



DEPARTMENT OF WESTERN CLASSICAL CULTURE & CHRISTIAN CULTURE

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Department of Western Classical Culture & Christian Culture

1.1 Vision and/or Mission

The aim and objective of the department is to produce students of a higher intellectual quality with a human understanding and outlook of issues to enable them to observe beyond the surface. This is mainly done through the analytical and critical study of the classics and its environment in which it flourished.

In addition to that we expect to produce employable graduates of a higher intellectual quality who are able to develop deep into the mystery of being human while living socially through the application of scientific methods developed by human and social sciences.

1.2 Study Programmes

The Department of Western Classical Culture & Christian Culture offers four Degree programmes.

- 1. BA General Degree (Western Classical Culture as a main subject):**
- 2. General Degree (Christian Culture as a main subject):**
- 3. BA (Honors) Degree in Western Classical Culture:**
- 4. BA (Honors) Degree in Christian Culture:**

1.2.1. Prerequisites to Follow Degree Programmes

1. BA General Degree (Western Classical Culture as a main subject):

BA (General) Degree is offered in both English and Sinhala but a reading and understanding knowledge on English is preferable. It is not necessary to have followed the subject earlier to select it for the B.A. degree.

2. General Degree (Christian Culture as a main subject)

BA (General) Degree is offered in both Sinhala and English. It is not necessary to have followed the subject in Advance Level to select it for the B.A. degree.

3. BA (Honors) Degree in Western Classical Culture:

Minimum entry requirement is completion of B.A. Level 1,

01. In the first year, “D” or better grades should be obtained for the course units of a minimum of 30 credits.

02. A minimum of 2.30 GPA should be obtained for the relevant course units counted for the 30 credits.

03. “C” or better grades and a minimum of 3.00 GPA should be obtained for 10 credits of the compulsory course units of the subject chosen for the Honors degree.

4. BA (Honors) Degree in Christian Culture:

Minimum entry requirement is completion of B.A. Level 1,

01. In the first year, “D” or better grades should be obtained for the course units of a minimum of 30 credits.

02. A minimum of 2.30 GPA should be obtained for the relevant course units counted for the 30 credits.

03. “C” or better grades and a minimum of 3.00 GPA should be obtained for 10 credits of the compulsory course units of the subject chosen for the Honors degree.

1.5 Staff Profile

1. Rev. Dr. W.P. Roshan Fernando (Senior Lecturer II) (Head)

B.Ph., B.Th. (Rome), MA in Religious Studies – K.U. Leuven, Belgium MA in Theology & Religion – K.U. Leuven, Belgium. STD & PhD in Theology / KU Leuven, Belgium

2. Prof. Shirley Lal Wijesinghe (Ritared staff)

Dip.Phil. (Colombo); B.Th., S.S.L. (Rome); Élève titulaire de l'École biblique et archéologique française (Jerusalem); S.T.D./Docteur en théologie (Louvain-la-Neuve)

3. Mrs. Isha Gamlath (Senior Lecturer I)

B.A., M.A. (Kelaniya)

4. Mr. Wijith Rohan Fernando (Senior Lecturer I)

B.Ph.,B.Th.(Rome), M.Phil (Kelaniya), Master of Advanced Studies in Theology & Religion (K.U. Leuven, Belgium), SACRAE THEOLOGIAE LICENTIATUS PART 1 (S.T.L.1)

5. Mrs. W.V. Krishani Prabodha Perera (Senior Lecturer II)

BA (Hons), MA, MPhil (Kelaniya)

1.6 Programme /Course Specifications

1.6.1 Programme Learning Outcomes

Western Classical Culture

- To be able to solve problems of identification, dating, interpretations, etc of freshly excavated material / new discoveries and provide insights pertaining to early civilizations of Greece and Rome and related cultures.
- To be able to identify, read and decipher ancient numismatic and other documents of social and historical value.
- To be able to utilize the vast classical database and textual repositories and to be able to upload research material, engage in on-line discussions with centres of classical scholarship.
- To be able to read, understand and interpret the historical contexts of literature in their original languages of old Greek and Latin.
- To be able to engage in independent, multi-disciplinary research in fresh areas of inquiry.
- To be able to proceed to studies locally or abroad in the Classics or in related disciplines.
- To be able to apply the methods of historical and cultural investigation in a multi-disciplinary context to social and historical phenomena in any cultural setting.
- To be able to solve problems arising from cultural integration and related issues.

