



Department of Geography,
University of Colombo,
Sri Lanka.

MASTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT (MERD) 2026/27 3rd Batch

SLQF LEVEL 9 ,
(NO. OF CREDITS 30)

English Medium

Duration: One Year Weekends
Online + Onsite

INTRODUCTION

During the past few decades, there has been a significant increase in attention given to the 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 improve environmental quality. These subject areas, which include headline-making themes such as global warming, pollution, natural disasters, and biodiversity conservation, have drawn global attention and are 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 arising due to the tremendous changes taking place in the physical, social and cultural environment. The course is specifically designed to offer both theoretical and practical aspects for those already employed or graduates seeking employment in relevant fields.

THE AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The main objective of this course is to broaden the base of education in Regional and Environmental Development by extending it to those already working in related sectors and who are desirous of expanding their services. Specifically, 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 qualifications and exposure for those who expect to pursue an MPhil or PhD degree in Geography.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- (1) A Bachelor's Degree from a recognised 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 of English.

Eligible candidates will be called for a selection interview.





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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

APPLICATION DEADLINE **06.07.2026**

COMMENCEMENT **August 2026**

TOTAL FEE **LKR 131500**

APPLICATION FEE **LKR 2500**

LIBRARY FEE (optional and refundable) **LKR 5000**

COURSE CODE **3040691**

APPLICATION FEE CODE **304069100009**

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URL: <http://pay.cmb.ac.lk/>

OR

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HOW TO APPLY

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

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

OR

<https://sims.cmb.ac.lk/arts/registration>
 (Completion of the above application is mandatory)

A duly completed application form together with the relevant documents must be sent to :

The Coordinator, Master of Environment and Regional Development, Department of Geography, University of Colombo, Colombo 03.

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