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Guidelines for preparation of course codes, admission requirements,
qualification(s) and eligibility criteria

University of Kelaniya

Vision

To become a centre of excellence in creation and dissemination of knowledge for sustainable development

Mission

To nurture intellectual citizens through creativity and innovation, who contribute to the national development

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INTRODUCTION
University Qualification Framework

These guidelines were prepared by a Committee appointed by the Senate of the University of Kelaniya, to ensure that all qualifications awarded by the University are of a consistent quality, and that course curricula are compliant with the requirements stipulated for each Level in the Sri Lanka Qualifications Framework (SLQF). The Senate nominees who comprised the Committee represented all six Faculties of the University: Commerce & Management Studies, Graduate Studies, Humanities, Medicine, Science and Social Sciences. As senior academics they brought many years of experience in undergraduate and postgraduate education to the discussions that lead to the final document that is now published here.

The initial version of these guidelines was developed based on the 10 levels laid out in the First Edition of the Sri Lanka Qualifications Framework, published by the Ministry of Higher Education in 2013. During the course of the past year, these guidelines were modified to suit the 12 levels stipulated in the updated SLQF approved by the University Grants Commission in September 2015. Some of the standards laid down in these guidelines are different to those stipulated in the SLQF, but all such differences are because the Committee was agreed that the University of Kelaniya should insist on a higher standard than that stipulated as the minimum requirement of the SLQF. So although the University of Kelaniya Qualifications Framework (UKQF) and the SLQF are not identical, the standards stipulated in the UKQF are compliant with the SLQF.

For each of the 12 levels, guidance is provided with regard to notation of course codes, minimum admission requirements, progression pathway for those who have obtained the qualification, nomenclature of the qualification, and requirements for award of the qualification. Guidance is also provided with regard to fall-back qualifications that may be offered to students who desire early exit.

It is our earnest hope that these guidelines will assist all academic staff members who embark on development of course curricula for new qualifications to be offered by the University of Kelaniya. We also hope that the guidelines will be used whenever amendments are made to existing course curricula. At the same time, they will provide the Curriculum, Learning, Teaching and Evaluation Committee (CULTEC), of the Senate with an instrument to benchmark all qualifications offered by the University of Kelaniya and ensure their quality.

From the time that the concept of quality assurance in higher education was introduced to the Sri Lankan university system nearly 15 years ago, the University of Kelaniya has been at the forefront in promoting quality assurance related activities. The original Quality Assurance Handbook for Sri Lankan Universities was published by the UGC's Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Directors (CVCD) in July 2002 under the leadership of Professor K Tillekeratne, who was Vice-Chancellor of the University of Kelaniya and Chairman of the CVCD at that time. An Internal Quality Assurance Unit was established in 2005, and in 2009, we became the first university to complete the full cycle of external quality assurance reviews for all subjects and programmes of study offered at undergraduate level. Another former Vice-Chancellor of our University, Professor M J S Wijeyaratne, was the Coordinator of the National Committee which drew up the first edition of the Sri Lanka Qualifications Framework, published by the Ministry of Higher Education in 2012. Yet another academic from the University of Kelaniya, Dr M A U Mampitiya served as the Editor of the latest, updated version of the SLQF.

Drawing on this wealth of experience and expertise amongst its senior academic staff, the University of Kelaniya has striven to work towards creating a culture that seeks to continually improve the quality of all its academic activities. It is in this spirit that the Senate of the University of Kelaniya appointed a sub-committee to draw up the guidelines published here. I thank the Committee for their dedicated efforts and urge all academics to adopt these guidelines in order to maintain consistently high standards in all the qualifications offered by the University of Kelaniya.

Guidelines

Guidelines for preparation of course codes

An alphanumeric code is used to identify a course unit. The code consists of five digits prefixed by a four letter acronym which refers to the principal discipline of the course content of the unit.

The first digit denotes the University level of the course unit. However, corresponding Sri Lanka Qualification Framework Level (SLQL) has been given in each level.

The second digit indicates the semester in which the course unit is offered as well as whether the course unit is for internal or external programmes. Following notation is applicable for identifying them.

