

2.2 Advanced Level subject pre-requisites to satisfy the entry requirements for first degree programmes

2.2.1 ARTS STREAM

2.2.1.1 Arts (Course Code - 019) (Proposed Intake - 6985)

- To be eligible for admission to a course of study in Arts, candidates must have obtained at least 'S' grades for three subjects considered.
- As there are many subjects in the Arts stream for the G.C.E. (Advanced Level) Examination, subjects are classified under four baskets.
- Students should have obtained passes in three subjects at the G.C.E. (Advanced Level) Examination from the following baskets.

Basket 01- Social Sciences / Applied Social Studies:

1. Economics
2. Geography
3. History
4. Home Economics
5. Agricultural Science / Mathematics / Combined Mathematics
6. Communication & Media Studies
7. Information & Communication Technology
8. Accounting / Business Statistics
9. Political Science
10. Logic & Scientific Method
11. One subject from Technological Subjects :
 - Civil Technology
 - Electrical, Electronic and Information Technology
 - Agro Technology
 - Mechanical Technology
 - Food Technology
 - Bio-Resource Technology

Guidance for selection of subjects from basket 01:

- Students should select at least one subject from this basket.
- Students can also select all three subjects only from basket 01.

There are three exceptions to this rule. These are;

1. Students selecting three National Languages; Sinhala, Tamil and English from the basket 04 (Language Basket) as the three subjects, need not to select any subject from basket 01.
2. Students selecting a combination of National and Classical languages need not to select any subject from basket 01.

National Languages are;

Sinhala Tamil English

Classical Languages are;

Arabic Pali Sanskrit

For example, students can select three subjects like Sinhala, Pali and Sanskrit etc. These students need not to select any subject from basket 01.

However, no candidate can select three classical languages as three subjects. They can select a maximum of two classical languages only.

3. Students selecting two languages from the basket 04 and the third subject from Religions and Civilizations or Aesthetic subject classified under basket 02 and 03 given below need not to select any subject from basket 01.

Basket 02 - Religions and Civilizations:

1. Buddhism
2. Hinduism
3. Christianity
4. Islam
5. Buddhist Civilization
6. Hindu Civilization
7. Christian Civilization
8. Islamic Civilization
9. Greek & Roman Civilization

Guidance for selection of subjects from basket 02:

- A candidate can select maximum of two subjects from the basket 02.
- However, if a religion (Eg: Buddhism) is selected as a subject, the related civilization of the selected religion (Eg: Buddhist Civilization) cannot be offered as another subject from this basket.

Basket 03- Aesthetic Studies:

Aesthetic subjects consists of four subject areas. These are;

1. Art
2. Dancing
3. Music
4. Drama & Theatre

This can be further sub-classified as;

1. Art
2. Dancing
 - a. Sinhala
 - b. Baratha

3. Music
 - a. Oriental
 - b. Carnatic
 - c. Western

4. Drama & Theatre
 - a. Sinhala
 - b. Tamil
 - c. English

Guidance for selection of subjects from basket 03:

- Students can select two subjects out of above four subject areas. However, no student is allowed to select the two subjects from one subject area.

Basket 04 - Languages:

The language basket has three subject areas.

These are;

- National Languages
- Classical Languages
- Foreign Languages

National Languages are:

- Sinhala
- Tamil
- English

Classical Languages are:

- Arabic
- Pali
- Sanskrit

Foreign Languages are:

- Chinese
- French
- German
- Hindi
- Japanese
- Malay
- Russian

Guidance for selection of subjects from basket 04:

- Students are allowed to select a maximum of two subjects from this basket. For example, when selecting the three subjects, students can select Chinese and French from basket 04 and the other subject from another basket.

However, there are exemptions to this rule. These exemptions are also discussed under guidance for selecting subjects from basket 01.

Exemptions are;

- a. A student can select three National Languages.
e.g. Sinhala, Tamil and English
- b. A student can select at least one subject from National Languages and two subjects from Classical Languages.

No candidate is allowed to offer three Classical Languages or three Foreign Languages.

- The above guidance is useful to select subject combinations for different degree programmes of a course of study in Arts in almost all Universities and Higher Educational Institutes.
- However, some Universities and Higher Educational Institutes offer some degree programmes under Arts stream which may expect different advanced level subject combinations for selection. The reason for offering such different combinations is to enhance the quality and relevance of such degree programmes for the purpose of employment and to be in line with the expectations of the society.

