

## MODULES

### ***Semester I***

- Human Rights Norms and Mechanisms (Part I)
- Human Rights and Democratisation Research
- Dynamics of Human Rights Violations
- Democracy Theory and Practice

### ***Semester II***

- Human Rights Norms and Mechanisms (Part II)
- Critical and Emerging Issues in the Region
- Dissertation or Internship Placement

## PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

**Medium:** English

**Course Fee:** Rs. 275,000/=

**First Semester:** September to January

**Second Semester:** February to September

## APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications and Instructions are available in <https://cshr.cmb.ac.lk/education/mhrd/> and will be processed after providing the paying voucher of application fee Rs. 2000/- to any branch of the People's Bank, in favour of "University of Colombo" account No: 335028600001 (Thimbirigasyaya Branch)

## HOW TO APPLY

Completed application along with certified copies of the certificates and the payment receipt to be scanned and emailed to [mhrd@cshr.cmb.ac.lk](mailto:mhrd@cshr.cmb.ac.lk) and should be sent by registered post.

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Rights (CSHR)**

# **MASTER OF HUMAN RIGHTS & DEMOCRATISATION 2024/2025**

**SLQF: 09  
Credit Value : 30**

**One Year Programme**



## Master of Human Rights & Democratisation (MHRD) 2024/2025

The Master of Human Rights and Democratisation (Local) programme is designed for mid-career professionals and highly motivated graduates. The degree offers students a unique opportunity to engage first-hand with regional and international human rights as well as democratic issues, and to interact with internationally acclaimed academics, practitioners and experts.

The programme is linked to the Asia Pacific Regional programme, currently coordinated by the university of Mahidol in Thailand, and hence, students have the opportunity to interact with a group of international students from the Asia Pacific Region in the second semester.

### OBJECTIVES

The course aims to provide the candidates in their early and mid-career professions, an opportunity to enhance their basic **knowledge** on more contextualised and practical understanding on human rights and democracy. The design of the curriculum, teaching and learning methodology will enhance necessary **skills** of the candidates related to monitoring and preparing practical/advocacy related tools for human rights and democracy. In addition, the eventual objective of this course of study is positive influence of **attitudes** and perception of students in greater competence at working with human rights and democratisation defenders.

At the end of this programme, students will be able to:

1. Have an excellent knowledge of theory and practice of the promotion and protection of human rights and democratization.
2. Can undertake independent scholarly research on current issues in human rights and democratisation in the Sri Lanka and the Asia Pacific.
3. Have the capacity to put their academic understanding and practical experience to use in real contemporary situations.

### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- (i) A Bachelor's degree from any recognised 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
- (ii) 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 Faculty Board and the Senate of the University of Colombo
- Or
- (iii) Completion of NVQ level 7, as determined by the Senate of the University of Colombo
- And
- (iv) A good knowledge of English language and satisfactory performance at a selection test and/or selection interview.