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MODE
Onsite



DURING
Weekends



DURATION
Two Years



MEDIUM
English

COURSE FEE

- (Local students can pay the programme fee in two installments.)

	LOCAL STUDENTS			FOREIGN STUDENTS
	FIRST INSTALLMENT (ON REGISTRATION)	SECOND INSTALLMENT (BEFORE 1 st YEAR SEMESTER II EXAMINATION)	TOTAL PROGRAMME FEE FOR LOCAL STUDENTS (Local students can pay the programme fee in two installments.)	TOTAL PROGRAMME FEE FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS (Cannot be paid in Installments)
PROGRAMME FEE				
Registration Fee	LKR 5,000/=	-	LKR 5,000/=	65 USD
Course Fee	LKR 138, 500/=	LKR 160, 000/=	LKR 298, 500/=	3,980 USD
Library Fee	LKR 1,500/=	-	LKR 1,500/=	20 USD
Examination Fee	LKR 20,000/=	-	LKR 20,000/=	250 USD
TOTAL FEE Excluding Refundable Library Deposit & Application Fee	LKR 165, 000/= (1st Installment)	LKR 160,000/= (2nd Installment)	LKR 325,000/= (Total Fee for Local Students)	4,315 USD (Total Fee for Foreign Students)
APPLICATION FEE				
Application Fee	LKR 4,000/=			40 USD
OPTIONAL				
Refundable Library Deposit	LKR 5,000/=			



Faculty of Graduate Studies
University of Colombo

Application
Deadline
**30th JUNE
2025**

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING **MSc (U&RP) 2025/27**

60 Credits
SLQF Level 10

Introduction

Urbanization presents growing challenges in sustainability, housing, transportation, and equity. Effective urban planning is vital to addressing these issues and improving quality of life, particularly in Low and Middle Income Countries (LMICs). The field draws on diverse disciplines including geography, architecture, economics, and sociology and plays a crucial role in shaping sustainable, inclusive communities.

There is an increasing demand for skilled urban planners who can navigate these complexities, making urban and regional planning a critical area of higher education. To address the gap in such programs, especially in LMICs, the University of Colombo's Faculty of Graduate Studies (FGS) offers an ideal platform. With strong social science expertise, FGS can attract graduates not only from architecture and engineering, but also from economics, sociology, and geography, enriching the interdisciplinary nature of the program.

Exemption for MRDP Degree awardees

The candidates those who have completed the Master of Regional Development and Planning (MRDP) programme offered by the FGS will get exemptions for the following courses:

- ▶ MSURP 6101 - Regional Development and Planning
- ▶ MSURP 6102 - Economy of Sri Lanka and Development Planning
- ▶ MSURP 6201 - Environmental Issues and Disaster Management
- ▶ MSURP 6204 - Geographic Information System and Remote Sensing
- ▶ MSURP 6301 - Computer Applications in Data Analysis
- ▶ MSURP 6304 - Research Methodology

Target Groups

The Master of Science in Urban and Regional Planning (MSc in URP) programme will target several groups of learning partners including fresh graduates in any disciplinary area (e.g., Social Sciences, Arts, Technology, Information Systems, Management, Economics, Geography, Engineering, Architecture, and Pure, applied, or Bio Sciences), currently employed town planners, civil engineers, or architects, and any other public or private sector employees related to the area of Urban and Regional Planning.

Admission Requirements

- ✓ A Bachelor's degree (SLQF Level 6) from a recognized University/Institution in the relevant field of study; **or**
 - ✓ Any other Bachelor's degree (SLQF Level 6), with prior learning/work experience in the relevant field of study; **or**
 - ✓ A professional qualification (equivalent to a bachelor's degree in SLQF Level 6 or above) in the relevant field of study from a recognized professional body acceptable to the Faculty Board of the FGS and Senate of the University of Colombo with prior learning/ work experience in the field of study; **or**
 - ✓ Completion of NVQ level 7 with relevant work experience in the relevant field of study as determined by the Faculty Board of the FGS and Senate of the University of Colombo;
- And**
- ✓ A good knowledge of the English language and satisfactory performance at a selection test and /or selection interview.

Courses of MSc (U&RP) Programme

Semester I

MSURP 6101 - Regional Development and Planning
MSURP 6102 - Economy of Sri Lanka and Development Planning
MSURP 6103 - Human Settlements Planning in Sri Lanka
MSURP 6104 - Urban Planning Theory

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 4,000 (Local students) or 40 USD (Foreign students) (non-refundable)** can be paid using the code **318135100004** as the reference number at any Peoples' Bank branch or using our online payment portal (pay.cmb.ac.lk),

Apply Now

<https://forms.gle/JbbWjqAoruhJdXpo7>

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 **30th June 2025**.

Semester II

MSURP 6201 - Environmental Issues and Disaster Management
MSURP 6202 - Urban Planning Laws and Governance
MSURP 6203 - Migration and Development Issues
MSURP 6204 - Geographic Information System and Remote Sensing

Semester III

MSURP 6301 - Computer Applications in Data Analysis
MSURP 6302 - Settlement Planning Studio (group project)
MSURP 6303 - Urban Planning Studio (individual project)
MSURP 6304 - Research Methodology

Semester IV

MSURP 6401 - Seminar on Research
MSURP 6402 - Dissertation