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## COMMENCEMENT

JULY 2026



### DURATION

ONE YEAR



### DURING

WEEKENDS



### MEDIUM

ENGLISH



### MODE

ONLINE

Note: Examinations will be conducted on-site.

## Course Fee:

### LOCAL

STUDENTS

APPLICATION FEE  
**LKR 3000**

LKR 5,000/=

LKR 152,500/=

LKR 1,500/=

LKR 16,000/=

**TOTAL FEE**  
**LKR 175,000/=**

LKR 5,000/=

### FOREIGN

STUDENTS

APPLICATION FEE  
**40 USD**

65 USD

2715 USD

20 USD

200 USD

**TOTAL FEE**  
**3,000 USD**

LKR 5,000/=

#### PROGRAMME FEE

Registration Fee

Course Fee

Library Fee

Examination Fee

**TOTAL FEE**

Excluding Refundable  
Library Deposit &  
Application Fee

Refundable Library  
Deposit

OPTIONAL



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**UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO**  
FACULTY OF GRADUATE STUDIES



**Application Deadline**  
**30<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

**Postgraduate Diploma in**  
**HUMAN RIGHTS**

**PGDip (HRts) - 2026/27**  
**SLQF LEVEL 08**

**Online Mode**

One Year Programme - English Medium

During: Weekends

## INTRODUCTION

The Faculty of Graduate Studies, University of Colombo (FGS - COLOMBO), is pleased to announce the commencement of the Postgraduate Diploma in Human Rights in 2026/27.

## OBJECTIVE

The Focus of this Programme is on educating and training students in both theoretical and Practical aspects of human rights application, drawing knowledge from historical, philosophical, legal, international and domestic dimension of human rights. It will also inculcate analytical skills amongst students, enabling them to undertake research and/or to be involved in the promotion and protection of human rights.

## STRUCTURE

The Teaching will be mainly based on application and the case-study approach, in addition to more traditional methods.

## STRUCTURE

The Prospective Candidates for this course will be human rights activists, NGO personnel, lawyers, activists in social development, academics, diplomats, Journalists, personnel from the armed forces and the police, and enthusiasts in this field.

## COURSE MODULES

### Semester I

PgDHR 5101 – Introduction to Human Rights

PgDHR 5102 – Introduction to International Law and Human Rights Law

PgDHR 5103 – Human Rights Debates and Discourse

PgDHR 5104 – Research Methodology

**Note: Examinations will be conducted on-site.**

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- ✓ A Bachelor's degree from a recognized University/ Institute in the relevant field; **OR**
  - ✓ Any other Bachelor's degree, with prior learning/ work experience in the relevant field; **OR**
  - ✓ A relevant Professional qualification from a recognized professional body acceptable to the Faculty Board and the Senate of the University of Colombo with prior learning/ work experience in the relevant field; **OR**
  - ✓ Completion of NVQ Level 07 (equivalent to Bachelor's degree in SLQF) with relevant work experience in the relevant field as determined by the Faculty Board and the Senate; **OR**
  - ✓ A Diploma or a Higher Diploma from a recognized institute or university or an equivalent qualification to SLQF Three/Four (03/04) with work experience of Two/Three (02/03) years, as the case may be, relevant to the Postgraduate Diploma Programme as may be 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 and/ or an interview.
- Each application under clause (iv) and (v) shall be considered on its merit.

### Semester II

PgDHR 5201 – Domestic Mechanisms on Protection and Promotion of Human Rights

PgDHR 5202 – International/Regional mechanisms on Protection and Promotion of Human Rights

PgDHR 5203 – International Humanitarian Law (IHL)

PgDHR 5204 – Contemporary Issues on Human Rights

## HOW TO APPLY

Applications can be downloaded from the faculty website ([fgs.cmb.ac.lk](http://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 **318521500001** as the reference number at any Peoples' Bank branch or using our online payment portal ([pay.cmb.ac.lk](http://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 **30<sup>th</sup> April 2026**.

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