



The Open University of Sri Lanka
Department of Botany
FNU3200/PCU 1102 – ETHICS IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
STUDENT INFORMATION SHEET

Welcome you to the course on Ethics in Science and Technology in the B.Sc. Degree Programme. This course is a 02 credit Open Elective course offered at Level 3 of the Degree programme by the Department of Botany during the second semester of the academic year. **Please note that this course will be conducted in all three(03) media.**

Academic activities of this course comprise of only with theoretical components. There are 4 Day schools, an OBT (Open Book Tests) and NBT (No book Tests) included into the course unit. We do hope that these activities will facilitate you to be actively engaged in the learning process throughout this course.

Day schools will be conduct as Online Zoom sessions due to Pandemic situation in the country. These sessions are important in knowledge and skills development and problem solving. As such, we would like to stress that your active participation in these active learning sessions with good prior preparation is very important in achieving the maximum learning outcomes and higher achievements of the course.

Most of academic information deliver to students through the LMS or student's OUSL E-mails. So, We request you to frequent referring of LMS of FNU3200 and your official E-mail account is very essential.

1. Printed material

The printed course material includes three course books.

Unit 1 – Introduction to the Ethics in Science and Technology.

Unit 11 – Practice of Ethics in Science and Technology

Unit 111 – Ethics in Intellectual Property Rights.

Please note that a draft copy of PDF of course materials in each three media uploaded to LMS for your convenience. Please download relevant materials and refer prior to Day Schools.

Do not forget to collect the above course material on the day you register for the course. They are available at the Book Distribution Centers in the Regional Centers in Colombo, Matara, Kandy, Batticaloa, Anuradhapura and Jaffna. If you do not receive any of these, please inform either to the course coordinators or the Head of the Botany Department at your earliest. Check the activity schedule of the Botany Department for the deadline for collection of course material.

2. Day schools

Four day-schools including a Revision day school have been scheduled to discuss course material. Any question on course material or any section that you find difficult to understand should be sent to the senior/junior coordinators at least 10 days before each day school.

3. Evaluation

Your progress will be assessed by means of 02 continuous assessment tests (OBT, NBT) and a two hour final examination.

4. Eligibility criteria

In order to be eligible for the final examination, you must satisfy the following criteria. The CAM is calculated from the 70% of the higher score(OBT,NBT)and the 30% of the lower score(OBT/NBT). You must obtain a minimum CAM of 35% to become eligible to sit the final examination. A list of eligible students will be displayed in LMS.

5. Final Examination (for eligible students)

Final examination consists is 2 hour duration with 06 questions of an essay/ structured essay type questions. You are expected to answer for four questions out of the six.

The overall mark(OM) is computed as follows.

OM=0.4CAM+0.6FEM(OM=Overall Mark; FEM=Final Examination Marks; CAM=Continuous Assessment Mark)

Please do not hesitate to contact us in case of any difficulty or in need of any further information.

Note: Please refer the Department time table/Faculty time table for scheduled academic activities.

With best wishes

Yours sincerely,


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