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“You must keep your mind  
on the objective, not on the obstacle.”



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# Master of Laws in Business Law

## Introduction

The proposed specialized LLM Programme intends to inculcate the candidates with an advanced knowledge in the area of Business Law; filling the dearth of legal practitioners with expert knowledge and enhancing the career development and prospects of the students. The teaching staff of the programme brings together the best legal minds in Sri Lanka which includes leading academics, practitioners and industry professionals with special expertise, as well as visiting international scholars. Students would benefit from the rich educational environment while intermingling with professionals from many backgrounds and industries, and building the specialized expertise and experience needed to gain a professional cutting edge.

The students, upon the successful completion of this qualification, will be able to gain employment as academics, legal officers and engage in legal practice in Business Law. Trade and business are vastly growing sectors both in Sri Lanka and the international context with globalization, development of technology and advancement of communications. All the business transactions, agreements and contracts require the consultation and advice of legal professionals with the expertise in Business Law, and the students completing the LLM in Business Law at KDU can address this crucial necessity.

## Objectives

The breadth of the programme gives students an opportunity to harness their legal knowledge and skills and enhance career prospects for the purpose of attaining their personal and professional goals. Further,

- a. To provide an advanced and an integrated body of knowledge in Business Law through the use of appropriate research principles and methods.
- b. To develop the capacity to critically analyse, synthesize and evaluate concepts and theories in Business Law.
- c. To contribute towards the progression of business, trade and development of the country through effective dissemination of knowledge and research outcomes in Business Law.
- d. To provide the foundation for progression to doctoral level study in Business Law.
- e. To enhance attitudes, values, ethics, and communication skills to create an expert in the field of Business Law.

## Intended Learning Outcomes

At the end of the Master of Laws in Business Law, a student will be able to:

- a. Demonstrate critical awareness of current issues in Business Law and be able to apply techniques relevant to profession/ area of specialization.
- b. Should be able to deal with complex issues systematically and creatively and make sound judgments and communicate decisions clearly to specialist and non-specialist groups.
- c. Should demonstrate self-direction and originality in tackling and solving problems and be able to plan and implement tasks at professional manner.



### Eligibility Criteria

A person may be eligible for admission to the Degree Programme provided he/she meets the following criteria;

- i. A Legal Officer in the Armed Forces, the Police or the Public/Private sector, or an independent practitioner; and
- ii. Possesses any of the following qualifications;
  - a. A Degree in Law with a 1st class/ 2nd class upper division; or
  - b. A Degree in Law with a 2nd class lower division and with 2 years professional experience, or
  - c. A Degree in Law without a class and with 3 years professional experience, or
  - d. An Attorney at Law with a minimum of 5 years professional experience.

### Programme Structure

The Degree Programme shall be considered as full-time study programme with a research component of 15 credits and 12 modules of 45 credits (Total - 60) offered in 04 semesters. The duration of the Degree Programme shall be two (02) academic years (24 months). Lectures will be held on weekends according to the schedule provided by the Faculty of Law other than public holidays from 0830 hrs to 1730 hrs. The medium of instruction and evaluation of the Degree Programme is English.

### Continuous Assessments

Instructions for Submission of Continuous Assessments

- a. FGS expects the highest professional, academic and scholarly standards in student assignments. Therefore, haphazard, incomplete or hurried assignments will not qualify for marking.
- b. Assignments call for a significant degree of knowledge, analysis and critique. FGS expects the students to work hard, consider these assignments seriously and concentrate on them. Assignments are potentially powerful learning resources for communication.
- c. Continuous Assessment shall be a library-based research containing 4000 words, conducted by the Candidate. Similarity level of the Continuous Assessment shall be below 20%.
- d. The Candidate shall be required to fulfill both the Continuous Assessment and the End Semester Examination in order to complete each subject module.
- e. There are no extensions on assignment submission dates. Students are responsible for submitting their assignments on due date.



