



UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO, SRI LANKA

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FACULTY OF LAW**

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BYLAWS

PART I – GENERAL

1. These Bylaws shall be cited as the **Diploma in Public Law Bylaws No. ... of 2020**.
2. Subject to the Bylaws, a person may be awarded the **Diploma in Public Law** [*hereafter referred to as Dip (Public Law)*], if he or she has:
 - (a) been a registered student of the University for the period prescribed by these Bylaws;
 - (b) pursued the programme of study conducted either in the conventional mode of instruction and/or through information and communication technology driven on-line mode or a combination of multi-modes by the University to the satisfaction of the Vice-Chancellor as prescribed by these Bylaws, and other pertinent Rules and Regulations of the University;
 - (c) satisfied the Examiners at the prescribed Written Examinations, Class Room Tests, Practical Assignments, Term Papers and any other assignments on a subject approved by the Faculty Board and conducted either in the conventional mode and/or through information and communication technology driven on-line mode or a combination of multi-modes;
 - (d) paid such registration, tuition, supervision and examination fees and other dues as may be payable by her/him to the University; and
 - (e) fulfilled all other requirements prescribed by these Bylaws and the Rules and Regulations of the University.
- 2.1 Applications for registration shall be invited by a notice/advertisement in the newspapers or online through the website.

- 2.2** A person who wishes to become a candidate for the Dip (Public Law) shall make an application through the conventional mode and/or the online mode to the Registrar when the said program is advertised.
- 2.3** The application shall be on the prescribed form providing the information as s/he may be required to submit, including her/his qualifications for undertaking the course of study.
- 3.** There shall be a coordinator for the programme and s/he shall be appointed by the Dean of the Faculty of Law in consultation with the Head of the Department of Public and International Law.
- 4.** Applications received by the Management Assistant of the Department of Public and International Law through the conventional mode and/or the online mode shall be referred to the coordinator of the programme. The coordinator, having examined the applications for necessary initial qualifications, shall call the qualified candidates for a written test followed by an interview. The list of candidates to be enrolled shall be recommended to the Faculty Board through the Head of the Department of Public and International Law by a Panel of Interviewers appointed by the Head of the Department of Public and International Law.
- 5.** No person shall be considered for admission to the course leading to the Dip (Public Law), unless s/he has a
- a) Three passes in General Certificate of Education (Advanced level) or an equivalent qualification,
or
 - b) Six passes in G.C.E. (O/L) with two years' experience in the relevant field;
or
 - c) A foundation course equivalent to SLQF level 2,
or
 - d) Completion of NVQF level 4 and five years' work experience in a related field or accredited prior learning followed by a corresponding programme of minimum 30 credits as determined by the academic authority of the HEI,
a. and
 - e) Good working knowledge of English and Perform satisfactorily at an interview to be conducted by the Department of Public and International Law, Faculty of Law.
- 5.1** Candidates who are considered under category (c) and for (d) will be subjected to an additional admission test to determine the suitability.
- 6.1** On acceptance by the Faculty a person shall register for the Dip (Public Law) of the University upon payment of the prescribed registration and other fees.
- 6.2** A person who is registered as an internal/external student/candidate of University of Colombo or any other university or higher educational institution shall not be registered for the Dip (Public Law)

Programme and a person may not register herself/himself concurrently as an internal as well as an external student of University of Colombo or any other university or higher educational institution.

- 6.3 The minimum period of registration for the Dip (Public Law) programme shall be one year; the maximum period shall not exceed **three (03) years**. The period of registration shall be counted from the date of commencement of the course.
7. The registration for Dip (Public Law) shall be deemed to have lapsed at the expiry of its period of validity. A candidate, whose registration has so lapsed, may renew his/her registration for a further period, provided that s/he is considered as eligible for such registration by the Faculty. However, no registration shall be renewed after the expiry of two academic years from the end of the first year of registration. Any such candidate shall be required to seek registration in the Dip (Public Law) afresh if s/he failed to obtain the Diploma even after the expiry of the third period of registration in competition with new applicants, under the rules in force at the time of seeking such fresh registration.
8. No student shall be allowed to keep away from classes or to leave the island, or to withdraw from examination or a classroom test whether conducted through the conventional mode and/or information communication technology driven on-line mode or a combination of multi-modes, without prior due approval from the Faculty.

