

# **STUDENT HAND BOOK**

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**DEPARTMENT OF OCEANOGRAPHY  
FACULTY OF FISHERIES AND OCEAN SCIENCES  
OCEAN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA**

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**Department of Oceanography**  
**Faculty of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences**  
**Ocean University of Sri Lanka**  
**Colombo 15, Sri Lanka**

**Student Handbook**  
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## VICE CHANCELLOR’S MESSAGE

The Ocean University of Sri Lanka (OCUSL) is a special purpose government University established by a parliament act with an aim of developing the human resources requirement to achieve the economic benefits of Marine, Maritime, Fisheries and allied technology sectors. Sri Lanka's future prosperity depend on our ability to fully realize and manage the potential of the country's strategic geographical position as a focal point for ocean affairs. Situated in the Indian Ocean, our location has profoundly influenced our history over centuries and will continue to play a pivotal role in shaping our future. New consumer markets are rapidly emerging throughout the Indian Ocean, linking major economies of the East and West.



Human resource development is the core mandate of the Ocean University, serving as an essential component in fully unlocking this potential and possessing the capacity to address this critical need effectively. With the capacity to meet this critical demand, the University currently offers degree programs in Oceanography, Fisheries and Aquaculture, Marine Engineering, Maritime Transport Logistics, and Coastal and Marine Resources Management.

Oceanography is the scientific study of the ocean, including its chemistry, physics, biology, and geology. It's also known as oceanology, sea science, marine science, and ocean science. The knowledge and skills in ‘Oceanography’ are important because the ocean impacts almost every aspect of our environment, and studying it can help to understand and find innovative solutions to emerging issues and challenges in our society such as climate change and pollution, coastal erosion, risk of extinction of marine life, earthquakes and tsunamis and maintain ocean health.

This handbook would guide you to the information on the Department of Oceanography in the Faculty of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences at the University. I hope you will find this valuable learning opportunity beneficial in shaping yourself for a successful career in ocean-related industries.

Prof. Wasantha Rathnayake  
PhD, MSc, LLB, PG Dip., BSc Sp. (Hons), Dip., CTHE, SEDA  
Vice Chancellor

## **VISION**

To provide innovative solutions for marine, maritime and fisheries sectors

## **MISSION**

To be the center of excellence in marine and fisheries education in the region

### **We adhere to the following values in everything we do:**

**Integrity** : We let our thoughts demonstrate strong moral principles and ethical practices

**Quality** : Being practiced as habitual actions in everything we do

**Excellence** : Never satisfied with something less than the best

**Sustainability** : We agree without debate that we are liable to well-being of all the stakeholders

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## **OCEAN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA**

### **INTRODUCTION**

The Ocean University of Sri Lanka (OCUSL) was established under the Ocean University of Sri Lanka Act, No. 31 of 2014, replacing the National Institute of Fisheries and Nautical Engineering Act, No. 36 of 1999. The university is dedicated for advancing higher education and vocational training in the marine, maritime, and fisheries sectors. The primary objective of the Ocean University of Sri Lanka is to provide academic, professional, and vocational education in fisheries, marine sciences, and nautical engineering to address and support the development needs of the fisheries and allied industries.

Ocean University of Sri Lanka offers Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) degree programs in Marine Engineering, Fisheries and Marine Sciences, Maritime Transportation Management and Logistics, Coastal and Marine Resources Management, Oceanography and Bachelor of Technology (B.Tech.) in Aquaculture and Sea Food Technology. The curriculum of these programs combines theoretical knowledge with mandatory practical sessions, adhering to international standards to ensure high-quality education.

The university also provides National Vocational Qualification diploma and certificate programs (NVQ Levels 3 – 6) in the fisheries and marine sectors, with a strong emphasis on shipboard skill development. These programs facilitate career progression by enabling diploma holders to upgrade to degree-level qualifications.

#### **Institutional Strengths**

Ocean University of Sri Lanka prides itself on fostering a multicultural and multi-ethnic environment among her students and staff, promoting social harmony, cultural diversity, equal opportunity, and unity. With a rich history, the university continues to



evolve to maintain its reputation as a forward-looking institution with a modern and international outlook.

## **FACULTIES AND DEPARTMENTS**

The University Comprises two faculties.

