



Who should apply

Any person who wants to apply to the MBA or any specialized MBAs offered by the Faculty should:

(1) possesses any one or more of the following qualifications:

- (a) A Special Degree with a First Class or Second Class (Upper Division) Honours in any Business or Management related discipline (including Commerce, Economics or Public Administration) from this University or any other recognized University
- OR
- (b) A Special Degree in any Business or Management related discipline (including Commerce, Economics or Public Administration) from this University or any other recognized University
- and
- minimum of one (01) year post-qualifying work experience in managerial capacity
- OR
- (c) A Degree with a First Class or Second Class (Upper Division) Honours in any Business or Management related discipline (including Commerce, Economics or Public Administration) from any other recognized University
- and
- a minimum of one (01) year post-qualifying work experience in managerial capacity

- OR
- (d) A Degree in any discipline and at least a Postgraduate Diploma in any Business or Management related discipline (including Commerce, Economics or Public Administration) from this University or any other recognized University
- OR
- (e) A Degree in any discipline from this University or any other recognized University
- and
- a minimum of two (02) years post-qualifying work experience in managerial capacity
- OR
- (f) Any other qualification acceptable to the Faculty Board and the Senate of the University of Colombo
- OR
- (g) Any qualification not mentioned in classes (a) to (f) above recommended by a qualification evaluation committee and approved by the Senate of the University of Colombo
- AND
- (2) has demonstrated management ability and potential for future career development in management;
- AND
- (3) has a good knowledge of English.

Selection Procedure

The selection procedure includes three steps. First, the suitability of the applicants to the programme is assessed using the information provided in the application. All the applicants who do not satisfy the minimum qualifications including academic and/or professional qualifications and post-qualifying experience at managerial capacity will be rejected. Second, the remaining applicants will be called for a written examination in which analytical skills, conceptual skills, knowledge of the business environment and proficiency in English will be tested. Finally, the applicants who are successful at the written examination will be called for an interview in which the applicants are assessed in terms of their demonstrated management competencies, career prospects and personal characteristics.

In the case of applicants holding foreign citizenship applying from outside of Sri Lanka, having resided outside of Sri Lanka for a period of at least one year from the date of applying, the requirement of successful performance at the Admission Test and interview stated may not be applicable. In such cases the score in the English Language Testing System (IELTS) may be accepted in lieu of the Admission Test and Interview. The applicant who has earned an IELTS score not less than that stipulated by the Faculty Board within the last two years from the date of calling applications for the MBA Programme in that year shall be considered eligible to apply for MBA Programme in that year.

Total Investment

Fees for the entire programme is Rs. 500,000*. Detailed breakdown of the fees payable is as follows:

	First Installment (on registration)	Second Installment (Semester II second half)	Third Installment (Semester III second half)	Total Rs.
Registration fee	6,000	6,000		12,000
Tuition fee	153,000	103,000	145,000	401,000
Examinations fees	36,000	36,000		72,000
Library fees	5,000	5,000		10,000
Graduation dinner			5,000	5,000
Total	200,000	150,000	150,000	500,000

*Fees for foreign students will be higher

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The University of Colombo, which can be claimed as the oldest University in Sri Lanka, has been associated with higher education for over 100 years. It is a metropolitan university and the students are at a distinct advantage being at the hub of the cultural, economic and political activities of the country. University of Colombo has become a leading university in the region and has received high international rating being the best University in Sri Lanka. In that University of Colombo is the best known Sri Lankan University throughout the globe.

Faculty of Management & Finance and her MBA Programmes

The Faculty of Management & Finance which was established in May 1994 has nearly thirty years of history in management education, despite being the youngest Faculty of the University of Colombo.

The history of the Master of Business Administration (MBA) programme of the University of Colombo runs into more than three decades and it is one of the oldest MBA Programmes not only in Sri Lanka but also in the South Asian region. During these three decades, it has produced a significant number of professional managers who work in different parts of the world. Meantime the MBA of the University of Colombo has transformed itself into one of the well recognized MBAs offered by universities in South Asia.



