



**STUDY PROGRAMMES IN ECONOMICS 2025**  
**English Medium**

**01. MPhil/PhD in Economics**

The PhD 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) Two year Master's Degree in Economics or in a related field from a recognized university.  
*or*
- (iii) One Year Master's Degree (Economics or related) with research publications  
*or*
- (iv) Any other postgraduate qualification recognized by the University as equivalent to (i, ii & iii) 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: For Local Candidates: Rs. 900, 000.00, payable in 3 equal instalments.  
For Foreign Candidates: USD 10,000, paid in one instalment

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## 02. Masters in Economics (MEcon)

MEcon 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 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: For Local Candidates: Rs. 300,000.00, payable in 2 equal instalments  
For Foreign Candidates: USD 6200, paid in one instalment  
Teaching Mode: Onsite on weekends  
Coordinator: Professor U.P.P. Serasinghe  
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### 03. Master of Financial Economics (MFE)

MFE programme is aimed at providing theoretical and analytical competence in the field of 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) A Bachelor's Degree from a recognized University including 30 credits in the relevant subject area;  
*Or*
- (ii) With prior learning/work experience equivalent to 30 credits in the relevant subject area.  
*or*
- (iii) A qualification in the relevant subject area equivalent to (i) or (ii) above  
*or*
- (iv) A Completion of NVQ level 7 qualification as determined by the Higher Degrees Committee, Faculty Board and Senate  
*and*
- (v) Good knowledge of English and adequate computer literacy  
*and*
- (vi) Gaining the required score at the selection test and at the interview

Duration: 1 Year by course work  
Course fee: For Local Candidates: Rs. 250,000.00, payable in 2 equal instalments.  
For Foreign Candidates: USD 3100, paid in one instalment.

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#### 04. Postgraduate Diploma (Leading to Masters) in Tourism Economics and Hotel Management (Pg. DTEHM)

This programme is aimed at improving knowledge and skills needed for decision makers, policy designers, planners, researchers, hotel managers and marketers 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 degree in the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 equivalent to a degree level study.  
*and*
- (vi) Good working knowledge of English and computer literacy.

Duration: 1 year for the Post Graduate Diploma and another 1 year for the Masters. Post Graduate Diploma is a prerequisite for the Masters.

Course Fee: For Local Candidates: Rs. 200,000.00 for Postgraduate Diploma, Payable in 2 equal instalments and Rs. 250,000.00 for Master degree, Payable in 2 equal instalments. For Foreign Candidates: USD 1500 for the Post Graduate Diploma and USD 1600 for the Masters programme payable in one instalment at the beginning of each year.

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## 05. Postgraduate Diploma in Economic Development (Pg. DED)

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) Good working knowledge in English and computer literacy. Gaining the required score at the selection test and at the interview.

Duration: 1 year by coursework and minor dissertation  
Course fee: For Local Candidates: Rs. 150,000.00, payable in 2 equal instalments  
For Foreign Candidates: USD 1500 paid in one instalment.

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## 06. 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:

- (i) General Certificate of Education (Advanced level) or an equivalent qualification and completion of a minimum of 30 credits at SLQF Level 3.
- (ii) Any Diploma (one year: equivalent to SLQF Level 3) from a recognized university/institution or an equivalent qualification recognized by the University of Colombo
- (iii) A professional qualification that will be recognized on case by case basis by the University of Colombo
- (iv) Good working knowledge of English and computer literacy. Gaining the required score at the selection test and at the interview

Duration: 1 year  
Course fee: Rs. 100,000.00, payable in 2 equal instalments

Coordinator Dr. Wasana Rathnayaka  
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## 07. 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 for 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) Six 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 and computer literacy.

Duration: 1 year

Course Fees: Rs. 125,000.00, payable in 2 equal instalments

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## APPLICATION PROCEDURE

An Application for any programme should be completed and submitted online. In case there is any technical difficulty, please contact 011 2596889 during weekdays office hours. To submit the application online please visit <https://sims.cmb.ac.lk/arts/registration>

## REFEREE REPORTS

The applicant can collect the referee report and submit it to the Programme Management Unit of the Department of Economics at the interview date.

## APPLICATION FEE

Application fee for the Sri Lankan applicants is Rs. 3000/= and for foreign applicants US\$ 20 for any programme, which should be credited to the University of Colombo collection account at any People's Bank branch, under the respective Bank Account/Reference Numbers are below: Also can make payment online <https://pay.cmb.ac.lk/>

Please upload the payment slip to the relevant link in the application form.

MPhil / PhD in Economics	304158900002
Masters in Economics	304159000008
Master of Financial Economics: For Local Applicants For foreign Applicants	304159100007 304159700001
Postgraduate Diploma in Economic Development	304159300005
Postgraduate Diploma leading to Masters in Tourism Economics and Hotel Management	304159400004
Executive Diploma in Business and Financial Economics	304159500003
Diploma in Travel and Tourism Economics and Hotel Management	304159600002

## 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 will be notified to the selected candidates.

## APPLICATION CLOSING DATE

December 31, 2024

## COMMENCEMENT OF TEACHING

March 2025

All programmes are conducted on the weekends only.



**TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE**

If you have any difficulty in filling and submitting the on-line application, send an email to: [pgapplications@econ.cmb.ac.lk](mailto:pgapplications@econ.cmb.ac.lk) or contact 011 2596889

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