There are 10 such courses of study offered by different Universities and Higher Educational Institutes. These are;

1. Course of study in Performing Arts & Mass Media offered by Sripalee Campus of the University of Colombo
2. Course of study in Arts offered by Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka
3. Course of study in Communication Studies offered by Trincomalee Campus of Eastern University, Sri Lanka
4. Course of study in Peace & Conflict Resolution offered by University of Kelaniya
5. Course of study in Islamic Studies offered by South Eastern University of Sri Lanka
6. Course of study in Arabic Language offered by South Eastern University of Sri Lanka
7. Course of study in Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL) offered by University of Kelaniya and University of Sri Jayewardenepura
8. Courses of study in Music, Dance, Drama and Theatre and Visual Arts offered by the University of the Visual and Performing Arts, Colombo
9. Courses of study in Music, Dance and Art & Design offered by the Ramanathan Academy of Fine Arts of the University of Jaffna
10. Courses of study in Music, Dance, Drama & Theatre and Visual & Technological Arts offered by the Swami Vipulananda Institute of Aesthetic Studies of the Eastern University, Sri Lanka

Information pertaining to these courses of study is given below.

**1. Course of Study in Arts offered by Sripalee Campus of the University of Colombo - Arts (SP)
(Course Codes : Mass Media - 020; Performing Arts - 041)
(Proposed Intakes : Mass Media - 110; Performing Arts - 110)**

Under this course of study, two degree programmes are offered. These are;

1. B.A. Honours Degree in Performing Arts
2. B.A. Honours Degree in Mass Media

Durations of both degree programmes are 04 years.

The required three Advanced Level subjects and the special requirements needed to get selected for these two degree programmes are given in next page.

Three subjects should have offered at the G.C.E. (Advanced Level) Examination from Arts stream, subject to the following conditions.

1. Not more than two Languages
2. Not more than one subject from Religions and Civilizations basket
3. Not more than one Technological subject
4. Not more than one of the following subjects
 - Accounting
 - Business Statistics
 - Economics

Moreover, there are two special requirements to be fulfilled. These are;

1. To have a minimum of an ordinary pass (S) in English at the G.C.E. (Ordinary Level) Examination.

Candidates are required to submit the duly certified copy of the original G.C.E. (Ordinary Level) certificate along with the application. Candidates are kindly reminded that failure to submit the above evidence may result in the rejection of the application for the above course of study.

2. To have a pass in the Aptitude Test conducted by the Sripalee Campus of the University of Colombo.

The Sripalee Campus of the University of Colombo will publish a press notice calling for applications to sit the Aptitude Test.

Aptitude Test may consist of either an Interview, Practical Test or a Written Test or all three components as decided by the Sripalee Campus. Candidates may contact the Senior Assistant Registrar of the Sripalee Campus, Horana if they wish to obtain further details.

**2. Course of Study in Arts offered by Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka - Arts (SAB)
(Course Code - 021)
(Proposed Intake - 309)**

Students who have satisfied the minimum requirements for admission in Arts stream or Commerce stream are eligible to seek admission for this programme. The two degree programmes offered are:

1. Bachelor of Arts (Honours) - Duration four years
2. Bachelor of Arts - Duration three years

Selection of students to the four year honours degree is based on the performance of them in the first year.

The main subjects offered under these two degree programmes are given below.

1. Economics - (English & Sinhala medium)
2. Statistics - (English & Sinhala medium)
3. Geography - (English & Sinhala medium)
4. Sociology - (English & Sinhala medium)
5. Political Science - (English & Sinhala medium)
6. Sinhala
7. Tamil
8. English
9. Japanese
10. Hindi
11. Chinese
12. German
13. Information & Communication Technology (ICT) - (Only in English medium)

The basis of selection of students:

As the opportunities are made available to both Arts and Commerce stream students to seek admissions to this course of study, of the total number of seats available (309), 55% is allocated from the Arts stream and balance is allocated from the Commerce stream.

