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**STUDENT HANDBOOK**

**Bachelor of Laws (Hons.) Degree Programme**

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## **Vision**

*The Faculty will promote the full development of individual personalities inculcating in them a commitment to justice and a sense of responsibility to the wider community*

## **Mission**

*The Faculty of Law is committed to legal education and research which maintains standards of excellence and responds to social challenges and needs. It is committed to achieving this mission within a university community based on academic freedom, including respect for dissent and diversity and a culture of learning*



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# Foreword

As you enter the Faculty of Law of the University of Colombo, there may be many questions that you would like answered. In this handbook, we seek to provide you with information on the nature of the LL.B. programme, course-modules offered, and methods of teaching and examinations. In addition, this handbook provides information on co-curricular and extra-curricular activities of the Faculty as well as links to useful resources.

This handbook must be read in conjunction with the handbook prepared by the University of Colombo titled "Information for Undergraduates" as well as the Bylaws of the Faculty that lay down, among other things, the criteria applicable to examinations. In the event that you have other questions or problems, you are strongly advised and encouraged to consult your lecturers, student counsellors, Heads of Departments or the Dean.

The bachelor's degree programme is offered without levying any fees from you. It is your duty to make use of the facilities and resources responsibly and efficiently. We are happy that you have chosen to follow the LL.B (Hons.) Degree programme at our institution when you decided to pursue higher education.

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(Editors of the Student Handbook for 2024/2025)



## Message from the Dean



I am truly delighted to contribute a short message to the student handbook published by the Faculty of Law, the premier seat of legal education in the country. It gives me immense pleasure to inform you that this will be the 3rd intake following the revised LL.B (Hons.) Degree Programme which is designed to meet both the local and international standards of legal education. The revised programme will be offered in four academic years containing eight semesters. The revised curriculum includes a variety of new course modules tailor-made to equip students to meet the challenges of the present day. Under the revised programme, learning will transcend beyond the traditional classroom system to legal research, clinical legal education and practical components.

The Faculty of Law of the University of Colombo is the only Faculty of Law coming under the purview of the University Grants Commission of the country. It has produced and continues to produce legal luminaries in the field of law ranging from Diplomats, Statesmen, Practitioners, judges and academics of the highest calibre. Our hope is that you too will follow in their footsteps and serve society, standing on the shoulders of those who have gone before you. Let me assure you that you will be provided with the best form of legal education backed by an able academic staff consisting of Chair Professors, Professors, Senior Academics and others.

I urge you to go through and familiarize yourself with the contents of this handbook which will help you to uphold the rules and values of the Faculty of Law and the University of Colombo. I wish you all the very best and hope you will have a productive and a memorable stay at the Faculty of Law.

Professor (Dr.) Sampath Punchihewa  
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## Part I: Institutions and Mandates

### 1.1 University of Colombo

The history of the University of Colombo dates back to the establishment of the Ceylon University College in 1921. Today, it is a university established under the Universities Act of 1978. The University of Colombo is a sprawling complex located in the heart of the capital city of Colombo. In keeping with its motto "*Buddhi Sarvathra Bhrajate*", Sanskrit for "Wisdom Enlightens", the University of Colombo strives to maintain academic excellence in all areas of study. The University, one of the leading South Asian Universities, has 10 Faculties with 77 Academic Departments, a Campus, a School, 6 Institutes and 13 Centres and Units. Many undergraduate and postgraduate study programmes are available in the fields of Arts, Science, Medicine, Management, Finance, Law, Education, IT, Aesthetic Studies, Molecular Biology etc. The University also offers several other services, such as library services, career guidance, and services for students with disabilities. Today, the University of Colombo continues in its endeavour to meet the challenge of maintaining its position as the "Capital University, modern and international in outlook and character". The location of the University affords the student population all the advantages of a "metropolitan university", with easy access to international information/resource centres, libraries, theatres, sports complexes and other amenities.

#### 1.1.1. Motto

***"Buddhi Sarvathra Bhrajate"***,  
Sanskrit for ***"Wisdom Enlightens"***

### **1.1.2. Vision**

To be a centre of global excellence in education, research and stakeholder engagement to enrich human potential for the betterment of society.

### **1.1.3. Mission**

To discover and disseminate knowledge; enhance innovation and promote a culture of broad inquiry throughout and beyond the university through engagement and collaboration with industry and community.

### **1.1.4. Office-bearers of the University**

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### **1.1.5. University Policies**

The University adopts policies from time to time to govern its academic, extra-curricular and administrative activities. Applicable policies include the Policy on the Use of Electronic Mail (E-mail), Policy against Sexual Harassment and Social Media Guidelines. Applicable policies can be accessed via the website of the University. <https://cmb.ac.lk/>

## **1.2 Faculty of Law**

The Faculty of Law of the University of Colombo is the pioneering institution for the academic study of the legal discipline in Sri Lanka. Situated in the heart of Colombo, based within the Island's oldest University, the Faculty of Law offers a four-year programme of study, leading to the award of the Bachelor of Laws (Hons.) Degree. In addition, the Faculty of Law also offers courses leading to the Degrees of Master of Laws, Master of Philosophy and Doctor of Philosophy.

The Faculty consists of Chair Professors, Professors of Law, Senior Lecturers, Lecturers, Probationary Lecturers, Temporary Lecturers and Tutors. Apart from their teaching functions, academics engage in research and regularly contribute to national, regional and international academic and professional activities in the legal sphere. They also contribute to various welfare activities and functions at the University and serve the institution as Student Counsellors, Senior Treasurers of student societies and Academic Wardens and Sub-Wardens of undergraduate men's and women's hostels.

### **1.2.1. History**

In 1947, a Department of Law was established at the University of Peradeniya in the Faculty of Arts, and in 1950 the first Law Degrees were awarded. This Department was later shifted to the Colombo Campus of the University of Ceylon. A separate Faculty of Law was established in 1968. The Faculty of Law functioned as a single department faculty until 2009, when three separate departments were established. The degree offered is generic, with all three departments contributing to the training and education of undergraduates in order to provide a holistic legal education.

## **1.2.2. Research and Publications**

### **Sri Lanka Journal of International Law (SLJIL)**

The Sri Lanka Journal of International Law is a refereed journal focusing on international and comparative law, published annually by the Department of Public and International Law, Faculty of Law of the University of Colombo, Sri Lanka. Publication in this Journal is valid for purposes of academic accreditation. Information on submissions and abstracts of current and prior volumes and issues of the journal are available at <https://jil.law.cmb.ac.lk/>. Printed copies of the journal can be purchased from the Department of Public and International Law and e-copies of articles are available online through HeinOnline. The Journal is listed in the periodical indexes of *Ulrich* and *Lex Opus*.

### **Colombo Law Review (CLR)**

The Colombo Law Review is published by the Faculty of Law. The first issue was published in 1969. The Editorial Board accepts submissions by legal experts, young researchers, post-graduate and undergraduate students on any contemporary legal issue. Each article is peer-reviewed by an expert in the field prior to being accepted for publication.

### **Colombo Law Journal (CLJ)**

The Colombo Law Journal is the flagship student journal published by the Faculty of Law and is managed by the Moot Court and Debating Society of the Faculty. This Journal offers an opportunity for undergraduates to publish their work alongside legal practitioners and academics. The Colombo Law Journal comprises essays written on new developments of international and national law.

### **South Asian Environmental Law Report (SAELR)**

The South Asian Environmental Law Reports (SAELR) is a joint publication by the Centre for Environmental Law and Policy (CELP) of the University of Colombo and the Centre for Environmental Justice, Sri Lanka (CEJ). Each issue of SAELR presents four landmark judgements from Sri Lanka and four significant judgements from other nations in South Asia. Each case includes a review by a legal expert.

### **South Asian Journal for Environmental Law and Policy (SA-JELP)**

The South Asian Journal of Environmental Law and Policy (SA-JELP) is the first journal focusing on environmental law and policy within the South Asian region. It is the brainchild of a collaboration between the Centre for Environmental Law and Policy (CELP) of the Faculty of Law, University of Colombo and the Centre for Environmental Justice (CEJ). The primary objective of the SA-JELP is to act as a platform for academic collaboration and the dissemination of knowledge within the region.

The Faculty accords high priority to research, both among students and teachers. To encourage research among academic staff and students, the Faculty organizes its Annual Academic Symposium parallel to the Annual Research Symposium of the University of Colombo.

### **Thulawa Law Journal**

The Thulawa Association, established initially as the Thulawa Editorial Board, officially transformed into an association in 2023. Since 2016 it published a student magazine titled the Thulawa Magazine as the designated undergraduate academic publication for the Faculty of Law. This was formalised as the Thulawa Law Journal and formally instituted in 2024. This journal is dedicated to promoting meaningful academic discourse among undergraduates.

### **Thulawa Undergraduate Research Conference**

The Thulawa Undergraduate Research Conference, organised by the Faculty of Law, University of Colombo, is the first-ever undergraduate legal research symposium in Sri Lanka. The conference is designed to promote inclusivity and foster a culture of legal scholarship among undergraduates, encouraging them to explore contemporary legal issues through innovative research and critical analysis.