1.0 Faculty of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences

2.0 Faculty of Engineering and Management

### **Faculty of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences**

The Faculty of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences (FFOS) offers three-degree programmes under three departments.

(i) Department of Fisheries and Marine Sciences (FMS)

B.Sc. in Fisheries & Marine Sciences (General & Special) Degree

(ii) Department of Oceanography (OCE)

B.Sc. in Oceanography (General & Special) Degree.

(iii) Department of Aquaculture and Sea Food Technology

B.Tech in Aquaculture and Sea Food Technology (General) Degree

Duration of the general degree programme is 3 years (Sri Lanka Qualification Framework (SLQF-5) while duration of the special (Hons) degree program is 4 years (SLQF-6).

### **Faculty of Engineering and Management**

The Faculty of Engineering and Management (FMS) offers three-degree programmes under three departments.

(i) Department of Marine Engineering (MAE)

B.Sc. (Hons) in Engineering Degree

(ii) Department of Maritime Transportation Management and Logistics



B.Sc. in Maritime Transportation Management and Logistics (General & Special) Degree.

(iii) Department of Coastal and Marine Resources Management

B.Sc. in Coastal and Marine Resources Management (General & Special) degree.

## **DEPARTMENT OF OCEANOGRAPHY**

The Oceanography Department is running under the Faculty of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences. The Department has been offering the B.Sc. (Hons) in Oceanography degree programme since 2019. Starting from the 2024/2025 intake, the department will expand to offer both the B.Sc. (Hons) and B.Sc. General degree programs in Oceanography.

Oceanography is interdisciplinary by nature and has connections to biology, chemistry, physics, engineering, earth sciences and environmental system sciences. Undergraduates in the Oceanography degree programme will develop their capacity on an understanding of the fundamentals of science governing the ocean. The students engage in a wide range of topics of scientific interest and increasing social concern including ocean waves, tides, ocean circulation, oceanic eddies, natural climate variability including global warming, ocean acidification and ocean-based disasters.

The degree equips the students with knowledge and skills necessary to understand the complex marine and environmental challenges and to address problems through basic knowledge of fluid dynamics and principles relevant to the ocean and atmospheric sciences. The curriculum includes modern approaches to data collection in the ocean and atmosphere, and the analysis of the big data sets. Exploration and exploitation of resources and their sustainability, environmental impacts, climate change, increased utilization of living and non-living resources of the oceans and challenges are

explained. Harnessing renewable ocean energy from waves, tides, currents including ocean thermal energy are also important alternative sources with less environmental impacts are discussed.

### **Core Areas of Study**

- Physical Oceanography: Seawater properties, study of ocean currents, waves, tides, and their role in climate systems
- Chemical Oceanography: Analysis of the chemical composition of seawater, sediments and biogeochemical cycles
- Biological Oceanography: Examination of marine ecosystems, biodiversity, and the interaction of organisms with their environment
- Geological Oceanography: Exploration of the seabed resources, sediment distribution, plate tectonics, and sedimentation processes
- Comprehensive curriculum combining theoretical knowledge with hands-on practical experiences
- Field-based studies and laboratory sessions using modern instrumentation and techniques
- Integration of remote sensing, GIS, and data analytics for oceanographic research
- Collaboration with international institutions for exposure to global marine science practices

This degree program improves the necessary skills of the students to passionate about understanding and safeguarding the oceans while contributing to protect marine ecosystems, managing resources sustainably, predicting climate impacts, and supporting global environmental health and economic activities.

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## OCEANOGRAPHY DEGREE PROGRAMME

The B.Sc. (Hons) degree in Oceanography is a four-year program consists of Eight semesters. Students shall take minimum of 120 credits to complete the degree program.

The B.Sc. (General) degree in Oceanography is a three-year program consists with six semesters. Students shall take minimum of 90 credits to complete the degree program.

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## COURSE MODULES

Course Modules are selectively organized under the section of a course curriculum. Two types of course modules, Grade Point Averaging (GPA) and non-GPA (NGPA) are offered in the degree program. GPA modules are subjected to grade point averaging while non-GPA modules are not subjected to grade point averaging. All the students are required to follow the compulsory non-GPA course modules to complete the degree program. All course modules consist of lectures, assignments, tutorials and practical sessions such as laboratory work and/or field visits.



