



University of Sri Jayewardenepura



STUDY ABROAD

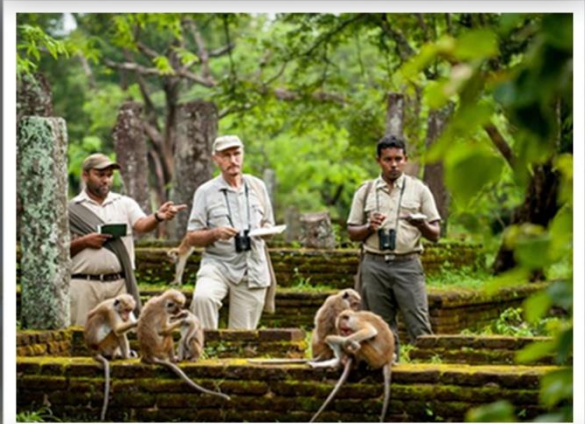
In a land with rich tropical ecosystems and a wide religious and cultural diversity

In an international university with a history going back to 1873, ranked 4th in Sri Lanka and 861 in Asia

Study Abroad programmes can be for a full degree (undergraduate or postgraduate) or for one or few semesters in:

- Business Studies, Applied Sciences, Health Sciences, Humanities, Engineering, Technology, Urban Agriculture, Computing, Buddhism and Cultural Studies, Environmental Management, Ecology and Biodiversity etc.

- Research collaborations in all the above areas with internationally acclaimed staff
- Opportunities to get hands on practical experience in the relevant field



Why Study in Sri Lanka

About Sri Lanka

Located just off the southern coast of India, Sri Lanka is a diverse and beautiful island nation with a long history and unique culture. During the British colonial period, the country, known as Ceylon, was famous for its tea exports, notably Ceylon Tea. But Sri Lanka is more than just a leading exporter of tea.

The teardrop island of Sri Lanka is full of natural wonders. Despite its small size it has a varied climate and topography which has resulted in a rich biodiversity, distributed within a wide range of ecosystems. Within this broad differentiation of climate types, there is a multitude of ecosystems ranging from tropical forests, inland wetland ecosystems, coastal and marine ecosystems, agricultural ecosystems, lakes big and small, and large expanses of tea plantations. The country is one of the 34 'biodiversity hotspots' of the world. It harbors a significant proportion of endemic flora and fauna. It is one of the best countries in Asia to spot elusive animals such as elephants and leopards, making it a haven for wildlife lovers. There are numerous reserves and national parks that provide some incredibly memorable safari experiences.

Sri Lanka is also a land of great cultural diversity. Religion pervades many aspects of life and constitutes a basic element of this diversity. Buddhist and Hindu temples, as well as mosques and churches, with their own colorful rituals, are the most readily visible features of the cultural landscape.

International students

Sri Lanka welcomes international students. The Country's mission is to "delight" students, industry, employees, and other stakeholders in the country's higher education system, by implementing effective, efficient strategies to produce "the best intellectuals, professionals, researchers and entrepreneurs" and to make Sri Lanka 'The Wonder of Asia.' There are currently seventeen universities in Sri Lanka, which are established under the authority of the University Grants Commission.

Studying in Sri Lanka is relatively less expensive. International students from Europe or North America will find a significantly lower cost of living. Sri Lanka is not the least expensive destination in Asia, but it is similar to countries like Thailand and Malaysia.

Degrees are transferable and partnered with other universities. The Universities follow the credit system and these credits can be transferred between universities based on the prior agreements between the universities. There are fellowships also available for transnational work advertised in the website of the University Grants Commission which is the main governing body of the universities in the country.

Why study in University of Sri Jayewardenepura

The University is focused on providing high-quality education/research experience that prepares you for your future career. The University's world-class research and strong national and international partnerships drive innovation that challenges conventional thinking, breaks new ground and changes lives.

The University is situated in the heart of Colombo and boasts of a long and glorious history. Having been established in the 1959 at Gangodawila, its roots can be traced back to the Vidyodaya Pirivena established in 1873 by Hikkaduwe Sri Sumangala Thero at Maligakanda. Today the University pays homage to 60 years of history while paying tribute to journey of 145 years. The University, formerly known as Vidyodaya Pirivena was the essence of the revival of Sri Lankan Education. It is the second oldest University in Sri Lanka and the first University established in Independent Ceylon.

Today the University stands strong with ten faculties, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Faculty of Applied Sciences, Faculty of Management Studies and Commerce, Faculty of Medical Sciences, Faculty of Graduate Studies, Faculty of Engineering, Faculty of Technology, Faculty of Allied Health Sciences and newly introduced Faculties of Urban Agriculture and Computer Science. The University is home to over 12,000 undergraduates and over 1000 postgraduate students. It is considered the largest University in terms of student population in Sri Lanka.

