



UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION

UNIVERSITY ADMISSION – ACADEMIC YEAR 2020/ 2021

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The University Grants Commission (UGC) will entertain applications for admission to Sri Lankan universities from candidates who have satisfied the minimum requirements for university admission at the G.C.E. (Advanced Level) Examination held in October 2020. The Commissioner General of Examinations has already informed the candidates whether they have satisfied the minimum requirements for university admission. Candidates are informed that it is compulsory to apply for university admission online.

Minimum Requirements for University Admission

Candidates who are pronounced eligible for university admission by the Commissioner General of Examinations should have obtained;

- (a) At least 'S' grades in all three approved subjects in one sitting, within a maximum of three (03) attempts.
- (b) A minimum mark of 30% for the Common General Paper.

Note 1: Candidates who have not obtained 30% or above for the common general paper are not eligible for registration for the courses of study of the universities for which they have been selected based on the Z Score in the current academic year.

If such a candidate has obtained a minimum of 30% for the common general paper in a previous attempt within three attempts allowed for university admission, the previous achievement can be considered.

Candidates who have not obtained a minimum of 30% shall re-sit and obtain a minimum of 30% for the common general paper in a next available year within three attempts allowed for university admission, to be eligible to get registered for the courses of study of the universities for which the candidates have already been selected based on Z Score, in a future academic year.

Method to obtain the University Admissions Handbook valid for the academic year 2020/ 2021

University Admissions Handbook valid for the academic year 2020/ 2021 can be obtained in following methods from 21.05.2021, by making a cash payment of Rs. 500/- in respect of each Handbook.

- a. From the University Grants Commission Secretariat, No. 20, Ward Place, Colombo 07.
- b. From the Distributing Agents appointed by the University Grants Commission for selling the University Admissions Handbooks. (The list of Distributing Agents appointed by the UGC is appended below).
- c. A soft copy of the University Admission Handbook can be downloaded through the official website www.ugc.ac.lk after making an online payment of Rs. 500/- to the University Grants Commission.
- d. From the Welfare Divisions of the following Universities:
 - i. University of Colombo
 - ii. University of Peradeniya
 - iii. University of Sri Jayewardenepura
 - iv. University of Kelaniya
 - v. University of Moratuwa
 - vi. University of Jaffna
 - vii. University of Ruhuna
 - viii. Eastern University, Sri Lanka
 - ix. South Eastern University of Sri Lanka
 - x. Rajarata University of Sri Lanka
 - xi. Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka
 - xii. Wayamba University of Sri Lanka
 - xiii. Uva Wellassa University of Sri Lanka
 - xiv. The University of the Visual and Performing Arts
 - xv. Campaha Wickramarachchi University of Indigenous Medicine
- e. University Admissions Handbooks could also be obtained by post.

When University Admissions Handbooks are obtained by post, the applicants should make a deposit of Rs. 500/- in respect of each Handbook at any Branch of the Bank of Ceylon or People's Bank to the credit of the UGC Collection Account No. 000232287 at Torrington Branch of the Bank of Ceylon or Collection Account No. 167-1-001-4-3169407 at Tower Hall Branch of the People's Bank by filling in the paying in voucher provided by the Bank. The counterfoil of the paying in voucher duly authenticated by the Bank with the seal and the signature of an authorized officer should be sent along with the written request for University Admissions Handbooks.

Every written request for Handbooks should be made to the Senior Assistant Secretary (University Admissions), University Grants Commission, No. 20, Ward Place, Colombo 07 by post, giving the name of the applicant and the medium in which the applicant wishes to have the Handbook on admission procedure. In addition, a self-addressed un-stamped envelope of not less than 37cm X 26 cm in size should be forwarded along with the written request.

Prospective candidates are also informed that a large envelope (37cm X 26cm) will be issued along with the University Admissions Handbook titled, "Admission to Undergraduate Courses of the Universities in Sri Lanka - Academic Year 2020/ 2021". Candidates should use this envelope to forward the duly filled and signed printed copy of the Online Application generated at the end of the online application process, to the University Grants Commission. Therefore, candidates have to ensure that they have received the envelope when the Handbook is purchased.