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### Do's

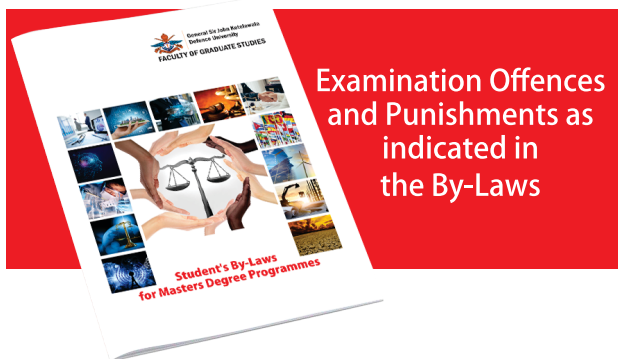


- a. Always enclose every single assignment in a separate folder.
- b. Fill in the following details on the first page of the folder.
  - ▶ Registration Number
  - ▶ Name
  - ▶ Course Code and Title
  - ▶ Semester
  - ▶ Name of the Resource Person
- c. Always submit your assignment to the Staff at the Faculty of Graduate Studies.
- d. Always submit your assignment on or before the last date of submission.
- e. You may have your assignment handed over by someone else on your behalf.

### Don'ts



- a. Never hand over any assignment to unauthorized staff members at KDU personally known or unknown to you.
- b. Never mail assignments, unless specified.
- c. Never use one folder for more than one assignment.



### Specifications for Assignments

- a. Students must always use only A4 size paper to compliance their assignments.
- b. Leave a 1" Margin on all four sides.
- c. Students must type or word process their assignment answers. If a student is unable to do so, he / she must write the answer very neatly and legibly. Assignments with illegible handwriting will not be marked.
- d. We recommend the 11/2" line spacing formats.
- e. Students must be creative in approaching and answering questions.
- f. If a student uses another author's idea, he / she must cite that author / publication with references.





Specimen of Assignment Cover Page

**COMMERCIAL LAW**

BL 11024

TOPIC OF THE ASSIGNMENT

**NAME OF THE STUDENT**

REGISTRATION NO: KDU/.....  
LECTURER: .....

NAME OF THE DEGREE

PROGRAMME NO.... – YEAR .... – SEMESTER ....

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## Declaration Form

1. I declare that this assignment is my own work.
2. I have acknowledged ideas of other authors (if any) following the standard acknowledgement practice.
3. I am aware of the consequences of cheating and malpractice.
4. I am willing to answer any query raised by any Academic Staff Member in relation to this report at any time during the course.
5. I understand that the decision relating to mark on this report is purely based on my performance and that it is first and final.

Date:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

## Specimen Letter for handing over Assignments

(Address)

(Your Ref) \_\_\_\_\_

DEAN  
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KDU

**SUBMISSION OF** \_\_\_\_\_ *(Subject Name)*

1. Assignment of \_\_\_\_\_ (Module) or  
*(Research)* is forwarded herewith for *(making / approval)* please.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name in upper case)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Rank)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Registration No)



## Course Syllabus

The programme contains 12 compulsory subject modules and a dissertation on guided research. The medium of instruction and evaluation of the Degree Programme shall be English. Each subject module shall carry a maximum of 100 marks. Performance of the candidate in each module shall be evaluated by means of a Continuous Assessment and an End Semester Examination. Continuous Assessment shall be a library-based research containing 4000 words, conducted by the Candidate. Similarity level of the Continuous Assessment shall be below 20%. The Candidate shall be required to fulfil both the Continuous Assessment and the End Semester Examination in order to complete each subject module. A candidate is also required to produce a dissertation which shall be a well-researched document of high academic standard of 25000 words. A Candidate shall defend both his research proposal and the Dissertation in front of an Evaluation Panel.

