



University of Colombo Faculty of Arts

First Year Course Units
Academic Year 2025/2026
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What is Information and Documentation Centre (IDC)?

The IDC is functioning under the supervision of the Dean/Faculty of Arts, Prof. Iresha Lakshman. For details and clarification on the Course Unit System, and General, undergraduate students should consult Dr. Jayasinha Pathmakumara Coordinator of the IDC, and representatives nominated by each Department or Unit or by the Dean of the Faculty of Arts. The more information can be found on the IDC notice boards.

The Information and Documentation Centre (IDC) is the central coordinating office for the administration and monitoring of the Course Unit System (CUS) and General. Its tasks are to monitor the CUS; maintain student records; coordinate information and academic activities amongst Departments and the student community; prepare examination schedules and logistics; distribute class lists to all Departments and Units and notify students of the course units and General on offer for the academic year.

The IDC will be opened from 9.00 am to 4.00 pm on week days. All undergraduate students are requested to consult the IDC only during office hours.

Department of Buddhist Studies
Buddhist Studies

Semester	Unit Code	Name of the Course Unit	Supplementary Information	Medium of Instruction	No: of Credits	Name of Lecturer(s)
Semester One	BST 1101	An Introduction to Buddhist Studies	Compulsory The purpose of this course unit is to give an introduction to the field of Buddhist Studies and outline its scope and subject matter.	SM/EM	3	Ven. Prof. U. Ananda Mr. P. K. Igalawithanage
Semester Two	BST 1202	Basic Teachings of Early Buddhism	Compulsory The aim of this course unit is to give a comprehensive knowledge of the basic teachings of early Buddhism.	SM/EM	4	Prof. Wimal Hewamanage Ven. N. Medhananda Ms. H. K. N. Piyadarshani

Pali

Semester	Unit Code	Name of the Course Unit	Supplementary Information	Medium of Instruction	No: of Credits	Name of Lecturer(s)
Semester One	PLG 1101	Prescribed Text, Pali Literature	Compulsory The objective of this course is to enable students to acquire a critical & detailed knowledge of the prescribed texts including the history of Pali Literature.	SM/EM	3	Ven. Dr. M. Sugathasiri Prof. Wimal Hewamanage
Semester Two	PLG 1202	Unspecified Texts , Grammar & Composition	Compulsory The objective of this course is to acquaint the students with the basics of Pali language, namely, word formation, grammar & syntax.	SM/EM	4	Ven. Dr. M. Sugathasiri Dr. A. A. Ravindu Priyanka

Communication and Creative Arts

	Unit Code	Name of the Course Unit	Supplementary Information	Medium of Instructions	No: of Credits	Name of Lecturer(s)
Semester One	CCA 1101	Introduction to Communication	Pre-requisite for those who wish to follow Communication and Creative Arts as a subject from the second year onwards.	SM/EM	3	Dr. Priyanka Weerasekara Ms. Fathima Shanaz Prof. Senani Harischandra (Visiting) Ms. Methzika Kariyawasam (Visiting)
Semester Two	CCA 1202	Introduction to Media and Creative Arts	Pre-requisite for those who wish to follow Communication and Creative Arts as a subject from the second year onwards.	SM/EM	4	Dr. Priyanka Weerasekara Ms. Fathima Shanaz Ms. Chalika Thangaraja Ms. Methzika Kariyawasam (Visiting)

Department of Demography

It is mandatory to follow, FND 1106 or FND 1106 for those who wish to major in Demography from the 2nd year.

	Unit Code	Name of the Course Unit	Supplementary Information	Medium of Instruction	No: of Credits	Name of Lecturer(s)
Semester One	DMG 1101	Introduction to Demography	Compulsory for those who follow Demography as a subject	SM EM	3	Ms. Yuganthi Subasinghe (SM) Mr. Hansa Jayarathne (EM)
Semester Two	DMG 1204	Demography of Sri Lanka	Compulsory for those who follow demography as a subject	SM EM	3	Ms Neranjala Sumathipala (SM) Ms Irangi Samarakoon (EM)

Department of Economics

It is essential to satisfy the following requirements to read a four-year Honors degree in Economics.

