



UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION
UNIVERSITY ADMISSION – ACADEMIC YEAR 2023/2024
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The University Grants Commission (UGC) will entertain applications for admission to Sri Lankan universities from candidates who have satisfied the minimum requirements for university admission at **the G.C.E. (Advanced Level) Examination held for the year 2023**. The Commissioner General of Examinations has already informed the candidates whether they have satisfied the minimum requirements for university admission.

Candidates are informed that it is compulsory to apply for university admission online.

Minimum Requirements for University Admission

Candidates who are pronounced eligible for university admission by the Commissioner General of Examinations should have obtained;

- (a) At least 'S' grades in all three approved subjects in one sitting, within a maximum of three (03) attempts.
- (b) A minimum mark of 30% for the Common General Paper.

Note 1: Candidates who have not obtained 30% or above for the common general paper are not eligible for registration for the courses of study of the universities for which they have been selected based on the Z Score in the current academic year.

If such a candidate has obtained a minimum of 30% for the common general paper in a previous attempt within three attempts allowed for university admission, the previous achievement can be considered.

Candidates who have not obtained a minimum of 30% shall re-sit and obtain a minimum of 30% for the common general paper in a next available year within three attempts allowed for university admission, to be eligible to get registered for the courses of study of the universities for which the candidates have already been selected based on Z Score, in a future academic year.

Method to obtain the University Admissions Handbook valid for the academic year 2023/2024

A soft copy of the University Admission Handbook can be downloaded through the official website, www.ugc.ac.lk after making an online payment of Rs. 1000/= to the University Grants Commission.

Submission of Applications for University Admission Online

It is compulsory to apply for university admission online via the official website of the University Grants Commission (www.ugc.ac.lk).

Note 2: Candidates are advised to read the SECTION 4 of the University Admissions Handbook valid for the academic year 2023/2024 for the Application Procedure.

Note 3: Instructions to submit the applications for university admission online are given in the SECTION 5 of the University Admissions Handbook valid for the academic year 2023/2024.

Note 4: Candidates who do not have internet facilities to apply for university admission online are facilitated free of charge to apply for university admission online at Regional and Study Centers of the Open University of Sri Lanka (OUSL R&SC) and Internet Technology Distance Learning Hub (ITDLH) under Ministry of Education island wide during opening hours. Contact details of all such centres are given at the

end of the SECTION 5 of the University Admissions Handbook valid for the Academic Year 2023/2024.

Note 5: The valid National Identity Card (NIC) of the candidate is a mandatory requirement to apply for university admissions.

Note 6: If you have any difficulty in filling out the application form for University Admission online you can contact the Government Information Center (1919) or UGC Information Centre (011-2695301, 011-2695302).

Commencing Date of calling Applications

Applicants will be given the opportunity to submit their applications online for university admission for the academic year 2023/2024 from **14.06.2024**.

Closing Date for submitting Applications

The closing date for submitting applications will be 05.07.2024. Candidates are hereby informed that no applications will be entertained after **05.07.2024**.

Having completed the other requirements as given in the University Admissions Handbook, the printed online application generated after submitting the application online should be sent by registered post addressed to the **Deputy Secretary/University Admissions, University Grants Commission, No. 20, Ward Place, Colombo 07**.

You must use the A4 sized envelope for this purpose.

The printed online applications should be sent only by registered post and candidates are not allowed to submit applications to the UGC by hand.

Disqualifying for University Admission

The following categories of students do not qualify for seeking admission as internal students to a State University or a Higher Education Institute under the UGC, in terms of the Section 1.7 of the University Admissions Handbook valid for the academic year 2023/2024.

1. Students who sat for the G.C.E. (Advanced Level) Examination on more than three (03) occasions.
2. Students who were/are registered as internal students to follow a course of study in a State University/Higher Educational Institute established under the Universities Act No.16 of 1978 (as amended). [List of all the Universities and Higher Educational Institutes covered under this section is mentioned in Section 1.6 (8) and Section 1.6 (10) of the University Admissions Handbook valid for the academic year 2023/2024].
3. Students who were/are registered under free education as internal students to follow a first degree course in a State University/Institute established under any other Act of Parliament in Sri Lanka other than the Universities Act No. 16 of 1978 (as amended).

