



**UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO  
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS**

**STUDY PROGRAMMES IN ECONOMICS - 2019  
(English Medium)**

**1. PhD in Economics**

The doctoral degree 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. The research degrees shall be awarded on the basis of a thesis and an oral examination. The thesis will be prepared under the guidance of one or more supervisor/s appointed by the University, while the supervisory panel consists of experienced academics and professionals from Sri Lanka and abroad.

The selected candidates shall be required to attend course work on Economic Research Methods, scheduled for Saturdays during the first four months, and simultaneously to develop their research.

**Admission requirements**

- (i) First or Second Class (upper) division in the Special Degree in Economics or related field from a recognized university  
or
- (ii) Master's Degree in Economics or in a related field from a recognized university.  
or
- (iii) Any other postgraduate qualifications recognized by the University as equivalent to (ii) 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:** Rs.780, 000.00 payable in 3 annual instalments

Please credit your application fee to the University of Colombo main collection Account, under the Ref. No 304144000004 University of Colombo to any People's Bank Branch

**Coordinator: Dr. Chandana Aluthge**

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## 2. Master of Financial Economics (MFE):

This programme aims to provide theoretical and analytical competence in Financial Economics. The course of study targets those who are already engaged in financial and related fields and wish to acquire a deeper understanding and practical competence in the subject of Financial Economics in a development context to meet of professional demands and academic careers.

**Duration: One Year by Course Work only**

### Admission Requirements:

i. First or Second Class Honours in the Special Degree in Economics or a related field, from a recognized university

*or*

ii. First or Second Class in the General Degree Examination with Economics or related field as a major subject, from a recognized university or equivalent qualifications and **two years 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 qualifications recognized by the University of Colombo and **five years work experience** in a related field

*or*

iv. Postgraduate Diploma in Financial Economics/Economic Development from the University of Colombo or any other equivalent qualifications 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 in (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

**Course fee: Rs. 180,000.00 (Payment in two instalments)**

**Duration:** One year, commencing in January, 2019 (Students may choose either **Saturday** or **Sunday** classes)

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### 3. Masters in Economics (MEcon):

This programme aims to provide 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 careers.

**Duration:** 2 years of study as follows:

Year 1- **Course work (No of modules: 08).**

Year 2- **Course work (No of modules: 03)** plus **Dissertation** of 30,000 words

Admission Requirements:

i. First or Second Class Honours in the Special Degree in Economics or a related field, from a recognized university

*or*

ii. First or Second Class in the General Degree Examination with Economics or related field as a major subject, from a recognized university or equivalent qualifications and **two years 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 work experience** in a related field

*or*

iv. Postgraduate Diploma in Financial Economics/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 in (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

**Course fee: Rs. 250,000.00 (Payment in two instalments)**

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#### **4. Postgraduate Diploma Leading to Masters in Tourism Economics and Hotel Management:**

This programme is especially designed to improve the knowledge and skills essential for decision makers, policy designers, planners, researchers, hotel managers and marketers of the tourism industry. It provides advanced theoretical and conceptual knowledge and analytical skills that are essential for effective practical applications. By using the Industry Interactive and Application Oriented Learning Approach, the research dissertations/theses/assignments of the students along with case studies and field visits are carried out on the basis of the prioritized human resource requirements of the industry. The Tourism Leaders' Summit (TLS) and International Tourism Symposium (ITS) are two major practical components of this study programme.

Duration of the programme will be two years (Part-Time). First Year will be the Postgraduate Diploma and the Second Year will be Master level of this programme. The entire programme consists of four (4) semesters.

**Duration: Post Graduate Diploma (Pg. DTEHM): One (01) year**

**Master Degree (MTEHM): Pg.DTEHM + One (01) year**

#### **Admission Requirements:**

- i. The minimum academic entry qualification is a general degree from a Recognized University in Sri Lanka.  
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 at degree level.  
And
- vi. Good working knowledge of English and the applicants must satisfy the University that they are sufficiently competent in the English language.

#### **Course Fees:**

**Pg: Diploma:** Rs. 175,000.00 (Payment in two instalments)

**Masters** Rs. 200,000.00 (Payment in two instalments)

Please credit your application fee to the University of Colombo main collection Account, under the Ref. No 304144500009

**Coordinator: Dr. D. A. C. Suranga Silva**

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**For more information and download the application:** [www.uoctourism.com](http://www.uoctourism.com)

## **5. Postgraduate Diploma in Economic Development (Pg. DED):**

The Pg. DED 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 Micro and Macroeconomics, Finance and Banking, Development Studies, Project Management, Transport and Logistic and Quantitative Techniques with data analysis.

**Duration: One Year (Coursework and minor dissertation)**

### **Admission Requirements:**

i. Degree from a recognized University/Institution in Economics or related discipline.

*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. Gaining the required score at the selection test and at the interview

**Course fee: Rs. 80,000.00 (Payment in two instalments)**

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## **6. EXECUTIVE DIPLOMA OF BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL ECONOMICS (EDBFE) –**

### **You can specialise in the following fields:**

- (1) In Business and Financial Economics (EDBFE-BFE),
- (2) In Entrepreneurship and Microfinance (EDBFE-EM)
- (3) In Quantitative Economics (EDBFE-QE)
- (4) In Project Planning and Management (EDBFE-PPM)

Financial and Business Economics, Entrepreneurship, Microfinance, Quantitative Economics and Project planning have become leading sectors in the fast growing economy creating more opportunities for young and energetic people of the country. The diploma could be considered as a stepping stone for advanced studies in Business and Finance, entrepreneurship, microfinance, Econometrics project planning of the younger generation in the global age. Those who successfully complete EDBFE can directly enter DED (Post-

Graduate Diploma in Economic Development) or equivalent postgraduate diploma programmes in the university system in Sri Lanka.