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## **1.3 Academic Departments**

In December 2009, the Department of Law was re-structured as three separate Departments. They are: the Department of Commercial Law, the Department of Private and Comparative Law and the Department of Public and International Law.

### **1.3.1. Department of Commercial Law**

The Department of Commercial Law offers thirteen course-modules at the undergraduate level and ten course-modules at the postgraduate level covering a comprehensive range of laws relating to the commercial field. In today's world, there is a growing demand for specialized legal expertise in each of these fields such as Banking, Corporate Governance, Arbitration, Insurance, and Competition Policy. The Department consists of a highly qualified teaching faculty, whose expertise aligns closely with the evolving demands of both academia and the industry.

#### **a. Message from the Head of the Department**

Dear Students,

On behalf of the Department of Commercial Law, I am happy to pen these words in the Student Handbook 2024 of the Faculty of Law.

Welcome to the Faculty of Law! The Department of Commercial Law wishes you a happy, fruitful and successful learning experience while reading for the LL.B (Hons.) Degree.

Subjects offered by the Department comprise some of the most exciting and cutting edge topics in the legal world today and our staff are earnestly researching into these topics to be able to bring you the latest knowledge, skills and values in relation to them.

Our aim is to assist you to sharpen your insight into the various branches of commercial law and expand your skills as a professional who will fit well into the corporate world. This will enable you not only to find a broad spectrum of opportunities and exciting career prospects in the commercially oriented industry but also to successfully overcome any injustice or malpractice effectively.

In addition to your studies there are many additional activities that will aid your holistic development and I hope you will make time to engage in these, develop your talents and hone your skills.

In conclusion, I wish to remind you that as a recipient of free education, you must bear a sense of responsibility to your Alma Mater and your country. I anticipate the day you will be in a position of strength and confidence to give back to all those who supported you in this journey. I wish you all success!

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#### **d. Extension Courses**

- 1) Diploma in Commercial Law (6 months)
- 2) Certificate in Business Law (3 months)
- 3) Certificate in Intellectual Property Law (3 months)
- 4) Certificate Course in Patent Law (3 months)

#### **1.3.2. Department of Private and Comparative Law**

The Department of Private and Comparative Law seeks to be distinctive with a strong international and regional comparative focus in Private Law and aspires to provide an environment that advances scholarly discussion and debate. The Department encourages its staff to aspire to high standards of teaching and research. It supports programmes, initiatives and innovations that will serve to further enhance the Department's performance as teachers. Established in December 2009, the Department of Private and Comparative Law offers sixteen course-modules at the undergraduate level and six course-modules at the postgraduate level. Highly qualified academic staff of the Department have the necessary expertise to teach these course-modules to the undergraduates.

#### **a. Message from the Head of the Department**

Dear Students,

Welcome to the Department of Private and Comparative Law!

Your decision to come to the Law Faculty is an important step in furthering your academic career. As a student of the Law Faculty, you will join many other talented students from all over the country and across the nation. I am sure that your academic experience will be augmented by learning with students of other cultures and backgrounds.

The Department of Private and Comparative Law offers the largest number of course modules in your LL.B (Hons.) Degree programme. As a department, our objective is to ensure that legal education is elaborated on a broad spectrum of both the practical and theoretical

aspects of the law. Your academic programme is conducted by professors, senior lecturers and young and energetic lecturers of the department. I assure you that you will be provided a very friendly and insightful learning environment here.

The Dean of the Faculty and academic and non-academic staff in the Department are constantly working to enrich your learning experience at the Faculty. We welcome your feedback on improving the delivery of our course modules. In addition, we offer an ongoing support system to any student dealing with academic or personal issues.

As you embark on this exciting journey, on behalf of our Department, I wish you all the best and look forward to seeing your academic and personal growth during your time at the Faculty of Law.

Best of luck for your future endeavours!

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#### **e. Extension courses**

1. Advanced Certificate in Human Resource Management Law -  
( 6 months)
2. Diploma in Private Law (1 year)

### **1.3.3. Department of Public and International Law**

The Department of Public and International Law has offered academic instruction in aspects of law that are fundamental a) to the relationship of individuals and communities with the state and b) the international level since December 2009. Currently, the Department is in charge of offering seventeen course-modules at the undergraduate level and six course-modules at the postgraduate level. The Department further offers four courses (03 advanced certificate courses, 01 diploma) which are open to the public at large. These courses are designed to improve legal literacy, contribute to the strengthening of citizenship and in general to promote access to justice. In an increasingly globalized and complex world the course-modules offered by the Department continue to grow in their significance.

#### **a. Message from the Head of the Department**

Dear Students,

Welcome to the Faculty of Law, University of Colombo, where you are about to embark on a journey that will shape your understanding of the law and its profound role in society. As undergraduates pursuing the Bachelor of Laws (LL. B) degree, you are stepping into a discipline that not only governs societal conduct but in doing so, seeks to safeguard justice, equality, and human rights.

In today's interconnected world, the significance of public and international law has never been more critical. From addressing global challenges like climate change and international conflicts to fostering sustainable development and the rule of law, the scope of a modern lawyer has expanded far beyond conventional court practice. In our own country, the current unprecedented economic and political circumstances predict sweeping changes for the public law as it has traditionally been understood. At the Department of Public and International Law, we are committed to providing you with the necessary tools to navigate these complex legal landscapes as well as to engage with the public debates as responsible citizens.

Our department takes pride in its diverse academic offerings, which carry significant implications for both the domestic and international legal systems. These range from Constitutional Law, Administrative



Law, Criminal Law and Human Rights to Environmental Law, the Law of the Sea, and International Humanitarian Law. We combine traditional legal studies with innovative approaches, ensuring that you receive a comprehensive education grounded in both the foundational principles of law and its modern developments. Our goal is to cultivate critical thinkers who can intellectually challenge the status quo of the legal field when it produces irrational and unfair outcomes. As you begin your studies, I encourage you to take full advantage of the opportunities presented to you: engage with your lecturers, explore the horizons of legal concepts, and apply your learning to real-world situations. Your time here will not only be academically enriching but also a time to develop as responsible and compassionate individuals committed to justice within the four corners of law.

We are looking forward to guiding you through this transformative academic journey and help you realize your full potential as future members of the legal fraternity.

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## **b. Academic staff of the Department**



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### **e. Extension courses**

- 1) Advanced Certificate in International Criminal Law (6 months)
- 2) Advanced Certificate in Fundamentals of Criminal Law (6 months)
- 3) Advanced Certificate in Environmental Law (6 Months)
- 4) Diploma in Public Law (1 year)

## **1.4 Centres**

The Faculty of Law, Colombo houses two centres which are dedicated to the causes of environmental conservation and restoration and the study of human rights. The Centres engage in concerted and concentrated effort to bring about student engagement and positive changes within their respective areas.

### **1.4.1. Centre for Environmental Law and Policy**

The Centre for Environmental Law and Policy (CELP) of the Faculty of Law, established in 2020, stands as a pioneering centre within Sri Lanka's university education system, dedicated to advancing environmental conservation and restoration. CELP aims to foster research, collaboration, education, and engagement in environmental law and policy to cultivate an environmentally conscious society. In an era of escalating environmental threats driven by development activities, CELP seeks to nurture individuals capable of spearheading conservation efforts, guiding policy-makers and communities, and influencing other educational institutions to prioritize environmental protection. CELP takes pride in offering South Asia's first LL.M. program in International Environmental and Climate Change Law. Its other remarkable achievements encompass providing policy recommendations, publishing books and articles, and collaborating with international, regional and national bodies on environment-related rights and protection.

CELP publications include two compilations of statutory provisions and case law on animal welfare and public nuisance, South Asian Environmental Law Report (SAELR), and South Asian Journal of Environmental Law and Policy (SAJELP), all of which serve as valuable tools for students, academics, researchers, and the general public. Additionally, CELP has conducted nationwide workshops targeting the public sector and youth, disseminating knowledge on domestic environmental legislation, mechanisms such as Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Environment Protection License (EPL), and international environmental law standards. Recognizing its public responsibility, CELP is actively developing educational and training programmes for postgraduate law students, civil society actors, and other stakeholders, while organizing webinars featuring prominent environmentalists and experts. Through these initiatives, CELP aspires to become a leading institution in promoting environmental law and

policy within South Asia contributing significantly to the conservation and preservation of the natural environment in the region and beyond.

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Website - <https://celp.cmb.ac.lk/>

**1.4.2. Centre for the Study of Human Rights**

The Centre for the Study of Human Rights (CSHR), established in 1991, as a centre within the Faculty of Law, aims to raise public awareness about human rights and the remedies for violations. It engages various groups, including students, professionals, and communities. CSHR focuses on five key areas: Education, Research, Capacity Building, Knowledge Services, and Institutional Development. It offers a range of courses, from certificate to postgraduate programmes in human rights, including specialized training for Sri Lanka Airforce, Police and Prison Officers. Additionally, CSHR facilitates internships for international students and conducts practical research in collaboration with local and international institutions. Its Capacity-Building initiatives enhance the skills of public sector workers, while Knowledge Services provides access to human rights materials. Further, the Institutional Development opportunities aim to strengthen CSHR staff capabilities for effective programme delivery.

