

Master of Laws in Criminal Justice Administration(LLM) - 2018/2019

Introduction

The Master of Laws (LLM) in Criminal Justice Administration Program of the Open University of Sri Lanka has been designed by an eminent group of experts in the field after a thorough and careful study of the country's criminal justice system. Its design, content and expected outcomes not only address current and future needs but also reflect the emerging trends in the field of criminal justice administration. Being the first postgraduate degree program in law in Sri Lanka approved by the Quality Assurance & Accreditation Council of the UGC (University Grants Commission) this pioneering program will not only fill a long standing lacuna in the country's higher education system but also facilitate the professional aspirations of many who are connected with or have an interest in the administration of criminal justice.

The Open University of Sri Lanka

The Open University of Sri Lanka (OUSL) is a unique and prestigious institute of higher learning established under the provisions of the Universities Act No 16 of 1978. It is the only national university in Sri Lanka that provides opportunities for life-long learning removing barriers that restrict access to tertiary level education. Using the open and distance learning (ODL) methods and equipped with sophisticated online facilities, OUSL currently serves over 40,000 students. They follow study programs ranging from certificate or pre-degree programs through first degrees to postgraduate qualifications offered by five faculties viz., Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences, Faculty of Education, Faculty of Engineering Technology, Faculty of Natural Sciences and Faculty of Health Sciences. It has a well-connected and coordinated network of eight regional centres and study centres in all administrative districts of the country. A large majority of OUSL students are working adults. The quality assurance of OUSL study programs, including its teaching, learning and assessment processes at the peripheral centres, are constantly monitored by both internal and external experts to ensure that those programs and processes comply with the national quality benchmarks.

The Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

This is the largest Faculty of OUSL in terms of learner numbers. Currently it has over 14,000 students enrolled in four academic Departments i.e. Department of Legal Studies, Department of Language Studies, Department of Management Studies and Department of Social Studies. The Master of Laws in Criminal Justice Administration program is conducted by the Department of Legal Studies subject to overall academic and administrative direction and supervision of the Faculty Board of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, the Senate and the University Council.

Department of Legal Studies

Department of Legal Studies has over 40 years of experience in conducting degree level programs in legal studies. Established in 1984, our LL. B degree program is the most popular undergraduate law program except the law degree programmes offered by conventional universities in the country. There are over 22 well qualified academic staff members serving full-time in the Department. These staff members have extensive experience in open and distance learning methodology and are highly concerned with the diverse needs of adult learners. In addition to internal staff, Department obtains the services of a panel of experts drawn from various state-sector tertiary level academic institutes, departments, as well as practitioners etc. LL.M program is the first-ever postgraduate program of the Department and the overall responsibility in the delivery activities of the program is managed by the Department.

The Master of Laws in Criminal Justice Administration Program (LL.M)

This post-graduate program is conducted by using the principles of ODL methods. This flexible student-centred approach creates an environment for professionals and others with increasing commitments to continue their advanced studies while fulfilling the professional demands and responsibilities of personal life.

This program consists of 45 credits of coursework and 15 credits of research dissertation. The total of 60 credits is spread over in 13 subjects of law, science and technology. The total duration is 02 academic years. However, maximum allowable period that a student can remain in the program is 06 after which the studentship lapses automatically. The unique intrinsic nature of this program is that it is a multidisciplinary graduate program which combines legal discipline with science and technology subjects. The structure, content and assessment method of each course designed in such a way that it enhances the knowledge and professional experience of candidates. At the end of the program the candidates will be transformed into a well-equipped group of professionals with exceptional skills, knowledge and attitude who would add value to the jobs they perform.

The courses offered by the program are as follows;

FIRST YEAR

Course Code	Course Title
LLPA301	Penology I
LLPA302	Penology II
LLPA303	Criminology
LLPA504	Law of Evidence
LLPA605	Criminal Procedure
LLPA306	Criminal Investigation I - Forensic Toxicology, EQD and DNA
LLPA307	Criminal Investigation II - Ballistics and Explosives
LLPA408	Medical Science in Criminal Investigation

SECOND YEAR

Course Code	Course Title
LLPA409	Human Rights Relating to Criminal Justice Administration
LLPA410	International Criminal Law
LLPA411	International Humanitarian Law
LLPA312	Research Methodology
LLPAF13	Dissertation

Dissertation

Dissertation is the research component of the LL.M Degree Programme. Students are required to write a dissertation of 15,000 - 20,000 words. This dissertation is intended to work as a platform that facilitates the interface between theory and practice. The candidates have the freedom to select an area of their choice that is within the program curriculum and engage in research under the

guidance of an academic supervisor. The dissertation prepared at the end of the research will provide the candidates an opportunity to demonstrate a wide spectrum of academic and professional skills such as analytical skills, problem solving and presentation skills etc.