PART II – COURSE STRUCTURE

9. The course design of the Dip (Public Law) may be based on the credit value system of **Sri Lanka Qualification Framework** Level 3 (SLQF).
- 9.1 The Dip (Public Law) shall include Eight Course Modules as prescribed in the schedule.
- 9.2 A candidate shall earn **30 credits** within the period of **one year** to qualify as a successful candidate by successfully with eight course modules offered.
- 9.3 The titles of course modules shall be those set out in the schedule and the Faculty Board shall have power, on the recommendation of the Head of the Department of Public and International Law, to amend the number of course modules, the course structure, the syllabi and the scheme of evaluation.
- 10.1 The Programme of Study and Examinations leading to the Dip (Public Law) will be conducted in the conventional mode and/or through the information communication technology driven on-line mode or a combination of multi-modes and these Bylaws, and other relevant Bylaws, Rules and Regulations passed by the University of Colombo shall be so applied and interpreted in order to facilitate the effective conduct of the Programme without compromising on the integrity and quality of the Diploma.

- 10.2** If any doubt or question of interpretation arises or potential inconsistency arises due to any unforeseen circumstance or contingency, the Faculty Board, on the recommendation of the Head of the Department of Public and International Law, shall have the authority to make a suitable and appropriate decision with regard to the process to be followed without compromising the quality and integrity of the Diploma and without being unreasonably unfair by any registered student of the Programme.
- 10.3** Any decision of the Faculty Board under sub-section 10.2 above shall be made keeping in mind the spirit of these Bylaws, and shall be final.
- 10.4** The medium of instruction and examination is Sinhala/ Tamil/ English
- 11.** In each of the taught course, a minimum of 40% of the aggregate mark shall be allocated through a system of continuous assessment based on the performance at take-home assignments, term papers, classroom presentation and/or classroom tests, field visits, projects or combination of some of the above. The balance 60% shall be awarded on the performance at the written examination held after the period of teaching.
- 12.** Performance of the candidates shall be evaluated based on their written examination by the examiners as appointed by the Faculty Board on the recommendation of the Head of the Department of Public and International Law.
- 13.1** A person shall not be permitted to take the examination unless:
- (i) S/he has been duly registered as a Dip (Public Law) candidate as from the commencement of the academic year in which that examination is held;
 - (ii) S/he has followed at least 70 percent of the classes held;
 - (iii) S/he has registered with the Examinations Branch of the University for the Examination s/he intends to sit:
Provided that in the event of the results of the examination being released only after the commencement of the academic year following that in which the examination was held, any unsuccessful candidate intending to register as a Dip (Public Law) student so that s/he could repeat the examination that year, may do so within two weeks of the announcement of the results;
 - (iv) The coordinator has certified that s/he has completed the course of studies leading to the examination by attending the required proportion of lectures, tutorial classes and other forms of instruction in the subject matter of each course and/or by satisfying the equivalent requirements of on-line studies of each course, to be prescribed by the Faculty Board;
 - (vi) Her/his student registration continues to be in force; and
 - (vii) Her/his application for entry to the examination has been accepted.
- 13.2** All rules relating to the Examination Procedure, Offences and Punishment Regulation No. 1 of 1986 shall *mutatis mutandis* apply to, or in relation to, the Dip (Public Law) examination.

13.3 Without prejudice to the generality of the Regulation No. 1 of 1986, rules relating to the different forms of online assessment and Class Room Tests shall be formulated and implemented by the coordinator and any matters relating to such tests shall be decided by the Faculty Board on the recommendation of the coordinator and the Dean of the Faculty.

13.4 Rules relating to Assignments and the Term Papers and as well as information communication technology driven on-line assessment and examination shall be announced, from time to time, by the coordinator in consultation with the teachers and such rules shall not be changed or revoked unless otherwise decided by the Faculty Board.

PART III – SCHEME OF EVALUATION

14.1 Each of the eight course modules shall carry a maximum Grade Point (herein after called GP) of 4.00.

14.2 A candidate’s performance in the course modules and the seminars shall be graded according to the following scheme and the calculation of Grade Point Average (GPA) is carried out considering the Grade Point Value for each Module, and credits allocated accordingly.

Range of Marks	Grade	Grade point value	Pass / No Completed
90-100	A+	4.00] Distinction
80-89	A	4.00	
75-79	A-	3.70	
70-74	B+	3.30	Merit
65-69	B	3.00] Pass
60-64	B-	2.70	
55-59	C+	2.30] Not Completed
50-54	C	2.00	
45-49	C-	1.70	
40-44	D+	1.30	
30-39	D	1.00	
00-29	E	0.00	

(Source: UGC Circular No.901)

$$GPA = \frac{\sum_1^n GPV_i C_i}{\sum_1^n C_i}$$

Where GPV_i and C_i are the Grade Point Value earned and credit values allocated respectively for the n^{th} courses. Any calculated GPA shall be rounded to the second decimal place.

