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1. The Open University of Sri Lanka

The Open University of Sri Lanka (OUSL) was established in 1980 under the University Act No. 16 of 1978 and the OUSL Ordinance No 01 of 1990. Therefore, it has the same legal and academic status as any other national university in Sri Lanka. The OUSL is the only national university in Sri Lanka, where one can pursue higher education solely by distance education techniques in keeping with the philosophy of OPEN & DISTANCE LEARNING (ODL). The OUSL is an attractive choice of study, especially for those employed. The current student population is around 35,000. The OUSL offers courses/programmes from the Foundation and Certificate level through Bachelor's to Masters and PhD degrees. The structure of study programmes provides opportunities for those who complete one programme to progress up the ladder and further improve their educational qualifications. Education at OUSL is thus a life-long experience. The OUSL functions through a network of centres spread throughout the island. The Central Campus and the Colombo Regional Centre of the Open University are located in Nawala-Colombo and are easily accessible by road and railway. The academic departments of the University are grouped into six Faculties: Education, Engineering Technology, Health Sciences, Humanities & Social Sciences, Natural Sciences and Management Studies.

2. The Faculty of Management Studies

The Faculty of Management Studies, as the 6th Faculty of the OUSL, formally commenced its operations on 08th May 2019. It consists of the four Academic Departments: Accounting & Finance, Human Resources Management, and Marketing Management & Organizational Studies.

3. Academic Departments

➤ Department of Marketing Management

The Department of Marketing Management aims to create responsible citizens who strive to achieve and sustain the satisfaction of customers and the organization, whereby understanding the needs of customers, creating innovative offerings, and delivering the needs to sustain value for organization. The Department of Marketing Management is the responsible department which coordinates the MSc in Public Procurement and Supply Chain Management Programme with the support from the other academic departments. They are:

➤ Department of Accounting & Finance

The Department of Accounting & Finance at the OUSL strives to be the prime academic unit in disseminate knowledge and explore insights to bridge the knowledge gaps in the field of accounting and finance. This is with the purpose to equip our learners with the required knowledge base and skill set to excel in their chosen careers.

➤ Department of Human Resources Management

The Department of Human Resources Management strives to be the center for higher education relating to management of human resources. The department aim to create ethical and empathetic human resource professionals and great business partners, who are sensitive and proactive in handling the issues relating to human resource management and development. Thus, the department facilitates the knowledge propagation and creation, relating to the field of human resource management, to provide awareness on the theories, strategies and practices to create best workplace.

➤ **Department of Organizational Studies**

The Department of organizational studies undertake efforts to create awareness in relation to management discipline and inculcate appropriate skills and attitudes to create excellent productive business leaders. In today's business world, high performing business leaders or management professionals are in demand. Thus, the department is contributing to cater the felt need of productive and proactive business management leaders. In this endeavor, the department strongly emphasis on theory driven empirical research and teaching rooted in the social, cultural, legal, environmental, and economic and behavioral sciences.

4. The Open and Distance Learning System

The study system of the OUSL is based on Open and distance learning approach which offers open and flexible access to learning opportunities to anyone, anywhere at any time. It is different to the traditional study system employed by the national universities in Sri Lanka, which is most of you are familiar with. Regular attendance at the University is not required and is therefore well suited for those of you who are employed or engaged with other commitments. Student learning is facilitated through carefully prepared course materials suitable for self-learning. The course material is digitally available and they are supplemented with audio visual and other online learning materials. Student progress in courses is evaluated at different time intervals using a variety of assessment methods such as continuous assessments, assignment tests and final examinations. Students should be registered online for final examinations.

5. MSc in Public Procurement and Supply Chain Management Programme

Today managing procurement, logistics and supply chains sustainably are globally recognized trends and becoming most demanded professional fields around the world. Those areas have become utmost important strategic requirements of implementing sustainable, transparent and accountable practices with good governance to minimize the unethical fraudulent practices in an any origination, which needs to sustain in this digitized world.

In order to cater such demand MSc in Public Procurement and Supply Chain Management is designed by the Faculty of Management Studies, The Open University of Sri Lanka with sector-leading experts and well-established industry connections to enrich you with cutting-edge knowledge on Public Procurement, Logistics and Supply Chain Management. The public sector is the largest purchaser,

and stakeholder of many business firms.