## Master of Laws in Business Law Programme – Summary of the Course Delivery Plan

Code	Module	Contact Hours	Notional Hours	No. of Credits
LLM/C 11014	Legal Research Methodology	60	200	4
BL 11024	Commercial Law	60	200	4
BL 11034	Construction Law	60	200	4
BL 11043	Hospitality Law	45	150	3
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>225</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>15</b>
BL 12054	Intellectual Property Law	60	200	4
BL 12064	Investment Law	60	200	4
BL 12074	Tax Law	60	200	4
BL 12083	Media Law	45	150	3
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>225</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>15</b>
BL 21014	Arbitration Law	60	200	4
BL 21024	Finance Law	60	200	4
BL 21034	Industrial Law	60	200	4
BL 21043	Insurance Law	45	150	3
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>225</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>15</b>
LLM/C 22015	Dissertation		750	15
<b>Total Credits</b>			<b>750</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>675</b>	<b>3000</b>	<b>60</b>

“Success is nothing  
more than a few simple disciplines,  
practiced every day.”



## Master of Laws in Business Law

### Lecturer Panel

#### Ms MRIK Munasinghe

Master of Human Rights (Colombo), LLM in International Trade Law (Wales UK), PG Dip in Human Rights (Colombo), Attorney at Law  
Senior Lecturer - Faculty of Law - KDU

#### Dr YP Wijerathna

PhD (Malaya), LLM (West London), LLB (Hons) (Colombo), Attorney at Law  
Senior Lecturer - Faculty of Law - KDU

#### Ms AA Edirisinghe

MPhil (Colombo), LLM (West London), LLB (Hons) (Colombo), Attorney-at-Law  
Senior Lecturer - Faculty of Law - KDU

#### Ms MPC Wijesooriya

LLM in Intellectual Property Law (UK), LLM (Colombo), LLB (Hons) (Colombo), Attorney at Law  
Lecturer - Faculty of Law - KDU

#### Ms JAD Jayakody

LLM (KDU), LLB (Hons) (Colombo), Attorney at Law  
Senior Lecturer - Faculty of Law - KDU

#### Ms LM De Silva

MPhil (Colombo), LLB (Hons) (Colombo), Attorney at Law  
Senior Lecturer - Faculty of Law - KDU

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LLM (KDU), MLRHRM (Colombo), LLB (Hons) (Colombo), Attorney at Law  
Senior Lecturer - Faculty of Law - KDU

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PhD (Griffith), LLM (Hons), PG Dip in IPL (Hons) (Colombo), ADMA (UK), LLB (Hons) (Colombo), Attorney at Law

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PhD (Brunel), LLM (Wales), Attorney at Law

#### Mr Prabash Semasinghe

LLM (Colombo), LLM. (Wales), Attorney at Law, Dip in IPL

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PhD (NUS), LLM (Warwick), Attorney at Law

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PhD (Canberra)

#### Dr Darshika Pathirana

PhD (Colombo), LLB (Hons) (Colombo), LLM (Colombo)

#### Mr Gamini Balasooriya

LLM (Wales), M.C.A (PIM) (Sri Jayawardenapura), BA (Aquinas), Dip in Banking and Insurance (Hons) (Colombo), Attorney at Law, MBA (Reading)

#### Mr Chanakya Jayadewa

Attorney at Law

#### Mr Wasantha Gajanayake

LLM (West London), Attorney at Law, BSc Engineering (Hons) (Moratuwa)

#### Nigel Hatch PC

Barrister at Law

#### Uditha Igalahewa PC

LLM (Colombo), LLM (International Maritime Law Institute), Attorney at Law

#### Ms Nimmi Gunaratne

LL.B (Colombo)

Note: Lecturer panel subject to change as per the University requirements.

