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University Vision

To be a university nationally and internationally known for its unique ability to engage both undergraduate and graduate students in distinctive and interdisciplinary defence related higher education that best serves the tri-services, the state sector and society at large.

University Mission

To ensure a high quality, learner-centered educational experience through undergraduate, graduate, and professional programmes along with high quality research across many disciplines in the field of defence, in both residential and non-residential settings in the campus.

Faculty Mission

To facilitate to accomplish the academic excellence in Management, Social Sciences and Humanities by offering lectures, research guidance and other learner-centred educational activities to undergraduates, graduates and professionals in the field.

Message from the Dean



On behalf of the Faculty of Management, Social Sciences and Humanities, I would like to welcome you all for the undergraduate degree programmes at General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University. You have been given a unique opportunity of learning in a Defence University either as an Officer Cadet or as a Day Scholar since you have been identified as a potential leader and a valuable person of this country.

We provide a vibrant and accommodating staff who will prepare you for real world challenges and future leadership opportunities. We encourage you to explore the full diversity of opportunities we offer to specialize in Management, Social Sciences and Humanities and to gain future opportunities in military or corporate sector.

The degrees which have been designed to improve your academic discipline, technical skills and social skills will help you to groom as outstanding graduates. It is important that you learn to think creatively and critically, and to work with others in order to resolve complex problems. Modules such as IT and International Relations will make you more sound personalities on current affairs of the world. The way forward to the future path as a modern thinker and a visionary person will be guided by sound academic and military staff of KDU during your stay with us.

We hope that the time you spend with us, as undergraduates of our community, will be joyful, exciting and productive. In future years, you will look back on the KDU experience as one which set you on the path to fulfill your career and life ambitions, and you will love your university forever. Finally we wish you the courage to work hard to achieve success at KDU.

Dr. Namali Sirisoma

Dean

Faculty of Management, Social Sciences and Humanities

Message from the Head of the Department



It is with great pleasure that I send this message to the Student Handbook for BSc in Social Sciences. The Department of Social Sciences offers a three-year (General) degree programme in the field of Social Sciences with the objective of producing dynamic graduates to be practitioners in relevant fields, both at national and international levels.

The degree is blended with Economics, Geography and Management as core modules and they are accompanied by a series of common and auxiliary subjects carefully selected to instil the expected co-competencies of graduates in Social Sciences. The curriculum of this degree programme has been designed with the objective of producing human resource, competent in dealing with social sciences issues as experts and to deliver productive contributors towards the objective of the employing organizations, and the society at large. Leadership and other interpersonal skills are also developed in parallel to the academic work with the assistance of Defence staff in the university to produce sound leaders to the country.

The composition of our academic staff is representative of the diverse skills and expertise in the field of Social Sciences. With the availability of a dedicated academic and supportive staff, the department always seeks potential to absorb novelty into the degree curriculum to uplift the quality and capacity of undergraduates. To enhance the practical knowledge, an industrial internship programme is incorporated at leading private and public sector organizations. Organizing field visits, workshops with industry, case study tours, conferences etc. further empower the quality of the degree programme.

As the Head of the Department of Social Sciences, I earnestly advise all the students to read this book carefully and design the path of learning as expected by you and to plan your work accordingly. I hope that the next three years will be an exciting time for you and it will bring about a phenomenal, intellectual and personal growth and development to your lives. I wish you all the best for your future endeavours.

Dr. Hemantha Premarathne
Head of the Department
Department of Social Sciences

The University

General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University (KDU) was initially established as the “General Sir John Kotelawala Defence Academy” by the Parliamentary Act No 68 of 1981 and subsequently elevated to University status by the Amendment Act No 27 of 1988. KDU is located at the Kandawala Estate in Ratmalana, which was donated by the late General Sir John Kotelawala. The faculties at KDU include the Defence and Strategic studies, Law, Management, Social Sciences and Humanities, Engineering, Faculty of Medicine, Allied Health Sciences and Graduate Studies. Currently students entering the Faculty of Medicine are enrolled as officer cadets as well as private foreign students. All the other faculties are open for defence and civil citizens as well as foreign students.

The Faculty of Management, Social Sciences & Humanities

The Faculty of Management, Social Sciences and Humanities has been established under the restructuring program of the General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University. It consists of three departments namely Department of Management and Finance, Department of Social Sciences and Department of Languages.

The Department of Management & Finance offers two degree programs namely BSc in Logistics Management, and BSc in Management & Technical Sciences. The Department of Social Sciences offers BSc in Social Sciences. Also there are more than 200 Undergraduates enrolled for the degree programmes offered by the faculty. Undergraduate students are studying as officer cadets and day scholars in the same degree programme. The Faculty has contributed immensely to brighten up the name of Sir John Kotelawala Defence University among other universities in the country.