Christian Culture

- Apply the knowledge on fundamental concepts and the principles of Christian Studies acquired to contribute towards nation building particularly peace, harmony and the good order of society.
- Demonstrate critical comprehension of various multidisciplinary perceptions in relation to the humane expressions of the teachings of Christianity including feminist theology, conflict reconciliation and ecology.
- Apply critical comprehension of the classic sources and their subsequent articulations by some interpreters of the tradition(s) in different historical periods and in different social or geographical settings as a basis to create new knowledge.
- Analyse critically the primary and secondary sources of Christian studies and where appropriate also from related disciplines in humanities and social sciences as a basis for a contextual interpretation.
- Collaborate with different traditions within Christian Churches and theologies with mutual respect and acceptance.
- Apply effective communication skills in Information and Communication Technology (ICT) to express ideas, arguments, principles, theories learnt in class reinterpreted on the basis of the experiential knowledge acquired through field exposures and contextual engagement in an action-

reflection process with clarity in written, oral and visual means to an intended audience physically and virtually.

- Realise personal as well as community life goals and achieve career success through lifelong learning while contributing to the country as responsible and mature citizens.

1.6.2 Courses and Course Units of General and Special Degree Syllabi (without hourly breakdown and recommended reading)

Western Classical Culture

BA General Degree

Academic Year 2019/2020 Onwards (Revised Syllabus)

Level	Course Code	Title of the Paper	Type	Credits
Level 01	WCCU 11313	Civilizations of Greece & Rome	C	3
	WCCU 11322	Greek and Roman Mythology	C	2
	WCCU 12332	Greek and Roman Epic	C	2
	WCCU 12343	Greek and Roman Art and Antiquities	C	2
Level 02	WCCU 21312	Greek Theatre and Drama	C	2
	WCCU 21322	Roman theatre and Drama	C	2
	WCCU 22332	Greek Philosophical thought	C	2
	WCCU 22342	Greek and Roman Religion	C	2
Level 03	WCCU 31312	Greek & Roman Literature	C	2
	WCCU 31322	Gender & Cultural Development in Ancient Greece	C	2
	WCCU 32332	Greek Literary Theory	C	2

WCCU 32342	Roman Literary Theory	C	2
WCCU 32352	Democracy in Ancient Greece	O	2

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Level 2	WCCU 21713	Greek and Roman Theatre & Drama	3C
	WCCU 21723	Greek and Roman Religion	3C
	WCCU 21733	Greek Philosophical Thought	3C
	WCCU 21743	Gender and Culture in Ancient Greece and Rome	3C
	WCCU 21752	Research Methodology	2C
	WCCU 22763	Greek and Roman Drama in World Theatre	3C
	WCCU 22773	Greek Literature	3C
	WCCU 22783	Ancient Greek Democracy and the Rule of Law	3C
	WCCU 22793	Roman Literature	3C
	WCCU 21663	Introduction to Computers	3C
	WCCU 22673	Networking and Security	3C
	WCCU 31713	Greek Literary Theory	3C
	WCCU 31723	Plato: Special Study	3C
	WCCU 31733	Thucydides: Contributions to Greek Historiography and Influence in Modern Politics.	3C
	WCCU 31743	Roman Historiography	3C
	WCCU 32753	Greek History: Special Period	3C
	WCCU 32762	Roman Literary Theory	2C
	WCCU 32773	Roman History (Republican Period)	3C
	WCCU 32783	Greek and Roman Relations with Egypt, Persia, and South Asia	3C
	WCCU 32793	Latin Grammar	3C
	WCCU31763	Database Management and Security	3C

	WCCU 32773	Human Computer Interaction	3C
Level 4 30 Credits from relevant subject	WCCU 41713	Vegetarianism in Greek and Roman Philosophy and in Religions in Asia	3C
	WCCU 41723	Slavery in Greece and Rome and in the Modern World: A Comparative Study	3C
	WCCU 41734	Seminar Paper	4C
	WCCU 42743	Latin Text	3C
	WCCU 4275A	Dissertation	AC
	WCCU 42763	Internship	3C
	WCCU 41663	Image Processing	3C
	WCCU 42673	Computer Animation	3C

Christian Culture

BA General Degree

Academic Year 2019/2020 Onwards (Revised Syllabus)

Level I

CHCU 11312 C	Introduction to Christian Culture
CHCU 11323 C	History of Christianity
CHCU 12332 C	Diverse Christian Churches
CHCU 12343 C	Religions of Sri Lanka