Course Unit offered for \ Semester	First	Second	Both First & Second	Either First or Second
Internal Programme	1	2	3	4
External Programme	6	7	8	9

The third and fourth digits together form a number assigned by the Department that conducts it. In order to identify the SLQL of a course from the number assigned by the Department, the third and fourth digits are utilised as follows:

SLQL	Qualification awarded	Number(s) assigned by the Department for the third and fourth digits
SLQL 12	Doctoral Degree	01 to 99
SLQL 11	Master of Philosophy Degree	01 to 99
SLQL 10	Master's with course work and a research component	01 to 99
SLQL 9	Master's by course work	01 to 90 (All Faculties **except** for Medicine & GWAI) 51 to 90 (Medicine & GWAI)
SLQL 8	Postgraduate Diploma	
SLQL 7	Postgraduate Certificate	
	Pre-requisites for Master of Philosophy and Doctoral programme	91 to 99
	Bachelor's Honours (*Medical Degrees*) (*Level 5*)	01 to 50
SLQL 6	Bachelor's Honours (*Medical Degrees*) (*Level 4*)	01 to 99
	Bachelor's Honours (*Level 4*)	01 to 99
SLQL 5	Bachelor's Honours (*Medical Degrees*) (*Level 3*)	01 to 99
	Bachelor's Honours (*Level 3*)	01 to 99
	Bachelor's, Bachelor's Double Major (*Level 3*)	01 to 99
SLQL 4	Bachelor's Honours (*Medical Degrees*) (*Level 2*)	21 to 99
	Bachelor's Honours (*Level 2*)	21 to 99
	Bachelor's, Bachelor's Double Major (*Level 2*)	21 to 99
	Higher Diploma	01 to 20
SLQL 3	Bachelor's Honours (*Medical Degrees*) (*Level 1*)	21 to 99
	Bachelor's Honours (*Level 1*)	21 to 99
	Bachelor's, Bachelor's Double Major (*Level 1*)	21 to 99
	Diploma	01 to 20
SLQL 2	Advanced Certificate	51 to 99
SLQL 1	Certificate	01 to 50

The fifth digit signifies its credit value as a single digit. Credit value can be any number between 1 to 33 for a given course unit, 60 for Master of Philosophy and 90 for Doctoral programme. The following notation is applicable for converting them to a single digit.

Credit Value	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Corresponding Single Digit	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	J

Credit Value	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33		60		90
Corresponding Single Digit	K	L	M	N	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z		α		β

The following Table highlights the minimum requirement for each level of SLQL.

SLQL	Qualification awarded	Minimum Volume of Learning for the Award
SLQL 12	Doctor of Philosophy/MD with Board Certification/Doctor of Letters/Doctor of Science	Minimum 3 years of fulltime or equivalent time of original research after SLQL 6 or above
SLQL 11	Master of Philosophy/DM	Minimum 2 years of fulltime or equivalent time of original research after SLQL 6 or above
SLQL 10	Master's with course work and a research component	60 credits after SLQL 5 or SLQL 6 which include a research component of minimum 15 credits
SLQL 9	Master's by course work	30 credits after SLQL 5 or SLQL 6
SLQL 8	Postgraduate Diploma	25 credits after SLQL 5 or SLQL 6
SLQL 7	Postgraduate Certificate	20 credits after SLQL 5 or SLQL 6
	Bachelor's Honours (Medical Degrees)	150 credits after SLQL 2 of which 120 credits after SLQL 3, of which 90 credits after SLQL 4, of which 60 credits after SLQL 5 of which 30 credits after SLQL 6
SLQL 6	Bachelor's Honours	120 credits after SLQL 2 of which 90 credits after SLQL 3, of which 60 credits after SLQL 4, of which 30 credits after SLQL 5
SLQL 5	Bachelor's, Bachelor's Double Major	90 credits after SLQL 2 of which 60 credits after SLQL 3, of which 30 credits after SLQL 4
SLQL 4	Higher Diploma	60 credits after SLQL 2 of which 30 credits after SLQL 3
SLQL 3	Diploma	30 credits after SLQL 2
SLQL 2	Advanced Certificate	
SLQL 1	Certificate	

Notation for course codes, minimum admission requirements, qualification which will be awarded with abbreviation(s) and eligibility for the award of the qualification are given below for each SLQL.

Guidelines for admission requirements, qualification(s) and eligibility criteria of University of Kelaniya in accordance with SLQF requirements

1. Certificate

a. Notation for course codes

University Level 0
SLQL 1
UNIV 01012
UNIV 02021
.
UNIV 04363
.
UNIV 03505
Minimum Credits 30

b. Minimum admission requirement

Minimum admission requirement is completion of junior secondary level, which is Grade 9 or an equivalent. Completion of primary education and certified work experience equivalent to a minimum period of two years in a particular field may also be considered as an equivalent qualification for admission to SLQL 1 provided that the applicant is at least 16 years of age.

c. Progression

Completion of SLQL 1 meets the minimum entry requirement for a qualification in SLQL 2, in a particular area of specialization.

d. Qualification awarded with abbreviation(s) (*maximum one qualifier*)

Example: Certificate in Abcd; [Cert (Abcd)]

e. Minimum eligibility criteria for the award of a qualification

  (i)   For the award of a Certificate, a student must

   (a) accumulate grades of C or better in course units aggregating to at least 30 credits of SLQL 1,

   (b) obtain a GPA of 2.00 or greater, and

   (c) complete the relevant requirements within a period of three consecutive academic years.