15. A candidate shall be deemed to have been successful at the examination leading to the award of the Dip (Public Law) if he/she obtains GP of 2.70 or more for each of the taught courses / modules and Independent Filed Study Presentation, totally in all 30 credits.
16. A candidate who has been successful at the examination leading to the award of the Dip (Public Law) may be awarded a Distinction Pass at the examination if he/she obtains a Grade Point Average (*viz.* an average of 3.70 for all the continuous assessment modules and semester-end papers) of at least 3.70 in the first period of registration.
17. A candidate who has been successful at the examination leading to the award of the Diploma may be awarded a Merit Pass at the examination if he/she obtains a Grade Point GPA score between 3.30 – 3.69 during the first period of registration.
18. **18.1** A candidate shall be deemed to have an incomplete result in one or more modules of the Diploma if he/she obtained a mark less than GP 2.70 in the module.
18.2 A candidate who has incomplete result having obtained a GP less than 2.70 in each of the modules during a Semester shall repeat those modules at the next available occasion. Such candidates shall be given the option of carrying forward their assignment marks they earned during that particular semester.
18.3 A candidate who repeats a module shall be deemed to have passed in the module if he receives a grade point 2.70 or above for it.
19. A candidate who obtains an incomplete result in one or more modules shall be eligible for two further attempts provided s/he has a valid registration.
20. The Department of Public and International Law of the Faculty of Law shall announce through public notification the names of candidates who have passed the Diploma examination and those who have incomplete result in the Diploma after completing the whole examination. All candidates shall be informed individually of the results of their examinations in each semester and in case of failure, they shall be informed of subjects in which they received less than grade point 2.70.
21. **21.1** The fees for application, registration, tuition, examination and library facilities shall be determined from time to time by the Department of Public & International Law with the concurrenu of the Faculty Board of the Faculty of Law.

21.2 There will be additional fees charged from repeat /or failed candidates as determined by the Faculty, depending on the expenses to be incurred by the University to service their repeat attempts in the examination process.

21.3 The fees payable for a certificate or statement of results or a transcript shall be determined to another academic institution.

21.4 If a late application is to be accepted an additional fee of 50% of the prescribed fee shall be charged if the application is received within seven days of the due date for the receipt of applications and an additional fee of 100% of the prescribed fee shall be charged if the application is made after seven days, but within fourteen days of the due date. No applications shall be entertained save in exceptional circumstances after the lapse of fourteen days from the due date.

22. Fees shall be charged for replacement of a lost student Identity Card or a lost Library Card at rates determined by the Council on the recommendation of the Faculty Board.

PART IV – INTERPRETATION

23. In these Bylaws unless the context otherwise requires:

“The University” means University of Colombo;

“Council” means the Council of the University of Colombo constituted by the University Act No. 16 of 1978 (as amended subsequently);

“Senate” means the Senate of the University of Colombo constituted by the University Act No. 16 of 1978 (as amended subsequently);

“Faculty” means the Faculty of Law

“Faculty Board” means the Faculty Board of the Faculty of Law

“Registrar” means the Registrar, the Acting Registrar, Deputy Registrar or any other officer authorized to sign for and on behalf of the Registrar of the University of Colombo.

“Application” means an application for registration or for entry to an examination.

24. Any question regarding the interpretation of these By-Laws shall be referred to the Council and whose decision thereon shall be final.

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Schedule I

The program of study leading to the Diploma in Public Law shall offer the courses as given below in the academic year (Semester I & II).

DIPLOMA IN PUBLIC LAW (DPL)		
First Semester		
Code	Course Module	Credits
DPL 3101	Constitutional Law	4
DPL 3102	Criminal Law	4
DPL 3103	Administrative Law	4
DPL 3104	Human Rights Law	4
		16
	Total Credits of Semester	
Second Semester		
DPL 3201	International Law	4
DPL 3202	Environmental Law	4
DPL 3203	Humanitarian Law	3
DPL 3204	Law of the Sea	3
	Total Credits of Semester	14
	TOTAL CREDITS OF PROGRAMME	30

Schedule II

Course Title	Constitutional Law		
Course Code	DPL 3101	Notional Hours	200 Hours
No. of Credits	04		Lectures, Seminars, Library use, Discussions, Guided Reading and self learning, Independent Study, Evaluation preparation, Evaluation
Pre-requisites Course Codes	None		
Course Type	Core		
Course Description:			
The course will introduce the students...			
Learning Objectives			
Learning Outcomes			
Course Contents			Aligned Learning Outcomes
Methods of Teaching and Learning			
Lectures, Discussions, Case Studies and Guided Reading.			
Assessment Methods			
Assessment Methods		Weight	
Continuous Assessments		40%	
End Semester Examination		60%	
Prescribed Text(s):			

Graduate Profile

Generic Outcomes	Subject Specific Outcomes
Knowledge	Knowledge
Skills	Skills
Attitudes	Attitude