Level II

CHCU 21312 C	Hebrew Scriptures
CHCU 21322 C	Christian Art
CHCU 21332 O	Introduction to Biblical Greek
CHCU 22342 C	Christian Scriptures
CHCU 22352 C	Christian Literature
CHCU 22362 C	Wisdom Literature
CHCU 22372 C	Introduction to Biblical Hebrew

Level III

CHCU 31312	C	History of Christianity in Sri Lanka
CHCU 31322	C	Christian Social Thought
CHCU 31332	C	Philosophy of Religion
CHCU 31342	O	Symbolism of Meals in Scripture and Tradition
CHCU 32352	C	Founder of Christianity
CHCU 32362	C	Development of Christian Doctrine

B.A. Honors in Christian Culture

Academic Year 2019/2020 onwards (Revised Syllabus)

Level II

CHCU 21712	C	Hebrew Scriptures
CHCU 21723	C	History of Christianity I
CHCU 21732	C	Christian Art
CHCU 21743	C	Philosophy of Religion I
CHCU 21752	C	Seminar on Research Methodology
CHCU 21762	O	Introduction to Biblical Greek

CHCU 22772	C	Christian Scriptures
CHCU 22783	C	History of Christianity II
CHCU 22792	C	Christian Literature
CHCU 22804	C	Philosophy of Religion II
CHCU 22812	C	Wisdom Literature
CHCU 22822	O	Introduction to Biblical Hebrew

CHCU 21663	C	Introduction to Computers
CHCU 22673	C	Networking and Security

Level III

CHCU 31714	C	Pentateuch
CHCU 31723	C	History of Christianity in Asia
CHCU 31733	C	Mediaeval Christian Art
CHCU 31743	C	Christian Anthropology
CHCU 31752	O	Symbolism of Meals in Scripture and Tradition
CHCU 32764	C	Christian Scriptures II
CHCU 32773	C	Christian Culture and Other Religious Cultures in Sri Lanka
CHCU 32783	C	Renaissance and Post-Renaissance Christian Art
CHCU 32793	C	Development of Christian Doctrine
CHCU 31663	C	Database Management and Security
CHCU 32673	C	Human Computer Interaction
Level IV		
CHCU 41714	C	Prophets and Justice
CHCU 41722	C	History of Christianity in Sri Lanka
CHCU 41732	C	Christian Social Thought
CHCU 41743	C	Contextual Christian Thought I
CHCU 42752	C	Founder of Christianity
CHCU 42763	C	Contextual Christian Thought II
CHCU 43778	C	Dissertation
CHCU 43783	C	Internship
CHCU 41663	C	Image Processing
CHCU 42673	C	Computer Animation

1.6.3 Assignment Submission and Extension Criteria

Western Classical Culture

Submission of assignments for each unit will be decided by the department and the extensions will only be given on health reasons.

Christian Culture

Submission of assignments for each course will be decided by the department and the extensions will only be given on health reasons.

1.7 Departmental Medals and Awards

Western Classical Culture:

Merlin Peris Gold Medal for the best Performance in the Subject (Honors Degree)

Christian Culture:

Dr. Anthony Fernando Gold Medal for the Best Performance in the Subject (Honors Degree)

1.9 Publications

Oracle Magazine published by the Department of Western Classical Culture (since 1990)

KRISANSA Journal series published by the Christian Culture Society (Since 2013)

1.10 Student Exchange Programmes

None

1.11 Student Associations

Western Classical Culture Students Association

Christian Culture Students Association

1.12 Dissertation

1.12.1 Guidelines

Western Classical Culture:

Every student should submit a dissertation of approximately 12,000 words written on any aspect of Western Classical Culture before the scheduled date. The research topic has to be approved by the Head of the department at the beginning of the final year. (Other details could be collected from the department)

Christian Culture

Every student should submit a dissertation of approximately 10,000 words written on any aspect of Christian Culture before the scheduled date. The research topic has to be approved by the Head of the Department at the beginning of the final year. (Other details could be collected from the department)

1.12.2 Referencing Style

Western Classical Culture:

Format and the structure for the dissertation could be collected from the department.

Christian Culture:

Format and the structure for the dissertation could be collected from the department.

1.13 Postgraduate Courses

The Department of Western Classical Culture offers Course work based postgraduate degree & research based postgraduate degree programmes;

PhD in Western Classical Culture (SLQF 12)

MPhil in Western Classical Culture (SLQF 11)

PhD in Christian Culture (SLQF 12)

M Phil in Christian Culture (SLQF 11)

MA in Christian Studies (one year / course work) (SLQF 09)

https://hu.kln.ac.lk/depts/wcc_cc/index.php/portfolio-2/master-of-arts