## Photographs of Field Visits and Workshops









A mini research project is required to be undertaken in the third year, during sixth semester of the program. This allows students to apply theoretical knowledge to real-world problems, develop research and analytical skills, gain hands-on experiences in data collection and analysis, and contribute to understanding and solving pressing marine and environmental issues.

Students eligible to follow the B.Sc. (Hons) degree program are required to complete a 3-month industrial training program and a research project during the 8<sup>th</sup> semester. Industrial training programme provides practical, hands-on experience in a real-world setting, enhances technical and professional skills, bridges the gap between theory and practice, fosters industry connections, and increases employability by equipping students with the knowledge and experience sought by employers.

Research dissertation is 8 credit module and as it helps undergraduates to develop critical thinking, problem-solving, and research skills. It allows students to explore a

specific area of interest in depth, enhances their ability to analyze and interpret data, and demonstrates their capacity to conduct independent research. Completing a dissertation also strengthens the students' academic writing skills and prepares students for future academic or professional work.

### Course Curriculum

**Degree: B.Sc. (Gen.) in Oceanography**

**Period: 3 years**

Module Code	Module Title	GPA	NGPA
First Year	Semester-1	Credits	
OCE1012	Foundation Mathematics	2	
OCE1023	Applied Physics	3	
OCE1033	Basic Biology	3	
OCE1043	Introduction to Earth Science	3	
OCE1053	Introduction to Oceanography	3	
OCE1062	English		3
	Number of Credits	14	3
First Year	Semester-2		
OCE2012	Applied Mathematics	2	
OCE2023	Physical Oceanography	3	
OCE2032	Marine Ecology	2	
OCE2043	Biological Oceanography	3	
OCE2053	Computer Applications	3	
OCE2063	Geographic Information Science	3	
	Number of Credits	16	
Second Year	Semester-3		
OCE3013	Geophysical Fluid Dynamics	3	
OCE3023	Geological Oceanography	3	
OCE3033	Chemical Oceanography	3	
OCE3043	Statistical Techniques	3	
OCE3053	Coastal and Marine Pollution	3	
OCE3062	Law of the Sea and Marine Policy	2	
	Number of Credits	17	
Second Year	Semester-4		

OCE4013	Marine Geophysics	3	
OCE4023	Introduction to Hydrography	3	
OCE4032	Introduction to Atmospheric Science	2	
OCE4043	Coastal and Estuarine Processes	3	
OCE4052	Integrated Coastal Zone Management	2	
OCE4062	Climate Change and Ocean Based Disasters	2	
	Number of Credits	15	
<b>Third Year</b>	<b>Semester-5</b>		
OCE5013	Computer Programming	3	
OCE5023	Fisheries Oceanography	3	
OCE5032	Observational Oceanography	2	
OCE5043	Analytical Techniques in Ocean Chemistry	3	
OCE5053	Hydrographic Surveying	3	
OCE5063	Environmental Impact Assessments	3	
	Number of Credits	17	
<b>Third Year</b>	<b>Semester-6</b>		
OCE6013	Research Methodology and Scientific Writing	3	
OCE6022	Oceanography of the Indian Ocean	2	
OCE6033	Introduction to Coastal Engineering	3	
OCE6042	Meteorology and Ocean Forecasting	2	
OCE6053	Marine Non-living Resources and Exploration	3	
OCE6063	Mini-Projects	3	
	Number of Credits	16	
	<b>Total Number of Credits</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>3</b>

**Degree: B.Sc. (Hons.) in Oceanography****Period: 4 years**

<b>Module Code</b>	<b>Module Title</b>	<b>GPA</b>	<b>NGPA</b>
<b>Fourth Year</b>	<b>Semester-7</b>		
OCE7013	Marine GIS and Spatial Planning	3	
OCE7022	Ocean Energy and Harnessing Methods	2	
OCE7033	Ocean Modeling and Applications	3	
OCE7042	Statistical Techniques for Oceanographers	2	
OCE7053	Oceanographic Surveying	3	
OCE7062	Seamanship and Navigation	2	
	Number of Credits	15	

Fourth Year	Semester-8		
OCE8014	Industrial Training	4	
OCE8028	Research Dissertation	8	
OCE8032	Seminar		2
	Number of Credits	12	2
	<b>Total Number of Credits</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>5</b>

## Grading System

The performance of students in each module based on the above evaluation methods are expressed by a grading system. The grades are based on the Grade Points specified as per the table 01.

