

FEES

Application fee	Rs.2,000/-
Course fee	Rs.190,000/-

HOW TO APPLY

Application form can be downloaded from the CSHR website cshr.cmb.ac.lk. Duly completed application form along with the certified copies of National Identity Card, Birth Certificate, relevant education and professional qualifications, work experience and payment slip (application fee) should be sent through the registered post to:

**The Director,
Centre for the Study of Human Rights,
Faculty of Law,
University of Colombo,
94,Cumaratunga Munidasa Mawatha,
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Please mention the programme name on the left side of the envelope.

FOR INFORMATION

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CENTRE FOR THE STUDY OF HUMAN RIGHTS

Centre for the Study of Human Rights (CSHR), was established in 1991 in response to extensive human rights violations in Sri Lanka at the time period. It was set up as a non-profit organisation within the Faculty of Law, University of Colombo, with the objective of making the public aware of their rights and remedies for the violation of rights. CSHR has been a pioneer of human rights education for 30 years with its mandate of Human Rights Education, Research and Capacity Building.

The CSHR continues to believe in the primary goal of Human Rights Education as a vital component in building a Human Rights culture throughout society; where the principles of peace, respect for diversity, and economic and social justice are maintained. This goal is pursued through the content and methods employed in the educational programmes of the CSHR. CSHR offers Advanced training programmes, Certificate Courses, Diploma programmes, Higher Diploma, Postgraduate programme and Masters under CSHR Education Programmes.

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MASTERS IN DEVELOPMENT AND GENDER STUDIES (MDGS)

ACADEMIC YEAR - 2024

SLQF LEVEL: 09

**CREDIT VALUE: 30
ONE YEAR PROGRAMME**

**WEEKEND SESSIONS
HYBRID MODE**

INTRODUCTION

The Master of Development and Gender Studies (MDGS) programme is designed to address the critical interrelation between two important areas of global concern: development is a fundamental human right, which has been conceptualized in different aspects and the achievement of which depends on the realization of the intersection of multiple and cross-cutting factors. Gender, on the other hand, highlight the importance of promoting equality in opportunities, access and results for all people without discrimination on the basis of gender identities and norms.

This course of study aims to explore the theoretical underpinnings of these two concepts and their inter-relatedness, emphasizing the importance of integrating both concepts into policy and practice. Through this exploration, students are expected to gain a deeper understanding of the interrelated challenges and opportunities for advancing human development and seek ways and means to effect positive change in their chosen fields.

MDGS is introduced as the first ever masters programme that combines the element of gender rights and development in Sri Lanka. This would be a groundbreaking postgraduate programme that provides a combination of theoretical and practical perspectives on gender and development as two concepts.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

A bachelor's degree from any recognized university or an equivalent qualification recognised by the University of Colombo;

(a) including 30 credits in the relevant subject area; or

(b) with prior learning/work experience equivalent to 30 credits in the relevant subject area;

OR

2. An educational/professional qualification in the relevant subject area equivalent to 1(a) or 1(b) with prior learning/work experience which is acceptable to the University of Colombo;

OR

3. Completion of NVQ level 7, as determined by the Senate of the University of Colombo.

AND

A good knowledge of English language satisfactory performance at a selection test and/or selection interview.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES AND OUTCOMES

- Mastery of Development and Gender Concepts
- Critical Thinking and Analysis
- Research and Methodology
- Communication and Collaboration
- Professional Development

COURSE MODULES

Semester I

MDGS 9101 - Theoretical Approaches to Gender

MDGS 9102 - Human Rights Norms and Practices on Development

MDGS 9103 - Gender and Development - Part 01

MDGS 9104 - Research Methodology

Semester II

MDGS 9201 - Gender and Development - Part 02

MDGS 9202- Emerging Trends and Challenges on Gender and Development

MDGS 9203 - Guided Independent Study

MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION

The medium of instruction and examination shall be English.

COURSE STRUCTURE

This course is designed based on the credit value system of Sri Lanka Qualification Framework Level 9 (SLQF 9) and it allows a candidate to earn 30 credits within the period of one year by successfully completing six course modules along with an independent study.