

### Course Fee

Registration Fee	Rs.	1000/=
Tuition Fee	Rs.	28500/=
Exam Fee	Rs.	500/=
Total	Rs.	30000/=

### How to Apply

Applications can be obtained from the website of the Journalism Unit, University of Colombo and Academic and Publication branch of the University. Candidates are required to submit the completed application forms along with a bank receipt for the payment of Rs. 1000/= as the application fee. The application fee should be paid in favor of the University of Colombo to the credit of collection Account Ref. No. 304081400008 Peoples Bank Thimbrigasyaya Branch.

Completed application form should be submitted to:

#### **Diploma in Journalism 2018**

Academic & Publications Branch  
P.O. Box 1490  
Colombo 03.  
Telephone: 2586712

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## **UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO JOURNALISM UNIT**

**DIPLOMA IN JOURNALISM**

**One Year Diploma Programme**

**Diploma in Journalism  
University of Colombo**

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## Introduction

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This Diploma Programme is primarily planned in order to provide basic knowledge, both theoretical and practical, to the students who have been selected for the course. This programme includes considerably a wide range of academic concerns specifically in the area of Journalism and Media Studies. This programme will provide the orientation in the process of communication both print and electronic media, the background to communication and media activities, issues linked to the practice of media, the impact of communication and journalism on society, historical evolution and new developments and technological advancements in the field of Journalism and Communication.

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## Course Objectives

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- To provide basic knowledge of the theoretical and practical aspects of Journalism and Communication
- To develop the skills of communication, language usage and creative writing with special focus on media
- To provide adequate journalistic expertise in order to meet the challenges of the Information Age
- To enhance the standards of professionalism in media in Sri Lanka

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## Course Structure and Duration

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The Course will consist of four papers and each paper constitute 36 contact hours. In addition, all candidates will be required to write a Project Report.

The course will be conducted over a period of one academic year.

Lectures will be held on Saturdays, from 9.00 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. at the Faculty of Arts, University of Colombo.

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## Course Titles

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The titles of the four papers are:

- i. History of journalism
  - ii. Language and Communication
  - iii. Creative writing in Media
  - iv. Techniques of News casting
- The Project Report should be written on a theme related to the fields of Journalism, Communication and Media Studies and it shall contain not less than 15,000 words.

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## Course Evaluation

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The structure of the examination leading to the Diploma in Journalism,

- A. Four Written papers each of three hours duration and
- B. A Project Report

The pass mark for each paper - 40%  
The pass mark for the Project Report - 40%

This course will be conducted in Sinhala. Parallel courses in the Tamil/English medium will also be conducted if there is a reasonable number of applicants.

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## Course Lecturers

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Lecturers will be drawn from

- (a). Faculty members of the University
- (b). Visiting professionals in the fields of Communication and Media Studies.

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## Eligibility and Selection

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The entry requirements are:

A. A person must have:

(i) Passed the GCE (O/L) examination and 3 year experience in any field of media; as an employee, self-employee, freelance journalist or engaged in media related activities and creative work;

or

(ii) Passed the GCE (A/L) examination or above and one year experience in media related activities and creative work. Applicants with necessary qualifications are required to appear for an interview conducted by the Journalism Unit.