1,500**

**Application Fee:**

**Pay online (URL: <http://pay.cmb.ac.lk/>)**

**or to any branch of People's Bank.**

**Payment Reference Number: 304067800008**

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# MASTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

**(MERD) 2024/25**

**SLQF LEVEL 9 (NO. OF CREDITS 30)**

**Duration: One Year / Weekends  
Online + Onsite**

**English Medium**

## INTRODUCTION

During the past few decades there has been a significant increase in the attention given for environment and regional development. This phenomenon is visible not only in the developed world but also in the developing countries. These fascinating subject areas cover the major issues affecting our local, national and global environments and help to uplift the quality of the environment. These subject areas consist with headline-making themes such as global warming, pollution, natural disasters and biodiversity conservation have drawn global attention important to environmental protection. The Department of Geography, University of Colombo offers this one year Master's degree in order to meet the national needs arisen due to the tremendous changes take place in physical, social and cultural environment. The course is specifically designed to offer theoretical as well as practical aspects for those already in employment or graduates who are in search of employment in relevant fields.

## THE AIMS & OBJECTIVES

The main objective of this course focuses to broaden the base on the education on Regional and Environmental Development by extending it to those who are already in the related sectors effectively and who are desirous of extending services. Specially, this programme aims to;

- (1) provide participants with a comprehensive coverage of theory and practice in the field of Environmental and Regional Development.
- (2) enable participants to investigate the various processes, techniques and methods involved in Environment and Regional Development and to be able to evaluate their effectiveness.
- (3) provide avenues or acceptable qualification and exposure for those who expect to follow MPhil or PhD degree in Geography.

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- (1) A Bachelor's Degree from a recognized University
  - (a) Including 30 credits relevant to Geography or
  - (b) With prior learning/ 2 years work experience equivalent to 30 credits in the relevant subject area. (Environmental Sciences/ Social Sciences/ Regional Planning/ Project Planning or any other relevant subject area) or
- (2) A qualification in the relevant subject area equivalent to 1(a) or 1(b) above or
- (3) Completion of NVQ level 7, as determined by the Higher Degrees Committee, Faculty Board and Senate, University of Colombo.

AND

- A good working knowledge in English.  
Eligible candidates will be called for a selection interview.

## TEACHING FACULTY

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