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Course Fees

	LOCAL STUDENTS	FOREIGN STUDENTS
APPLICATION FEE		
Application Fee	LKR 3,000/=	40 USD
PROGRAMME FEE		
Registration Fee	LKR 5,000/=	65 USD
Course Fee	LKR 252,500/=	3,382 USD
Library Fee	LKR 1,500/=	20 USD
Examination Fee	LKR 16,000/=	200 USD
OPTIONAL		
Refundable Library Deposit	LKR 5,000/=	
TOTAL FEE	LKR 275,000/=	3,667 USD
<small>Excluding Refundable Library Deposit & Application Fee</small>		



Duration

One Year



During

Weekends



Commencement

September 2026



Medium

English



Programme Fee

Local Students: LKR 275,000/=

(Local students can pay the programme fee in two instalments)

Foreign Students: 3,667 USD

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MASTER OF BUSINESS STUDIES (MBS) 2026/27

Online Mode

SLQF LEVEL 09 (31 Credits)



Application Deadline: 20th July 2026

Introduction

The Master of Business Studies (MBS) is a one year programme that comprises of nine taught modules and an independent study. The programme is specially designed for those with modest work experience seeking to engage in postgraduate studies with a view of career enhancement in business or management. This course provides a broad introduction to key aspects of business and gives an excellent preparations for a career in management. It combines the theory and practice of management. It involves the participant in a demanding process of personal and managerial development, providing them with opportunities to reflect upon existing behavior and attitudes using business and management concepts.

This creates immense opportunities for the participant for their career enhancement as it fulfills the present expectations of employers in the private sector who demand qualifications and training beyond the basic degree particularly under liberalized economic policies in Sri Lanka. The success of industrial and commercial enterprises under these economic policies is heavily dependent on efficient business management. The MBS is expected to bridge the gap between the academic knowledge gained during a first degree, and the management needs in the currently competitive business arena. Graduates who have performed well in their degree courses will now have the opportunity to improve their practical skills, including their use of English. This course incorporates, management related subjects, language learning and a period of internship in a business firm thereby enabling participants to enhance their competitiveness in the labour market.

Objective

Managing a business requires the knowledge in planning and enhancing individual managerial understanding and effectiveness to develop and maintain sound working relationships with a diverse group of individuals in the management process. Thus, upon successful completion of the programme the participants will be equipped with:

- ✓ A critical understanding of the body of knowledge and research relating to business management.

- ✓ An ability to review and evaluate the appropriateness and potential value of concepts, models and techniques to the effective management of business organizations.
- ✓ A broad-base of knowledge and skills in business and management that will enable you to develop a successful career as a manager.
- ✓ An ability to engage in business management research.

Admission Requirements

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

Medium and Methods of Instruction

English will be the medium of instruction. Seminars and course material will be in English as well. Students will be required to sit the end-of-year examination and write the Independent Study. This programme intends to provide knowledge not only in a theoretical sense but also at a practical decision making level. Teaching methods will therefore place less emphasis on lectures and greater emphasis on case studies, role playing, business games and the internship exercise.

How to Apply

Applications can be downloaded from the faculty website (fgs.cmb.ac.lk). Duly completed application form, certified copies of National Identity Card, birth certificate, relevant educational and professional qualifications, and work experience (if any) along with a scanned copy of the payment slip (of application processing fee) should be submitted via Apply Online weblink. (All above documents should be submitted as one PDF document.) Application fee **LKR 3000 (Local students) or 40 USD (Foreign students) (non-refundable)** can be paid using the code **318042400002** as the reference number at any Peoples' Bank branch or using our online payment portal (pay.cmb.ac.lk),

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AND

Completed application form and the photocopies of above mentioned original certified documents along with the payment slip 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. Please mention the programme name on the left side of the envelope. Apply on or before **20th July 2026**.

Structure of the Programme

Semester I

MBS 6101 Management Theory and Practice
MBS 6102 Managerial Economics
MBS 6103 Quantitative Analysis for Business
MBS 6104 Accounting and Finance
MBS 6105 Research Methods

Semester II

MBS 6201 Marketing Management
MBS 6202 International Business Environment
MBS 6203 Strategic Management
MBS 6204 Human Resource Management
MBS 6205 Independent Study

Note: all examinations will be conducted on-site.