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## **1.5 Units**

The Faculty of Law, Colombo is proud to house six units which effectively facilitate activities in a variety of areas that are of importance to law undergraduates.

### **1.5.1 Examination Unit**

This Unit is responsible for the administration of continuous assessments and semester-end examinations at the Faculty.

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- Ms. Jeyakala Jeyarednam,  
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#### **Non-academic staff**

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### **1.5.2 Legal English Unit**

The Legal English Unit of the Faculty of Law was established to design and implement programs aimed at enhancing English language proficiency as the Faculty transitions to English as the sole medium of instruction. The primary objective of this unit is to ensure that graduates are fully equipped to conduct their professional responsibilities in English.

To this end, the Legal English Unit developed and managed the English for Law I and English for Law II courses. Faculty members teaching these courses undergo specialised training conducted by experts in the field. These courses are mandatory components of the undergraduate curriculum, and all students, regardless of their existing language proficiency, are required to complete them. In addition, the Unit plans to introduce a variety of initiatives to improve students' skills in speaking, listening, reading, and writing. These efforts serve as a critical support mechanism, allowing students to successfully pursue their degrees in English.

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### **1.5.3 Legal Aid Unit**

The Legal Aid Unit is a pro-bono service programme that involves a three-way partnership between Attorneys-at-Law, the Faculty of Law of the University of Colombo, and vulnerable citizens and community organisations. The services provided consist of consultation clinics and an in-house aid programme. Consultation clinics enable low-income earners to meet with Attorneys and receive advice.

The in-house aid programme provides selected clients with an Attorney through whom they can, if necessary, file and pursue a case. In both instances, the Attorneys-at-Law are assisted by students of the Faculty of Law. The services are supplemented by the dissemination of

information through divisional awareness campaigns, press conferences and the programme website.

The programme has as its objective, the provision of essential legal services to those who are otherwise barred from accessing justice, mainly due to the inability to afford the high costs inherent in the system and also due to different circumstances that have put them in vulnerable positions in society. This process furthers the due recognition of the rights of such persons under the Constitution.

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#### **1.5.4 Career Guidance Unit**

The Career Guidance Unit has been established at the Faculty of Law in 2021 to provide undergraduates career counselling, career information services, opportunities for professional networking, internships and for integration of career guidance into the co-curricular activities at the Faculty.

The Unit functions under the Dean of the Faculty and partners with the Career Guidance Unit of the University. The Unit collaborates with all relevant stakeholders in the legal sector in seeking to serve the undergraduates at the Faculty. The Unit comprises a Director, Deputy Director and a Computer Applications Assistant. Volunteers are recruited from among the undergraduates of the Faculty on an ad hoc basis. Please refer to the Career Guidance Unit page on the LMS for updated information on the activities of the Unit.

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### **1.5.5 Legal Research Unit**

The Legal Research Unit (LRU) was established in 2016, with the partnership of the Ministry of Justice, to facilitate legal research, including research with a multidisciplinary focus.

Currently, the Unit serves as a vehicle to lead and showcase the Faculty's research mandate. Its vision is to advance the research mission of the Faculty by producing pathbreaking legal scholarship celebrating academic freedom and research integrity. The Unit's mission is to contribute to the success of the Faculty by facilitating legal research, including research with an interdisciplinary focus and, thereby, contributing to the development of law and justice. As an integral aspect of the Unit's mandate, it facilitates research collaborations at different levels; university, national and international. The undergraduates and post-graduate students of the Faculty are welcome to join the research initiatives facilitated by the Unit. In addition, undergraduate law students are most welcome to work with the Unit as research and project assistants designated through a competitive selection process. When such opportunities are available, the Unit will make public announcements in various media.

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### **1.5.6 Post-Graduate Unit**

The Law Faculty offers the following Postgraduate Courses:

- Degree of Master of Laws by Coursework (LL.M)
- Degree of Master of Law by Research (LL.M)
- Degree of Master of Philosophy (M.Phil)
- Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D)

We invite you to consider postgraduate study with us once you complete your undergraduate studies. Several options are available, and you are advised to refer to the By-laws for the admission and eligibility criteria for these degrees.

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### **1.5.7 Internal Quality Assurance Unit**

The Unit is responsible for monitoring quality performance, through assessment and evaluation of the activities of the Faculty in all academic programmes, centres and units on a regular basis, in order to promote productivity and development. It seeks to establish and safeguard high standards and good practices in teaching, learning and assessment. Further, the Unit facilitates the development of research skills of the academics by providing a platform to discuss their research.

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## Part II: Academics

### 2.1 LL.B (Hons.) Degree Programme

The Bachelor of Laws Honours (LL.B (Hons.)) Degree programme is a four-year academic programme. Under the programme, a student reads for forty-five law and law-related course-modules, translating to 123 credits, within a span of eight academic semesters. The four academic years of the LL.B Degree programme are called the Bachelor of Laws Honours Degree Year I, Year II, Year III, and Year IV respectively. The eight academic semesters of the LL.B Degree programme are called the Bachelor of Laws Honours Degree Semester I, Semester II, Semester III, Semester IV, Semester V, Semester VI, Semester VII, and Semester VIII respectively. Subjects are offered jointly or by the three Departments.

### 2.2. Course-modules

The following law-related course-modules are available in the LL.B (Hons.) programme.

**It is compulsory for undergraduates to take course modules labelled 'Core-NGPA'. However, the grade obtained for such course modules will have no bearing on his/her Grade Point Average (GPA).**

Table 1: Key abbreviations

Abbreviation	Definition
CL	Department of Commercial Law
PCL	Department of Private and Comparative Law
PIL	Department of Public and International Law
JO	Jointly Offered

**Table 2: Course Modules**

**Year I**

All courses are compulsory.

<b>Semester</b>	<b>Course Code</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Lead Department</b>	
<b>I</b>	<b>Core courses</b>					
	LAW11301	Law and Society	3	JO	PIL	
	LAW11302	Legal Method & Legal Writing	3	PCL		
	LAW11303	Legal Systems	3	PCL		
	LAW11404	Constitutional Law I	4	PIL		
	<b>Core – Non GPA courses</b>					
	LAW11105	ICT & Soft Skills for Law	1	JO	CL	
	LAW11106	English for Law I	1	JO	CL	
	<b>Total credits per semester</b>			<b>15</b>		
	<b>II</b>	Core courses				
LAW12301		Criminal Law I	3	PIL		
LAW12202		Roman Law	2	PCL		
LAW12303		Family Law I	3	PCL		
LAW12404		Law of Contract	4	JO	PCL	
LAW12305		Equity & Law of Trusts	3	PCL		
<b>Core – Non GPA courses</b>						
LAW12106		English for Law II	1	JO	CL	
<b>Total credits per semester</b>			<b>16</b>			

**Year II**

All courses are compulsory.

Semester	Course Code	Title	Credits	Department	Lead Department
III	<b>Core courses</b>				
	LAW21301	Criminal Law II	3	PIL	
	LAW21302	Family Law II	3	PCL	
	LAW21403	Law of Property	4	PCL	
	LAW21304	Constitutional Law II	3	PIL	
	<b>Core – Non GPA courses</b>				
	LAW21105	Oral Advocacy	1	JO	CL
	<b>Total credits per semester</b>			<b>14</b>	
IV	<b>Core courses</b>				
	LAW22301	Public International Law	3	PIL	
	LAW22302	Principles of Commercial Law	3	CL	
	LAW22403	Administrative Law	4	PIL	
	LAW22304	Environmental Law & Policy	3	PIL	
	LAW22305	Interpretation of Statutes & Documents	3	PCL	
	<b>Core – Non GPA courses</b>				
	LAW22106	Aesthetic Appreciation of Law	1	JO	PCL
<b>Total credits per semester</b>			<b>17</b>		

**Year III**

Undergraduates must study all core courses and choose one elective course per semester.

Semester	Course Code	Title	Credits	Department	Lead Department
V	<b>Core courses</b>				
	LAW31301	Intellectual Property Law	3	CL	
	LAW31302	Human Rights Law	3	PIL	
	LAW31303	Company Law	3	CL	
	LAW31304	Law of Delict	3	PCL	
	<b>Core – Non GPA courses</b>				
	LAW31105	Professional Skills	1	JO	PCL
	<b>Elective courses</b>				
	LAW31206	Private International Law	2	PCL	
	LAW31207	International Humanitarian Law	2	PIL	
	LAW31208	International Investment Law	2	CL	
	LAW31209	Competition Law	2	CL	
	LAW31210	Alternative Dispute Resolution	2	CL	
	<b>Total credits per semester</b>			<b>15</b>	
VI	<b>Core courses</b>				
	LAW32301	Business Law	3	CL	
	LAW32502	Internship	5	JO	CL
	LAW32203	Law Clinics	2	JO	PCL
	LAW32034	ICT Law	3	CL	
<b>Core – Non GPA courses</b>					

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	LAW32105	Ethics of Legal Profession	1	PCL	
<b>Elective courses</b>					
	LAW32206	Law of Evidence	2	PIL	
	LAW32207	Law and Medicine	2	PCL	
	LAW32208	Law and Literature	2	PIL	
	LAW32209	Insurance Law	2	CL	
	LAW32210	Law of the Sea	2	PIL	
	LAW32211	Artificial Intelligence and Law	2	CL	
<b>Total credits per semester</b>			<b>16</b>		

**Year IV**

Undergraduates must study all core courses and choose two elective courses per semester.

