



# OUSL

FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES  
THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA



PROSPECTUS

# ADVANCED CERTIFICATE IN SOCIAL SCIENCES

ACADEMIC YEAR  
**2026/27**

DEPARTMENT OF  
**SOCIAL STUDIES**



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### ***Programme Overview***

The Advanced Certificate in Social Sciences serves as an introductory or foundation level programme encompassing a wide array of subjects including Economics, Sociology, Mass Communication, Political Science, Modern History, Geography, Law, and Management. It serves as a stepping-stone for further graduate education at OUSL and other institutions.

## **Advanced Certificate in Social Sciences**

*Embark on a transformative journey in the social sciences with the Advanced Certificate in Social Sciences, a foundational programme designed to broaden your horizons across diverse disciplines while paving the way for further academic and professional opportunities.*

### ***Objectives of the Programme***

The Advanced Certificate in Social Sciences aims to prepare students for undergraduate and postgraduate studies within the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, offering new educational opportunities. It serves as the initial stage towards various prospects within the faculty. Graduates of the Certificate programme can apply for admission into the BA in Social Sciences or the BA in Youth and Community Development. They are also eligible to apply for selection tests conducted by the Department of Legal Studies for admission to the LLB programme and by the Faculty of Management Studies for its degree programmes.

### ***Duration of the Course***

The programme spans a minimum of two years and is structured into two levels. Students complete the course by successfully passing continuous assessment components and final examinations, which are conducted at the end of each semester. Candidates with GCE O/L are allowed to complete the programme in one year.

### ***Medium of Instruction***

The Advanced Certificate in Social Sciences is offered in Sinhala, Tamil, and English languages.

### ***Entry Requirements***

Candidates should meet one of the following criteria:

- Completion of junior secondary level (Grade 9) or equivalent,
- Completion of primary education with certified work experience of at least 2 years,
- An equivalent or higher qualification acceptable to the Senate
- Age 18 years or above.

### ***Course Exemptions***

Students with qualifications recognized by the OUSL Senate may be eligible for exemptions from relevant courses upon registration.

### ***Benefits of Pursuing the Advanced Certificate of Social Sciences***

Successful completion of the course opens pathways to enroll in the BA in Social Sciences or the BA in Youth and Community Development offered by the Department of Social Studies. The programme serves as a stepping-stone for qualifying to sit for entrance examinations for Management and Law Degree programmes at OUSL, as well as other programmes within the University.



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### ***Course Fee for Advanced Certificate in Social Sciences***

#### **Registration Fee:**

- Local students: Rs. 500.00
- Foreign students: USD 200

**Facility Fee: Rs. 2500.00**

**Library Facility Fee: Rs. 100.00**

#### **Tuition Fee Per Credit:**

- Local students: Rs. 1010.00
- From developed countries: USD 20
- From developing countries: USD 10

**Refundable Deposit for Foreign Students:  
USD 500**

#### **Payment Installments:**

Tuition fees can be paid in two installments:

- 1<sup>st</sup> installment: 60%
- 2<sup>nd</sup> installment: 40%

### *Detailed Curriculum: Advanced Certificate in Social Sciences*

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|--------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>Level 1</b>     |                                    |
| <b>Course Code</b> | <b>Course Name</b>                 |
| DSC1811            | Modern History of Sri Lanka        |
| DSC1712            | Human Geography                    |
| DSC1813            | Introduction to Management         |
| DSC1714            | Understanding Law                  |
| <b>Level 2</b>     |                                    |
| DSC2811            | Elements of Political Science      |
| DSC2812            | Fundamentals of Economics          |
| DSC2713            | Introduction to Mass Communication |
| DSC2714            | Foundation of Sociology            |
| <b>CE course</b>   |                                    |
| LEE1602            | English for Social Sciences        |