MSc in Public Procurement and Supply Chain Management is specifically caters to

- To Public sector officers
- To Private sector professionals
- Professionals working abroad
- Professionals seek future career prospects in procurement, logistics and supply chains

➤ **Admission Requirements**

A person seeking admission to the programme of study leading to the award of the Degree of Master of Science in Public Procurement and Supply Chain Management shall be required to have,

- A Bachelor's degree with at least ninety (90) credits from a recognized university, with executive/ managerial experience of a minimum of one (01) year, OR
- A professional qualification equivalent to SLQF Level 5 or above with executive/ managerial experience of a minimum of two (02) years, OR
- An equivalent or higher academic or professional qualification acceptable to the Senate with executive/ managerial experience of a minimum of two (02) years.

➤ **Application Fee**

Initially, Candidate should register for the course by paying **Rs.1500/= as an application fee.**

➤ **Course Fee**

Candidates must settle the course fee in two (02) installments.

First Installment	Rs. 257,100/=
Second Installment	Rs. 195,950/=

➤ **Application Procedure**

APPLICATIONS for Programme must be submitted online. First you need to create an

online login account. Then only you can proceed to submit your application online.

1. In the internet browser type: <https://reginfo.ou.ac.lk/applyonline/>
2. Register once by creating a new account. To do this, click on create new account as per the instructions given in the page.

Note: You need to provide information considered as MANDATORY including an email address and a mobile number, both of which may be your own or of a family member/friend. The university may use them to communicate with you, to acknowledge receipt of your applications and to provide you additional information as and when necessary.

3. Once your account has been created you can proceed to submit your application online. For this you need to go to “Online Application” and proceed by entering your username and password and then fill the online application form. Once you have filled all sections, submit the form (Please remember your username and password, since it is required for you to login to your account later).

*Select the payment method and proceed further by following the instructions given. **Application fee is Rs. 1500/=.** You can pay this amount by credit/debit card or eZ cash. Applicants who do not have a Credit/Debit card or eZ cash facility can make the respective payment by cash to any Regional or Study Centre of the OUSL.*

4. Download the “Admission Form for the Selection Test” which will be generated for you after successful completion of the application process. Make a printout of the “Admission Form” as it is essential to produce it at the selection test.

Those who need assistance with the online application process can call over at any one of the Regional or Study Centers with the following information: Full name of applicant with address, National identity card number, E-mail address, Mobile phone number, educational qualifications.

➤ **Programme Structure**

The Degree of Master of Science in Public Procurement and Supply Chain Management is structured to include the following components:

- Core Courses
- Continuing Education Courses
- Dissertation

➤ **Programme Duration**

The duration to complete The Degree of Master of Science in Public Procurement and Supply Chain Management will be Two (2) years.

MSc in Public Procurement and Supply Chain Management Programme - Structure and Course List

STRUCTURE AND COURSE LIST OF THE PROGRAMME				
Course code	Course Title	Credits	Total Credits	Pre-requisites
Continuing Education Courses				
AFE3201	Micro and Macro Economics	2	2×3= 6	Fulfilment of one of the admission criteria
AFE3202	Fundamentals of Accounting	2		
OSE3203	Principles of Management	2		
SLQL 9 Year 1	Core Courses			
OSP9361	Principles and Practices of Public Procurement	3	3x10 = 30	Fulfilment of one of the admission criteria
OSP9362	Procurement Planning	3		
OSP9363	Procurement Decision Making	3		
MMP9364	Logistics and Transportation	3		
MMP9365	Sourcing in Supply Chain Management	3		
OSP9366	Contract Management	3		
AFP9367	Managing Inventories	3		
MMP9368	Networks and Coordination	3		
MMP9369	Supply Chain Operations and Sustainability	3		
HRP9370	Managing the Selection and Employment of consultants	3		
SLQL 10	Core Courses	Credits	Total	Pre-requisites