Percentage Marks	Grade	Grade Points	Definition Remarks
<b>85 and above</b>	A+	4.2	Superior performance
<b>75-84</b>	A	4.0	Excellent
<b>70-74</b>	A-	3.7	Very Good
<b>65-69</b>	B+	3.3	Good
<b>60-64</b>	B	3.0	Encouraging
<b>55-59</b>	B-	2.7	Moderately Good
<b>50-54</b>	C+	2.3	Satisfactory
<b>45-49</b>	C	2.0	Moderately Satisfactory
<b>40-44</b>	C-	1.7	Pass
<b>35-39</b>	D	1.3	Conditional Pass

<b>34 and below</b>	F	0.0	Fail
	I	0.0	Incomplete

### CREDIT VALUE OF MODULES (Table 01)

Credit is a time-based quantitative measure used in determining the contribution of a course module. The abstract value assigned on the basis of student contact hours in a course module is called credits. Usually, One Credit is equivalent to 15 hours of lectures or 30–45 hours of tutorials, laboratory work and field visits etc. For instant, a three–credit module will be approximately three times that of a One–Credit course Module. A course module can be consisted of One–Credit to Eight–credits.

The Faculty will determine the modules offered in each semester and the credits assigned to each module. These details will be informed to students prior to the commencement of the semester.

Module	Credit Value
<b>Theory</b>	
15 hour course modules	01
30 hour course modules	02
45 hour course modules	03
<b>Practical</b>	
30 hour course modules	02
<b>Combined Modules</b>	
15 theory hours + 30 practical/Field hours	02
30 theory hours + 30 practical/Field hours	03

Table 2 Time allocation and credit values of the modules

### Course Designation Systems

Each course module is designated by a maximum of three-letter code identifying the course offering department, followed by a four-digit number having the following interpretation.

**OCE1012** is consist of four parts as **OCE-1-01-2**

- The first part: three letters OCE stands for the department; Oceanography
- The second part: single numeric value (1) stands for Semester– number
- The third part: double numeric values (01) stand for the Serial number of a module within that semester
- The fourth part: single numeric value (2) stands for the Number of credits in that module

### **Degree Completion Period**

The maximum period permitted for completion of the B.Sc. (General) degree program is 6 years while for the B.Sc. (Hons) degree program is 7 years. This period may extend by the Academic Board on a written request by a student. Thus, a student must request for an extension through head of the department. The Requests must be accompanied with sufficient documentary evidence to support such extension to be considered by the Academic Board.

### **Failing Examinations**

- a) If a student has received a “F” grade for a course module at the end semester examination, he/she will be required to sit for a repeat examination at the end semester

examination in following year. Students must pass all modules to be eligible for graduation.

b) A student who obtained a “F” grade, must have upgraded at least to "D" grade to be eligible for graduation.

### **Improvement of Grades**

a) A student who obtained a “F” grade will be eligible for a maximum of C+ grade at a repeat examination.

b) A student who obtained a grade below “C<sup>+</sup>” in any course module may re-sit for a repeat examination of that course module at end semester examinations in consecutive years for the purpose of improving grade, subject to a ceiling of “C<sup>+</sup>”.

c) The number of times that a student is permitted to sit repeat examination shall not be exceeded 3 sittings.

d) The students who fail to upgrade his/her grade “F” in three attempts will lead to automatic dismissal.

### **Grade Point Average**

Grade Point Average (GPA)

#### **Semester Grade Point Average (SGPA)**

For a semester (SGPA) is calculated at the end of each semester. Where “C<sub>i</sub>” is the number of credits for the *i*<sup>th</sup> subject in a given semester and GP<sub>i</sub> is the grade point earned for that module., the SGPA can be expressed as,

$$SGPA = \frac{\sum C_i \times GP_i}{\sum C_i}$$

#### **Overall Grade Point Average (OGPA)**

The Overall Grade Point Average (OGPA) will be calculated at the end of the course using the formula given below.



$$\text{OGPA} = \frac{\sum \text{SGPA}_i}{\text{No. of Semesters}}$$

Where  $\text{SGPA}_i$  is the Semester Grade Point Average calculated for the  $i^{\text{th}}$  semester.