The University is also in the forefront of research and innovation with a Research Council of over 20 research centres and an Invention, Innovation and Venture Creation Council with over 50 entrepreneurs and stakeholders having more than 15 patents.

The University has also maintained cordial relationship with many international bodies of education and have signed over 60 MoUs with recognized internationally acclaimed universities; and over 60 MoUs with established international and local companies. Through these the University strives to give its students an international experience, offering student exchange programmes and internships.

Study opportunities for foreign students

Foreign students could get enrolled to the full time programs in all the Faculties as listed in the website of the University: <https://www.sjp.ac.lk/>. They could also take course units of their choice and effect for credit transfers which are mutually agreed by the partner universities.

Full time studies

When foreign students wish to pursue full undergraduate degree program, they will be allocated up to 4.5% % of the places over and above the proposed intake in each course of study. All candidates under this category will be admitted on fee levying basis. Selection of candidates with foreign qualifications are based on the following order of priority;

- a) Children of Sri Lankan diplomatic personnel who are/have been stationed in other countries.
- b) Children of foreign diplomatic personnel working in Sri Lanka.
- c) Applicants from SAARC countries who seek admission.
- d) Sri Lankan applicants not covered under (a) above.
- e) Other foreign applicants not covered under (b) or (c) above.

Part time Studies

Foreign students who wish to pursue part of their degree in University of Sri Jayewardenepura can pursue same in the disciplines they wish to enroll into. All study programs follow the Sri Lanka Qualification Framework (SLQF) formulated by the University Grants Commission which is the central administrative body of the universities in the country. The volume of learning at each level is described in terms of credits. According to the SLQF one Credit is equivalent to 150 notional hours which include direct contact hours with teachers and trainers, time spent in self-learning, preparation for assignments, carrying out assignments and assessments. A General Degree Programme will have a minimum of 90 credits while a Special Degree Programme will have a minimum of 120 credits. In case of collaborations with other foreign universities, there can be a opportunity to transfer these credits as appropriate so that the time spent in the University can be accounted for to the total requirement of the degree a student will be pursuing. This will facilitate students to be exposed to practices in other parts of the world pertaining to the discipline of the degree. More information on the full time courses offered to foreign students by the aforementioned Faculties can be accessed from the website of the University; <https://www.sjp.ac.lk/international-students/>. The curricula of the degree programs offered by each Faculty can be accessed by <https://www.sjp.ac.lk/undergraduate-courses/> while information on the postgraduate courses can be accessed by <http://www.graduate.sjp.ac.lk/course/>. For more information on the course units that can be taken from the Faculties, please visit the Undergraduate Prospectus for International Students in <https://www.sjp.ac.lk/international/#>

Undergraduate Degree Programmes offered by the Faculties

Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences

1. B.A. (General) Degree Course) (03 years)
2. B.A. Special Degree Course Criminology (04 years)
3. B.A. Special Degree Course-Economics (04 years)
4. B.A. Special Degree Course -English Language (04 years)
5. B A special Degree Course -English Literature (04 years)
6. B A special Degree Course – History (04 years)
7. B.A. Special Degree Course -Mass Communication (04 years)

For more details please visit: <https://www.sjp.ac.lk/undergraduate-courses/>

Faculty of Management Studies & Commerce

- 1.B.Com. (Special) Degree Programme (04 years)
2. B.Sc Marketing Management (Special) Degree Programme (04 years)
3. B.Sc Accounting (Special) Degree Programme
4. B.Sc Estate Management & Valuation (Special) Degree Programme (04 years)
5. B.Sc Human Resource Management (Special) Degree Programme (04 years)
6. B.Sc Finance (Special) Degree Programme (04 years)
7. B.Sc operations and Technology Management (Special) Degree Programme (04 years)
8. B.Sc Public Management (special) Degree Programme (04 years)
9. B.Sc Entrepreneurship (special) Degree Programme (04 years)
10. B.Sc Business Information systems (special) Degree Programme(04 years)
- 11.B.Sc Business Administration Degree Programme – (Business Economics) (Special) Degree Programme (04 years)
12. B.Sc Business Administration (Special) Degree Programme (04 years)

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Faculty of Applied Sciences

B.Sc. (General) Degree Programme (3 years)

B. Sc. Degree in Food Science and Technology (4 years)

B. Sc. (Special) Degree Programs (4 years) in the following subject areas;

- Physics and ICT
- Chemistry
- Plant Biotechnology
- Microbiology
- Plant Biology
- Zoology
- Aquatic Resource Management
- Environmental Management and Forestry
- Mathematics
- Applied Mathematics
- Statistics
- Computer Science
- Biology
- Industrial Chemistry
- Polymer Chemistry
- Sports Science and Management
- Applied Sciences (Extended Degree)

