



University of Colombo Faculty of Law Department of Public & International Law

Advanced Certificate in Environmental Law (ACEL) 2024 (Online Mode)

SLQF Level - 2

Applying for the Programme

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

Duly Completed application which on 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 310016400001 should be sent by email to acel@law.cmb.ac.lk or sent under registered post to Coordinator, Advanced Certificate in Environmental Law, Department of Public & International Law, Faculty of Law, University of Colombo, Philip Gunawardana Mawatha (Reid Avenue), Colombo 07 on or before **30th September 2024**.

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Number of Attempts:

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.

Course Fee Structure (In LKR)

Application Fee	1,000/-
Registration Fee	4,000/-
Course Fee	40,000/-
Examination Fee	5,000/-

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 Environmental Law (ACEL) is designed to provide the interested individuals in the country a basic understanding of the principles of Environmental Law. 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. It would help those who have missed the opportunity of following a formal study programme offered by a University /tertiary academic institution. It is imperative that every person should have a basic understanding of the Environmental Law which has a significant impact on everyone's life nationally as well as internationally. Introducing a study programme of this nature fulfills the aforementioned requirement benefiting the general public at large. The Course curriculum covers the introductory legal principles of environmental protection related issues, policies, and substantive and procedural aspects of Environmental Law.

Objectives:

This course is designed to enable the participants to understand the fundamentals of Environmental Law in simplified terms. Also, it is intended to disseminate knowledge of Environmental Law from practical perspective.

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

Target Group:

This course can be followed by any person who has the senior secondary level educational qualifications or equivalent and who has not obtained basic knowledge in Environmental Law. However, this course would be ideal for the officers who engage in environmental related work but who do not have a (proper) knowledge in legal framework. This course also serves to the personnel who discharge their service in educational sector and non-governmental organizations. This course will certainly provide a basic foundational knowledge for young school leavers who would like to focus on their future career in the field of environmental related national or international sectors.

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:

- 10% for Active Class Participation on continued basis
- 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.