Which are;

- i. Bhiksu University of Sri Lanka
 - ii. Buddhist & Pali University of Sri Lanka
 - iii. General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University (As Enlisted Officer Cadets)
 - iv. University of Vocational Technology
 - v. Ocean University of Sri Lanka (Students who got registered in or after 2017)
4. Students who were/are registered in a College of Education as internal students to follow a course of study.
 5. Students who were/are registered under free education as internal students to follow a diploma programme of three (03) years duration in a University College under the University of Vocational Technology.
 6. Students who were/are registered as full time students to follow a course of study of three (03) years duration or more in an under mentioned institute subject to the provisions made in the paragraphs named "**Important**" below;

- a. Higher National Diploma (HND) at an institution which comes under the Sri Lanka Institute of Advanced Technological Education (SLIATE)
- b. National Diploma in Engineering Sciences (NDES) at Institute of Engineering Technology (IET) of the National Apprentice and Industrial Training Authority (NAITA)

Important:

However, a student who is registered as a full time student to follow a course of study of a three (03) year duration or more to obtain a Higher National Diploma (HND) at an institution which comes under the Sri Lanka Institute of Advanced Technological Education (SLIATE) and or National Diploma in Engineering Sciences (NDES) at Institute of Engineering Technology (IET) of the National Apprentice and Industrial Training Authority (NAITA) is given the opportunity to withdraw the registration within 60 days from the last date given for registration by the relevant Institute and apply for university admission to follow a course of study in a University or a Higher Educational Institute established under the Universities Act No. 16 of 1978 (as amended) on the basis of the results of a G.C.E. (Advanced Level) Examination held in a later year.

Please note that if the student has not withdrawn the registration from the above mentioned institutions within the 60 days from the last date given for registration for a course of study mentioned in paragraph 6 above, he/she will not be eligible to apply for university admission to follow a course of study in a University or Higher Educational Institute established under the Universities Act No. 16 of 1978 (as amended) on the basis of the results of a G.C.E. (Advanced Level) Examination held in a later year, since he/she comes under paragraph 6 above.

However, a student who is admitted to **fill a vacancy** of a Higher National Diploma (HND) at an institution which comes under the Sri Lanka Institute of Advanced Technological Education (SLIATE) or National Diploma in Engineering Sciences (NDES) at Institute of Engineering Technology (IET) of the National Apprentice and Industrial Training Authority (NAITA) mentioned in paragraph 6 above will not be given the concession mentioned above to withdraw their registration within the 60 days period and to apply for university admission again.

Note 7: Candidates who have withdrawn the registration from the institutions mentioned in paragraph 6 above within 60 days from the last date given for registration for a course of study should send a copy of the letter issued by the institution concerned regarding the cancellation of registration, along with the application.

7. Students who have accepted a foreign scholarship channelled through the Ministry of Higher Education to study courses at the first-degree level.
8. A student who has already obtained a first degree or relevant qualification from authorities specified in paragraphs 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 above.
9. A student who has made a false declaration and/or produced forged documents for application and/or registration for university admission in the current academic year or in a previous academic year.

Note 8: If the information provided by the candidate along with the application for university admission or at the registration found to be false or inaccurate prior to his/her admission to the University/ Higher Educational Institute, actions will be taken to cancel the selections and the application for university admission submitted by the candidate for that particular academic year and he/ she will not be allowed to apply for university admissions in any of the future academic years.

Moreover, if the information provided by the candidate along with the application for university admission or at the registration found to be false or inaccurate after his/her admission to the University/ Higher Educational Institute, actions will be taken to dismiss the student from the University/ Higher Educational Institute.

Other Important Information

a. Marking Preferences for the Courses of study of the Universities in the Application Form

In the academic year 2023/ 2024, there are 125 different courses of study conducted by 16 National Universities, 02 Campuses and 02 Higher Educational Institutes under the UGC.

A unique code (a unique identity) is given to each individual course of study in a particular university/campus/institute. This unique code is referred to as a “Uni-Code”. In total, there are 257 Uni-Codes. The list of Uni-Codes is given in **page no. 141-147** of the University Admissions Handbook valid for the academic year 2023/2024.

Candidates could apply for any number of Uni-Codes (i.e. any number of courses of study of universities) to which they are eligible to apply. However, the candidates are not eligible to apply for all 257 Uni-Codes. A choice for a candidate will depend on the subjects offered at the G.C.E. (Advanced Level) Examination. However, each candidate can mark up to a maximum of 125 choices in the application.

They should arrange their “Uni-Codes” from the highest preferred Uni-Code to the lowest preferred Uni-Code. Sequence should indicate the decreasing interest to a Uni-Code, in the mind of the candidate. Candidates are not allowed to enter the same Uni-Code more than one occasion in the order of preference.

In the selection, the course of study and the university both will be considered together.

Candidates are strongly advised to mark the maximum number of Uni-Codes which they are eligible to apply when filling the application. Candidates are considered only for the courses of study of the universities for which they have marked preferences. **Candidates will not be considered for the courses of study of the universities to which they have not marked preferences.** Accordingly, if a particular candidate has not given a preference to a course of study of a university (Uni-Code) for which he/she could have been selected according to the Z score, he/she would not be allocated to that course of study and the university for which he/she has not indicated a preference. Instead he/she would be considered for the next choice of course of study and the university (Uni-Code) preferred by him/her.