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Faculty of Medical Sciences

1. MBBS course (05 years)

2. B.Sc. Nursing (Special) Degree course (04 years)

3. B.Sc. Nursing (General) Degree course (03 years)

4. Pharmacy (Special) Degree course (04 years)

5. Pharmacy (General) Degree course (03 years)

6. B.Sc. Medical Laboratory Science (Special) Degree course (04 years)

7. B.Sc. Medical Laboratory Science (General) Degree course (03 years)

8. B.Sc. Human Biology (Special) Degree course (04 years)

9. B.Sc. Human Biology (General) Degree course (03 years)



Elective programs are offered to foreign students by the Faculty with a view to provide a learning in a setting which offers the opportunity to observe emerging and re-emerging diseases in South Asia. The students get to join the preventive health care team in the field as well as work in a large and well equipped teaching hospital located at close proximity to the University. They stand to gain from the experiences of senior clinicians and practitioners in the fields of General Medicine, Surgery, Pediatrics, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Psychiatry and Family Medicine. This also provides the opportunity for the students to join leading regional research teams in the laboratories of microbiology, parasitology and neuro anatomy in unraveling the mysteries of challenging tropical diseases ranging from Dengue, Malaria, Leishmaniasis to Leptospirosis. For more information visit <http://medical.sjp.ac.lk/index.php/electives-introduction>.

Faculty of Technology

Bachelor of Biosystems Technology Honors Degree

Bachelor of Engineering Technology Honors Degree

Bachelor of Information and Communication Technology Honors Degree

Faculty of Engineering

Bachelor of Science in Engineering in the following specializations;

- Civil Engineering (04 Years)
- Computer Engineering (04 Years)
- Electrical and Electronic Engineering (04 Years)
- Mechanical Engineering (04 Years)

For more details please visit: <https://www.sjp.ac.lk/undergraduate-courses/>

Faculty of Allied Health Sciences

Courses are offered at the undergraduate level in the following areas;

- Basic Sciences
- Medical Laboratory Sciences
- `Nursing and Midwifery
- Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences

Postgraduate Studies

Postgraduate courses both by teaching only, teaching and research and research only are offered by all the Faculties and administered centrally by the Faculty of Graduate Studies. There is more and more leverage to include hybrid learning opportunities especially in the aftermath of COVID 19. The details of the courses are as follows;

Postgraduate Diploma Programs (one year)

- Postgraduate Diploma in Drama and Theater
- Postgraduate Diploma in Writership and Communication
- Postgraduate Diploma in Marketing Management
- Postgraduate Diploma in Monitoring and Evaluation
- Postgraduate Diploma in Criminology and Criminal Justice

Masters Degree Programs

One Year Masters Degree by Coursework

- MA in Drama and Theatre
- Masters Degree in Sociology

Two Year Masters Degree with Course work and Research

- Masters Degree in Criminology and Criminal Justice .
- MA in Teaching English as a Second Language
- MSc in Science and Technology of Herbal Products
- MSc in Food Science and Technology
- Master of Entrepreneurship (MEntr)
- MBA/MSc in Management
- Master of Professional Accounting Degree programme (MPAcc)
- MSc in GIS and Remote Sensing
- MSc in Polymer Science and Technology
- Masters Degree in Criminology and Criminal Justice
- MSc. in Science and Technology of Herbal Products

Masters Degree Programs (2 years) with a window for Postgraduate Diploma (1 year)

- PGD/MSc in Forestry and Environmental Management
- PGD/MSc in Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Management
- PGD/MSc in Applied Finance
- PGD/MSc in Real Estate Management and Valuation
- PGD/MSc in Industrial Mathematics

- PGD/MSc in Industrial Analytical Chemistry
- PG Certificate/PGD and Masters Degree in Applied Statistics
- PG Certificate/PGD and Masters Degree in Computer Science.

In addition to the above, MPhil and PhD Programs are offered with the emphasis on the research in all the subject areas stipulated above. The minimum duration of MPhil Degree is 2 years and the minimum time duration of the PhD Degree is 3 years. More information on the postgraduate programs can be viewed in the website <http://www.graduate.sjp.ac.lk/downloads/>

Dual Degrees

Dual Degree opportunities exist in the University of Sri Jayewardenepura. With the Queensland University of Technology, Australia there are opportunities for MPhil and PhDs in a multitude of subject areas as shown below;

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| • Big data | • Digital media | • Technology, regulation and society |
| • Biomedical engineering | • Education | • Water/environmental engineering |
| • Biomolecular science | • Health systems | • Plant and industrial biotechnology. |
| • Business of technology | • Injury prevention and management | • Green Cities |
| • Chronic disease intervention | • Materials science | |
| | • Robotics | |

Dual Degree opportunities are also available with the University of Calgary, Canada for PhD studies.