**Duration:** One year and three months, commencing in January, 2019 (classes conducted during weekends)

**Medium:** Sinhala/English

**Admission Requirements:**

- a. Three passes at the G.C.E (A/L) Examination or its equivalent and five years' experience in executive level relevant to the subject area of EDBFE
- b. Any Diploma (one year) from a recognized university/institution or an equivalent qualification recognized by the University of Colombo
- c. A professional qualification that will be recognized on the case by case basis by the University of Colombo.
- d. Gaining the required score at the selection test and at the interview

**Course fee: Rs. 70,000.00 (Payment in two instalments)**

Please credit your application fee to the University of Colombo main collection Account, under the Ref. No 304144800006

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## **7. Diploma in Travel & Tourism Economics and Hotel Management**

**(DTTEHM):**

A multi-disciplinary diploma designed to meet the increasing demand for multi-skilled travel and tourism professionals who are able to take responsibility for a wide range of complex industry processes by improving their knowledge through an interactive and application-oriented approach to face the challenges of the dynamic industry. The diploma provides practical and analytical competence in 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 also those who aspire careers in the industry.

**Duration:** One-year

**Admission Requirements:**

- i. Three passes at the G.C.E. (Advanced Level) Examinations or its equivalent. (Preference will be given to persons who possess adequate work experience).
- or**
- ii. Three 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

**Course Fees: Rs. 125,000.00 (Payable in two instalments)**

Please credit your application fee to the University of Colombo main collection Account, under the Ref. No 304144600008

**Coordinator: Dr. D. A. C. Suranga Silva**

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## **8. Diploma in Microfinance (DMF)**

Microfinance is particularly important in promoting micro enterprises in developing countries like Sri Lanka where the mainstream financial institutions hesitate to provide financial facilities to many low income small entrepreneurs. Small enterprises have a critical role to play in transforming Sri Lanka into high/middle income country. The course targets those with an intermediate knowledge of microfinance who wish to deepen their conceptual and analytical capabilities to meet career demands.

**Duration:** One year, commencing in January, 2019 (classes will be conducted on Saturdays or Sundays)

**Medium:** Sinhala/English

### **Admission Requirements:**

- i. Three passes at the G.C.E (A/L) Examination or its equivalent; (preference will be given to persons who possess relevant work experience)
- OR
- ii. Professional qualification acceptable to the university as equivalent to (i) above.

**Course fee: Rs. 60,000.00 (Payment in two instalments)**

Please credit your application fee to the University of Colombo main collection Account, under the Ref. No 304144700007

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## **9. Certificate Program in Travel Tourism and Hospitality Management (CTTHM)**

**Best in Aviation Training and Travel Industry join hands with the University of Colombo, Prime University in Sri Lanka, to take Tourism and Aviation Education to Global Heights**

The University of Colombo (UOC) and Sri Lankan Aviation College (SLAC) in partnership with Travel Agents Association of Sri Lanka (TAASL) brings this unique industry-interactive and professionally recognized certificate programme to offer a world recognized academic foundation to the Travel, Tourism and Hospitality industries. The program will open doors for the individuals who wish to pursue attractive careers in Travel and Tourism Industry and groom them in becoming academically sound industry professionals.

**Minimum qualifications for course enrolment:** Six passes in the GCE (O/L) Examination with four credit passes including Mathematics and English or Any other qualification approved by the University of Colombo and fluency in English

**Programme Duration:** 6 months (including On the Job Training)

**Course Fees: Rs. 65,000.00**

**Programme Content:** Introduction to Travel, Tourism and Hospitality Management; Airline Geography and Application; Fundamentals in Air fares and IATA BSP; Ticketing and Travel

Logistics; Travel Documents and Formalities; Effective Communication and Industry; Report Writing; Inbound Tours and Tour Management; Best Professional Practices in Travel and Hospitality Management: Sri Lanka in the Global Context;

**For application download:** [www.uoctourism.com](http://www.uoctourism.com), [www.srilankanaviationcollege.com](http://www.srilankanaviationcollege.com) and [www.travelagentsofsrilanka.com](http://www.travelagentsofsrilanka.com)

Completed application form can be handed over or posted to **Dr. D.A.C Suranga Silva, Program Coordinator, Department of Economic, University of Colombo**

Application fee of Rs 2000/= should be paid to the University of Colombo Main Collection Account, under the Ref. No (Code): 304144900005, University of Colombo to any People's Bank Branch

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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION FOR ALL PROGRAMMES:**

Please contact +94 773518500/0112596889/0112502722. In addition to the above fees, registration, library and examination fees have to be paid at the time of registration. Students will also be required to provide a refundable library deposit. The details of these payments are found in the course brochures available at the Department of Economics.

- **COMMENCEMENT OF ALL THE PROGRAMMES: JANUARY 2019**
- **SPECIAL DISCOUNTS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**
- **SUBMISSION OF ONLINE APPLICATIONS FOR ALL THE PROGRAMMES**

## **APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

**Deadlines** for the application are as follows:

- Requests for applications form by post or via Email: until 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2018
- Requests for application form in person : until 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2018
- Submission of completed applications: until 15<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Please note that the application fee of Rs.2000/= should be paid at the time of forwarding the completed application.

Please visit our website for application and other information

<http://www.cmb.ac.lk/academic/arts/econ/index.php>

Should you require further clarification, you may contact the coordinators of the relevant programmes or the Department of Economics office.

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