

A New Horizon in Historical Studies

Historical Knowledge is an unavoidable aspect of human life. This is obviously the case in modern civilization. Historical consciousness continues to play a determining role in shaping modern identities. Rephrasing John Huizinga, we could say that 'history is a form in which a culture becomes conscious of its past, present and in the imagination of its future as well'. Therefore, the learning and teaching of history has a greater relevance in our day-to-day lives.

As a branch of knowledge, the systematic study of history has developed immensely over the last few decades. The acquisition of this knowledge and its application in historical inquiry is the task of the Department of History at the University of Colombo. The Department will take this new horizon of Historical Studies to those who are interested in historical issues, especially **school teachers, diplomats, journalists and researchers.**

Duration: 01 Year

Day: Saturday

Course Fee: Rs. 160,000/-

Medium: Bilingual (Sinhala & English)

Commencement: January 2026

How to Apply

Application form and other information can be obtained from the Department of History, Faculty of Arts, University of Colombo or can be downloaded at <https://arts.cmb.ac.lk/history/>.

Completed application form with the paid receipt of the application fee should be scanned and e-mailed to the Department of History through mahistorycmb@gmail.com. Further, all applicants are required to send the duly completed application form under the registered post to Dept. of History, Faculty of Arts, University of Colombo, 94 Kumaratunga Munidasa Mawatha, Colombo 03 on or before **30th October 2025**.

Application fee of Rs. 3,000/= can be made by using the payment reference number 304141000003 to any People's Bank Branch.

For inquiries: 0112055658 / mahistorycmb@gmail.com



UNIVERSITY OF
COLOMBO
Department of History

MASTER OF
HISTORY
2025 / 2026

(SLQF 9)

COURSE OBJECTIVES

1. To offer an innovative training in order to equip candidates with theoretical and empirical knowledge of History and skills that are related to the practice of History.
2. To offer interdisciplinary training necessary for historical research
3. To enable the application of knowledge by concentrating on research work in extended essays and a mini-dissertation
4. To train students to use digital sources and developing necessary skills for using historical data in a professional setting

ADMISSION CRITERIA FOR MASTER OF HISTORY

- (a) A Bachelor's Degree from a recognized University.
 - (i) 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
- (b) A qualification in the relevant subject area equivalent to (a);
OR
- (c) Completion of NVQ level 7, as determined by the Higher Degree Committee, Faculty Board and Senate.

AND

A good knowledge in English language and satisfactory performance at the selection interview

COURSE MODULES

- ✓ Historiography: Conceptual and Technical Issues
- ✓ Research Methodology
- ✓ Selected Texts in World History
- ✓ Introduction to Documents
- ✓ History of Diplomacy
- ✓ Teaching History: Skills, and Methods
- ✓ Gender and History
- ✓ Independent Study (8000-10000 Words)

PANEL OF LECTURERS

Prof. Nirmal Ranjith Dewasiri

Prof. Nirmali Wijegoonawardana

Prof. Anuththaradevi Widyalankara

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