Submission of Applications for University Admission Online

It is compulsory to apply for university admission online via the official website of the University Grants Commission (www.ugc.ac.lk).

Note 2: Candidates are advised to read the SECTION 4 of the University Admissions Handbook valid for the academic year 2020/ 2021 for the Application Procedure.

Note 3: Instructions to submit the applications for university admission online are given in the SECTION 5 of the University Admissions Handbook valid for the academic year 2020/ 2021.

Note 4: Candidates who do not have Internet facilities to apply for university admission online are facilitated free of charge to apply for university admission online at Regional Centres of the Open University of Sri Lanka (NAC Centres), Provincial and Zonal ICT Centres of the Ministry of Education and Mass Media Centres under Information & Communication Technology Agency (ICTA) islandwide during opening hours. Contact details of all such centres are given at the end of the SECTION 5 of the University Admissions Handbook valid for the Academic Year 2020/ 2021.

Note 5: Instructions for the candidates who did not use a National Identity Card (NIC) to prove their identity at the G.C.E. (A/L) Examination, to submit their applications for university admission online are given in pages 124-125 of the SECTION 5 of the University Admissions Handbook valid for the Academic Year 2020/ 2021.

Note 6: If you have any difficulty in filling out the application form for University Admission online you can contact the Government Information Center (1919).

Closing Date of Applications

The closing date of applications will be 11.06.2021. Candidates are hereby informed that no applications will be entertained after 11.06.2021.

Having completed the other requirements as given in the University Admissions Handbook, the printed online application generated after submitting the application online should be sent by registered post addressed to the Senior Assistant Secretary (University Admissions), University Grants Commission, No. 20, Ward Place, Colombo 07. You must use the envelope provided with the Handbook for this purpose.

Due to the prevailing Covid-19 pandemic situation in the country, please note that it is a mandatory requirement to send a scanned copy or a clear photograph of the printed online application generated after submitting the application online, having completed the other requirements as given in the University Admissions Handbook to the email apply2020@ugc.ac.lk, in addition to sending it via registered post.

The printed online applications should be sent only by registered post and candidates are not allowed to submit applications to the UCC by hand.

Disqualifying for University Admission

The following categories of students do not qualify for seeking admission as internal students to a State University or a Higher Education Institute under the UGC, in terms of the Section 1.7 of the University Admissions Handbook valid for the academic year 2020/ 2021.

1. Students who sat the G.C.E. (Advanced Level) Examination on more than three (03) occasions.
2. Students who were/are registered as internal students to follow a course of study in a State University / Higher Educational Institute established under the Universities Act No.16 of 1978 (as amended). (List of all the Universities and Higher Educational Institutes covered under this section is mentioned in Section 1.6 (8) and Section 1.6 (10) of the University Admissions Handbook valid for the academic year 2020/ 2021).
3. Students who were/are registered under free education as internal students to follow a first degree course in a State University/Institute established under any other Act of Parliament in Sri Lanka other than the Universities Act No. 16 of 1978 (as amended).

Which are:

- i. Bhikshu University of Sri Lanka
 - ii. Buddhist & Pali University of Sri Lanka
 - iii. General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University (As Enlisted Officer Cadets)
 - iv. University of Vocational Technology
 - v. Ocean University of Sri Lanka (Students who got registered in or after 2007)
4. Students who were/are registered in a College of Education as internal students to follow a course of study.
 5. Students who were/are registered under free education as internal students to follow a diploma programme of three (03) year duration in a University College under the University of Vocational Technology.
 6. Students who were/are registered as full time students to follow a following course of study of three (03) year duration or more in an undermentioned institute subject to the provisions made in the paragraphs named "Important" below;
 - a. Higher National Diploma (HND) at an institution which comes under the Sri Lanka Institute of Advanced Technological Education (SLIATE)
 - b. National Diploma in Engineering Sciences (NDES) at Institute of Engineering Technology (IET) of the National Apprentice and Industrial Training Authority (NAITA)