3. Course of Study in Communication Studies offered by the Trincomalee Campus of the Eastern University, Sri Lanka

(Course Code - 029)

(Proposed Intake - 200)

Under this course of study, the Trincomalee campus offers two degree programmes. They are;

1. B.A. (Communication Studies)
2. B.A. (Languages)

Students admitted to a three year degree programme may proceed to fourth year if they so desire and satisfy the requirements of the university. In the fourth year, students will be offered extra modules of courses relevant to the areas of specialization as determined by the Faculty and Senate of the University.

Selection criteria for this course of study are very flexible. That is, any student who have satisfied the minimum requirements for university admission [minimum of Simple (S) passes in three subjects and 30% or more for the Common General Paper] in G.C.E. (Advanced Level) Examination are eligible but one of the three subjects must have a Credit (C) pass in Sinhala, Tamil or English.

However, because the medium of instructions of this course of study is English, to be eligible, the student also must have obtained at least a Credit (C) pass in English at the G.C.E. (Ordinary Level) Examination.

Candidates are required to submit the duly certified copy of the original G.C.E (Ordinary Level) certificate along with the application. Candidates are kindly reminded that failure to submit the above evidence may result in the rejection of the application for the course of study in Communication Studies.

The Trincomalee campus will decide the maximum number of students allocated to one degree programme in accordance with the criteria determined by the campus.

Note:

From the academic year 2022/2023 onwards Communication Studies will be separated to two courses of study as follows and students will be selected to them separately. These two courses of study are:

- 1. Communication Studies**
- 2. Languages**

1. Communication Studies

In order to be eligible for the course of study in Communication Studies, candidates should have fulfilled the relevant minimum qualifications indicated under one of the following three categories from the academic year 2022/2023 onwards;

Category (A)

Should have obtained at least 'S' grades for any three subjects at the G.C.E. (Advanced Level) Examination and at least a 'C' grade for Communication and Media Studies at the G.C.E. (Ordinary Level) Examination.

Category (B)

Should have obtained at least a 'S' grade for Communication and Media Studies and any other two subjects at the G.C.E. (Advanced Level) Examination.

Category (C)

Should have obtained at least 'S' grades for any three subjects at the G.C.E. (Advanced Level) Examination and at least a 'C' grade for English Language at the G.C.E. (Ordinary Level) Examination.

2. Languages

In order to be eligible for the course of study in Languages, candidates should have fulfilled the relevant minimum qualifications indicated under one of the following three categories from the academic year 2022/2023 onwards;

Category (A)

Should have obtained at least 'S' grades for any three subjects at the G.C.E. (Advanced Level) Examination and at least a 'C' grade for English Language at the G.C.E. (Ordinary Level) Examination.

Category (B)

Should have obtained at least 'S' grades for any three subjects and at least a 'B' grade for General English at the G.C.E. (Advanced Level) Examination.

Category (C)

Should have obtained at least 'S' grades for English and any other two subjects at the G.C.E. (Advanced Level) Examination.

4. Course of Study in Peace and Conflict Resolution offered by the University of Kelaniya (Course Code - 031) (Proposed Intake - 36)

Name of the degree programme is B.A. Honours in Peace and Conflict Resolution [BAHons (Peace and Conflict Resolution)].

Duration of the degree programme is 04 years.

Candidates who have satisfied the minimum requirements for university admission [minimum of Simple (S) passes in three subjects and 30% or more for the Common General Paper] having offered any three subjects available at the G.C.E.(Advanced Level) Examination are eligible to seek admission to this programme.

Medium of instructions is English.

5. Course of Study in Islamic Studies in the South Eastern University of Sri Lanka (Course Code - 063) (Proposed Intake - 278)

Name of the degree programme is B.A. in Islamic Studies. Duration of the programme is 03 years.

Candidates with at least Simple (S) passes in any three subjects at the G.C.E. (Advanced Level) Examination are eligible. However, one must include a subject of Islam or Islamic Civilization.

6. Course of Study in Arabic Language in the South Eastern University of Sri Lanka (Course Code - 084) (Proposed Intake - 225)

Name of the degree programme is B.A. in Arabic Language. Duration of the programme is 03 years.

Candidates with at least Simple (S) passes in any three subjects at the G.C.E.(Advanced Level) Examination are eligible. However one must include a subject of Arabic language.

**7. Course of Study in Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL) in the University of Kelaniya and University of Sri Jayewardenepura
(Course Code - 105)
(Proposed Intake - 81)**

Name of the degree programme is B.A. in TESL (Honours).

