



**OUSL**

**FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**

**THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA**



**PROSPECTUS**

# **MA IN DEVELOPMENT STUDIES AND PUBLIC POLICY**

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**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES**

# Master of Arts in Development Studies and Public Policy

## ***Entry Requirements***

Candidates should meet one of the following criteria:

- A degree from a recognized university with at least one year of work experience preferably in planning, administration, or implementation of development projects, or
- An equivalent or higher qualification acceptable to the Senate of the Open University of Sri Lanka with at least one year of relevant work experience, and
- Selection through an interview conducted by the Department of Social Studies, as needed.

*This is a programme of minimum two years duration. This programme offers you knowledge and research skills from a multi-disciplinary approach to development.*

*Drawing on the academic and professional experience and expertise of our faculty, the MA in Development Studies and Public Policy offers you a unique post-graduate study programme with a policy focus.*

## ***Programme Structure***

Regular Courses: 45 credits. The courses are from the core social science disciplines of economics, politics, sociology and mass communication.

Research Work: 15 credits

Continuing Education Courses: 3 credits

The two academic years are divided into four semesters

### **Course Fee Structure**

#### **Registration Fee:**

- Local students: Rs. 1500.00
- Foreign students: USD 100

#### **Facility Fee: Rs. 2500.00**

#### **Library Facility Fee: Rs. 200.00**

#### **Tuition Fee Per Credit:**

- Local students: Rs. 2310.00
- From developed countries: USD 60
- From developing countries: USD 30

#### **Refundable Deposit for Foreign Students: USD 500**

#### **Payment Installments:**

Tuition fees can be paid in two installments:

- 1<sup>st</sup> installment: 60%
- 2<sup>nd</sup> installment: 40%



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## *Detailed Curriculum: MA in Development Studies and Public Policy*

### **Level 9 (MA 1<sup>st</sup> year)**

Course code	Course title	Credits	Semester
DSP9401	Concepts of Development	4	1
DSP9402	Economics of Development	4	1
DSP9403	Sociology of Development	4	1
DSP9304	Multi-disciplinary Approach to Development Analysis	3	1
DSE 9301	Critical Reading and Academic Writing	3	1
DSP9405	Post-independence Development History of Sri Lanka	4	2
DSP9406	Politics of Development	4	2
DSP9407	Development Communication for Behavior and Social Change	4	2
DSP9308	Project Planning, Implementation and Evaluation	3	2
Total		33	

### **Level 10 (MA 2<sup>nd</sup> year)**

Course code	Course title	Credits	Semester
DSPA202	Development Strategies and Policies	2	1
DSPA302	Contemporary Economic Thought and Public Policy	3	1
DSPA303	Contemporary Social Thought and Public Policy	3	1
DSPA304	Contemporary Political Thought and Public Policy	3	1
DSPA405	Research Methodology in Social Sciences	4	1
DSPAF06	Dissertation	15	2
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