1. Minimum (B) grade passes for ECN 1101 and ECN 1202.
2. Good performance in FND 1107/1207

	Unit Code	Name of the Course Unit	Supplementary Information	Medium of Instruction		Name of Lecturer(s)
Semester One	ECN 1101	Elementary Microeconomics	1. Compulsory for three/ four-year degree in Economics 2. Sinhala, Tamil and English Medium Lectures will be conducted separately.	SM EM TM	3	Prof. S.R.S.D.K. Weerawansa Prof. S.R.S.D.K. Weerawansa Dr. M. Ganeshamoorthy
	ECN 1103	Poverty and Poverty Alleviation	Optional	SM EM TM	3	Dr. S.N.K. Mallikahewa Dr. S.N.K. Mallikahewa S.J. Francis
Semester Two	ECN 1202	Elementary Macroeconomics	1. Compulsory for three/four-year degree in Economics 2. Sinhala, Tamil and English Medium Lectures will be conducted separately.	SM EM TM	4	Dr. A.W.A.D.R. Abayasekara Dr. I.W. Rathnayaka S.J. Francis

Department of English

- ❖ The Department of English offers a three-year General degree Programme and a four-year Honours Degree Programme for undergraduates.
- ❖ Students who wish to specialise in English must obtain a B grade in two English courses in the First-Year Examinations.

	Unit Code	Name of the Course Unit	Supplementary Information	Medium of Instruction	No: of Credits	Name of Lecturer(s)
Semester One	ENG 1106	Introduction to Language Systems	Compulsory	EM	3	Dr. Kaushalya Perera
Semester Two	ENG 1205	Introduction to Literature in English: Drama, Fiction and Poetry	Compulsory	EM	4	Dr. Dinithi Karunanayake Dr. Crystal Baines Sachini Seneviratne

Department of English Language Teaching (DELT)

Main subject category: Studies in English as a Second Language (ESL)

*****Studies in English as a Second language* can be offered as one of the subjects for the Bachelor of Education.**

	Unit Code	Name of Course Unit	Supplementary Information	Medium of Instruction	No: of Credits	Course Type	Name(s) of Lecturer(s)
Semester One	SESL 1101	Introduction to the English Language	This course attempts to provide students with an introduction to some general properties of language and some specific properties of the English language in particular. As such, the course will introduce students to the basic linguistic terminology, main branches of linguistics and their corresponding methods of linguistic analysis.	EM	4	Core	Ravindran Kumarasamy Ruth Surenthiraraj
	FND 1122	Introduction to Academic Writing (Open to students who are placed at Level 3 or above at the placement test conducted by the DELT)	The course introduces students to writing an academic paper at undergraduate level while providing them with the necessary assistance to improve language competency. (Not open for students who take FND1105: <i>Written Composition</i> at the Dept. of English as FND1105 satisfies ESL requirement.)	EM	3	Core	Gayatri Wijekoon
Semester Two	SESL 1202	Introduction to English as a Second Language	The course introduces students to the areas of English as a Second Language, such as its description and use, the language learner, the process of Second Language learning and its significance in a socio-cultural context. The course familiarizes students with the most current ideas and key issues in each of these areas.	EM	3	Core	Dr. Shivanee Ilangakoon Sandaru Diwakara

*** All 1st Year Course Units are recommended to the students of Bachelor of Education.

Department of Geography

	Unit Code	Name of the Course Unit	Supplementary Information	Medium of Instruction	No: of Credits	Name of Lecturer(s)
Semester One	GYG 1102	Cartography	Compulsory (Same as GYG 1202)	SM	4	Dr. D.M. Karunadasa
	GYG 1106	Principles of Geography	Compulsory	SM/EM SM/EM TM/EM TM/EM	3	Dr.S.M.A.T. De Silva Nandaseela Ms. J.N.D. Jayathunga Prof. F. Ruzaik Ms. K Rewathy
Semester Two	GYG 1202	Cartography	Compulsory (Same as GYG 1102)	SM EM TM	3	Dr. D.M. Karunadasa Dr.S.M.A.TDeSilva Nandaseela Ms.M.N.A Rose

Department of History

	Unit Code	Name of the Course Unit	Supplementary Information	Medium of Instructions	No: of Credits	Name of Lecturer
Semester One	HIS 1101	Sri Lanka & World History	Compulsory	SM/EM	3	Prof. Y.A. Widyalkara & Mrs. N.I. Nanayakkara
Semester Two	HIS 1202	Nature and Scope of Historical Knowledge	Compulsory	SM/EM	4	Prof. D.N.N.R. Dewasiri & Dr. D.N. Thoradeniya

HIS 1101 and HIS 1202 are compulsory for those who wish to follow Honors Degree in History and General Degree.