In order to be eligible for this course of study, candidates should have obtained a minimum grade of 'S' or above for English and passes in any other two subjects at the G.C.E.(Advanced Level) Examination.

Duration of the degree programme is 04 years.

This course is conducted only in the English Medium.

**8. Courses of Study in Music, Dance, Drama & Theatre and Visual Arts in the University of the Visual and Performing Arts, Colombo
(Course Codes : Music - 068; Dance - 069; Drama & Theatre - 071; Visual Arts - 085)
(Proposed Intakes : Music - 300; Dance - 300; Drama & Theatre - 74; Visual Arts - 120)**

A total of 794 seats are offered.

The University of the Visual & Performing Arts offer 03 degree programmes. These are;

1. Bachelor of Visual Arts (Honours)
2. Bachelor of Performing Arts-Dance and Drama (Honours)
3. Bachelor of Performing Arts- Music (Honours)

Guidance for selection of subjects at the G.C.E. (Advanced Level) Examination to be eligible to enter the University of the Visual & Performing Arts is given below:

The three subjects at the G.C.E. (Advanced Level) Examination, students must obtain at least two Simple (S) passes in any two subjects and at least a Credit (C) pass for the subject the student wishes to follow. This requirement is mandatory. For example, a student wishing to follow Music must have a Credit (C) pass or more in Music in the G.C.E. (Advanced Level) Examination. Similarly, a student wishing to follow a course of study in Visual Arts must have obtained a Credit (C) pass or more for Art at the G.C.E. (Advanced Level) Examination.

The university also conducts Practical / Aptitude Tests for selection. These are for Music, Dance, Drama & Theatre and Visual Arts.

If a student fails the Practical/ Aptitude Test, he/she is deemed ineligible for admission for the relevant course of study. However, such student is eligible to be considered for other courses of study of his/ her preference mentioned in the application form, subject to satisfy the relevant requirements.

The University of the Visual and Performing Arts will publish a press notice, calling for applications for the Practical / Aptitude test. Students are requested to contact the Registrar of the University for further details.

The medium of instructions for all degree programmes conducted by the University of the Visual and Performing Arts is Sinhala.

9. Courses of Study in Music, Dance and Art & Design in the Ramanathan Academy of Fine Arts of the University of Jaffna
(Course Codes : Music - 068; Dance - 069; Art & Design - 070)
(Proposed Intakes : Music - 117; Dance - 101; Art & Design - 62)

A total of 280 seats are offered.

The Ramanathan Academy of Fine Arts of the University of Jaffna offer 03 degree programmes. These are;

1. Bachelor of Fine Arts (Music)
2. Bachelor of Fine Arts (Dance)
3. Bachelor of Fine Arts (Art & Design)

Guidance for selection of subjects at the G.C.E. (Advanced Level) Examination to be eligible to enter the Ramanathan Academy of Fine Arts is given below:

The three subjects at the G.C.E. (Advanced Level) Examination, students must obtain at least two Simple (S) passes in any two subjects and at least a Credit (C) pass for the subject the student wishes to follow. This requirement is mandatory. For example, a student wishing to follow Music must have a Credit (C) pass or more in Music in the G.C.E. (Advanced Level) Examination. Similarly, a student wishing to follow a course of study in Arts & Design must have obtained a Credit (C) pass or more for Art at the G.C.E. (Advanced Level) Examination.

Ramanathan Academy of Fine Arts of the University of Jaffna also conducts Practical/Aptitude Tests for selection. These are for Music, Dance and Art & Design.

If a student fails the Practical/Aptitude Test, he/she is deemed ineligible for admission for the relevant course of study. However, such student is eligible to be considered for other courses of study of his/her preference mentioned in the application form, subject to satisfy the relevant requirements.

Ramanathan Academy of Fine Arts of the University of Jaffna will publish a press notice, calling for applications for the Practical /Aptitude Test. Students are requested to contact the Senior Assistant Registrar of the Ramanathan Academy for further details.

The medium of instructions for all degree programmes conducted by the Ramanathan Academy of Fine Arts is Tamil.

10. Courses of Study in Music, Dance, Drama & Theatre and Visual & Technological Arts in the Swami Vipulananda Institute of Aesthetic Studies of the Eastern University, Sri Lanka
(Course Codes : Music - 068; Dance - 069; Drama & Theatre - 071; Visual & Technological Arts - 072)
(Proposed Intakes : Music - 103; Dance - 93; Drama & Theatre - 104; Visual & Technological Arts - 94)

A total of 394 seats are offered.