For more information please contact Assistant Registrar of the Faculty: dr.fgs@sjp.ac.lk; +94115523642

Research studies/collaborations

In addition to study programs, the University of Sri Jayewardenepura has a strong research base across a spectrum of academic disciplines engaging in research at national and international levels. The University provides strong support for research activities including encouraging links with commercial and industrial bodies in Sri Lanka and overseas. Research is carried out either directly in the Academic Departments or in Research Units and Centres associated with Faculties.

Twenty three Research Centres currently operate under the Research Council (RC) These centres have been founded within the respective Faculties by committed and enthusiastic academics with strong research backgrounds. With the establishment of the RC, all such centres have been brought under its purview, creating a common research and development innovation platform for the convergence and cooperation as shown below;

1. Centre for Water Quality and Algae Research – Faculty of Applied Sciences
2. Centre for Advanced Materials Research – Faculty of Applied Sciences
3. Centre for Dengue Research – Faculty of Medical Sciences
4. Centre for Cancer Research – Faculty of Medical Sciences
5. Centre for Kidney Research – Faculty of Medical Sciences
6. Research Centre for Management Studies & Commerce – Faculty of Management Studies and Commerce
7. Multi-disciplinary Research Centre – Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences
8. Interdisciplinary Centre for Innovation in Biotechnology and Neurosciences – Faculty of Medical Sciences
9. Centre for Biotechnology – Faculty of Applied Sciences
10. Centre for Forestry and Environment – Faculty of Applied Sciences
11. Innovation Centre for Robotics & Intelligent System (RIS)- Faculty of Applied Sciences
12. Apple research & Development Centre- Faculty of Applied Sciences
13. Centre for Real Estate Studies
14. National Center for Primary Care and Allergy Research – NCPCAR
15. Research Centre for Governance and Public Policy
16. Centre for Plant Materials and Herbal Products Research
17. Centre for Ecosphere Resilience Research
18. Non Communicable Diseases Research Centre(NCDRC) – Faculty of Medical Sciences
19. Centre for Advanced Forensic Research – Faculty of Medical Sciences
20. Centre for Marine Science and Technology (CMST) –Faculty of Applied Sciences
21. Centre for Mindfulness Based Research and Practices – Faculty of Medical Sciences
22. Geophysics and Geodesy Research Centre
23. Centre for Scientific Computing and Advanced Drug Discovery

The research conducted by the University had been able to provide applied solutions to both local and global issues. In the recent pandemic, the Department of Immunology and Molecular Medicine of the University had been able to uncover several discoveries including the immune response of the different vaccines in Sri Lankan individuals.

The University is the proud publisher of numerous peer reviewed journals which provides opportunities to the staff as well as other researchers to publish their research. The list is shown below;

- Asian Journal of Marketing Management
- Advances in Technology
- Journal of Health Sciences and Innovative Research
- Vidyodaya Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences
- Journal of Tropical Forestry and Environment
- Vidyodaya Journal of Management
- Vidyodaya Journal of Science
- Journal of Computer Science
- International Journal of Multidisciplinary Studies
- Journal of Accounting Panorama
- Human Resource Management
- Sri Lankan Journal of Business Economics
- Sri Lanka Journal of Real Estate
- Vidyodaya Journal of Buddhist Studies
- Sri Lankan Journal of Human Resource Management
- International Journal of Governance and Public Policy Analysis

Field Studies in tropical forestry



The University has several field research centres to facilitate the students to get hands on experience in multitude of areas for research, awareness and extension. One such centre is the Yagirala Forest Research and Conservation Education Centre managed by the Department of Forestry and Environmental Science of the University. This Centre is located in 100 acres of Yagirala Forest Reserve which is a lowland tropical wet evergreen

forest. The forest patch had been leased to the University by the Forest Department to conduct research and extension work. This is of high biodiversity having 152 species of trees belonging to 120 genera and 62 families. Among the animals, 36 species of mammals with 4 only seen in Sri Lanka have been recorded. Among the smaller animals, 19 species of lizards with 5 endemic, 10 species of amphibians have also been recorded. Streams in the forest drain into the Bentota Ganga which flows majestically in front of the University Forest. In these streams about 22 species of fish with 7 endemic species have been recorded. With regards to birds, 42 species with 12 endemic species have been recorded. Many foreign students and researchers had visited this place and also had long term stays conducting research as elective courses in their degree programme with the supervision of staff of the University and outside experts. More information on this Centre can be accessed in <http://sustainability.sjp.ac.lk/yagirala/>

Custom made short courses with field visits to strategic places of ecological and cultural interest



The University offers short term courses/field study tour programmes for foreign nationals which provides blended experience of nature and culture. These programs are developed to suit the requirements of the clients and delivered by internal staff and experts contracted from outside. Almost always the program is integrated with classroom teaching and field exposure on the areas of interest to the field of study.

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