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COURSE FEE

	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 177, 500/=	2815 USD
Library Fee	LKR 1,500/=	20 USD
Examination Fee	LKR 16,000/=	200 USD
TOTAL FEE Excluding Refundable Library Deposit & Application Fee	**LKR 200,000/=**	**3100 USD**
OPTIONAL		
Refundable Library Deposit	LKR 5,000/=	



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DURATION	MEDIUM	DURING	COMMENCEMENT
One Year	English	Weekends	March 2027

UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO
FACULTY OF GRADUATE STUDIES



APPLY ON OR BEFORE 11 DEC

MASTER OF DEVELOPMENT STUDIES MDS 2027

SLQF LEVEL 9 (No. of Credits 30)

Hybrid Mode

One Year | English Medium



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.

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.

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.

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 **318021800003** as the reference number at **any Peoples' Bank branch** or using our online payment portal (**pay.cmb.ac.lk**),

APPLY ONLINE
https://sims.cmb.ac.lk/fgs/registration

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 Deputy 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 **11th December 2026.**

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