Role and the Facilities of the Faculty of Management Social Sciences & Humanities

The faculty renders support to smoothen the tensions in the student life by focusing on specific facets of the student life to successfully complete their undergraduate and post graduate qualifications. The distinguishing facilities offered by the faculty are monitoring and reviewing the degree curricula to accomplish marketable competencies and venturing with highly



reputed professional bodies to strengthen the academic programmes. The faculty maintains a state-of-the-art language laboratory to enhance the English language fluency of students. In addition, students may obtain counselling and career guidance through an easily accessible counselling centre and a career guidance unit.

The faculty provides academic supervision and guidance for students to carry out their research work. This research culture within the faculty enables students to present their research papers at the KDU annual international conference.

The final semester of all the degree programmes are dedicated to inculcate the undergraduates' transferable skills. During the final year, cadets undergo their military training while Day Scholars undergo their internship. Every degree programme includes a 21 week internship period with the intention of obtaining versatile management skills by the Day Scholars to enrich potentials of the graduate employability. Prior to starting the internship, the career guidance unit, which is established under the faculty, assists students to find suitable organizations in the industrial setting for their internship and during their internship, the career unit continuously monitors the students' performance and progression.

The faculty has broadened the educational avenues for a wider array of interested parties and professionals in many other private and public institutions. At present, the faculty designs on demand short courses, career courses and one-day workshops for those institutions. Further,

inter faculty alliance in the university directs support for the students and staff to attend on the research workshops organized by other faculties to be a part of a solid academic network.

The faculty encourages and renders its fullest support for undergraduates to engage in the extracurricular activities by directing them towards inter university competitions, competitions organized by professional bodies (ex: CIMA Global Business Challenge, CILT Young professionals' Challenge). Further, every student gets the opportunity to pursue his or her talents in sports, photography, environmental consideration, community leadership and philanthropy. The Department of Languages under the faculty organizes an especial series of events for students to be competent in English language in collaboration with Toastmasters club.

The Department of Social Sciences

The Department of Social Sciences, established under the Faculty of Management, Social Sciences and Humanities at Sir John Kotelawala Defence University, offers opportunities for students, both Cadets and Day Scholars, to obtain BSc in Social Sciences general degree. The students in Social Sciences degree programme, are offered Economics, Geography and Management as core subjects along with other common subjects that are essential to reach the expected competencies of a BSc graduate. The current strength of the student numbers are growing with the potential of delivering upcoming diversified streams and right now it has reached around 150 students managed under the department.

BSc in Social Sciences Degree Programme

Aim

To produce human resources competent in dealing with Social Science related issues as experts and to deliver productive contributions towards the objectives of the employing organizations, and the society at large while fulfilling the hierarchy of human needs as an individual in the society.

Structure of the Programme

BSc in Social Sciences degree is open for both Officer Cadets and Day Scholars. The course offers Economics, Geography and Management as core subjects and they are accompanied by a series of common and auxiliary subjects carefully selected to instil the expected co-competencies of graduates in Social Sciences.

Course Title	: BSc in Social Sciences
Abbreviated Title	: BSc (SS)
Duration	: 3 years
Medium	: English
Number of Credit	: 120

Other activities for undergraduates

- Research Project
- Industrial Internships
- Military training for cadets
- Research & Development

Eligibility Criteria

For Undergraduate Cadetship

- (a) Being a citizen of Sri Lanka.
- (b) Being not less than 18 years and not more than 22 years of age on the closing date of applications.
- (b) Being eligible for university entrance in all streams having fulfilled the following requirements.
 - i. Pass the Common General Test.
 - ii. Having a minimum of a Credit (C) pass for English at the GCE (O/L) Examination.
- (c) Being unmarried
- (d) Satisfy the following minimum physical standards.

Item	Service	Male	Female
Height	Army	5'6"	5'3"
	Navy	5'6"	5'3"
	Air Force	5'6"	5'4"
Weight	Army	50 kg	—
	Navy	50 kg	41 kg
	Air Force	17 < BMI < 26	17 < BMI < 25
Chest		32" (unexpanded)	—

For Day Scholars

- a) Being a citizen of Sri Lanka between 17-24 years of age on the closing date of application.
- b) Having a Credit (C) pass or above for English Language at GCE (O/L) examination or a Credit (C) pass or above for English Language in London O/Ls or in any other equivalent foreign examination.

- c) Having a minimum of three Simple (S) passes at the GCE (A/L) examination in the relevant stream and be qualified for university admission, or possess an equivalent qualification in London A/Ls (Cambridge or Edexcel) or in any other equivalent foreign examination.

