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Duration
One Year

Commencement
February 2027

During
Weekends

Medium
English

Course Fee
Local Students: LKR 200,000/=
(Only the local student fee is payable in two (02) instalments)
Foreign Students: 3,100 USD

COURSE FEE

PROGRAMME FEE	LOCAL STUDENTS	FOREIGN STUDENTS
	APPLICATION FEE LKR 3000	APPLICATION FEE 40 USD
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*	TOTAL FEE LKR 200,000/=	TOTAL FEE 3100 USD
Refundable Library Deposit (OPTIONAL)	LKR 5,000/=	LKR 5,000/=

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FACULTY OF GRADUATE STUDIES
UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO

MASTER OF REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING (MRDP) 2027/28

SLQF Level 09 (No. of Credits 30)

Hybrid Mode

Application Deadline: 15th December 2026

INTRODUCTION

The Faculty of the University of Colombo is dedicated to promote high-quality Masters Education. We provide training, and research in multidisciplinary fields paying special attention to the current development and planning need of Sri Lanka.

OBJECTIVES

- To provide comprehensive knowledge of theory and technical skills in the field of Regional Development and Planning.
- To develop and strengthen their planning and management skills, using a number of analytical tools and evaluation techniques.
- To provide an understanding of the usefulness of statistical analyses for solving practical problems and get familiar with different types of statistical methods.
- To provide an opportunity to learn basic computer operations and obtain practical knowledge of the use of computer software packages such as MS Access, MS Excel, and SPSS (Statistical Package for Social Scientists).



WHO CAN APPLY

- A Bachelor's degree from a recognized University/ Institution in Regional Development Planning; **OR**
- Any other Bachelor's Degree, with prior learning/ work experience in Regional Development; **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 Regional Development; **OR**
- Professional qualifications in Regional Development Planning from a recognized professional body which is acceptable to the Faculty Board and Senate of the University with prior learning/ work experience in Regional Development; **OR**
- Completion of NVQ Level 7 (Equivalent to Bachelor's degree in SLQF) with relevant work experience in Regional Development as determined by the Faculty Board and Senate of the University; **AND**
- A good knowledge of English language and satisfactory performance at a selection test/ selection interview.

COURSE MODULES

Compulsory Course modules (6)

- MRDP 6101: Regional Development and Planning (4 Credits)
- MRDP 6102: The Economy of Sri Lanka and Development Planning (3 Credits)
- MRDP 6103: Project Planning and Implementation (3 Credits)
- MRDP 6205: Computer Applications in Data Analysis (3 Credits)
- MRDP 6206: Environmental Conservation and Management (3 Credits)
- MRDP 6207: Independent Research Study (5 Credits)

Optional Course Modules (3 out of 4)

- MRDP 6104: Natural Hazards and Disaster Management (3 Credits)
- MRDP 6208: Tourism and Development (3 Credits)
- MRDP 6209: Geographic Information System and Remote Sensing (3 Credits)
- MRDP 6210: Enterprise and Entrepreneurship (3 Credits)

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 **318091500009** as the reference number at any Peoples' Bank branch or using our online payment portal (**pay.cmb.ac.lk**),

Apply Now 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 **15th December 2026**.