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Course Fee

LOCAL STUDENTS

APPLICATION FEE
LKR 3000

PROGRAMME FEE

Registration Fee LKR 5,000/=

Course Fee LKR 231,500/=

Library Fee LKR 1,500/=

Examination Fee LKR 12,000/=

TOTAL FEE

Excluding Refundable Library Deposit & Application Fee
LKR 250,000/=

Refundable Library Deposit LKR 5,000/=

OPTIONAL

FOREIGN STUDENTS

APPLICATION FEE
40 USD

65 USD

3098 USD

20 USD

150 USD

TOTAL FEE

3,333 USD

LKR 5,000/=

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Application
Deadline
**30th April
2026**

Master of
HUMAN RIGHTS
MHR 2026/27
SLQF Level 09



DURATION
One Year



MEDIUM
English



DURING
Weekends



MODE
Onsite



COMMENCEMENT
July 2026

Target Group

The Prospective Candidates for the Master of Human Rights Programme will be academics, lawyers, employees in the government sector, employees in the NGOs and INGOs, members of the armed forces, police, media personnel, managers, environmentalists, trade unionists, human rights activists researchers and all others who aspire for human rights upon the satisfactory fulfilment of the admission criteria mentioned above.



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 **318141300003** as the reference number at any Peoples' Bank branch or using our online payment portal (pay.cmb.ac.lk),



APPLY ONLINE

<https://forms.gle/qbtSYZdfAshsc3f37>

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 **30th April 2026**.

Course Module

SEMESTER I

- MHR 6101 : Research Methodology
- MHR 6102 : Human Rights Theory and Practice
- MHR 6103 : International and Domestic Human Rights
- MHR 6104 : Human Rights and Human Security

SEMESTER II

- MHR 6201 : Forced Migration, Internally Displaced Persons and Refugees
- MHR 6202 : Human Rights Protecting Mechanism/ Enforcement
- Independent Research Study

Introduction

Human rights have evolved into a distinct academic discipline with theoretical and practical importance, drawing inspiration from several fields of study. Learning human rights also has become central to many professional careers, including law, public administration, and development work. There is a considerable need to train people to study and to undertake research in human rights at postgraduate level. The course intends to get the students engage in serious research based on different dimensions of the broad human rights discourse and to enhance their knowledge, skills, and attitudes through offering different course modules. In this year, new changes are introduced, by adding new courses to keep abreast with emerging trends in the field of human rights, and initiating suitable methods of teaching and evaluating to achieve the objectives of the course. It is wished to identify diverse needs of participants coming from various backgrounds and to cater for those.

Objective

The Objective of this programme is to allow the prospectus candidates to engage in an in depth study and research in areas pertain to human rights.

Entry Qualifications

- ✔ A Bachelor's degree from a recognized University/ Institute in the field of Human Rights; **OR**
- ✔ Any other Bachelor's Degree, with prior learning/ work experience in Human Rights; **OR**
- ✔ Postgraduate Diploma (SLQF 8) from a recognized University/ Institute or an equivalent qualification acceptable to the Faculty Board and the Senate of the University with prior learning/ work experience in Human Rights; **OR**
- ✔ Professional qualification in Human Rights from a recognized professional body which is acceptable to the Faculty Board and the Senate of the University with prior learning/work experience in Human Rights; **OR**
- ✔ Completion of NVQ Level 07 (Equivalent to Bachelor's degree in SLQF) with relevant work experience in Human Rights as determined by the Faculty Board and the Senate of The University; **AND**
- ✔ A good knowledge of English Language and satisfactory performance at a selection test and/or a selection Interview.

Each application under clauses (iii) and (v) shall be considered on its merit.