Important:

However, a student who is registered as a full time student to follow a course of study of a three (03) year duration or more to obtain a Higher National Diploma (HND) at an institution which comes under the Sri Lanka Institute of Advanced Technological Education (SLIATE) or National Diploma in Engineering Sciences (NDES) at Institute of Engineering Technology (IET) of the National Apprentice and Industrial Training Authority (NAITA) is given the opportunity to withdraw the registration within 60 days from the last date given for registration by the relevant Institute and apply for university admission to follow a course of study in a University or a Higher Educational Institute established under the Universities Act No. 16 of 1978 (as amended) on the basis of the results of a G.C.E. (Advanced Level) Examination held in a later year.

Please note that if the student has not withdrawn the registration from the abovementioned institutions within the 60 days from the last date given for registration for a course of study mentioned in paragraph 6 above, he/she will not be eligible to apply for university admission to follow a course of study in a University or Higher Educational Institute established under the Universities Act No. 16 of 1978 (as amended) on the basis of the results of a G.C.E. (Advanced Level) Examination held in a later year, since he/she comes under paragraph 6 above.

However, a student who is admitted to fill a vacancy of a Higher National Diploma (HND) at an institution which comes under the Sri Lanka Institute of Advanced Technological Education (SLIATE) or National Diploma in Engineering Sciences (NDES) at Institute of Engineering Technology (IET) of the National Apprentice and Industrial Training Authority (NAITA) mentioned in paragraph 6 above will not be given the concession mentioned above to withdraw their registration within the 60 day period and to apply for university admission again.

Note 7: Candidates who have withdrawn the registration from the institutions mentioned in paragraph 6 above within 60 days from the last date given for registration for a course of study should send a copy of the letter issued by the institution concerned regarding the cancellation of registration, along with the application.

Note 8: If the information provided by the candidate along with the application for university admission or at the registration found to be false or inaccurate prior to his / her admission to the University / Higher Educational Institute, actions will be taken to cancel the selections and the application for university admission submitted by the candidate for that particular academic year and he / she will not be allowed to apply for university admissions in any of the future academic years.

Moreover, if the information provided by the candidate along with the application for university admission or at the registration found to be false or inaccurate after his / her

admission to the University / Higher Educational Institute, actions will be taken to dismiss the student from the University / Higher Educational Institute.

Other Important Information

a. Marking Preferences for the Courses of study of the Universities in the Application Form

In the academic year 2020/ 2021, there are 119 different degree programmes conducted by 15 National Universities, 03 Campuses and 04 Higher Educational Institutes under the UCC.

A unique code (a unique identity) is given to each individual course of study of a particular university/campus / institute. This unique code is referred to as a "Uni-Code". In total, there are 244 Uni-Codes. The list of Uni-Codes is given in page no. 139-144 of the University Admissions Handbook valid for the academic year 2020/2021.

Candidates could apply for any number of Uni-Codes (i.e. any number of courses of study of universities) to which they are eligible to apply. However, the candidates are not eligible to apply for all 244 Uni-Codes. A choice for a candidate will depend on the subjects offered at the G.C.E. (Advanced Level) Examination. However, each candidate can mark up to a maximum of 125 choices in the application.

They should arrange their "Uni-Codes" from the highest preferred Uni-Code to the lowest preferred Uni-Code. Sequence should indicate the decreasing interest to a Uni-Code, in the mind of the candidate. Candidates are not allowed to enter the same Uni-Code more than one occasion in the order of preference.

In the selection, the course of study and the university both will be considered together.

Candidates are strongly advised to mark the maximum number of Uni-Codes which they are eligible to apply when filling the application. Candidates are considered only for the courses of study of the universities for which they have marked preferences. Candidates will not be considered for the courses of study of the universities to which they have not marked preferences. Accordingly, if a particular candidate has not given a preference to a course of study of a university (Uni-Code) for which he/she could have been selected according to the Z score, he/she would not be allocated to that course of study and the university for which he/she has not indicated a preference. Instead he/she would be considered for the next choice of course of study and the university (Uni-Code) preferred by him/her.

