

Centre for Distance and Continuing Education (CDCE), University of Kelaniya

Criteria for selection to the Bachelor of Arts External Degree programme

The selection criteria have been amended according to the University Grants Commission (UGC) Circular numbers 932/2010 and 20/2017 and 01/2021. These guidelines will be applicable to students selected for the academic year 2017 onwards.

1. Required Minimum Qualifications

- 1.1. Students will be selected for admission by giving priority to those applicants who have gained the highest Z-score at the relevant G.C.E. Advanced Level examinations, since only a limited number of places are available.
- 1.2. Applicants should have passed any three subjects at one and the same attempt, in not more than three attempts at the G.C.E. Advanced Level examination conducted by the Department of Examinations Sri Lanka
- 1.3. Applicants with other qualifications equivalent to Sri Lanka Qualification Framework (SLQF) Level 2 (e.g., NVQ Level - 4, Advanced Certificate) which fulfill the minimum admission requirements for SLQF level 3 (University Level 1) will be also considered for admission.
- 1.4. Other qualifications approved by the Senate may be considered, based on the recommendations of the University Admissions Committee for External Degrees.
- 1.5. A limited number of students will be selected for Categories 1.3 and 1.4 under special circumstances only, after the selections for Category 1.1 are completed.

2. Number of students to be selected

The total number of students enrolled for the degree programme of this academic year will be twice the number of students admitted to the corresponding internal study programme of the University.

3. Methodology for selecting students for entrance

The following allocations will be implemented in recruiting students separately for each academic year. This will be with effect for the present and in future.

3.1	Based on GCE AL Examination results from the relevant academic years.	80%
3.2	Based on the GCE AL Examination results prior to the years of calling application	15%
3.3	Based on other qualifications for external examinations courses approved by the Senate and for government employees those who have fulfilled G C E Advanced Level qualifications	5%
3.4	In the event of vacancies under Categories 3.2 and 3.3, such vacancies shall be filled from applications made under Category 3.1	
3.5	In the event of vacancies under Categories 3.1 such vacancies shall be filled from applications made under Category 3.2	

4. Selection of subjects for Bachelor of Arts External Degree Programme

From Group 1	From Group 2	From Group 3	Total no of subjects	Compulsory course units for the degree	Compulsory work- based training
Only 1 subject	1, 2 or 3 subjects	1, 2 or 3 subjects	3 subjects	Three English course units and three computer studies course units	300 hours

5. Subject groups

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3
Sociology	Economics	Buddhist philosophy
Psychology	Political science	Buddhist Psychology
Sinhala	Geography	Pali
Mass Communication	Archaeology	Sanskrit
Buddhist Culture	Anthropology	Hindi
	Library and Information Science	German
	Development studies	Russian
	International Studies	Chinese
	Social Statistics	French
	Tourism and Cultural Resource Management	Japanese
	History	Christian Culture
	Philosophy	Western Classical Culture
		Drama and Theatre
		Image Arts
		Performing Arts Music
		Performing Arts Dancing
		Visual Arts and Design
		Linguistics
		Vastusasthra
		Literary Criticism

6. The methodology utilized in selecting students

Not more than 25% of the total number of students selected for admission will be permitted to register for any one subject. Students will be allowed to select the subjects of their choice based on the above conditions regarding the subject group, and in order of priority based on the overall Z-score obtained by the student for the G.C.E. Advanced Level examination.

Moreover, subject will be offered for a given intake of students only if a minimum of 20 students have registered for the subject. Further, another opportunity will be provided, if the registration could not be done in the first attempt.

7. Subject pre-requisites for selection

The students those who wish to study the following subjects shall fulfill the related pre-requisites mentioned below

Subject	Prerequisite
Geography	Passing Geography in G. C. E Advanced Level examination
Performing Arts Dancing	'B' grade for Dancing in G.C.E.Advanced Level examination
Performing Arts music	'B' grade for Music in G.C. E. Advanced Level examination
Social Statistics	'C' grade for Mathematics in G.C.E. Ordinary Level examination
French/Japanese	Passing the relevant subject in G.C.E. Advanced Level examination or passing the aptitude test conducted by the Department of Modern Languages

8. Subjects without prerequisites

Excluding the subjects mentioned in Item 7 above which require prerequisites, students have the freedom to select the subjects of their choice, based on their interests.

9. Compulsory career-based courses for candidates

All students are required to complete the following course units, which are designed to enhance employability after graduation.

9.1 English language

Degree Level	Course Code	Type	Subject Stream
Level 1	CBEN 18213	Compulsory	English for Humanities and Social Sciences
Level 2	CBEN 28223	Compulsory	English for Today's World
Level 3	CBEN 38233	Compulsory	English for Professional Purposes

9.2 Information Technology

Degree Level	Course Code	Type	Subject Stream
Level 1	CBIT 18213	Compulsory	Fundamentals of ICT
Level 2	CBIT 28223	Compulsory	MS-Office Applications for Workplace
Level 3	CBIT 28233	Compulsory	Cloud Computing in Everyday Life

10. Work-based training

Every student will be required to complete 300 hours of work-based training, adhering to the guidelines of Centre for Distance and Continuing Education, University of Kelaniya, for completion of the degree programme.

Degree Level	Course Code	Type	Subject Stream
Level 3	CBWT 38213	Compulsory	Work-based training

11. Volume of work required for Bachelor of Arts External Degree Programme

Every student is required to complete a minimum of 90 credits, with 30 credits at each level of the BA degree programme. A student is allowed to register for course units with a total credit value of up to 36 credits in one level.

Degree level/ year	Main subjects	Number of Credits for main subjects	Career based courses	Number of credits for career-based courses	Total credits for one year
Level 1	3	3 x 8	2	2 x 3	30
Level 2	3	3 x 8	2	2 x 3	30
Level 3	3	3 x 8	2	2 x 3	30
Total number of credits for 3 years		72		18	90