Other Requirements

- a) Candidates who apply with High School Diplomas should have passes in SAT and TOFEL with a minimum score of 550 or IELTS with a minimum score of 6.5.
- b) The applicants who apply under the category of “any other foreign examinations or equivalent qualifications in University Entrance Examinations in any other country” are advised to have relevant minimum qualifications at any other foreign examination that is equal to GCE A/L in Sri Lanka. Validation should be obtained from the Department of Examinations of Sri Lanka. It is also required to submit a letter from a recognized university / academy / higher educational institutions of the country from which he/she has achieved his/her qualifications certifying that the relevant qualification is sufficient to register in that university / academy / higher educational institution to follow an undergraduate course of study leading to a Bachelor’s Degree.

Selection Criteria

Candidates who have fulfilled the above qualifications shall be called for a written examination and those succeed at this examination will be called for an interview. The final selection will be on the merit basis.

Organization of the Department

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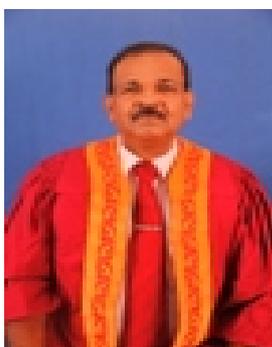
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Credit Distribution of the Degree Programme

Credit allocations for modules have been done according to the Qualifications Framework of University Grants Commission of Sri Lanka. One credit is equivalent to 15 hours of lectures or 30-45 hours of laboratory studies or 45 hours of field studies/clinical work or minimum of 90 hours of industrial training. Cadets are supposed to earn Military Credits in addition to the GPA credits of the programmes. Non GPA (NGPA) modules will not be considered for the final GPA of the student. However, students must pass each module with minimum C pass. Credit Allocation of the degree programme is as follows:

Semester	GPA	NGPA	MGPA
1	20	0	4
2	22	1	4
3	21	0	6
Mid Semester - I	0	2	0
4	21	0	4
5	21	0	4
Mid Semester - II	0	1	0
6	15	0	15
Total	120	4	37

The Military Training Programme

The military training programme is a compulsory component for all students who are Officer Cadets and it is run in parallel to the undergraduate curriculum. This programme is conducted by the Faculty of Defence Studies and it enables Officer Cadets to confidently assume the responsibilities of commissioned officers of the armed forces.

The Department of Defence Studies is under the guidance of the Dean of Faculty of Defence Studies who is assisted by Squadron Commanders in charge of each Intake and Troop Commanders in charge of each troop. These officers, with the assistance of the other rank instructors, impart the essential military knowledge both in the classroom and on the field to

Officer Cadets. The main components of military training include joint staff duties, leadership studies, land warfare, maritime warfare, air warfare, physical training, drill, weapon training, field craft, map reading, service writing and other methods of instructions, which are crucial for the profession of arms.

Furthermore, an integral aim of military training is to inculcate disciplines amongst the Officer Cadets. Diverse programmes are conducted to produce highly disciplined officers with high standards of integrity and loyalty.

Scholarships and Sponsorships for Cadets and Day Scholars

Every year, the university gets scholarships from foreign military academies for cadets to study part of their degree programme inclusive of travelling cost and living allowances. The scholarship amount will vary with the availability of placements. Further, the university and tri-forces bare the full cost on international tournaments attended by students through the university.

Entrance scholarship - Candidates, whose parents employed in tri-forces, are eligible to apply for a 50% discount of the course fee at the entrance point.

Opportunities for Higher Studies for the Social Sciences Graduates

BSc in Social Sciences degree programme provides the undergraduate an insight into the theoretical and practical dimensions of an array of Social Sciences modules which focus on understanding the human society and many other social aspects. The degree is a foundation to prepare the students for pursuing post graduate degrees depending on their chosen disciplines for further studies. At present, the department does not have the capacity to conduct any postgraduate degree programme. However, the students have the opportunity to enter both state and private academic institutions if the BSc in Social Sciences degree fits with the prerequisites of their chosen postgraduate programme.

Career Opportunities

After completing the degree, graduates find themselves working in a range of areas in both government and private institutions. Since the Social Science students study a number of disciplines related to social, political, economic, cultural and technological domains of the contemporary world, graduates of social sciences could start their career in any field mentioned above. While Day Scholars focus on a career in the public or private sector, the social sciences graduate officers will serve in the Sri Lanka Army, Sri Lanka Navy and Sri Lanka Airforce executive branches.