Note 9: Candidates are advised to read the SECTION 3 of the University Admissions Handbook valid for the academic year 2020/ 2021 for the instructions to use Uni-Codes for indicating the order of preference.

Note 10: If a student is not getting registered to a selected course of study of a university (Uni-Code), he/she will not then be considered for any other university to follow the same course of study, under filling of vacancies even if the student has given higher preferences for the same course of study in different universities in the application form for university admission. Instead, his/her application will be considered for the next course of study preferred.

Students are advised to read the example named "Important" given in page no 112-113 of the University Admissions Handbook valid for the academic year 2020/ 2021 for further clarifications in this regard.

h. Practical/Aptitude Tests

Candidates who wish to be considered for admission to the undermentioned courses of study should apply and pass the practical/apptitude tests conducted by the respective universities. The relevant university will publish a press notice calling for applications to sit the practical/apptitude tests and the candidates should submit their applications for practical/apptitude tests directly to the respective university. The candidates may contact the Registrar of the respective university. The contact phone numbers of the relevant Universities/Higher Educational Institutes which conduct the practical/apptitude tests are given in page 291 of the Handbook. However, in order to consider for the course of study, it is compulsory to fulfill the cut-off mark of the relevant course of study in addition to passing the practical/apptitude test.

Course of Study	University/Campus/Institute	Uni-Code
Arts (SP) - Mass Media	University of Colombo(Sri Police Campus)	0205
Arts (SP) - Performing Arts	University of Colombo(Sri Police Campus)	0415
Architecture	University of Moratuwa	0293
Design	University of Moratuwa	0294
Management & Information Technology	University of Kelaniya	0270
Fashion Design & Product Development	University of Moratuwa	0346
Information & Communication Technology	Rajarata University of Sri Lanka	038K
Information & Communication Technology	University of Jaffna (Vavuniya Campus)	038R
Computer Science & Technology	Uva Wellassa University of Sri Lanka	065U
Entrepreneurship & Management	Uva Wellassa University of Sri Lanka	066U
Music	Ramanathan Academy of Fine Arts	068K
Music	Sri Lanka Institute of Aesthetic Studies	068Y
Music	University of the Visual & Performing Arts	068Z
Dance	Ramanathan Academy of Fine Arts	069K
Dance	Sri Lanka Institute of Aesthetic Studies	069Y
Dance	University of the Visual & Performing Arts	069Z
Art & Design	Ramanathan Academy of Fine Arts	070K
Drama & Theatre	Sri Lanka Institute of Aesthetic Studies	071Y
Drama & Theatre	University of the Visual & Performing Arts	071Z
Visual & Technological Arts	Sri Lanka Institute of Aesthetic Studies	072Y
Industrial Information Technology	Uva Wellassa University of Sri Lanka	075U
Physical Education	University of Jaffna	081E
Physical Education	Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka	081L
Sports Sciences & Management	University of Sri Jayewardenepura	082C
Sports Sciences & Management	University of Kelaniya	082D
Sports Sciences & Management	Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka	082L
Speech & Hearing Sciences	University of Kelaniya	083D
Visual Arts	University of the Visual & Performing Arts	085Z
Hospitality, Tourism & Events Management	Uva Wellassa University of Sri Lanka	090U
Information Technology & Management	University of Moratuwa	091G
Information Systems	University of Colombo School of Computing	096T
Landscape Architecture	University of Moratuwa	097G
Translation Studies	University of Kelaniya	098D
Translation Studies	University of Jaffna	098E
Translation Studies	Eastern University, Sri Lanka	098H
Translation Studies	Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka	098L
Film & Television Studies	University of Kelaniya	100D
Financial Engineering	University of Kelaniya	110D

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