## Reference Reading

Module	Recommended Readings
Legal Research Methodology	<p>Singh R, Legal Research Methodology (2nd edn, LexisNexis 2016).</p> <p>Van Hoecke M, Methodologies of Legal Research (Hart Publishing 2013).</p> <p>Van Bon K, Empirical Legal Research (Edward Elgar Publishing 2020).</p> <p>Nirmal B.C., Singhe R.K and Nirmal A, Legal Research Methodology (Sathyam Law International 2019).</p>
Commercial Law	<p>Cabral H, Companies Act, No. 07 of 2007 and the Corporate Law of Sri Lanka (HarshaCabral 2007).</p> <p>Dobson P, Charlesworth's Business Law (16thedn, Sweet and Maxwell 1997).</p> <p>Atiyah P.S, Adams J and MacQueen H, Atiyah's Sale of Goods (12thedn, Pearson Education 2010).</p> <p>Chuah J, Law of International Trade: Cross Border Commercial Transactions (5thedn, Sweet and Maxwell 2017).</p>
Construction Law	<p>Beatson J, Burrows A and Cartwright J, Anson's Law of Contract (31stedn, OUP 2020).</p> <p>Wilmot-Smith R and Darling P, Wilmot-Smith on Construction Contracts (4thedn, OUP 2021).</p> <p>McMeel G, McMeel on The Construction of Contracts: Interpretation, Implication, and Rectification (3rdedn, OUP 2017).</p>
Hospitality Law	<p>Jefferies J, P, Understanding Hospitality Law (2ndedn, Educational Institute of the American Hotel &amp; Motel Association 1990).</p> <p>Langford B, Hospitality Law (2ndedn, Kendall Hunt Publishing Company 2014).</p> <p>Boella M and Pannett A, Principles of Hospitality Law (2ndedn, Cengage Learning EMEA 2000).Cornish W. R, Intellectual Property: Patents, Copyright, Trademarks and Allied Rights (9thedn, Sweet and Maxwell 2019).</p> <p>Cornish W.R, Cases and Materials on Intellectual Property (5thedn, Sweet and Maxwell 2006).</p>



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Hospitality Law	<p>Karunaratne D.M, A Guide to Law of Trademarks and Service Marks in Sri Lanka (VishvaLekha 1999).</p> <p>Bently L, Sherman B, Gangjee D, and Johnson P, Intellectual Property Law (5thedn, OUP 2018).</p>
Intellectual Property Law	<p>Cornish W. R, Intellectual Property: Patents, Copyright, Trademarks and Allied Rights (9thedn, Sweet and Maxwell 2019).</p> <p>Cornish W.R, Cases and Materials on Intellectual Property (5thedn, Sweet and Maxwell 2006).</p> <p>Karunaratne D.M, A Guide to Law of Trademarks and Service Marks in Sri Lanka (VishvaLekha 1999).</p> <p>Bently L, Sherman B, Gangjee D, and Johnson P, Intellectual Property Law (5thedn, OUP 2018).</p>
Investment Law	<p>Sornarajah M, The International Law on Foreign Investment (5thedn, Cambridge University Press 2021).</p> <p>Collins D, An Introduction to International Investment Law (Cambridge University Press 2018).</p> <p>Dolzer R and Schreuer C, Principles of International Investment Law (2ndedn, OUP 2012).</p>
Tax Law	<p>Morse G. And Eden S., Davies: Principles of Tax Law (Sweet and Maxwell 2020).</p> <p>Barkoczy S., Foundations of Taxation Law 2021 (OUP 2021).</p> <p>Gooneratne E., Income Tax in Sri Lanka, (author 1992)</p>
Media Law	<p>Helewitz J.A. and Edwards L.K, Entertainment Law (1stedn, Cengage Learning 2003).</p> <p>Robertson G and Nicol A, Media Law (5thedn, Penguin UK 2008).</p>