### Graduation

The students are expected to successful completion of a minimum number of credits of the courses offered as stipulated in the program to be eligible for graduation. The total number of credits required to complete the degree program are shown the Table 03.

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### Class Awards

Award of a class is subjected to the fulfillment of all the graduation requirements within 4 or 5 years of academic period. The cumulative GPA (CGPA) that will be used in the determination of class awards is shown in the Table 03.

OGPA limits for class awards

Degree Awarded	OGPA
First Class	$3.70 \leq \text{OGPA}$
Second Class (Upper Division)	$3.30 \leq \text{OGPA} < 3.70$
Second Class (Lower Division)	$3.00 \leq \text{OGPA} < 3.30$
General Pass	$2.00 \leq \text{OGPA} < 3.00$

Table 03

### Effective Date of Award of Degree

The effective date of award of degree shall be the date of the last day of the final year research viva for Honors degree and mini project presentation date for general degree programme. In the case of students repeating examinations, the effective date shall be the date of the last repeated End of Semester examination.

## General Information

1. Name of the Program: B.Sc.(Hons/ General) in Oceanography
2. Duration of the Program: is a 4year/ 3 year full time undergraduate program. The program is divided into eight semesters of 6 months each i.e. 2 semesters in every year. The duration of each semester is 26 weeks. In each semester, 15 weeks are dedicated for classroom learning and field surveys, while remaining weeks are utilized for makeup classes, midterm examination, preparatory leave, final examination, other co-curricular activities.
3. The Academic Calendar: that approved by the Academic Board is officially announced prior to the commencement of each academic year. The faculty will notify the commencement of academic years and semesters via an Academic Calendar and the time distribution are as follows:
  - a. Classes/ Field Trips 15 weeks
  - b. Mid Term Examinations and Make up Classes 02 weeks
  - c. Preparatory Leave 02 weeks
  - d. Term Final Examination 03 weeks
  - e. Recess 04 weeks
4. Credits of the Program: 122 Credits- Honors degree. 95 Credits – General degree.
5. Admission Criteria: All applicants for the bachelor's degree program of the university must have pass the G.C.E. advanced level examination with required minimum passes at a single attempt in Physical/ or Biological Science stream. Candidates who sat for G.C.E. advanced level (within three attempts at the immediate past year) are eligible to apply for B.Sc. degree in Oceanography. Applications are called from the prospective candidates through the Ocean University of Sri Lanka

website in the relevant year. Students will be selected based on z scores and aptitude test marks followed by an interview.

6. Notification of Selection: Selected candidates are notified by registered post and the list would be published in the university website ([www.ocu.ac.lk](http://www.ocu.ac.lk))

7. Registration in the Program: Students admitted as fulltime students to the university are required to be registered for the period of study and shall pay any fee prescribed by the university.

8. Grading System: The performance of students in each module based on the above evaluation methods is expressed by a grading system.

9. Performance Evaluations: of a student in each subject are assessed based on assignments, continuous assessments and closed book examinations which are held at the end of each semester. Marks are given for assignments, continuous assessments and the end of semester examinations and are taken into account for computing the final grade for each subject.

10. For Practical/Field Study: 30% of marks shall be allotted for continuous assessment, i.e. quizzes, class tests, home assignments, class evaluation and class participation etc.

a. General Observation/ Participation

b. Lab Test/ Computer Test 20%

c. Viva/ Presentation 30%

d. Report Submission 40%

11. For Theory Courses: 70% of marks shall be allocated for theoretical courses. The term final Examination is conducted by the university and shall be normally of 3-hours duration depending upon the number of credits.

Distribution of marks for a given course is as follows:

a. Class Attendance 5%

b. Quizzes/Class Test/Assignments 25%

c. Term Final Examination 70%

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### **Registration for semester course units**

Students shall be registered to a Course Units conducted by the respective departments two weeks prior to the end of previous semester. Students are able to register for course units at the department. Only registered students for respective courses are allowed to sit for the end semester examinations. Students are encouraged to reach the Assistant Registrar (Student Affairs) of the faculty for any query regarding course registration.

### **Services**

Services contribute to the quality of Student's learning experience and their academic success. Students are expected to discuss issues or problems of the academic program with their course coordinators. In addition, they can seek assistance from the head of department in relation to subject specific or specialization issues. There is a student affairs branch to support students for issues related to enrollments, registrations etc. Common problems to many students may be best resolved through the batch representatives.