Swami Vipulananda Institute of Aesthetic Studies of the Eastern University, Sri Lanka offer 04 degree programmes. These are;

1. Bachelor of Fine Arts (Music)
2. Bachelor of Fine Arts (Dance)
3. Bachelor of Fine Arts (Drama & Theatre)
4. Bachelor of Fine Arts (Visual & Technological Art)

Guidance for selection of subjects at the G.C.E. (Advanced Level) Examination to be eligible to enter the Swami Vipulananda Institute of Aesthetic Studies of the Eastern University, Sri Lanka is given below:

The three subjects at the G.C.E. (Advanced Level) Examination, students must obtain at least two Simple (S) passes in any two subjects and at least a Credit (C) pass for the subject the student wishes to follow. This requirement is mandatory. For example a student wishing to follow Music must have a Credit (C) pass or more in Music in the G.C.E. (Advanced Level) Examination. Similarly, a student wishing to follow a course of study in Visual & Technological Arts must have obtained a Credit (C) pass or more for Art in G.C.E. (Advanced Level) Examination.

The institute also conducts Practical/Aptitude Tests for selection. These are for Music, Dance, Drama & Theatre and Visual & Technological Arts.

If a student fails the Practical/Aptitude Test he/she is deemed ineligible for admission for the relevant course of study. However such student is eligible to be considered for other courses of study of his/her preference mentioned in the application form, subject to satisfy the relevant requirements.

Swami Vipulananda Institute of Aesthetic Studies of the Eastern University, Sri Lanka will publish a press notice, calling for applications for the Practical/Aptitude Test. Students are requested to contact the Senior Assistant Registrar of the Swami Vipulananda Institute for further details.

The medium of instructions for all degree programmes conducted by the Swami Vipulananda Institute of Aesthetic Studies of the Eastern University, Sri Lanka is Tamil.

**2.2.1.2 Course of Study in Social Work in the University of Peradeniya
(Course Code - 112)
(Proposed Intake - 51)**

Name of the degree programme is Bachelor of Social Work Honours [BSW(Hons)].

In order to be eligible for this course of study, candidates should have obtained at least Simple (S) passes in any three subjects of the Arts stream at G.C.E.(Advanced Level) Examination, selected according to the conditions specified in the Section 2.2.1.1 of this handbook.

Duration of the degree programme is 04 years.

The medium of instructions is English.

**2.2.1.3 Course of Study in Arts - Information Technology in the University of Sri Jayewardenepura
(Course Code - 128)
(Proposed Intake - 50)**

(New)

Name of the degree programme is Bachelor of Arts Honours in Information Technology [BAHons (IT)].

In order to be eligible for this course of study, candidates should have obtained at least Simple (S) passes in any three subjects of the Arts stream at G.C.E.(Advanced Level) Examination, selected according to the conditions specified in the Section 2.2.1.1 of this handbook.

In addition candidates should have obtained a Credit Pass (C) in Mathematics at the G.C.E.(Ordinary Level) Examination.

Duration of the degree programme is 04 years.

The medium of instructions is English.

Candidates who have offered subjects in the Arts Stream at the G.C.E. (Advanced Level) Examination could also seek admission to the following courses of study offered by different universities, provided that they have fulfilled the entry requirements for those courses of study.

- Law
- Architecture
- Design
- Fashion Design & Product Development
- Management Studies (TV)
- Quantity Surveying
- Information Technology (IT)
- Town & Country Planning
- Information and Communication Technology (ICT)
- Entrepreneurship and Management
- Management and Information Technology (SEUSL)
- Industrial Information Technology
- Physical Education
- Sports Science & Management
- Speech and Hearing Sciences
- Hospitality, Tourism and Events Management
- Information Technology & Management
- Tourism & Hospitality Management
- Information Systems
- Landscape Architecture
- Translation Studies
- Film & Television Studies
- Project Management
- Food Business Management
- Financial Engineering
- Geographical Information Science
- Financial Mathematics and Industrial Statistics
- Human Resource Development
- Health Tourism and Hospitality Management
- Yoga and Parapsychology
- Social Studies in Indigenous Knowledge