

Date	Time	Course	Topic
15.08.2026	09.30 - 10.30 am	NA	Inauguration
15.08.2026	11.00 to 11.30 am	NA	Orientation - Introduction to the Programme, Assessment, By-law, LMS
15.08.2026	9.45 am to 10.15 am	DHRV	Inauguration Keynote speech
15.08.2026	11.30 am - 01.30 pm	HRDR	Research Methodology: An Introduction to Academic Research
15.08.2026	02.30 pm - 04.30 pm	DHRV	Introduction to Transitional Justice and Human Rights
20.08.2026	07.00 pm - 09.00 pm	DTP	Introduction to Democracy and Democratisation I
21.08.2026	07.00 pm - 09.00 pm	HRNM I	Philosophical and Normative Foundations of Human Rights I
22.08.2026	09.00 am - 11.00 am	HRDR	Introduction to Research Methodology: Ontology, Epistemology, and Methodology
	11.15 am- 01.15 pm	DHRV	Introduction to Transitional Justice: Components and Standards - I
	02.15 pm - 04.15 pm	HRDR	Formulation of research title, Research problem, Research objectives and Research Questions
			27.08.2026 - Poya Day (Holiday)
28.08.2026	07.00 pm - 09.00 pm	DHRV	Human Rights and Transitional Justice: A Case Study of Sri Lanka
29.08.2026	09.00 am - 11.00 am	HRNM I	Philosophical and Normative Foundations of Human Rights II

	11.15 am- 01.15 pm	DHRV	Introduction to Transitional Justice: Components and Standards II
	02.15 pm - 04.15 pm	DTP	Introduction to Democracy and Democratisation II
03.09.2026	07.00 pm - 09.00 pm	HRNM I	Introduction to Public International law I
04.09.2026	07.00 pm - 09.00 pm	DTP	Different Models of Democracies Part I
05.09.2026	09.00 am - 11.00 am	HRNM I	Cultural Relativism and Human Rights - A Guest Lecture
	11.15 am- 01.15 pm	HRDR	Literature Review in the Research Proposal and in a Chapter in the Dissertation
	02.15 pm - 04.15 pm	DHRV	Human Rights Protection and Promotion: Different Roles and Duties of Individuals and the Civil Society - Practical Skills Lecture
10.09.2026	07.00 pm - 09.00 pm	HRNM I	Philosophical Critiques of Human Rights (Liberalism, Natural Law, Utilitarianism and Feminism)
11.09.2026	07.00 pm - 09.00 pm	HRNM I	Introduction to Public International law II
12.09.2026	09.00 am - 11.00 am	HRNM I	ICCPR and Human Rights
	11.15 am- 01.15 pm	DTP	Different Models of Democracies Part II
	02.15 pm - 04.15 pm	HRDR	Research Methodology: Qualitative Research Methods - Part I
17.09.2026	07.00 pm - 09.00 pm	HRDR	Research Methodology: Qualitative Research Methods - Part II
18.09.2026	07.00 pm - 09.00 pm	DHRV	Transitional Justice Beyond Formal Institutions - A Guest Lecture

19.09.2026	09.00 am - 11.00 am	HRNM I	The formation of the UN, Its Structure, and Its Impact on the Protection of Human Rights
	11.15 am- 01.15 pm	HRDR	Research Methodology: Quantitative Research Methods and Mixed Research Method
	02.15 pm - 04.15 pm	DTP	Democracy, Equality, Justice and Popular Sovereignty
24.09.2026	07.00 pm - 09.00 pm	DHRV	Constitutional Making and Transitional Justice: State Practices
25.09.2026	07.00 pm - 09.00 pm	DHRV	Transitional Justice and Human Rights Protection and Promotion: A Case Study of South Africa
			26.09.2026 - Poyaday (holiday)
01.10.2026	07.00 pm - 09.00 pm	HRNM I	UN Charter-based Mechanisms
02.10.2026	07.00 pm - 09.00 pm	DTP	Systems of Constitutional Governance I
03.10.2026	09.00 am - 11.00 am	HRNM I	UN Treaty-based Mechanisms
	11.15 am- 01.15 pm	DTP	Systems of Constitutional Governance - II
	02.15 pm - 04.15 pm	HRDR	OSCOLA - Referencing Guide for Legal Research
08.10.2026	07.00 pm - 09.00 pm	HRNM I	ICECSR and Human Rights
09.10.2026	07.00 pm - 09.00 pm	DTP	Constitutionalism, Rule of Law and the Independence of Judiciary
10.10.2026	09.00 am - 11.00 am	HRNM I	Sovereignty, Cosmopolitanism and Institutionalisation of Human Rights
	11.15 am- 01.15 pm	HRDR	Plagiarism and violations of Research Ethics

	02.15 pm - 04.15 pm	HRDR	Research Ethics and Ethics Approval Process in the Faculty of Law (Mandatory) followed by Q and A Session (Practical)
15.10.2026	07.00 pm - 09.00 pm	DTP	Transitional Constitutionalism
16.10.2026	07.00 pm - 09.00 pm	HRNM I	Fundamental Rights in Sri Lanka: An Assessment of the Constitutional Protection - A Guest Lecture
17.10.2026	09.00 am - 11.00 am	HRDR	Structuring Your Dissertation: How to Decide the Chapter Outline Suitable for Your Dissertation (Eg: Introduction, Theoretical Framework, Methodology, Literature Review, Legal Analysis, Data Analysis, Comparative Jurisdiction, Recommendations and Conclusion)
	11.15 am- 01.15 pm	DTP	Democratic Accountability in Sri Lanka
	02.15 pm - 04.15 pm	HRNM I	New Developments in Fundamental Rights Jurisprudence in Sri Lanka - A Guest Lecture
22.10.2026	07.00 pm - 09.00 pm	HRDR	Academic Writing: Tips for a Good Product
23.10.2026	07.00 pm - 09.00 pm	DTP	Democracy During Crisis: Rights and Challenges
24.10.2026	09.00 am - 11.00 am	HRNM I	Protecting Human Rights of People with Disabilities
	11.15 am- 01.15 pm	DHRV	A Discussion with a Professional - "Remedies (Non-judicial) available for human rights violations in Sri Lanka" - Practical Skills Lecture (i)
	02.15 pm - 04.15 pm	DHRV	Human Rights Protection and International Criminal Justice