Semester	Course Code	Title	Credits	Department	Lead Department
VII	<b>Core courses</b>				
	LAW41301	Labour Law	3	PCL	
	LAW41302	Jurisprudence	3	PCL	
	LAW41403	Research Methodology	4	JO	PIL
	<b>Elective courses</b>				
	LAW41204	Air & Space Law	2	PIL	
	LAW41205	International Trade Law	2	CL	
	LAW41206	Energy Law	2	JO	CL
	LAW41207	Criminal Procedure	2	PIL	



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	LAW41208	Civil Procedure	2	PCL	
	LAW41209	International Institutions	2	PIL	
	<b>Total credits per semester</b>		14		
VIII	<b>Core courses</b>				
	LAW42301	Legal Theory	3	JO	
	LAW42302	Student-led Legal Seminars	3	JO	PIL
	LAW42603	Dissertation	6	JO	PIL
	<b>Elective courses</b>				
	LAW42204	Construction Law	2	PCL	
	LAW42205	Law & Economics	2	CL	
	LAW42206	Media Law	2	PIL	
	LAW42207	Law of Taxation	2	CL	
	LAW42208	International Criminal Law	2	PIL	
		<b>Total credits per semester</b>		<b>16</b>	

The Faculty may not offer all the elective course-modules listed in a given year. Undergraduates are advised to consult the relevant Heads of Departments about the elective course-modules offered in a given year. Undergraduates who find it difficult to choose an elective from the course-modules offered in a given year are strongly advised to consult the relevant lecturers in making a final selection.

## **Selecting elective course-modules**

Undergraduates in the Third and Fourth years of study must register their selection of the electives they wish to offer with the Dean's office within the first two weeks of the new academic year by filling the relevant form available at the Dean's office.

Both Third-and Fourth-year students can, subject to the approval of the Faculty Board, take one additional Elective Course Module in each semester in addition to the stipulated minimum number of Core and Elective Course Modules in the third and fourth years. This too must be registered. The performance at these additional Course Modules will not be taken into consideration in the computation of the final Grade Point Average (GPA).

## **2.3 Duration of the LL.B. Programme**

The minimum period for which an undergraduate should be a registered undergraduate student is four (04) academic years consisting of eight (08) semesters. Undergraduates admitted to the LL.B. programme are required to complete the course before the end of eight (08) academic years from the date of their first registration. The academic year of the Faculty of Law is divided into two semesters. Each semester, under normal circumstances, will be a continuous period of twenty-six (26) weeks including lectures, study leave, the examination period, and the vacation.

## **2.4 Law Library**

The Library of the University of Colombo serves as the central hub for faculty and campus libraries. Located on Reid Avenue, it is situated between the Arts Faculty and Law Faculty buildings. The Law Library occupies the entire second floor of the Library and is recognized as one of the major law collections in Sri Lanka. It supports the research and teaching needs of the Faculty of Law and its students.

The collection includes textbooks, law journals, law reports, Sri Lankan legislation, law dictionaries, and encyclopedias. Of these, only

textbooks may be borrowed by law students, and retained for a maximum period of one week. A notable feature of the Law Library is the Nijhoff Collection, comprising Dutch legislative writings dating back to 1750. This collection was acquired by Sir Ivor Jennings in 1946 for the Faculty of Law.

By browsing and searching on the Online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC) of the library, students can identify, select, and retrieve the books of their choice. It helps students identify if a book is available in the library or checked out. Activation of Single Sign-On (SSO) credentials will enable students to have access to a number of databases subscribed by the library. HeinOnline, LexisNexis, Oxford Law Journals, LawLanka, JSTOR are some of the subject-related e-resources.

The Library is presently open to readers from 8.00 am to 7.00 pm during weekdays and from 8.30 am to 6.00 pm on weekends . The Library is closed during public holidays and the holidays declared by the University and/or the Government of Sri Lanka. However, the library is usually kept open on all public holidays that fall on weekends . All students from First, Second, Third and Final years may borrow two (02) Reference Books either from law collection (2nd floor of the library) or from general reference collection (3rd floor). Every student is entitled to borrow three (03) books from the lending collection (5th floor). This means that each student may borrow two reference books and three lending materials at a given time. The loan period is one day for a Reference Book and one-week for a Lending Book. Failure to return the books on or before the due date will result in a fine. Library facilities should be accessed using the student's university identity card, which is non-transferable.

In addition to library resources, there are training sessions offered under different "Information Literacy" topics: "Searching Techniques", "Access to Information", "Literature Review", "Writing and Publishing Research Articles", "Avoiding Plagiarism", "Reference Styles", and "Reference Management". Students are able to obtain the online services through the Help-Line via the library website. Other services given by the library include: Plagiarism detection software, inter-library loan services, Smart Classroom facility, Resource Centre for Visually-Impaired students, Learning Commons (ground floor), photocopy services, Library LMS services, WiFi service, and conference hall facility.

## **General rules on using the Library**

- Readers must scan their University Identity Card when entering the library, to mark their attendance and produce the same when borrowing books or any other time when called upon to do so.
- Readers must produce their belongings such as books, notes, etc. to the gatekeepers when they enter the library and go out of the library.
- No bags, cases, parcels, personal copies of books (if you need to bring books, please get permission from the Librarian) & printed materials, umbrellas, etc. should be brought into the library.
- SILENCE should be observed in all public reading areas. When discussing or studying in groups students shall keep their voice as lower as not disturbing others.
- Seats in the Library shall not be reserved or removed by the readers.
- Readers are not allowed to do joint work and discussions in the library **except in the Learning Commons**. Learning Commons should be used according to Health Guidelines.
- Consumption of food and drink, smoking and the use of matches or an open flame are forbidden in the library.
- No reader shall enter any part of the Library to which entry is forbidden.
- Any disorderly or improper conduct or breach of regulations will render the reader or borrower concerned liable to suspension from using the library.
- Students should not occupy the reserved places and seats for Postgraduate students/ Research students / University Teachers.
- Students with moving disabilities may use the ground floor entrance to enter the library.

### **For further information, please contact**

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## **2.5 Teaching Framework**

Instruction in each subject takes place in the form of lectures, seminars, workshops, discussions, tutorial sessions, flipped-classroom sessions, group activities, projects, assignments, internships, legal clinics, moot courts, dissertations, research, presenting papers, self-study exercises and/or other forms approved by the Faculty Board of the Faculty of Law, which is the authority that decides the methods of teaching.

## **2.6 Medium of Instruction**

The medium of instruction for the LL.B programme shall be English.

## **2.7 Blended Learning**

Blended learning is teaching and learning where students have the opportunity to learn online as well as onsite depending on the circumstances. It provides the unique benefit of technological assistance that could result in an overall vibrant session as well as allowing for close contact with the academic staff.

### **2.7.1. Learning Management System (LMS)**

The Learning Management System of the Faculty of Law is a virtual e-learning system that provides remotely accessible learning/study content to individuals. It is also called a Virtual Learning Environment (VLE). The globally accepted and widely used Moodle software package has been used to develop this facility. This system runs on the World Wide Web, connecting students from any part of the country. It has tools that allow interaction between students and teachers, exchange of information and material available for study, creating a digital classroom.

All the students registered in the Students' Information System (SIS) of the University of Colombo may log on to the LMS using their registration number as the username and the same password provided for the SIS.

It is preferred that you use Firefox or Chrome browsers while using the LMS. Open your browser and go to the website - <https://lms.law.cmb.ac.lk/> to login to the Faculty of Law LMS.



## 2.7.2. Email

All students currently registered at the University of Colombo are assigned an email address. Users can access it through a web browser on a PC or using the Gmail app on a mobile device. The University and the Faculty usually send all official emails to this address. Students are expected to check their official e-mail account on a frequent and consistent basis to stay up to date with university-related activities. For all University communications, all students must use only their student email account. The University does not recognize a message sent from a personal e-mail account as official.

Creating email accounts is handled by the Network Operations Centre (NOC), University of Colombo. Student email accounts are created based on the registration number and the students are given an email with the format `student_id@stu.cmb.ac.lk` (replace 'student\_id' with your Student ID number). Student email accounts will be suspended two months after the students' convocation.

When a user account is created the user is given a temporary password. You will be prompted to change this password at the first login. In case the user has forgotten or lost the password, he/she should send a request to the NOC through the faculty IT Coordinator or the Administrator to reset the password.

### **2.7.3. Computer Facilities**

The computer facilities of the Faculty of Law, Colombo are open to all students duly registered with the Faculty.