Year 2			Credits	
AFPA361	Project Management	3	3x3+2x1 =11	OCAM \geq 40 or pass grades for at least one SLQF Level 09 Course
AFPA362	Public Accounting and Finance	3		
MMPA395	Research Methods	3		
MMPA262	Project - Industrial Training Report	2		
<i>Elective Courses (*two courses should be selected)</i>				
MMPA263	Public Private Partnerships	2	2 x 2 = 4	OCAM \geq 40 or pass grades for at least one SLQF Level 09 Course
HRPA264	Human Resource Management	2		
HRPA265	Globalization and Change Management	2		
OSPA266	Construction Procurement	2		
OSPA267	Sustainable Public Procurement	2		
OSPA268	Strategic Management	2		
Dissertation				
MMPAF96	Dissertation	15	15	OCAM \geq 40 or pass grades for at least one SLQF Level 09 Course and MMPA395

➤ **Registration**

After conducting the selection test and or interviews, the selected candidates will be informed about the registration, procedure and the payments by post and emails.

➤ **Inauguration Ceremony**

The inauguration ceremony will be tentatively scheduled to conduct on 13th July 2023 as an evening function and venue will be informed with the registration.

➤ **Delivery, Assessments, and Examinations**

Delivery of courses will be online with few physical interactive sessions based on the course content which will be informed with the day school (lecture) schedule. A course will be completed by 8 weeks and all continuous assessments of a given course should be completed during the 8 weeks.

The tentative date of commencing the programme is 05th August 2023.

○ **Continuing Education Courses**

These courses need to be completed for the award of both degree and post graduate diploma, however, do not considered for GPA calculation.

The assessment of these courses will be conducted by evaluating mini projects.

○ **Evaluation of Credit Courses**

- Candidates will be evaluated both by continuous assessments and final comprehensive written examinations.
- The continuous assessments may include individual assignments, group assignments, case analysis, critical incident analysis, term papers, mid-term examinations, quizzes, practical, oral presentations etc. The continuous assessments are limited to a maximum of 40% of the total marks and the final paper is evaluated from 60% of the total marks.
- After the completion of lectures, there will be a three-hour final written examination for each course.
- The pass mark for each credit course is 50% of the total marks.
- A candidate who repeats a course will be evaluated only on the final exam and will be given a maximum of 50 marks for the repeat course.

○ **Evaluation of the Dissertation**

- The evaluation of the dissertation will be made by two independent examiners.
- A viva-voce examination will be conducted for dissertation, provided that the mark of the dissertation is not less than 50%. A total of 100 marks are allocated to the viva-voce examination.
- The final mark will be the average of the marks awarded by the two examiners and the viva-voce examination.

- A minimum of two (02) examiners shall be appointed by the Senate, on the recommendation of the Faculty Board of the Faculty of Management Studies for the assessment of the dissertation and the oral examination. One examiner shall be from within the University and the other from outside The Open University of Sri Lanka.
- The grading system of the dissertation the viva-voce examination is similar to a credit course.

○ **Exemptions**

- Exemptions can be requested at the registration will be decided by considering the credit weight and course content.
- The exemptions may be granted with the approval of the Faculty Board and the Senate.
- Any prior qualification shall be considered for exemption only up to a period of 5 years from the date of obtaining the qualification and exemptions are entitled only up to 50% of the total credit weights of credit courses.

6. Post Graduate Diploma in Public Procurement and Supply Chain Management

Postgraduate Diploma in Public Procurement and Supply Chain Management is leading to an exit qualification of Master of Science in Public Procurement and Supply Chain Management those who have difficulties in completing our two year programme, however, there is an opportunity to person who wish to obtain This shall be awarded if he/she has successfully completed a minimum of 33-course credits (27 credits from core courses at level 09 and 06 credits from continuing education courses).

A candidate shall acquire the 33-course credit requirements (27 credits from core courses and 06 credits from continuing education courses) within a minimum period of one (01) academic year and a maximum period of six (06) consecutive academic years from the date of his/her first registration considered for the award of the Postgraduate Diploma in Public Procurement and Supply Chain Management.

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Note: Information provided in section 5 (MSc in Public Procurement and Supply Chain Management Programme, entry requirements, application procedure, payment fee) are applied to the applicants of the qualification on Post Graduate Diploma in Public Procurement and Supply Chain Management.

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