29.10.2026	07.00 pm - 09.00 pm	DTP	Electoral System in Sri Lanka and Democracy
30.10.2026	07.00 pm - 09.00 pm	HRNM I	Human Rights Obligations of Non-State Actors
31.10.2026	09.00 am - 11.00 am	DHRV	Transitional Justice and Human Rights Protection and Promotion: A Case Study of Nepal
	11.30 am to 01.30 pm	DTP	Development in a Discourse on Liberal Democracy in the Asia Pacific Region
	02.30 pm - 04.30 pm	HRDR	The Relationship between the Supervisor and the Supervisee
05.11.2026	07.00 pm - 09.00 pm	DTP	Interdependance between Democracy and Human Rights
06.11.2026	07.00 pm - 09.00 pm	HRNM I	Human Rights Obligation of State Actors
07.11.2026	09.00 am - 11.00 am	DTP	Transitional Democracy
	11.15 am- 01.15 pm	DHRV	A Discussion with Hon Judge of the Supreme Court: The Role of the Judiciary of Sri Lanka in Protecting and Promoting Fundamental Rights - Practical Skills Lecture (ii) (A Guest Lecture)
	02.15 pm - 04.15 pm	DTP	Federalism, Devolution of Powers and Democracy
12.11.2026	07.00 pm - 09.00 pm	DHRV	A Discussion with a University Professor: Transitional Justice and Women's Rights - Practical Skills (iii)
13th & 14th November 2026		No MHRD Lectures	International Research Conference of the Faculty of Law - Sessions Academic Event (Onsite) (Registration Fee must be paid) This is to facilitate MHRD students to attend/ present at the Conference

19.11.2026	07.00 pm - 09.00 pm	DHRV	A Discussion with a Human Rights Activist/ Researcher - Protecting and Promoting Human Rights in Sri Lanka and the Role of the Researchers, NGOs and the Human Rights Activists - Practical Skills Lecture (iv)
20.11.2026	07.00 pm - 09.00 pm	DHRV	Transitional Justice and Rights of the Children
21.11.2026	Workshop - in-person	Revision	"How to Design a Research Proposal" for MHRD Dissertation
21.11.2026	9.00 am - 11.00 am	HRDR	Research Workshop Lecture (i) - "How to Design a Research Proposal" - Selecting a Research Area/ Formation of a Research Topic /Research Problem / Objectives / Questions / Chapter Breakdown (Free Style)
(2 hrs x 3 lectures) - One-day Workshop	11.15 am - 1.15 pm	HRDR	(ii) Preliminary Literature Review for Research Proposal (1 Hour) and Doctrinal Legal Research Method (including sources of law, comparative analysis of other jurisdictions) (01 Hour)
(2 hrs x 3 lectures) - One-day Workshop	2.15 pm to 4.15 pm	HRDR	(iii) Challenges Associated with Quantitative Data Collection and Analysis Methods (1 Hour) and Conducting KII for the Research (1 Hour)
26.11.2026	07.00 pm - 09.00 pm	DTP	Ensuring Democracy: Role of the Civil Society from Political Rights to Public Interest Litigations
27.11.2026	07.00 pm - 09.00 pm	HRNM I	HRNM - Emerging Trends and Issues
28.11.2026	09.00 am - 11.00 am	HRDR	Library Session - Online Resources and AI and Academic Writing - A Guest Lecture (Including UOC AI Policy)
	11.15 am- 01.15 pm	DHRV	A Discussion with a Lawyer: The Role of Lawyers and the AG's Department in Protecting and Promoting Human Rights - Practical Skills Lecture (v)

	02.15 pm - 04.15 pm	DTP	DTP - Emerging Trends and Issues
29.11.2026 - 18.12.2026		Study Leave - 2 Weeks	Study Leave Period for Research Proposal Draft and Practice for the Presentations (Library Facility Available)
19.12.2026	08.30 am -04.30 pm	HRDR	HRDR Research Proposal Presentations - Progress Review Meeting with Studnets and Assessment 1
20.12.2026 - 05.01.2027	N/A	Vacation with Research Task	Christmas and New Year Vacation & Research leave Writing Period for Revised Research Proposal to include the comments of the Panellists at the Presentations
	2027		2027
07.01.2027	07.00 pm - 09.00 pm	DHRV	DHRV - Emerging Trends and Recent Developments in Human Rights Protection and Promotion
	16 Days - Study Leave	Study Leave - 3 Weeks	Study Leave Period for the Semester-I End Exam (Library Facility Available)
On-site Exam			29th January (Saturday) & 30th January 2027 (Sunday) Semester I End Examination
Vacation			From 31 January to 10th February 2027 Semester I-End Break (11 days)
On-site Event			Inauguration of APMA/ MHRD – Semester II (Onsite) 11th February 2027 (Thursday) (Tentatively)

HRNM I	Human Rights Norms and Mechanisms Part I
DTP	Democracy Theory and Practice
HRDR	Human Rights and Democratisation Research
DHRV	Dynamics of Human Rights Violations

*** Please note that Sundays are for your Research and Assignment Writing. We do not schedule lectures on Sundays unless there is a compelling reason.**