Quality Assurance

The quality assurance is conducted by using the benchmark established in line with the international standards. Also, as a first step towards achieving quality assurance the UGC Quality Assurance Council has already approved this programme.

Teaching and Assessment Method

The teaching and assessment methods are in line with well-established open and distance learning (ODL) methods. There are a limited number of face to face teaching sessions that are usually held at weekends at Central Campus, Nawala. The dates, times and names of lecturers conducting these teaching sessions will be informed to you at the time of enrolment. The number of teaching sessions of the course depends on the credit weightage of each course. In addition, there may be seminars, field visits and practical demonstrations depending on the nature of the course content.

The assessment of students' performance at each course is conducted by using ODL assessment methods such as Tutor Marked Assignments (TMAs), Close Book Tests (CBT) submission of dissertations and final examinations etc.

Entry Qualifications

A person having one of the following qualifications will be considered for registration for the Master of Laws in Criminal Justice Administration Programme.

- A degree in law from a recognized university
or
- Attorney at Law with a minimum three (3) year's post qualifying practicing experience or similar foreign qualification with a minimum of 3 year's experience which entitles the holder of qualification to practise as an Attorney.

Program Duration

The duration of the program is two academic years. However, the maximum period allowed for a student to continue studies is six (6) years. Therefore, any registered student is required to complete his or her studies within maximum six years from the date of registration.

Medium of Instruction

The medium of instruction, teaching and assessment of this program is in English.

Fees

Total fee for the program is Rs.420, 000/=. This is payable in four instalments over a period of two years.

Program Committee

The Department Postgraduate Program Committee consists of the following members;

Mr. Raja Gooneratne (*Head, Department of Legal Studies, OUSL*),

Ms. Sandya Hewameealla (*Programme Director, Senior Lecturer, Department of Legal Studies*)

Professor Camena Guneratne, (*Professor in the Department of legal Studies*)

Ms. Niluka Gamalath (*Senior Lecturer, Department of Legal Studies*)

Ms. Niluka Damayanthi (*Senior Lecturer, Department of Legal Studies*)

Ms. Wasana Panditharatne (*Lecturer, Department of Legal Studies*)

On invitation

Mr. Champika Adikaram (*Program Coordinator, LL. M Program*)

INSTRUCTIONS TO COMPLETE THE ON LINE APPLICATION FORM

(1) Login to the Open University web page by typing <https://payment.ou.ac.lk/>

Then you will see the following page:

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If you are a new applicant click the hyper link "Create New Account"

If you are an existing OUSL student type user name and password and press the login button

(2) Then you will see the following page

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(Create a user name and a password and give personal details

(3) Once you enter all details and click the button "Create Account" you will see the following page

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**(4) Click "Add New Application"
Then you will see the following page**

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(5) ON LINE APPLICATION FORM

Fill the form as indicated below

Program : Select LLM in Criminal Justice Administration from the drop down menu

Preferred Centre: Colombo (as the Programme is offered only in Colombo) from the drop down menu

Medium: English (as the Programme is offered only in English medium) from the drop down menu

Personal Data (This is self-explanatory and therefore fill relevant fields with your personal information)

Email address and mobile phone number: Since the only mode of contacting you is only through email and mobile phone, providing your email address and mobile phone number is mandatory. (Those who do not have an email address, please create one before filling this application)

G.C.E. O/L and A/L: Give relevant details

Other Qualification: THIS IS MOST RELEVANT TO YOU AND VERY IMPORTANT

(1) If you have a law degree, indicate here the Degree, University and year of the degree.

(2) If you do not have a law degree but are an Attorney at law, state that you are an Attorney at Law and indicate clearly the year in which you took oaths as an attorney at law

The decision to call or not to call you for selection interview will be taken based on the information provided under “other qualifications” Therefore please indicate your qualifications clearly

Once you complete entering relevant information, click the button “Apply and pay”

(6) Then you come to the payment option page

(7) Select the payment option and make the payment

Following payment options are available for applicants.

- Pay online using a credit/debit card or pay using EZ cash
- Cash payment to the nearest regional/study center of the OUSL