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Arbitration Law	<p>Blackaby N and others, Redfern and Hunter on International Arbitration (6th edn, Oxford University Press 2021).</p> <p>Sutton D.J, Gill J and Gearing M, Russell on Arbitration (24th edn, Sweet &amp; Maxwell 2015).</p> <p>Kanag-Isvaran, K. &amp; Wijeratne, S. S., Arbitration law in Sri Lanka (Colombo, Sri Lanka: Institute for the Development of Commercial Law and Practice 2006).</p>
Finance Law	<p>Cranston R, Avgouleas E, van Zwieten K, Hare C and van Sante T, Principles of Banking Law (3rd edn, OUP 2018).</p> <p>Hudson A, The Law of Finance (2nd edn, Sweet and Maxwell 2013).</p> <p>Maheshwari S.N. and Maheshwari S.K., Banking Law and Practice (Kalyani Publications 2005).</p>
Industrial Law	<p>SR De Silva, Contract of Employment (Employer's Federation of Ceylon 1998).</p> <p>SR De Silva, Legal Framework of Industrial Relations (HW Cave and Co Ltd 1973).</p> <p>S Egalahewa, A General Guide to Sri Lanka Labour Law (Stamford Lake Publishers 2018).</p> <p>Hugh Collins, Keith Ewing and Aileen McColgan, Labour Law (Cambridge University Press 2019).</p>
Insurance Law	<p>Birds J, Lynch B and Paul S, MacGillivray on Insurance Law (14th edn, Sweet and Maxwell 2020).</p> <p>Birds J, Birds' Modern Insurance Law (11th edn, Sweet and Maxwell 2019).</p> <p>Merkin R.M, Colinvaux and Merkin's Insurance Contract Law (Revised edition, Sweet and Maxwell 2020).</p>

“A library is the delivery room  
for the birth of ideas, a place where  
history comes to life.”

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## Course Fee Structure

Item	Amount (Full Time / Part Time)	
	Military/Police/MOD	Civil
Tuition Fee	Rs. 350,000.00	Rs. 350,000.00
Registration Fee - 3 Years (Initial Registration)	Rs. 4,000.00	Rs. 5,000.00
Library Fees	Rs. 2,000.00	Rs. 2,000.00
Refundable Library Deposit	Rs. 10,000.00	Rs. 10,000.00
Refundable Mess Deposit	Rs. 2,000.00	Rs. 2,000.00
Study Pack	Rs. 2,500.00	Rs. 2,500.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>Rs. 370,500.00</b>	<b>Rs. 371,500.00</b>

### Registration Renewal Fee

- 1st Year after initial registration - Rs. 12,500/=
- 2nd Year after initial registration period - Rs. 25,000/=
- Continuation to another additional year under any circumstances - Rs. 100,000/=

### Repeat Examination Fee

- For entire semester - Rs. 2,500/=
- For one subject - Rs. 1,000/=
- Repeat Thesis Defence - Rs. 11,500/=
- Viva-Voce Fee - Rs. 11,500/=

- Selected candidates may opt to pay programme fee in two equal instalments, first of which should be paid at the time of registration (for the 1st academic year), together with all other cost components.
- 2nd instalment – Before commencement 1st semester of the 2nd academic year.
- **Any candidate who has not settled the course fees by the beginning of the 1st semester of the 2nd academic year after the initial registration will not be allowed to proceed further.**

#### Note:

1. FGS will be compelled to not permit the students who are unable to pay the course fee to sit for semester examinations.
2. Course fee and other payments mentioned in above subject to change as per the University Board of Management decisions.



### **How to Apply**

Legal officers of the Tri-services and Police should apply through their Service Commanders and the Inspector General of Police, respectively; and public and private sector personnel through their heads of departments. The application should be addressed to the Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies. All applicants are required to pass an aptitude test conducted by KDU.

### **Contact Persons:**

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## Annex A

### E- Library Policy

1. Only visit approved Internet sites.
2. Never give out your personal information.
3. Inform the authority if you see something uncomfortable or inappropriate.
4. Never download irrelevant anything without permission.
5. Leave your workspace as you found it.
6. Print only if you have permission.
7. Never change any settings without permission.
8. Touch the mouse and keyboard gently.
9. Do not eat or drink near devices.

