

Course Content	
Level 9 (30 Credits)	
Core Courses	Credits
Environmental Law	5
Environmental Economics and Management	5
Environmental Pollution	5
Environment, Society and Development	5
Understanding the Environment	5
Environmental Policy Planning and Assessment	5

Level 10 (30 Credits)	
Core Course	Credits
Research Project	15

Elective Courses	Credits
Biodiversity Conservation and Management	6
Protected Area Planning and Management	3
Climate Change	6
Environmental Communication and Education	3
Aquatic Resources and their Management	6
Philosophy of Science	3
Waste Management and Resource Recovery	3
Cleaner Production	3
Ecotoxicology and Pollution Management	6
Environmental Geology and Health	3

Venue
Day Schools are held only at the Colombo Regional Center (CRC). Tests will be conducted at Colombo, Anuradhapura, Jaffna, Matara, Kandy & Batticaloa regional centres.
Medium
English medium
Duration
Two (02) years
Course Fee
Total course fee Rs.207,000.00 ❖ If students do not request printed course materials, a discount of Rs. 340.00 per credit will be given. Fees can be paid in four (4) installments
Application Procedure
Applications can be submitted from 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2021 to 30 <sup>th</sup> November 2021 by visiting our Web page <a href="https://payment.ou.ac.lk">https://payment.ou.ac.lk</a> for more information: Tel: +94 11 2881423 WebSite: <a href="http://www.ou.ac.lk/visit/cessd">www.ou.ac.lk/visit/cessd</a>
Administration of the Programme
Academic Committee for the Environmental Studies and Sustainable development (CESSD) will administer the Programme.

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## MSc in Environmental Science 2021/2022



### Centre for Environmental Studies and Sustainable Development (CESSD)

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## Introduction

The natural environment is the cradle of human civilization. It is sustained and developed through exploitation of the world's natural resources such as soil, water, forests & wildlife.

Human societies are seriously thinking of the fact that links between our living conditions and the natural environment are complex and held in a delicate balance. Misuse of natural resources by humans for their own comfort has led to the destruction, degradation and pollution of the environment which in turn has led to impoverishment of living conditions for all creatures on this planet. This trend can be reversed if people awaken to the realization that their activities have been detrimental to the environment and recognize the need to protect and restore the living systems around them. The sustainable utilization of the environment and its resources is therefore not the responsibility of a single person or an agency alone.

To understand the complexity of these issues, one needs an understanding of the multiple facets of the problem. Answers do not lie in one single field alone but need to be sought through the consideration of many factors- historic, social, scientific, legal, eco- nomic and cultural.

To address this issue, the Open University of Sri Lanka has launched an innovate programme incorporating expertise from a variety of fields. This master's degree in Environmental Science was designed by an inter-faculty team working together and draws upon the strength of a number of faculties at the university, offered through the distance learning mode. This approach aims to cater to the needs of the country by broad-basing environmental education in Sri Lanka.

## Aim

Our aim is to provide the knowledge and the training to identify and deal with environmental issues and concerns.

## The target group

Our target population includes personnel from state agencies, non-governmental organizations, public and private sector, those involved with the environment as educators or communicators and members of the public interested in environmental issues.

## Admission Requirement

Those who wish to enroll in the programme are required to have a basic degree from a recognized university or possess an equivalent or higher professional qualification acceptable to the Senate of the Open University of Sri Lanka

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The MSc programme will be offered in distance mode and is a 60-credit programme. In the OUSL system a 'credit' denotes the 'academic value' of a course. Five credits equal to 250 hours of study. Similar to all other OUSL programmes, the MSc is designed for students to work at their own pace and time.

As in the practice at OUSL, students will be provided with learning materials and support through day schools, online resources, laboratory classes, seminars and field visits

## Programme Evaluation

The system of evaluation includes continuous assessment (CA) and a final evaluation for each course. However, the Overall Continuous Assessment Mark (OCAM) will decide the final evaluation of a course. Furthermore, a percentage of the OCAM will be added to the final overall mark of the course.

