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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 152,500/=	2815 USD
Library Fee	LKR 1,500/=	20 USD
Examination Fee	LKR 16,000/=	200 USD
OPTIONAL		
Refundable Library Deposit	LKR 5,000/=	
TOTAL FEE Excluding Refundable Library Deposit & Application Fee	LKR 175,000/=	3,100 USD

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MASTER OF
Japanese Studies
2025/26 MJS
Online Mode

SLQF LEVEL 9 | No of Credits: 30

One Year | Lectures on Weekends

DEADLINE
EXTENDED
**09 JAN
2026**

Introduction

Area studies e.g. American Studies, Japanese Studies; Chinese Studies and so on are respectable interdisciplinary areas of undergraduate and postgraduate study in many universities in the world. No Sri Lankan University had a programme of this nature until the Faculty of Graduate Studies embarked on the MA in Japanese Studies way back in 1987.

Aside from the world wide interest on Japan as the second largest economy and its strength, its rich social, historical and cultural heritage is not paid much attention even in Asia. There is a tendency among policy makers in Japan today to encourage and support attempts of Asian people to study social cultural and historical aspects of the Japanese society, in addition to its economic aspect.

The increasing interest of Sri Lankan students to study the Japanese Language is well known. In addition there is an increasing interest to study in Japan, particularly at graduate level. The Master's Degree (MJS) course in Japanese Studies in the University might be of great benefit to these students, who could first obtain their MJS here and then seek scholarship support to continue toward doctoral studies.



Objectives

The main objectives of the programme are as follows:

- To impart to students an in-depth knowledge about the historical development and current conditions of Japanese society, culture and the economy;
- To develop language abilities for communication purposes and to develop an appreciation for basic Japanese literature in beginners;
- To impart an in-depth knowledge about Japanese business and management practices in order to enable students to facilitate business transactions in Japan;
- To improve research capabilities of the students who will proceed for higher studies like M.Phil./Ph.D. courses in Japanese Universities.

Admission Requirements

The minimum entry requirements for the PgDBM shall be as follows :

- A Bachelor's degree from a recognized University/Institution in Japanese Studies; **OR**
- Any other Bachelor's degree, with prior learning/work experience in Japanese Studies; **OR**
- Postgraduate Diploma (SLQF 8) from a recognized University/ Institution or an equal qualification acceptable to the Faculty Board of the FGS and the Senate of the University of Colombo with prior learning/ work experience in Japanese Studies; **OR**
- Professional qualification from a recognized professional body acceptable to the Faculty Board of the FGS and Senate of University of Colombo with prior learning/ work experience in Japanese Studies; **OR**
- Completion of NVQ level 7 (equivalent to Bachelors degree in SLQF) with relevant work experience in Japanese Studies as determined by the Faculty Board of the FGS and Senate of the University of Colombo;

AND

- A good knowledge of 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 **318030600007** as the reference number at any People's Bank branch or using our online payment portal (pay.cmb.ac.lk).



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 **09th January 2026**.

Structure of the Programme

Semester I

MJS 6101 – Japanese History
MJS 6102 – Agricultural and Industrial Development in Japan
MJS 6103 – Japanese Economy
MJS 6104 – Basic Japanese Language

Semester II

MJS 6201 – Japanese Culture and Society
MJS 6202 – Management Philosophy and Practices in Japan
MJS 6203 – Japanese Education
MJS 6204 – Research Methods
MJS 6205 – Independent Study

Note: Examinations will be conducted on-site.