



STUDY PROGRAMMES IN ECONOMICS 2024

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) 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. 800, 000.00, payable in 3 annual instalments

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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: Rs. 300,000.00, payable in 2 instalments
Teaching Mode: Online / Onsite

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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, 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; Students may choose either Saturday or Sunday classes

Course fee: Rs. 180,000.00, payable in 2 instalments.

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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's degree in the 2nd 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 at degree level
and
- (vi) Good working knowledge of English; applicants should satisfy the University requirement on their language competency.

Duration: 2 years, as the 1st year for the Postgraduate Diploma with the provision for the 2nd year for the Master degree

Course Fee: Rs. 200,000.00 for Postgraduate Diploma, Payable in 2 instalments
Rs. 250,000.00 Master degree, Payable in 2 instalments

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For more information: www.uoctourism.com

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

Duration: 1 year by coursework and minor dissertation

Course fee: Rs. 140,000.00, payable in 2 instalments

Coordinator: Dr. Rohitha Abayasekara

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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) Gaining the required score at the selection test and at the interview

Duration: 1 year and 3 months
Course fee: Rs. 80,000.00, payable in 2 instalments

Coordinator Ms. Ashani Fernando
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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.

Duration: 1 year

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

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APPLICATION PROCEDURE

An Application for any programme should be completed and submitted online. In case if there is any technical difficulty, the application should be email to pgapplications@econ.cmb.ac.lk To submit the application online please visit the Economics Programme Management System at <https://arts.cmb.ac.lk/econ/applications/>

1. Fill the online application and submit it; you can Save, Retrieve, Continue and Edit until submission.
2. After the submission, print a PDF copy of the application which can be downloaded.
3. Sign the printed copy, and bring it along with you for the Admission Test / Interview.

REFEREE REPORTS

Page 4 and 5 of the printed version of the Application are forms for **two** Referee Reports which should be handed over to the respective referees. The referees are requested to complete PART 2 of the form and send directly to the Administrator, Programme Management Unit of the Department of Economics within 2 weeks after the closing date of the application.

APPLICATION FEE

Application fee for the Sri Lankan applicants is Rs. 2000/= and for foreign applicant 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 No. given below:

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

MPhil / PhD in Economics	304157000004
Masters in Economics	304157100003
Master of Financial Economics	304157200002
Postgraduate Diploma in Economic Development	304157400000
Postgraduate Diploma leading to Masters in Tourism Economics and Hotel Management	304157500009
Executive Diploma in Business and Financial Economics	304157600008
Diploma in Travel and Tourism Economics and Hotel Management	304157700007

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 are found in the course brochures available at the Department of Economics.

APPLICATION CLOSING DATE

October 31, 2023

COMMENCEMENT OF TEACHING

January 2024

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

CONTACT US

For further information, you may contact the coordinators of the respective programmes or visit:

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