### **Library**

a) **The library:** provides access to academic staffs and all students of the university. The library has two branches in Mattakkuliya and Tangalle premises which serve for different degree programs.

b) **Library Collections:** consisted of several sections for lending, reference, periodicals and special collections.

c) **Lending Section:** issues books for a period of two weeks to undergraduates. If needed which can be extended for another two weeks and must meet assigned librarian.

d) **Reference Section:** includes reference materials that are issued to students for overnight use and could be borrowed between 3.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. and should be returned before 10.00 a.m. of the following day. Permanent reference materials (such as encyclopedias, dictionaries, glossaries and other valuable books) are intended strictly for reference within the library.

Reading facilities are provided in this section.

e) **Borrowing Library Resources:** with the exception of certain categories (i.e. Permanent reference materials, dictionaries, atlases, books under special collections etc.)

all other books may be borrowed. The university record book or identity card must be produced when borrowing books. Books may be borrowed before 4.00 p.m. Details about the number of books can be borrowed is given in Table 04.

Table 04: Details of the number of books can be borrowed from the library

Semester	Lending books	Reference books	Electronic media
<b>Semester 1</b>	01	01	01
<b>Semester 2</b>	01	01	01
<b>Semester 3</b>	01	01	01

<b>Semester 4</b>	01	01	01
<b>Semester 5</b>	02	01	01
<b>Semester 6</b>	02	01	01
<b>Semester 7</b>	02	02	01
<b>Semester 8</b>	02	02	01

f) **Returning Library Resources:** borrowed from the library must be returned by 10.00 a.m. on the due date. Borrowers are responsible for the materials issued to them and in case of lost or damaged, the materials should be reported immediately to the library. Borrower has to replace it with a new copy of the same edition or subsequent edition within due date. If the book is not available in the market, the borrower will be charged for the replacement cost of the material/s and a processing fee of 25% value of the book. All library resources borrowed must be returned and all outstanding fines must be paid when a student leaves the university. Users who fail to fulfill their obligations may have their degree certificate withheld until they return the borrowed resources and pay the fine.

g) **Fines and Payments:** if not returned by the due date Rs.5.00 per day will be imposed in respect of each book borrowed from lending section. If not returned by the due date, Rs.10.00 per day will be imposed in respect of each book borrowed from reference section. All payments should be made to the Director Finance the university.

h) **Photocopying Service:** The Library provides a limited photocopying service (subjected to nominal fee) for those

## IT Laboratory



## Biology Laboratory



## Auditorium





### Center for International Affairs

The Center for International Relations (CIR) at the Ocean University of Sri Lanka was established in 2019 with the vision of transforming the university into a world-class institution in the marine, maritime, and fisheries sectors. CIR is committed to fostering relationships with global universities, promoting multidisciplinary research and academic programs, and facilitating opportunities for students and staff.

By providing resources, platforms, and avenues for scholarly exchanges, CIR plays a pivotal role in enhancing international collaboration and elevating the academic and professional standards of the university community.





## Career Guidance Unit

The Career Guidance Unit of the Ocean University of Sri Lanka, established in August 2023 through the initiative of the University Grants Commission, Sri Lanka, is dedicated to empowering undergraduates to reach their full potential. The unit provides tailored counseling, support, and mentorship to address the unique needs of students, helping them evolve into valuable contributors to the workforce.

Our focus extends beyond academics, emphasizing the development of key skills such as communication, teamwork, management, and leadership. By fostering collaboration between the university and public and private sector institutions, we aim to equip students with the tools and opportunities needed to pursue their career aspirations effectively.





### Other Facilities

- a) **Accommodation:** At present, the university provides accommodation for a limited number of students who are enrolled in degree programs. Those who received hostel facilities are required to pay a nominal fee of Rs.1000/= per month.
- b) **Cafeteria:** operates by the university is located in the main building premises during week days from 8.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.

c) **Sport facilities:** are provided for several indoor games such as Table tennis, Caroms and Chess while outdoor games Volley ball, Netball, badminton and cricket also facilitated. All students enrolled in degrees programs are highly motivated to learn swimming and lifesaving.



d) **Student activities:** during the study period, the students are encouraged to engage in extracurricular activities. There is a wide range of activities organized by the university departments and students. Participation in these activities provides social association, leadership and personal development.