Students who are enrolled in the MBA Programme have the option of reading for the MBA or specialized MBA. This facilitates students to customize their learning experience to best suit their career aspirations, learning habits and interests. It is the belief of the Faculty that all these features would help to reach the following valued learning outcomes of the MBA Programme.

- Leading any organizational transformation effectively and managing the organization efficiently
- Being critical in evaluating the selection of management into business decision making so that he/she is capable of responding to the decision making context in the most suitable manner.
- Being a competent team player with the highest commitment in developing a sense of community within the organization.
- Being a professional manager in all his/her conduct within and outside the organization.
- Being a responsible and valued citizen.

MBA

This programme is mainly intended for managers who need to acquire multi-disciplinary skills and for those who are aspiring to be members of the corporate management team.

First Year Core Courses

- MBA 5101 - Accounting for Managers
- MBA 5102 - Managerial Economics
- MBA 5103 - Management Process & Practices
- MBA 5104 - Business Statistics
- MBA 5105 - Contemporary Management Thought
- MBA 5106 - Management Information Systems
- MBA 5107 - Organizational Behavior

- MBA 5108 - Business Ethics & Corporate Responsibility
- MBA 5109 - Financial Management
- MBA 5110 - Human Resources Management
- MBA 5111 - Marketing Management
- MBA 5112 - Operations and Quality Management

Second Compulsory Courses

- MBA 5211 - Business Strategy
- MBA 5212 - Entrepreneurship development
- MBA 5213 - Organizational leadership
- MBA 5214 - Managing business across borders

Second Year Elective Courses

- MBA 5216 - Project management
- MBA 5217 - Legal aspects of business/ Business law
- MBA 5218 - Seminar: Contemporary issues in management
- MBA 5219 - Managing innovation
- MBA 5220 - Impression management and organizational politics
- MBA 5221 - Management profession in Sri Lanka
- MBA 5222 - Conflict and negotiation management
- MBA 5223 - Environmental management
- MBA 5224 - Business in emerging markets
- MBA 5225 - Industrial dynamics
- MBA 5226 - Sustainability and business
- MBA 5227 - Crisis and disaster management
- MBA 5228 - Tax planning and management
- MBA 5229 - Strategic management accounting
- MBA 5230 - Strategic information systems
- MBA 5231 - Strategic finance
- MBA 5232 - Strategic human resources management
- MBA 5233 - Strategic marketing
- MBA 5234 - Organizational analysis
- MBA 5232 - Indigenous management
- MBA 5235 - Hospitality management
- MBA 5236 - Investment management
- MBA 5237 - Talent and performance management
- MBA 5238 - Supply chain development and integration
- MBA 5239 - Internationalization of entrepreneurship
- MBA 5240 - Sri Lankan business cases
- MBA 5245 - Special topics

Options Available

Students have four options in reading the selected degree programme namely, Course Work Option, Research Paper Option, Business Skill Project Option and Thesis Option.

Course Work Option

This option is offered to students who are interested in reading for a more professionally oriented Master's Degree. They complete their degree earning all required credits from taught courses.

Research Paper Option

This option is offered to students who wish to maintain a balance between professional and academic orientation in their Master's Degree. They complete their degree following a course on Research Methods and writing a research paper together with taught courses.

Thesis Option

This option is more suitable for academics and professional researchers who need and wish to have a rigorous training in management and business research. Ideally this is appropriate for those who have a plan to read for a higher degree. They complete their degree following the three courses on Research Methods, writing a Thesis together with taught courses.

Business Skill Project Option

This option is for students who wish to develop the skills for developing comprehensive projects for organizational issues. They compete their degree following a course on writing project reports and writing a project report together with taught courses.

Duration of the Programme

The duration of the programme is 6 Trimesters in two (02) years. The traditional classroom learning is essentially coupled with residential workshops, soft skills development sessions, field visits, seminars/conferences, online learning, off-campus assignments to augment the learning experience.