## **2.8 Attendance and Leave of Absence**

The university is a community that is dedicated to developing and disseminating knowledge. Students are an important part of this community and ought to acquire and nurture a habit of mind. Therefore, attendance at lectures, discussion and tutorials and the active participation in the life of the university community is essential. There can be no distance education for students in a traditional university system. Full time, active and engaged undergraduates are essential for a university.

There is a more practical consideration for compulsory attendance. Thousands of students, supported by their parents and families, invest considerable time and money to sit university entrance Examinations and qualify for admission. Only a small fraction of those who qualify for admission are successful in obtaining a place in the university. Competition for admission to the Faculty of Law is particularly competitive.

Therefore, a person who obtains a place in the Faculty of Law should be mindful of the fact that he or she is in effect depriving other students from being selected for a place in the Faculty. It is, therefore, unethical and unfair for an undergraduate selected to the Faculty to occupy such a sought-after place and not participate as a full time undergraduate. The 'Mahapola' scholarship scheme and other undergraduate bursary and loan schemes are specially designed to alleviate the economic pressures of being full time undergraduates.

## **2.9. Medical Certificates**

All students who are unable to appear for the theory and/or practical component of examinations/lectures due to medical reasons should submit a Medical Certificate issued by the Chief Medical Officer (CMO)/University Medical Officer (UMO) of the University of Colombo or a valid Medical Certificate recommended by the CMO/UMO if they seek relief.

Such students should make a request in writing (letter/fax/email to the Dean or SAR/Examination) for relief, indicating the reasons for such absence within 3 (three) working days from the date of absence from such examinations/lectures/practical.

Students are advised to strictly adhere to the following guidelines in this regard. Failure to follow the guidelines may result in the Medical Certificates not being accepted and the absence being treated as one without valid excuse:

- (i) (a) A student who falls ill during a period of examination should report to the Chief Medical Officer (CMO)/University Medical Officer (UMO) of the University of Colombo. The CMO/UMO will examine the student and issue a Medical Certificate, if necessary.
- (b) Where the CMO/UMO decides to issue a Medical Certificate, She/he will be forwarding it to the Dean of the Faculty/SAR Examinations. It will be done within a period of two weeks. The student in question is advised to verify with the Dean/SAR Examinations whether the Medical Certificate had been received from the CMO/UMO.
- (ii) (a) A student who resides outside Colombo city limits and falls ill during a period of examination or who finds it difficult to report to the CMO/UMO due to seriousness of the illness, should get treatment, preferably from the nearest Government Medical Institution or in exceptional cases, from Registered Medical Practitioners or in such instances, he / she should follow the procedure given below with regard to submission of medical certificates:

All Medical Certificates other than those issued by the CMO/UMO with the proof of informing the Dean/SAR



Examination, should be forwarded to the CMO / UMO along with the application form (when applicable) within 7 (seven) days from the last date of recommended medical leave.

- (iii) (a) CMO/UMO shall have the discretion to decline to give her/his recommendations or observations on the Medical Certificate submitted and received after the above period.
- (b) The following categories of Medical Certificates will only be accepted by the UMO/CMO for consideration when they are submitted in terms of the above guidelines:
- i. Medical Certificates issued by a Government Hospital/District Medical Office
  - ii. Medical Certificate issued by a Private Medical Practitioner only in the case of leave for less than five days, provided CMO/UMO may, at their discretion, in appropriate cases, consider accepting a Medical Certificate issued by a Private Practitioner where the nature and seriousness of the illness and the treatment prescribed, in the opinion of the CMO/UMO are acceptable.
  - iii. The CMO / UMO may request the following documents as further proof of the illness:
    - Receipt or payment for the Medical Certificate from a Government Hospital.
    - Prescriptions of the medicines taken.
    - Reports of the blood tests etc.(If the required documents are not submitted the application may be rejected)

The CMO/UMO shall not take any responsibility for the acceptance or rejection of Medical Certificates issued by any outside institution. It will be the responsibility of the student who has sought medical assistance from such institution.

If and when necessary, the UMO may arrange a Medical Board to consider a request for medical leave by a student.

## **2.10 Other Appeals/ Requests by Undergraduates**

If you have a question about any academic matter, kindly speak to a lecturer, the relevant Head or / and the Dean to obtain advice. If you wish to appeal against a decision of the Faculty, eg. regarding the attendance requirement, the inability to meet a deadline for the submission of an assignment or if you wish to make a request for leave of absence from studies, you should write either to the Dean or the relevant Head. Your appeal/request will be studied by the Sub-Committee on Routine Matters and a recommendation will be made to the Faculty Board. Please note that the Routine Matters Sub-Committee meets only once a month. Therefore, such requests should be made well in advance.

## **2.11 English**

### **2.11.1. Role of English in Learning Law**

It is vital that students be proficient in English as approximately 95% of all legal materials – cases, legislation, textbooks and journals - are available only in English.

The Faculty promotes independent study and the ability to think independently and critically. Law undergraduates must, therefore, have the capacity to read widely, and understand and reflect upon the prescribed legal materials, which are mostly in English. English is also important for accessing an increasing number of materials available on the Internet and the World Wide Web.

Though in the lower court, proceedings are conducted mainly in Sinhala or Tamil, the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeal function in English. Submissions and pleadings are tendered in English, arguments are made in English and judgments are also delivered in English.

In addition, those who wish to pursue postgraduate study, either in Sri Lanka or abroad will be required to be proficient in English as these courses are conducted entirely in English. Further, it is necessary to write all dissertations for higher degrees in law in English.

## **2.12 Examinations and Evaluation**

Examinations and evaluation constitute an inseparable part of academic programmes conducted by any university. It is essential that the performance of law undergraduates be evaluated as objectively as possible and their level of achievement conveyed to them. The performance of a student shall be evaluated through a system of in-course assessments and/or end-of-course assessment in respect of each Course Module. The relevant rules are reproduced below.

The in-course assessment shall be based on the performance of the students at assignments, classroom tests, seminars, oral presentations, workshops, tutorials, legal clinics, internship programme, individual and group projects, paper-presentations, class participation, dissertation or any other form of assessment approved by the Faculty Board.

Each student shall work on a research study leading to the submission of a Dissertation in Year IV of the Degree Programme.

All rules/By-Laws relating to the Examination Procedure, Offences and Punishment made by the University of Colombo shall apply in relation to the examinations of the Degree Programme.

A student shall not be permitted to take a Semester Examination unless the Dean of the Faculty, in consultation with the respective Head of the Department, has certified that she/he has satisfied the requirements of the relevant Course Modules, including regular attendance at classes and submission of assignments at the appropriate time, as prescribed by the Senate on the recommendation of the Faculty Board.

The Semester Examinations prescribed by these By-Laws shall be conducted by Boards of Examiners appointed by the Senate on the recommendation of the Faculty Board.

A candidate shall present herself/himself for each Semester Examination of Course Modules leading to the Degree on the first occasion on which the examination is held, provided that it shall be within the power of the Senate on the recommendation of the Faculty Board of the Faculty of Law to permit her/him to sit on a subsequent occasion if she/he has been prevented from sitting the examination due to illness or any other cause acceptable to the Faculty Board.

A student shall not be eligible to proceed to the next academic year without obtaining a minimum of fifteen (15) credits out of the Course Modules offered in a given academic year.

A candidate who fails to complete any of the Course Module in the first attempt shall be eligible to repeat that/those Course Module/s within a maximum of two (02) other subsequent occasions unless the approval of the Senate is obtained to do otherwise.

The weightage for the end-semester examination and in-course assessment for a Course Module may be sixty percent (60%) and forty percent (40%) respectively for the final mark assigned to a Course Module. There shall be one in-course assessment for each Course Module, provided that the above shall not apply where there is no end-semester examination is conducted for a given Course Module.

All in-course assessments of any Course Module shall be carried out during the semester in which the Course Module is taught unless otherwise decided by the Senate.

In the case of a repeat candidate or absentee of the end-semester examination, the marks already obtained for in-course assessments shall be carried forward for the computation of marks for the next attempt.

If a candidate repeats a Course Module obtaining less than fifty percent (50%) of the allocated marks for the assignment she/he may re-sit the assignment on the next immediate occasion, provided that a repeat candidate shall not be allocated a mark of more than fifty percent (50%) out of the total.

### **2.12.1. End-Semester Examination**

Unless the Senate otherwise decides on the recommendation of the Faculty Board, end-semester examinations shall be conducted at the end of each Semester of the Degree Programme.

The number of question papers and the title of those papers for each Course Module of the Semester Examination of the Programme shall be those set out in the relevant By-Laws or Regulations, and the Senate shall have the power, on the recommendation of the Faculty Board, to amend, vary, increase or decrease them.

Each registered student shall make an application in the form provided by the Examination Unit for entry to the relevant Semester Examination.

No application for a Semester Examination made by any student shall be entertained by the Examination Branch unless the Heads of each Department have certified that the student has satisfied the minimum required percentage of attendance for each Course Module taught in that Semester.

A student shall not take any of the Semester Examinations on more than three occasions and in computing the total number of occasions there shall be taken into account any occasion on which she/he is deemed to have taken the Semester Examination in terms of these By-laws.