Department of International Relations

	Unit Code	Name of the Course Unit	Supplementary Information	Medium of Instruction	No of Credits	Name of Lecturer(s)
Semester One	INR 1101	Introduction to International Relations	<p>Core - Compulsory for IR Honours Degree Students.</p> <p>This is an elementary course in International Relations for all students who wish to take this subject for three-year general degree or a four-year Honours Degree.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prerequisite for INR 1204 • Prerequisite for 4year Honours and 3-year General Degree Students taking International Relations. 	SM/EM	03	Professor S.C. Padmakumara P.A.S. De Silva N.T. Ranasinghe
Semester Two	INR 1204	International Relations in Praxis	<p>Core – Compulsory for the candidates for the IR Honours Degree</p> <p>This course unit is compulsory for those who wish to read for the four-year Honours Degree programme in International Relations. This course unit examines the practices or “praxis” of international relations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completion of INR 1101 is a prerequisite for this course. 	SM/EM	04	V.G.K.D. Wimalasiri

Department of Political Science and Public Policy

	Unit Code	Name of the Course Unit	Supplementary Information	Medium of Instruction	No: of Credits	Name of Lecturer(s)
Semester One	PSC 1101	Political Science: An Introduction	Core	SM TM	3	Mr. P.LS.C. Leelarathne Dr. Shamini Chandran
Semester Two	PSC 1202	Aspects of Sri Lanka's Government and Politics	Core	SM TM	3	Dr.N.C.R.Silva Dr. M.S. Anees

Department of Sinhala

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Department of Sociology

	Unit Code	Name of the Course Unit	Supplementary Information	Medium of Instruction	Name of Lecturer(s)
Semester One	SOC 1101	Fundamentals of Sociology	Core	SM EM TM	Prof. M. T. M. Mahees /Prof. Iresha Lakshman M. T. M. Mahees M. T. M. Mahees
Semester Two	SOC 1203	Introduction to Sri Lankan Society	Core	SM / EM TM	Mr. Jagath Wellawatta / Dr. Jagath Pathirage Mr. A. Robinson

Unit of Information Communication Technology

	Unit Code	Name of the Course Unit	Supplementary Information	Medium of Instruction	Name of Lecturer(s)
Semester One	ICT 1101	Fundamentals of Computing	Compulsory for students who wish to offer ICT as a subject for the General degree. These students cannot obtain FND 1120	SM/EM TM	Mr. D.D.K.K Gnanasena Visiting Lecturer
Semester Two	ICT 1203	Fundamentals of Programming	Compulsory for students who wish to offer ICT as a subject for the General degree. These students cannot obtain FND 1221	SM/EM TM	Mr. D.D.K.K Gnanasena Ms. Gayangi Tharaka Ms.Nadeeka Kumari Ms. Janani Jayarathna Visiting Lecturer

Arabic and Islamic Civilization Unit

	Unit Code	Name of the Course Unit	Supplementary Information	Medium of Instruction	No: of Credits	Name of Lecturer(s)
Semester One	ICV 1107	Introduction to Islamic Principles	Core	TM	3	Prof. N Gafoordeen
Semester Two	ICV 1208	Social and Political Formation under the Prophet Muhammad and the Pious Caliphs	Core	TM	4	Mr. U.L.A Ameer

(*) EM can be offered upon the students' request

Confucius Institute

	Unit Code	Name of the Course Unit	Supplementary Information	Medium of Instruction	No: of Credits	Name of Lecturer(s)
Semester One	CHN 1101	Introduction to Chinese Language	Compulsory	EM/CM	3	Ms. Zhao Yu Dr. J.A.A.K.W. Jayasundara
Semester Two	CHN 1201	Elementary Chinese	Compulsory	EM/CM	3	Ms. Zhao Yu Dr. J.A.A.K.W. Jayasundara

Foundation (FND) Course Units -Semester One

	Unit Code	Department	Name of the Course Unit	Supplementary Information	Medium of Instruction	Name of Lecturer(s)
Semester One	FND 1104	Sinhala	කලාව හා සංස්කෘතිය පිළිබඳ ගැටලු	සංස්කෘතිය හා කලාව පිළිබඳ හැඳින්වීමක් සහ ඒවා නූතනයේ මුහුණ දී ඇති අර්බුද පිළිබඳ අවධානය යොමු වීම	SM	මහාචාර්ය අගලකඩ සිරිසුමන හිමි
	FND 1105	English	Written Composition	Compulsory for students offering English for their Degree	EM	Sachini Seneviratne Rasudula Dissanayake
	FND 1106	Economics	Intermediate Mathematics	Pre-requisite for four-year Degree in Economics & Geography.	SM EM TM	Ms.J.M.I.S.Jayathunga Ms.J.M.I.S.Jayathunga Visiting Lecturer
	FND 1107	Economics	Basic Mathematics	Pre-requisite for four-year Degree in Economics & Geography.	SM EM TM	Ms.J.M.I.S.Jayathunga Ms.J.M.I.S.Jayathunga Visiting Lecturer
	ESL 1001 -1 ESL 1002 -2 ESL 1003 -3 ESL 1004 -4	Department of English Language Teaching	Proficiency Course in English (The course is offered at four levels- Level 1,2,3& 4)	COMPULSORY for all those who are not exempted from this course (applicable for all levels). Students placed at level 1 in the 1st year MUST pass level 2 also in the following years to obtain the bachelor's degree.	EM	Department of English Language Teaching