Semester Module Allocation

Semester 1

No	Course Code	Module Name	GPA Credits	NGPA Credits	MGPA Credits	Officer Cadets	Day-scholars
1	SS1013	Introduction to Sociology	3			X	X
2	SS1023	Elementary Economics	3			X	X
3	SS1033	Fundamentals of Management	3			X	X
4	SS1043	Fundamentals of Human Geography	3			X	X
5	SS1052	History of Sri Lanka	2			X	X
6	IT1052	Introduction to Information Communication Technology (ICT)	2			X	X
7	MA1073	Basic Mathematics	3			X	X
8	DL1091	English: Basic Study Skills(SS)	1			X	X
9	MS1014	Military Studies - I			4	X	
Total Number of Credits			20	0	4		

Semester 2

No	Course Code	Module Name	GPA Credits	NGPA Credits	MGPA Credits	Officer Cadets	Day-scholars
1	SS2013	Microeconomics	3			X	X
2	MF2023	Principles of Financial Accounting	3			X	X
3	MF2033	Human Resource Management	3			X	X
4	SS2033	Fundamentals of Physical Geography	3			X	X
5	SS2043	Basic Psychology	3			X	X
6	SS2053	Introduction to Global Politics	3			X	X
7	DL2101	English: Advanced Study Skills (SS)	1			X	X
8	MA2103	Basic Statistics	3			X	X
9	DL2301 DL2311	Sinhala: Basics for Beginners <u>or</u> Tamil: Basics for Beginners (LM/MTS/SS)		1		X	X
10	MS2024	Military Studies - II			4	X	
Total Number of Credits			22	1	4		

Semester 3

No	Course Code	Module Name	GPA Credits	NGPA Credits	MGPA Credits	Officer Cadets	Day-scholars
1	SS3013	Macroeconomics	3			X	X
2	SS3023	Public Management	3			X	X
3	SS3033	Cartography	3			X	X
4	SS3043	Trade and Commerce	3			X	X
5	LW1392	Legal and Commercial Environment in Sri Lanka	2			X	X
6	SS3052	Basics of Geographic Information System (GIS)	2			X	X
7	SS3062	Introduction to Archaeology	2			X	X
8	SS3072	Basic Research Methods	2			X	X
9	DL3111	English: Writing and Speaking Skills (SS)	1			X	X
10	MS3032	Strategic and Defence Studies			2	X	X
11	MS3044	Military Studies -III			4	X	
Total Number of Credits			21	0	6		

Mid Semester 1

No	Course Code	Module Name	GPA Credits	NGPA Credits	MGPA Credits	Officer Cadets	Day-scholars
1	SS3082	Social Skills Development Project or Presentation Skills Development Project		2		X	X
2	SS3090	Case Study Tour				X	X
Total Number of Credits			0	2	0		

Semester 4

No	Course Code	Module Name	GPA Credits	NGPA Credits	MGPA Credits	Officer Cadets	Day-scholars
1	SS4013	Applied Economics	3			X	X
2	SS4023	Contemporary Resource Management	3			X	X
3	SS4033	Contemporary Geographic Issues	3			X	X
4	MF4113	Remote Sensing and Geographic Information System	3			X	X
5	SS4042	Gender Studies	2			X	X
6	SS4053	Dissertation Part 01	3			X	X
7	MF4103	Project Management	3			X	X
8	DL4121	English: Research Writing Skills (SS)	1			X	X
9	MS4064	Military Studies - IV			4	X	
Total Number of Credits			21	0	4		

Semester 5

No	Course Code	Module Name	GPA Credits	NGPA Credits	MGPA Credits	Officer Cadets	Day-scholars
1	SS5013	Organizational Behavior	3			X	X
2	SS5023	Industrial and Organizational Psychology	3			X	X
3	SS5033	International Trade and Business	3			X	X
4	SS5043	Dissertation Part 02	3			X	X
5	SS 5053	International Political Economy	3			X	X
6	MF5093	Ethics & Corporate Governance	3			X	X
7	MF5113	Quality Management	3			X	X
8	MS5100	Military Training			4	X	
Total Number of Credits			21	0	4		

Mid Semester 2

No	Course Code	Module Name	GPA Credits	NGPA Credits	MGPA Credits	Officer Cadets	Day-scholars
1	5061	Career Development Programmes		1			X
Total Number of Credits			0	1	0		

Semester 6

No	Course Code	Module Name	GPA Credits	NGPA Credits	MGPA Credits	Officer Cadets	Day-scholars
1	SS6018	Industrial Training	10				X
2	SS6027	Industrial Project Report	5				X
3	MS6100	Advanced Military Training			15	X	
Total Number of Credits			15	0	15		

Credit Summary

Student Category	GPA Credits	NGPA Credits	MGPA Credits
Total credit allocation for Officer Cadets	105	4	37
Total credit allocation for Day-scholars	120	4	0