A student who passes in Course Modules aggregating to not less than fifteen (15) GP credits may proceed to the next academic year and repeat the Course Modules in which she/he had failed while sitting for the Course Modules of the current academic year for which she/he has registered for. Provided that no student will be eligible to proceed to the next academic year when she/he has failed in Course Modules whose credit values aggregate to more than fifteen (15) GP credits.

### **2.12.2. Computation of Results**

For the final evaluation of the performance of a student in a Course Module in any semester of the Degree Programme, that percentage of the marks obtained by her/him at the in-course assessment as well as that percentage of the marks obtained by her/him at the semester examination, as decided by the Senate on the recommendation of the Faculty Board, shall be taken into account.

Each Course Module at every examination of the Degree Programme shall carry a maximum of 100 marks and be assessed or graded with a mark and a grade according to the following scale:

**Table 3: Comparison of grades and GPA values**

Range of Marks	Grade	Grade Point Value	Pass/Fail
90–100	A+	4.00	Pass
80–89	A	4.00	
75–79	A-	3.70	
70–74	B+	3.30	
65–69	B	3.00	
60–64	B-	2.70	
55–59	C+	2.30	
50–54	C	2.00	
45–49	C-	1.70	
40–44	D+	1.30	
30–39	D	1.00	
00–29	E	0.00	

- i. Each of the Course Module shall carry a maximum Grade Point Value (hereinafter called GPV) of 4.00.
- ii. A candidate is deemed to have failed a Course Module if she/he has obtained a Grade lower than C.
- iii. A candidate shall obtain a GPV of 2.00 or more for each of the Course Modules to pass those particular Course Modules.
- iv. The maximum grade that could be awarded to a repeat candidate is C.

A student who absents herself/himself from the examination in a Course Module without a valid excuse acceptable to the Senate, on the recommendation of the Faculty Board, shall be deemed to have failed in the Course Module and, for the purpose of computation of results, she/he shall be deemed to have received zero marks (GPV 0.00) for the Course Module.

### 2.12.3. Student Information System

The Student Information System (SIS) (<https://sis.cmb.ac.lk/law/>) handles all the examination related matters of the undergraduates including registration for the academic year, academic course registration, year-end examination registration. It also processes examination marks. Students may view their examinations results via SIS and may apply for the academic transcript/ results sheets. Registration to the General Convocation too is enabled via SIS.

SIS is administered by the Examination and Registration Branch of the University of Colombo. Students are strictly advised to use the email address issued to them by the University in all university communications. SIS login credentials will provide students access to the faculty Learning Management System (LMS).

Students may report any issues they encounter with the SIS to the Examinations Branch of the University of Colombo.

### 2.12.4. Examination Rules and Offences

Please refer to Annexure for the rules relating to Examination Offences and their punishments. **It is very important that you familiarize yourself with these rules.**

## 2.13 Graduating with Honours

As per Bachelor of Laws Honours Degree By-Laws made by the Council of the University of Colombo under Section 135 of the Universities Act No. 16 of 1978, as amended by the Universities (Amendment) Act No.7 of 1985, a student may graduate with honours as per the following rules;

43. During the study period, a student accumulates grade points from the various Course Modules offered. From the Grade Point Values accumulated, a Grade Point Average (GPA) may be calculated using the formula given below where;  $i = i^{\text{th}}$  course,  $n =$  number of courses completed during the period considered

for the GPA calculation,  $C_i$  = number of credits for the  $i^{\text{th}}$  course, and  $(GP)_i$  = Grade Point for the  $i^{\text{th}}$  course

44. A candidate shall be deemed to have qualified for the Bachelor of Laws Honours Degree, if she/he passes in all the Course Modules of four (04) years obtaining not lower than a C grade, except in only one Course Module with not lower than D grade and obtains a Grade Point Average (GPA) not less than 2.00.
45. A candidate shall pass all the NGP Course Modules in order to be qualified for the award of the Bachelor of Laws Honours Degree.
46. A candidate who has satisfied the requirements of the Bachelor of Law Honours Degree Programme may be awarded First Class Honours, Second Class (Upper Division) Honours, Second Class (Lower Division) Honours, or a Pass as the case may be, on the results of all the GP Course Modules of all four (04) years offered by the candidate under the Programme.
47. A candidate shall have obtained an overall Grade Point Average of 3.70 or above to obtain First Class Honours. A candidate shall have obtained an overall Grade Point Average which is between 3.3 and 3.69 to obtain Second Class (Upper Division) Honours. A candidate shall have obtained an overall Grade Point Average between 3.00 and 3.29 to obtain a Second Class (Lower Division) Honours. The minimum Grade Point Average for a Pass shall be 2.00.

Cut-off points of the Grade Point Average

1st Class =  $GPA > 3.70$

2nd Upper =  $3.3 < GPA < 3.69$

2nd Lower =  $3.0 < GPA < 3.29$

Pass =  $2.00 < GPA < 2.99$

48. When a "Fail" Course Module is successfully completed at a subsequent attempt the actual grade obtained by the student for the repeat course will be shown in the transcript. However, when computing the GPA, the maximum grade point value assigned to that Course Module will be 2.00.



## 2.14 Prizes and Awards

### 2.13.1. Granted by the Faculty of Law

Several prizes are awarded to students who excel in their academic work at the Faculty. For more details, you are advised to consult the Examinations Unit of the Faculty or the Examinations Branch of the University.

### 2.14.2. Granted by the University

- The Student of the Year Award  
The award is granted to a student who shows excellence in his or her academic studies and also someone with sportsmanship, an interest in aesthetic and cultural activities, with proven leadership and exemplary conduct and character.
- The D.P.P. Samarasekera Peace Prize  
The prize is given to a student who worked to foster social harmony either within the University Community or outside it through diverse activities and/or to a student who assisted those in need in a courteous, considerate, kind and understanding manner.
- The Canekeratne Prize for General Merit  
This prize is limited to the student who receives First or Second Class Upper Division in a Special Degree from any Faculty. This student should show considerable achievements in extracurricular activities, such as holding the captaincy or getting colours in a University 'A' team; having achievements in Debating or Oratory Competitions; producing or acting as lead in plays for recognized University Societies; or winning Gold, Silver or a Bronze Medal at University cultural or similar activity. The eligible student must also have a positive academic record with good attendance and excellent conduct throughout the entire period spent at the University. The student must provide documentary evidence to prove his/her eligibility.
- Professor Thilak Hettiarachchi Award for Academic Excellence  
This award is granted to an undergraduate who secures a First Class in a Special or General Degree Programme of any Faculty

in the University. Consideration is given to publications and research carried out during his/her career, prizes and medals won, scholarships/studentships obtained at the Year I examination and any other scholarships/bursaries, including the Commonwealth Elective Bursary obtained for academic performance during the undergraduate career.

## **2.15 Generic Graduate Attributes**

Upon completion of the LL.B degree, the Faculty expects all graduates to demonstrate the following attributes.

### **1. *Access, interpret and apply the law in a given context***

A graduate will be able to offer an assessment of the applicable law in relation to an appropriate situation.

### **2. *Develop and effectively articulate legal arguments***

A graduate will be able to advance arguments for legal interpretation based on current research and evaluation of the findings of such research.

### **3. *Critique the law and propose law reform where relevant based on respect for human dignity and its diversity, the natural environment, and the rule of law***

A graduate will be able to evaluate the normative and practical impact of the law and suggest innovative means of reform for improving respect for human rights and human diversity, the protection of the environment and respect for the rule of law.

She will accept responsibility to play a constructive role in the maintenance and reform of the legal system. She will understand, evaluate and critically reflect upon the interaction of law and society.

**4. *Effective communication***

A graduate will be able to communicate with clarity, consideration and conviction in English and in Sinhala or Tamil as appropriate. He will be able to use English to keep abreast of relevant developments in law and communicate in Sinhala/Tamil in fulfilling their professional obligations.

**5. *Leadership, ethical and professional conduct***

In her actions and interactions, a graduate will be ethical and professional. She will be able to collaborate with colleagues and assume positions of leadership. She will provide a quality service to employers, government and individual clients.

**6. *Engage in life-long learning for professional and personal development***

A graduate will be able to continuously advance and update his legal knowledge, improve his legal and general skills and progress in his professional and personal capacity.

## **Part III: Student Life**

### **3.1. Student Life as an Undergraduate**

The Faculty of Law encourages students to engage in academics with gusto and fervour. Student life is much greater than what happens in a classroom and an examination hall. At the Faculty of Law, you will have countless doors open to you. Your challenge is to pick, participate and progress. The wide variety of extra-curricular activities that are available would develop your personality, form bonds of friendship with students within and outside our faculty and teach you to navigate that intricate balance between study and play.

Sir Ivor Jennings (founding Vice Chancellor of the University of Ceylon) in his essay on student life entitled 'The Use of a University Education' (1949) wrote,

*“What you must do, then, if you wish to succeed both here and in your careers is to work regularly and consistently at your course-modules, to read as widely as you can, to play games and take part in some other university activities, and to take an interest in the social, political and cultural movements that are going on around you.”*

Equipped with the understanding that a world of opportunity is open to you, waiting to be pursued at the Faculty of Law, the section that follows gives you an insight into the activities that you can pursue in your four years at Faculty.

