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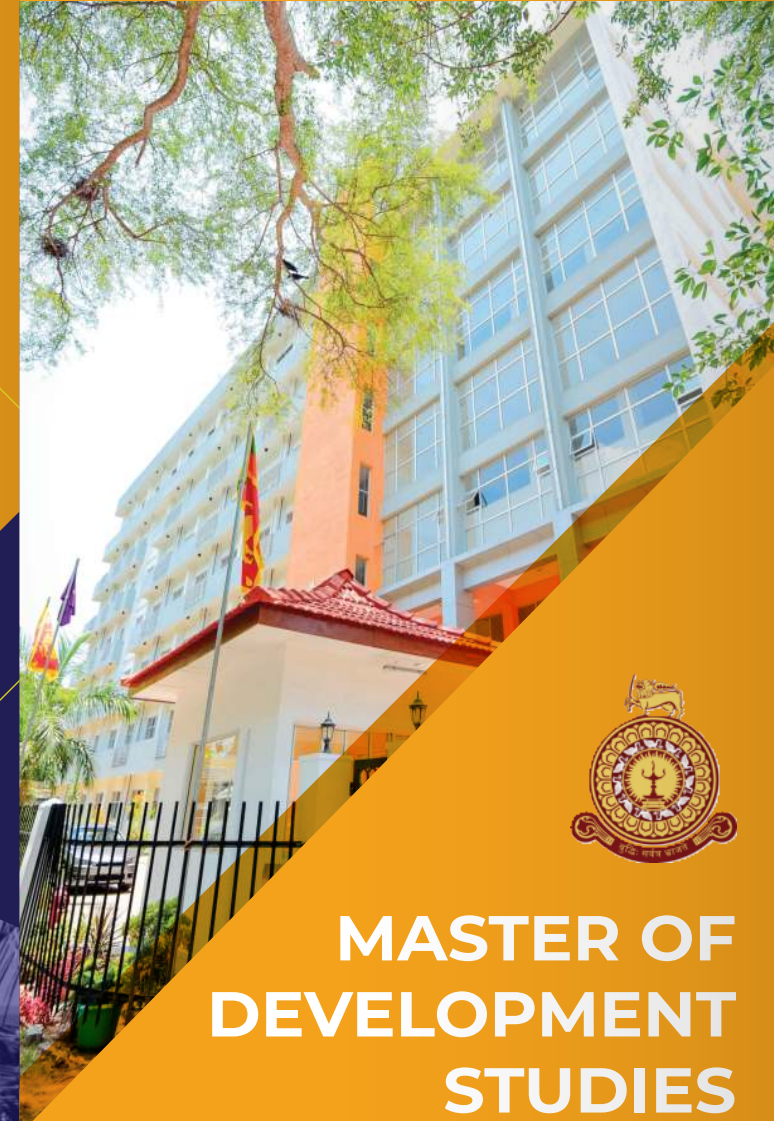
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## FACULTY OF GRADUATE STUDIES UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO



## MASTER OF DEVELOPMENT STUDIES (MDS) - 2023

SLQF LEVEL 9 (NO. OF CREDITS 30)

ONE YEAR | ENGLISH MEDIUM  
WEEKEND PROGRAMME  
ONLINE / ONSITE

## COURSE FEE

	LOCAL STUDENTS	FOREIGN STUDENTS
<b>APPLICATION FEE</b>		
Application Fee	LKR 3,000/=	15 USD
<b>PROGRAMME FEE</b>		
Registration Fee	LKR 5,000/=	84 USD
Course Fee	LKR 167, 500/=	2618 USD
Library Fee	LKR 1,500/=	24 USD
Examination Fee	LKR 16,000/=	274 USD
<b>TOTAL FEE</b> Excluding Refundable Library Deposit & Application Fee	<b>LKR 190,000/=</b>	<b>3000 USD</b>
<b>OPTIONAL</b>		
Refundable Library Deposit	LKR 5,000/=	

## INTRODUCTIONS

The Faculty of Graduate Studies, University of Colombo (FGS-Colombo) offers high-quality postgraduate training programmes where students are encouraged to research in a multidisciplinary environment that pays special attention to the challenges that developing countries face. The Faculty has made its national and international mission to deploy the skills and developing-country context-based experience of its staff to promote training and research that is of particular relevance to developing countries.

The recently revised development studies programme is conducted in close collaboration with other Universities in Sri Lanka and in the region, as well as with other organizations involved in development related-activities. The curriculum of the programme looks at development issues in a multi-disciplinary manner and emphasizes contextual relevance of training and analysis.

## OBJECTIVES

Objective of the program is to provide in depth understanding of development related issues and discourses, both theoretical and practical.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- ▶ A Bachelor's degree from a recognized University/Institution in Development studies; **OR**
- ▶ Any other Bachelor's degree, with prior learning/work experience in Development studies; **OR**
- ▶ Postgraduate Diploma (SLQF 8) from a recognized University/Institution or an equivalent Qualification acceptable to the Faculty Board and Senate of the University with prior learning/work experience in Development studies; **OR**
- ▶ Professional qualification in Development studies from a recognized professional body which is acceptable to the Faculty Board and Senate of the University with prior learning/work experience in Development studies; **OR**
- ▶ Completion of NVQ level 7 (Equivalent to bachelor's degree in SLQF) with relevant work experience in Development as determined by the Faculty Board and Senate of the University; **AND**
- ▶ A good knowledge of the English language and satisfactory performance at a selection test/ selection interview.

## WHO SHOULD APPLY

This is programme aligned with Agenda 2030 and target towards achieving sustainable development in Sri Lanka.

Hence the main objective of the program is to ensure that there is qualified, efficient, and innovative individuals available to satisfy the challenging need for sustainable development in public and private institutions in Sri Lanka. The program is designed to cater to those who are actively involved in development related activities and those who are planning to involve in such activities in the future nationally and globally. They may belong to various training, educational backgrounds and disciplines such as Economics, Geography, Sociology, Political Science, History, Demography, Law, Science, Management, Medicine and other disciplines.

## HOW TO APPLY

Application form can be downloaded from the Faculty website **fgs.cmb.ac.lk**. Completed application form along with the certified copies of National Identity Card, Birth Certificate, relevant educational and professional qualifications and work experience (if any) and payment slips should be scanned and sent via email (**mds@fgs.cmb.ac.lk**). In addition, the hard copies of these certified documents should also be sent through the registered post to reach the Senior Assistant Registrar, Faculty of Graduate Studies, University of Colombo, No 35/30, Prof. Stanley Wijesundara Mawatha, Colombo 07 on or before **17th October 2022**. Please mention the programme name on the left side of the envelope.

Application fee of **LKR 3,000/= (Local Students) / USD 15 (Foreign Students)** can be paid by using the code **318-0213-0000-8** through any People's Bank Branch or by using the online payment portal (**pay.cmb.ac.lk**).

## COURSE MODULE

### SEMESTER I

- MDS 6101: Economic Growth and Development
- MDS 6102: Research Methodology
- MDS 6103: Statistical Techniques for Development Research
- MDS 6104: Appraisal Techniques in Development Projects

### SEMESTER II

- MDS 6201: Economic Development of Sri Lanka
- MDS 6202: Sociology of Development
- MDS 6203: International Trade and Development
- MDS 6204: Education and Development
- MDS 6205: Independent Study

### Online / Onsite Mode

*The Programme will be conducted in online mode or onsite mode based on the number of selected candidates to the programme*