Foundation (FND) Course Units -Semester One

	Unit Code	Department	Name of the Course Unit	Supplementary Information	Medium of Instruction	Name of Lecturer(s)
Semester One	FND 1118	Sinhala	සිංහල භාෂා ප්‍රවීණතාව Proficiency in Sinhala (Beginners Course)	සිංහල භාෂාවේ කියවීම, ලිවීම, කථනය හා සවන්දීම පිළිබඳ ව දෙමළ භාෂක විද්‍යාර්ථීන්ට මූලික අවබෝධයක් ලබාදෙන පාඨමාලාවකි.	SM	Ms. Ridmi Handapangoda
	FND 1125	IT	Introduction to Computer Application Packages	FND 1125 cannot be followed by the students taking ICT as a subject for the General Degree. This is a noncredit course unit	SM/ EM TM	Mr. D.D.K.K Gnanasena Ms. Gayangi Tharaka Ms. Nadeeka Kumari Ms. Janani Jayarathne Visiting Lecturer

	FND 1122	Department of English Language Teaching (Open to students who are placed at Level 3 or above at the placement test conducted by the DELT)	Introduction to Academic Writing (NOT open to those who take FND 1105 : <i>Written Composition</i> at the Department of English)	Compulsory for Study Stream in Studies in English as a Second Language (SESL). Those who take FND 1105 cannot/don't have to take this course unit. The course is aimed at introducing the students to writing an academic paper at undergraduate level while providing them with the necessary assistance to improve language competency.	EM	Gayatri Wijekoon
	FND 1110	Education	Education for Individual and Social Development	Pre requisite for Bachelor of Education Degree. This course is as same as FND 1210.	SM TM	Ms. N.V.D.P Priyadarshani Dr. N.M. Safeek
	PSC / FND 1124	Department of Political Science and Public Policy	Politics for everyday life	optional	SM/EM	Ms. A. D. M. Ruwanpathirana (SM) Dr. Shamini Chandran

Foundation (FND) Course Units -Semester Two

	Unit Code	Department	Name of the Course Unit	Supplementary Information	Medium of Instruction	Name of Lecturer(s)
Semester Two	FND 1201	Sociology	Culture, Identity & Politics	Optional Open to all First Year Undergraduates in Arts	SM/ EM TM	Mr. Dishan Madushanka Mr. A. Robinson
	FND 1202	Demography	Introduction to Data Analysis		SM/EM	Mr. Hansa Jayarathna (SM) Ms. Yuganthi Subasinghe (EM)

	FND 1206	Economics	Intermediate Mathematics	Pre-requisite for four-year Degree in Economics.	SM EM TM	Conducted by the Mathematics Unit Ms. Iresha Jayathunga (SM/EM) Visiting Lecturer TM
	ESL 1001 -1 ESL 1002 -2 ESL 1003 -3 ESL 1004 -4	Department of English Language Teaching	Proficiency Course in English (The course is offered at four levels- Level 1,2,3& 4)	COMPULSORY for all those who are not exempted from this course (applicable for all levels). Students placed at level 1 in the 1st year MUST pass level 2 also in the following years to obtain the bachelor's degree.	EM	Department of English Language Teaching

Foundation (FND) Course Units -Semester Two

	<i>Unit Code</i>	Department	Name of the Course Unit	Supplementary Information	Medium of Instruction	Name of Lecturer(s)
Semester Two	FND 1212	Sinhala	සිංහල ලේඛන සම්ප්‍රදාය හා සන්නිවේදනය	සිංහල ලේඛන කලාව හා භාෂාත්මක සන්නිවේදනය පිළිබඳ අධ්‍යයනයක්	SM	ජ්‍යෙෂ්ඨ මහාචාර්ය සඳගෝමී කෝපරහේවා කථිකාචාර්ය ඔසඳ ගුණරත්න
	FND 1213	Economics	Introduction to Gender Studies	The course is open to all first year undergraduates in Arts.	SM/EM	Coordinator- Dr. S.T.K Kulathunga
	FND 1215	Buddhist studies	Critical Thinking and Logical Analysis	Purpose of this course unit is to introduce key concepts and tools in critical thinking and logic to the students.	SM/EM	Mr.P.K Igalawitanage

IMPORTANT

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தயவு செய்து நேரகூசியில் பாட அலகுகள் முரண்படுதலைத்
தவிர்க்கவும்

Please avoid clashes in selecting the course units

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