### **3.2 Students' Union and Faculty Board Representation**

Elections to the Law Faculty Students' Union are held every year during the first term, after nominations have been received by the Dean. These elections are governed by the Bylaws of the University and undergraduates are advised to consult them.

As per the bylaw on No. 1 of 1989, every registered undergraduate student of a Faculty is eligible to be nominated as a candidate for election of office-bearer or member of the Faculty Students Union.

Elections are a democratic process and the Faculty encourages all students to engage in student politics.

### **3.3 Societies**

The following societies provide an opportunity for undergraduates to engage in co-curricular and extracurricular activities during their course of study:

- 1) Aesthetic appreciation of Law Society
- 2) Students' Union
- 3) Moot Court and Debating Society
- 4) Rotaract Club
- 5) Hindu Society
- 6) Muslim Mujlis
- 7) Thulawa Association

### **3.4 Sports**

The University of Colombo offers the following sports which are open to all students of the Faculty of Law.

- Badminton – Men & Women
- Baseball
- Basketball – Men & Women
- Beach Volleyball – Men & Women
- Boxing
- Carrom – Men & Women
- Cricket
- Elle – Men & Women
- Football
- Hockey – Men & Women
- Kabaddi – Men
- Karate – Men & Women
- Netball
- Road Race
- Rowing – Men & Women
- Rugby
- Scrabble – Men & Women
- Table Tennis – Men & Women
- Tennis – Men & Women
- Track & Field – Men & Women
- Volleyball – Men & Women
- Weightlifting – Men
- Wrestling

### **3.5 Counselling Services**

The University provides a free counselling service to all undergraduate students with regard to any challenges they may face. The student counsellors, who function under the guidance of the Senior Student Counsellor, provide counselling in relation to academic matters as well as personal matters.

An undergraduate may consult either a male Counsellor or a female Counsellor, based on their preference during scheduled consultation hours or at any alternative time by prior appointment. Confidentiality is strictly maintained ensuring a safe and supportive environment to the undergraduates. The Student Counsellors' Office is located in the building between the Arts Faculty and the Main Library. Furthermore, the Law Faculty has its own designated Student Counsellors, who are readily available to provide assistance to the students.

The Student Counsellors for the year of 2025 from the Faculty of Law are as follows:

#### **Permanent Student Counsellor**

- Mr. Isuru Liyanage - [isuru@law.cmb.ac.lk](mailto:isuru@law.cmb.ac.lk)

#### **Temporary Student Counsellors**

- Ms. Buddhika Munasinghe - [buddhika@law.cmb.ac.lk](mailto:buddhika@law.cmb.ac.lk)
- Mr. Asela Dissanayaka - [asela@law.cmb.ac.lk](mailto:asela@law.cmb.ac.lk)
- Ms. Tavini Nanayakkara - [tavini@law.cmb.ac.lk](mailto:tavini@law.cmb.ac.lk)
- Mr. Kavindu Hewa Geeganage - [kavindu@law.cmb.ac.lk](mailto:kavindu@law.cmb.ac.lk)
- Mr. V. Kamal Ahamed - [kamal@law.cmb.ac.lk](mailto:kamal@law.cmb.ac.lk)
- Mr. Manawa Nanayakkara - [manawa@law.cmb.ac.lk](mailto:manawa@law.cmb.ac.lk)
- Mr. Roshel Perera - [roshel@law.cmb.ac.lk](mailto:roshel@law.cmb.ac.lk)
- Ms. Prineetha Bandaranayake - [prineetha@law.cmb.ac.lk](mailto:prineetha@law.cmb.ac.lk)
- Ms. Udani Imesha - [imesha@law.cmb.ac.lk](mailto:imesha@law.cmb.ac.lk)

### **3.6 Student Discipline**

Students are expected to behave in a respectful and non-violent manner in order to maintain peace and harmony in the University. Students who act violently or against any rules of the University will be punished according to the gravity of their act. There are several instruments that regulate student conduct, including the By-Laws issued by the University.

#### ***Provisions of the Universities Act on student discipline***

Sections 15(xii) and 135(d) recognize the authority of the University Grants Commission and the governing body of the university to respectively investigate or cause investigation into matters pertaining to discipline of students and to take remedial measures in the event the standards are not being met and enact by-laws in respect of the conditions of resident and the discipline of students.

#### ***UGC Circular on Student Discipline***

The UGC, in Commission Circular No. 946, has taken action to issue a set of common guidelines on disciplinary procedure and imposing punishments to be adopted by each university.

The list contains offences along with respective punishments which range from severe warning to suspension and withholding of examination results or certificates as appropriate all the way to expulsion depending on the gravity of the offence.

It lists such actions as:

- refusing or neglecting to produce the Student ID when called to do so;
- violation of by-laws;
- destroying, damaging, defacing, alienating, misusing or unlawfully appropriating university property, refusal to carry out lawful orders of the administration;
- furnishing false information;
- being under the influence of or in the possession of an intoxicant, liquor, narcotic or other addictive drug, consuming or supplying

liquor, narcotic, addictive drug or gambling within the precincts of the University/Campus;

- disruption of university activities;
- obstruction or harassment of staff members or any other employees of the university;
- prevents or obstructs any student in carrying out his studies, research or other legitimate activity; or
- abuse/harassment (including any form of ragging/molestation) sexual harassment and/or intimidation whether physical or mental of any student or staff member of the university.

### ***Policy against Sexual Harassment***

The University has a policy for the prevention of sexual harassment, and provides a complaints mechanism for persons affected by sexual harassment. It applies to persons and places that come under the aegis of the University of Colombo.

This policy displays the commitment of the University of Colombo towards maintaining a learning environment and workplace that are free of sexual harassment to all persons, irrespective of gender. Based on the fundamental values of human dignity, gender equality and respect for due process, this policy describes what sexual harassment means, aims to prevent the occurrence of sexual harassment within the University of Colombo, and provides suitable procedures for inquiring into, and punishing acts of sexual harassment.



### **3.7 Ragging**

The harassment of first year undergraduates by senior undergraduates has been a serious problem on university campuses in Sri Lanka. Described as “ragging” this unacceptable practice has since become a criminal offence that has no place in an academic setting.

Any undergraduate found ragging will be reported to the police and arrest and prosecution will follow. As undergraduates of the Faculty of Law, you are expected to neither participate in this illegal activity nor condone it in any form.

#### ***i. The Prohibition of Ragging Act***

The Prohibition of Ragging Act makes ragging a distinct and punishable offence. Any act which causes or is likely to cause physical or psychological injury, fear or mental pain in an undergraduate or a member of staff is called ragging. Not only a person who commits ragging but also those who participate in ragging are liable under the Act. Ragging can take place within or outside an educational institution.

The punishment for ragging is two years rigorous imprisonment. In addition, the court can award compensation to the victim. Where ragging leads to sexual harassment or grievous hurt, the punishment is increased to ten years imprisonment and an award of compensation. The latter offence is generally non-bailable.

In addition, the court can, depending on the gravity of the offence, order the expulsion of a student from an educational institution if that person is found guilty of any of the offences contained in the Act.

The staff members of the Faculty of Law have taken a unanimous decision to respond strongly against any undergraduate who engages in ragging. Please join the staff and the majority of undergraduates who reject this criminal conduct and help to eliminate ragging from the Faculty and the University.

## Part IV: Becoming a Lawyer

Upon the successful completion of the LL.B degree, several career pathways will be open to you. These include serving in the judiciary, joining the public service, working in a legal firm, engaging in corporate work, becoming a private counsel, or becoming a legal academic.

To represent anyone before a court of law, you ought to be admitted to the Bar. In Sri Lanka the pathway to admission to the legal profession is through the Sri Lanka Law College. When you are enrolled as an Attorney-at-Law of the Supreme Court of Sri Lanka, you become a member of Sri Lanka's legal profession. Many undergraduates go through this process and then choose from the different career pathways that are open to a LL.B graduate. Regardless of which career path you chose, once you take oaths as a lawyer, you are expected to respect the ethics of your profession.

### 4.1. Professional Responsibility

On the professional responsibilities of lawyers, the following extracts from Lord Neuberger's speech at a conference of the Bar Councils of Northern Ireland and Ireland, Belfast 'The Future of the Bar' (20 June 2014) are instructive.

*'It is right to begin by reminding ourselves that legal practice has an important context not shared by other occupations. Lawyers have a special position in society not because they are loved or because they are particularly admirable people, but because they are responsible for the rule of law. That is true whether they administer law as judges, advise on law as legal advisers or act as advocates in courts and tribunals, whether independent, or employed. The rule of law is fundamental to a modern democratic society.'*

The *Supreme Court (Conduct of and Etiquette for Attorneys-at-Law) Rules 1988* apply to all lawyers in Sri Lanka. The Sri Lanka Bar Association is the professional body for Sri Lankan lawyers.

## **4.2. Attorneys-at-Law Examination**

Several exemptions are provided to LL.B graduates and these are determined by the Council of Legal Education.