Note 9: Candidates are advised to read the SECTION 3 of the University Admissions Handbook valid for the academic year 2023/2024 for the instructions to use Uni-Codes for indicating the order of preference.

Note 10: If a student is not getting registered to a selected course of study of a university (Uni-Code), he/she will not then be considered for any other university to follow the same course of study, under filling of vacancies even if the student has given higher preferences for the same course of study in different universities in the application form for university admission. Instead, his/her application will be considered for the next course of study preferred.

Students are advised to read the example named “Important” given in page no 113-115 of the University Admissions Handbook valid for the academic year 2023/2024 for further clarifications in this regard.

Note 11: Candidates are permitted to change their order of “Uni-Codes” online within two (02) weeks from the closing date for university admission applications as mentioned in Section 3.3 of the University Admissions Handbook valid for the academic year 2023/2024,

The duly signed and dated printed copy of the candidate’s new order of “Uni-Codes” should be sent by the registered post to reach the Deputy Secretary/ University Admissions, University Grants Commission, No. 20, Ward Place, Colombo 07 within two (02) weeks from the closing date for university admission applications.

Candidates are advised to read the Section 3.3 of the University Admissions Handbook valid for the academic year 2023/2024 for other required details in this regard.

b. Practical/Aptitude Tests

Candidates who wish to be considered for admission to the under mentioned courses of study should apply and pass the practical/aptitude tests conducted by the respective universities. **The relevant university will publish a press notice calling for applications to sit the practical/aptitude tests and the candidates should submit their applications for practical/aptitude tests directly to the respective university.**

The candidates may contact the Registrar of the respective university. The contact phone numbers of the relevant Universities/Higher Educational Institutes which conduct the practical/aptitude tests are given in page 195 of the Handbook. However, in order to consider for the course of study, it is compulsory to fulfill the cut-off mark of the relevant course of study in addition to passing the practical/aptitude test.

| Course of Study | University/Campus/Institute | Uni-Code |
|--------------------------------------|--|----------|
| Arts (SP) - Mass Media | University of Colombo(Sri Palee Campus) | 020S |
| Arts (SP) - Performing Arts | University of Colombo(Sri Palee Campus) | 041S |
| Architecture | University of Moratuwa | 023G |
| Design | University of Moratuwa | 024G |
| Fashion Design & Product Development | University of Moratuwa | 034G |
| Music | University of Sri Jayewardenepura | 068C |
| Music | University of Jaffna | 068E |
| Music | Swami Vipulananda Institute of Aesthetic Studies | 068Y |
| Music | University of the Visual & Performing Arts | 068Z |
| Dance | University of Jaffna | 069E |
| Dance | Swami Vipulananda Institute of Aesthetic Studies | 069Y |
| Dance | University of the Visual & Performing Arts | 069Z |
| Art & Design | University of Jaffna | 070E |
| Drama & Theatre | Swami Vipulananda Institute of Aesthetic Studies | 071Y |
| Drama & Theatre | University of the Visual & Performing Arts | 071Z |
| Visual & Technological Arts | Swami Vipulananda Institute of Aesthetic Studies | 072Y |
| Physical Education | University of Jaffna | 081E |
| Physical Education | Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka | 081L |
| Sports Sciences & Management | University of Sri Jayewardenepura | 082C |
| Sports Sciences & Management | University of Kelaniya | 082D |
| Sports Sciences & Management | Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka | 082L |
| Visual Arts | University of the Visual & Performing Arts | 085Z |
| Landscape Architecture | University of Moratuwa | 097G |
| Film & Television Studies | University of Kelaniya | 100D |

c. Registration for the selected Course of Study of the University

After issuing of the minimum Z-Scores (cut off marks) for University Admission for the Academic Year 2023/2024 by the UGC, the successful candidates will be informed of their course of study and the university to which they have been selected, by the UGC. If the candidate accepts the offer, should make the payment of Rs. 50/= as the registration fee to the bank or online in credit of the University Grants Commission and register online via the official website of UGC for the selected course of study of the university on or before the last date given for registration, by the UGC as per the Sections 1.6(5), 1.6(6) & 4.1 of the University Admissions Handbook valid for the academic year 2023/2024.

Also, if the payment is made to the bank, candidate should upload and send a scanned copy of the Paying in Voucher to UGC when getting registered online, in order to verify the payment.

After the online registration, the students should send the duly signed printed form of the online registration (Online Payment Receipt) along with evidence of required payment if paid to bank [Paying-in-voucher], via registered post to reach the UGC.

Note 12: Please note that the online registration for the selected course of study of the university is also a mandatory requirement for the academic year 2023/2024.

Note 13: At the end of online registration to the selected course of study of the university, all students are required to download “Anti-ragging Declaration” made by the student and to print it in an A4 sized paper on (both sides). It is compulsory to submit the duly signed declaration to the university at the time of enroll. Please do not send this Declaration to the University Grants Commission through post.

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