

UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO

Admission of Foreign Students — Academic Year 2025/2026

Under the University Grants Commission (UGC) Handbook for Admission of Students with Foreign Qualifications

The University of Colombo warmly invites qualified international applicants and Sri Lankan students who have completed their secondary education abroad to apply for undergraduate admission in Medicine, Law, Management, Science, and Technology for the 2025/2026 academic year. Entry requirements below are as prescribed by the UGC and apply specifically to programmes offered at the University of Colombo.



Medicine (MBBS)

Course Code 001 · Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo · Duration: 5 years

Entry Requirement	Two credit passes and a simple pass in Biology, Chemistry and Physics at the GCE Advanced Level Examination (or equivalent foreign qualification).
Degree Awarded	Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS)
Location	Colombo
Annual Course Fee	US \$ 15,000 (per UGC fee schedule)



Law (LLB)

Course Code 025 · Faculty of Law, University of Colombo · Duration: 4 years · Medium: English

Entry Requirement	Passes in three subjects at the Advanced Level, selected as: (a) Three subjects from: Accounting, Agricultural Science, Biology, Business Statistics, Business Studies, Chemistry, Physics, Communication & Media Studies, Political Science, Geography, Higher Mathematics, History, Logic & Scientific Method, Economics, Mathematics/Combined Mathematics, Information & Communication Technology; OR (b) One or two subjects from the above list plus subject(s) from the following approved list of languages/religions/civilizations: Sinhala, Tamil, English, Chinese, Japanese, French, German, Arabic, Hindi, Russian, Korean, Pali, Sanskrit, Buddhism/Buddhist Civilization, Hinduism/Hindu Civilization, Christianity/Christian Civilization, Islam/Islamic Civilization, Greek & Roman Civilization.
Degree Awarded	Bachelor of Laws (LLB)
Annual Course Fee	US \$ 5,000 (per UGC fee schedule)



Management

Course Code 016 · Faculty of Management & Finance, University of Colombo · Duration: 4 years

Entry Requirement	Three passes at the Advanced Level in Business Studies, Economics and Accounting; OR at least two of these plus a third subject from an approved list (e.g. Agricultural Science, Combined Mathematics or Mathematics, Business Statistics, Geography, History, ICT, English, French, German, Political Science, Logic & Scientific Method).
Degree Programmes	Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) Honours BBA Honours in Finance / Human Resource Management / Marketing / Accounting BBA Honours in Business Economics / International Business

	BBA Honours in Hospitality and Leisure Management
Annual Course Fee	US \$ 4,000 (per UGC fee schedule)



Science

Physical Science — Course Code 013 · Duration: 3 years (Bachelor of Science)

Entry Requirement	Three A/L passes including: 1. Combined Mathematics or Higher Mathematics, AND 2. Chemistry or Physics, AND 3. A third subject from: Agricultural Science, Combined Mathematics, Biology, Higher Mathematics, Chemistry, Physics.
Degree Awarded	Bachelor of Science in Physical Science
Annual Course Fee	US \$ 6,000 (per UGC fee schedule)

Biological Science — Course Code 006 · Faculty of Science, University of Colombo

Entry Requirement	Three A/L passes including: 1. Biology 2. Chemistry and 3. And third subject from: Agricultural Science, Higher Mathematics, Mathematics, Combined Mathematics, Physics
Degree Awarded	Bachelor of Science (Biological Science)
Annual Course Fee	US \$ 6,000 (per UGC fee schedule)



Technology

Engineering Technology / Biosystems Technology — offered under the Technology Stream (Course Codes 102 & 103)

Entry Requirement	Passes for Engineering Technology (ET), Science for Technology (SFT) and for third subject from among; Economics, Geography, Home Economics, English, Communication and Media Studies, Information & Communication Technology, Art, Business Studies, Agricultural Science, Accountancy, Mathematics
Degree Programmes	Bachelor of Engineering Technology Honours in Instrumentation and Automation
Medium	English
Entry Requirement	Passes for Biosystems Technology (BST), Science for Technology (SFT) and for third subject from among; Economics, Geography, Home Economics, English, Communication and Media Studies, Information & Communication Technology, Art, Business Studies, Agricultural Science, Accountancy, Mathematics
Degree Programmes	Bachelor of Biosystems Technology Honours in Environmental Technology Bachelor of Biosystems Technology Honours in Agriculture
Medium	English
Annual Course Fee	US \$ 6,000 (per UGC fee schedule; both programmes)

How to Apply

Applications are processed centrally by the University Grants Commission (UGC) of Sri Lanka on behalf of all state universities, including the University of Colombo.

Application Form	Available at the end of the UGC Handbook (printable) and as an editable PDF on the UGC website.
Application Link	www.ugc.ac.lk
Closing Date	17th August 2026
Submission	Post the completed hard-copy application (with all certified supporting documents) to: Deputy Secretary / University Admissions, University Grants Commission, No. 20, Ward Place, Colombo 07, Sri Lanka. In parallel, email a scanned PDF copy of the full application to foreignadmissions@ugc.ac.lk on or before the closing date.
Processing Fee	US \$100, payable by telegraphic transfer (SWIFT) or bank draft to: University Grants Commission, Bank of Ceylon, Torrington Branch, A/C No. 2323287, Swift Code BCEYLKLX, Reference: FADM2526 (non-refundable).
English Proficiency	Applicants whose prior education was not in English must submit TOEFL (min. 79), IELTS (min. 6.5), or PTE (51–60) results.
Enquiries	Tel: +9411-2695301/02, +9411-2123415 · Fax: +9411-2691678 · Email: foreignadmissions@ugc.ac.lk
	University of Colombo — Preferred University Applicants who wish to be considered for the University of Colombo should clearly indicate “University of Colombo” as their university of preference on the UGC application form, in the section provided for stating preferred university/institution for each choice of study. Applicants are also encouraged to copy (Cc) the International & Outreach Unit of the University of Colombo at info@iouc.cmb.ac.lk when submitting their application to the UGC, so that the University can track and follow up on foreign-qualification applications naming Colombo as a preference.

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