Once the Final Examination of the Law College is completed, students have to undergo a six-month apprenticeship period with a senior lawyer, in addition to following the practical training programme conducted by the Sri Lanka Law College.

## **4.3. Alumni Associations**

Upon graduation, a graduate becomes an alumnus of that university. An Alumni Association is a way of serving society and the university. At the University of Colombo many alumni support the University in their individual capacity and also collectively through alumni associations. Undergraduates at the Faculty benefit from the support offered by two alumni associations at the University: the Alumni Association of the Law Faculty and the Alumni Association of the University of Colombo.

### **4.3.1. Alumni Association of the Faculty of Law**

Graduates of the Faculty of Law have formed an Association called the Alumni Association of the Faculty of Law (AAFL). This was formed under the leadership of the late Justice Mark Fernando, who was its president for many years.

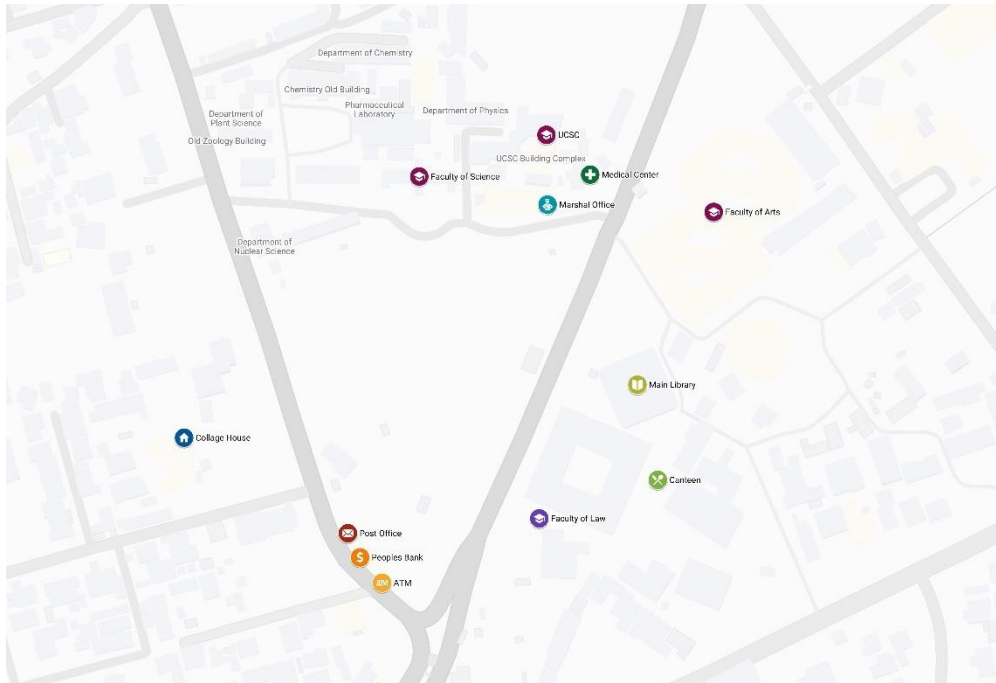
The AAFL has been actively involved in the interests of the students of the Faculty. Its activities include the organisation of guest lectures, seminars, webinars and discussions on a variety of course-modules, conducting career guidance sessions, implementing a mentorship programme, internship programmes and helping in apprenticeship placements. Further Information is available at <https://alumni.lawuoc.lk/>

#### **4.3.2. Alumni Association of the University**

The Alumni Association of the University of Colombo is the apex body of the alumni of various faculties of the University, forming a link between its membership and the University. Today, the Association continues its role of fostering close ties between the student body, University and its alumni.

The Alumni Association of the University of Colombo not only conducts various programmes and initiatives targeting the development and welfare of undergraduates and its members but also conducts public forums to create awareness and discussion in matters of public importance. (Adapted from <https://colomboalumni.org/>)

## University Map



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**Annexure:**

**Examination Offences and Punishments**

All the examination offences are reported to the examination Committee. The Committee should investigate and make recommendations including punishments. The decision of the Examination Committee is forwarded to the Senate and any appeal against the decision of the Senate shall be made to the Examination Committee which shall then be considered by the Examination Committee and a recommendation, if any, made.

**Examination offences may be classified as follows:**

	<b>Offences</b>	<b>Punishments</b>
Examination Offences Inside the Exam Hall		
1.	<b>Possession of unauthorized notes/formulas/documents/equipment*</b>	
	1.1 Notes/formulas written on University material Admission card/University answer sheets etc. (Answer books/sheets, Admission Cards, Graph Papers, Statistical Paper, Map and any document provided by the University are considered as University Materials)	Minimum of cancellation of the results of that particular paper and a maximum of the cancellation of the results of the Semester / Year End / stream examination, in which the offence occurred.
	1.2 Notes/ formulas written on a non-university Material including paper, pencil case calculator, clothes, own body etc.	
	1.3 Possession of electronic equipment such as mobile phones, tablets, note-books, data processing wristwatches, etc.	
2.	<b>Copy or attempt to copy</b>	
	2.1 Copy or attempt to copy from the script of another candidate.	Results of the paper of that semester/year-end/stream examination, which the
	2.2 Facilitating or providing opportunity to others in the hall to copy by	

	keeping his/her answer scripts or any other document in such a way that the other candidate/s can see or by word of mouth or by signs and gestures.	offence occurred, will be cancelled.
3.	<b>Removing examination stationery or any other materials provided for the examination out of the examination hall.</b>	Written warning by Vice-Chancellor for the 1 instance, Cancellation of the results of the exam paper for repetition of the offence.
4.	<b>Writing name on the answer script</b>	Written warning by the Dean of the Faculty and cancellation of results of the paper on repetition for the following years.
5.	<b>Disorderly Conduct</b>	
	5.1 Not carrying out the instruction of Supervisor/Invigilators (disorderly conduct) during the examination and immediately before and after it inside the exam hall.	Cancellation of the results of the paper or to expel the student from the Hall once he/she refuses to abide by the instructions given by the Supervisor in consultation with the Dean of the Faculty.
	5.2 Disturbing supervisor or his/her staff, or to other candidates in the examination hall or its precincts.	
6.	<b>Impersonation</b>	
	6.1 Impersonating any candidate in the examination hall or attempt to do so before the commencement of the examination	Expel the impersonator from the Examination Hall and cancellation of the impersonator's (if impersonator is also a student of the university) entire year examination in which the offence occurred and debar the impersonator from sitting any university examination in next three subsequent academic years.



		If the impersonator is an outsider, the matter requires inquiry and informing appropriate authorities.
	6.2 Allowing himself himself/herself to be impersonated by another person	Cancellation of the candidate's entire year's examinations in which the offence occurred and debar from sitting any university examination in next three subsequent academic years.
<b>Examination Offences Outside the Exam Hall</b>		
7.	<b>Obatin or attempt to obtain prior knowledge of Examination papers / questions</b>	
	7.1 Obtain or attempt to obtain prior knowledge of Examination papers/questions	Cancel the results of the entire semester/year/stream examination and to be reported for disciplinary action
	7.2 Aiding and abetting to the above by another candidate	
8.	<b>Plagiarism** (submitting assignments/term papers/project reports/Extended Essays/ Dissertation/Thesis which has been done wholly or partly by another than the candidates and quoting someone else's work without giving proper citation)</b>	
	8.1 Assignments/term papers/project reports (considered as an assessment component of the subject/course unit)	Assign zero marks and written warning by the Dean of the Faculty
	8.2 Extended Essays/Dissertation (considered as a subject/course unit)	Cancellation of the results of the extended essays/dissertation and consider it as an exhausted attempt.
	8.3 Thesis /Dissertation/Research paper (partial requirement of Postgraduate Degree)	Cancellation of the results of the thesis/dissertation/research paper and suspension from the University for such period as the Senate decides on the

		recommendation of the Examination Committee.
	8.4 Thesis/Dissertation (Full requirement of the Postgraduate Degree)	Cancellation of his/her candidature and debarment for future registration for any postgraduate programme in the University
	8.5 Aiding and abetting any of the above examination offence shall be deemed to have committed that offence.	If aiding and abetting is done by another candidate of the University, the same punishment as the person committing the offence is applicable.
9	<b>Forging signature of any official of the University or Outsiders related to the Examination process and alteration of official documents</b>	
	9.1 In dissertation/thesis – by undergraduates	Cancellation of results of the dissertation/thesis and consider it as an exhausted attempt
	9.2 In other examination or official documents (such as transcript, test amur) by undergraduates	Appropriate punishment recommended by the Examination Committee and decided by the Senate
	9.3 In any document (including dissertation/thesis, transcripts, test amur) by Postgraduate students	Cancellation of candidature in the programme.

Notes:

Those who are punished for Examination offence will not be eligible for a Class or a Merit /Distinction pass. They are not eligible for any awards, prizes or scholarships, which are awarded for academic excellence.

\*Where a student has been in possession of unauthorized materials at an examination hall, he/she shall be presumed to have made use of such material until him/her proves the contrary.

\*\* Plagiarism is defined as Plagiarism above the accepted the cut-off/threshold level

