



## APPLYING FOR THE PROGRAMME

Application forms and other related information can be downloaded from <http://law.cmb.ac.lk>

Duly Completed application which can be downloaded from the above website along with scanned certified copies of certificates and scanned copy of bank payment slip (after paying the application fee of Rs.1,000/- to the main collection A/C of University of Colombo at any branch of People's Bank, using the reference number **310014300008** should be sent by email to [acfcl@law.cmb.ac.lk](mailto:acfcl@law.cmb.ac.lk) or sent under registered post to Coordinator, Advanced Certificate in Fundamentals of Criminal Law, Department of Public & International Law, Faculty of Law, University of Colombo, Philip Gunawardana Mawatha (Reid Avenue), Colombo 07 on or before **30<sup>th</sup> July 2022**.

## COURSE FEE STRUCTURE (IN LKR)

Application Fee	1,000/-
Registration Fee	2,000/-
Course Fee	28,000/-
Course Material Fee	4,000/-
Examination Fee	5,000/-

## FURTHER INFORMATION:

- ☎ 011 –2585639 / 077-4808032
- ✉ [acfcl@law.cmb.ac.lk](mailto:acfcl@law.cmb.ac.lk)
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**University of Colombo**  
**Faculty of Law**  
**Department of Public & International Law**

**Advanced Certificate in  
Fundamentals of  
Criminal Law (ACFCL) 2022  
(Online Mode)**

**SLQF Level - 2**



## INTRODUCTION

This is a Advanced Certificate Course offered by the Department of Public and International Law, Faculty of Law. It is in par with the requirements of Sri Lanka Qualifications Framework (SLQF) Level 2, to be conducted by the Department of Public and International Law, as an extension course. The Advanced Certificate Course in Fundamentals of Criminal Law is designed to provide the interested individuals in the country a basic understanding of the principles of Criminal Law as applied in Sri Lanka. Those individuals who have the educational qualification of General Certificate of Education (Ordinary Level) Examination or above or any other equivalent qualification are eligible to apply for this course of study.

Being one of the major branches of Public Law, Criminal Law is an important subject basic knowledge of which is essential for all individuals in conducting themselves as law abiding citizens. In order to protect themselves from violation of their physical integrity and breach of peace in the society, familiarity of the procedures involved in enforcing the law is also equally vital for a vibrant society.

By introducing a study programme of this nature, the Department of Public & International Law, Faculty of Law contributes to creating awareness among the cross sections of the society of the need to know the causes for the increased crime rate and the effective means of combating the crimes without compromising on individual liberty.

## OBJECTIVES

This course is designed to enable the participants to understand the basics/fundamentals of Criminal Law provided in simplified terms. Also, it is intended to disseminate knowledge of Criminal Law from practical angles.

## ENTRY QUALIFICATIONS

- The applicants should possess a minimum of five credit passes, in one and the same sitting of the GCE (Ordinary Level) examination or an equivalent qualification. **OR**
- Completion of the National Vocational Qualification (NVQ) Level - 3 or any other academic qualification which is equivalent to the G.C.E. O/L examination, as acceptable to the Faculty Board of the Faculty of Law and the Senate of the University of Colombo **OR**
- Successful completion of any other relevant Certificate/Advanced Certificate/ Diploma/Higher Diploma offered by the University of Colombo or any other University/Institute recognized by the University Grants Commission of Sri Lanka

(Prior knowledge in the subject of Law is **NOT** necessary.)

## MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION

This course will be conducted in three languages; **Sinhala, Tamil and English** subject to adequate applications received for each medium as determined by the Department. The participants should have the ability to read and understand the study materials in English.

## EVALUATION STRUCTURE

The evaluation will comprise two forms, i.e., Continuous Assessment and End of Course Assessment

- A) Continuous Assessment consists of minimum of two components :
- a) 10% for Active Class Participation on continued basis
  - b) 20% for Assignment/s which take different forms, including, but not limited to, Take Home Assignments, Field Surveys & Report Presentation, Group work and Oral Presentation, etc.
- B) End of Course Assessment – 70% [Course-End Examination (one paper) **OR** Submission of ‘Papers’ **and** viva voce examination]

The achievement structure will be as follows:

Pass – 50% - 64% of total marks

Merit pass – 65% - 74% of total marks

Distinction pass – 75% or above of total marks.

A candidate who fails to secure a pass mark in the first attempt will be permitted to undertake additional TWO attempts only. Attendance will not be considered for the 2nd or 3rd attempt. In such an event, the candidate will be marked out of 20% for an assignment component which the candidate has to do afresh and he/she will be marked out of 80% for the Course-End Examination. The pass mark will remain the same as prescribed above.

However, such a repeat candidate will not be eligible for Merit Pass or Distinction Pass even though he/she might have secured marks equivalent to them. A candidate who could not sit for the Course-End Examination due to medical reasons or any other valid reasons, supported by documentary evidence acceptable to the University, may be excused from sitting the Course-End Examination and that Examination will not be considered as an attempt. However, the candidate shall take the Course-End Examination at the very next attempt when it is held.