  (ii) For the award of a Certificate with Merit, a student must

   (a) accumulate grades of C or better in course units aggregating to at least 30 credits of SLQL 1,

   (b) obtain a GPA of 3.70 or greater, and

   (c) complete the relevant requirements within one academic year at SLQL 1.

  (iii) For the award of a Certificate with Distinction, a student must

   (a) accumulate grades of A or better in course units aggregating to at least 30 credits of SLQL 1,

   (b) obtain a GPA of 4.00, and

   (c) complete the relevant requirements within one academic year at SLQL 1.

Note 1: *A student who does not obtain a grade C or better in a particular course unit may re-sit the examination of that course unit in the next available attempt in order to improve the grade. The best grade obtainable by a student in this instance would be C. In the event a student obtains a lower grade while attempting to better the grade, he/she will be entitled to the previous grade.*

Note 2: *Programme of study concerned may include additional requirements in addition to the minimum eligibility criteria with the approval of the University Senate.*

Note 3: *The valid date for awarding any qualification will be the 1ˢᵗ day of the next month from the month where the requirements were fulfilled to award such qualification.*

Note 4: *After awarding any qualification it cannot be changed and/or reverted back under any circumstances.*

It is noted that SLQF does not deal with the designing and offering of short term courses by any higher education institution (HEI) that will meet specific learning outcomes. These courses may be of few months duration and a certificate may be awarded on completion of such courses. Those certificates are not in line with the qualifications identified in the SLQF.

2. Advanced Certificate

a. Notation for course codes

University Level 0
SLQL 2
UNIV 01512
UNIV 03524
.
UNIV 04745
.
UNIV 02993
Minimum Credits 30

b. Minimum admission requirement

Minimum admission requirement is the General Certificate of Education (Ordinary Level) or Completion of SLQL 1 in the same area of specialization or an equivalent qualification or completion of NVQF level 3.

c. Progression

Completion of SLQL 2 meets the minimum entry requirement for a qualification in SLQL 3 in that particular area of specialization.

d. Qualification awarded with abbreviation(s) *(maximum two qualifiers)*

Examples: Advanced Certificate in Abcd; [AdvCert (Abcd)]

Advanced Certificate in Abcd in Efgh; [AdvCert (Abcd-Efgh)]

e. Minimum eligibility criteria for the award of a qualification

(i)   For the award of an Advanced Certificate, a student must

   (a)   accumulate grades of C or better in course units aggregating to at least 30 credits of SLQL 2,

   (b)   obtain a GPA of 2.00 or greater, and

   (c)   complete the relevant requirements within a period of three consecutive academic years.

(ii)   For the award of an Advanced Certificate with Merit, a student must

   (a)   accumulate grades of C or better in course units aggregating to at least 30 credits of SLQL 2,

   (b)   obtain a GPA of 3.70 or greater, and

   (c)   complete the relevant requirements within one academic year at SLQL 2.

(iii)   For the award of an Advanced Certificate with Distinction, a student must

   (a)   accumulate grades of A or better in course units aggregating to at least 30 credits of SLQL 2,

   (b)   obtain a GPA of 4.00, and

   (c)   complete the relevant requirements within one academic year at SLQL 2.

Note 1:   *A student who does not obtain a grade C or better in a particular course unit may re-sit the examination of that course unit in the next available attempt in order to improve the grade. The best grade obtainable by a student in this instance would be C. In the event a student obtains a lower grade while attempting to better the grade, he/she will be entitled to the previous grade.*

Note 2:   *Programme of study concerned may include additional requirements in addition to the minimum eligibility criteria with the approval of the University Senate.*

Note 3:   *The valid date for awarding any qualification will be the 1ˢᵗ day of the next month from the month where the requirements were fulfilled to award such qualification.*

Note 4:   *After awarding any qualification it cannot be changed and/or reverted back under any circumstances.*

3. Diploma

a. Notation for course codes

University Level 1
SLQL 3
UNIV 11012
UNIV 14021
.
UNIV 12113
.
UNIV 13204
Minimum Credits 30

b. Minimum admission requirement

Minimum admission requirement is to obtain at least 'S' Grades for all three approved subjects at the General Certificate of Education (Advanced Level) examination in one sitting or an equivalent qualification. A foundation course equivalent to SLQL 2 after a minimum of 12 years of schooling followed by passing an aptitude test, or completion of NVQF level 4 or accredited work experience or accredited prior learning followed by a corresponding cognitive bridging programme of minimum 30 credits as determined by the Senate may also be considered as equivalent qualification for admission to SLQL 3 in a particular field of specialization.

c. Progression

Completion of SLQL 3 meets the minimum entry requirement for a qualification in SLQL 4 in that particular field of specialization.

d. Qualification awarded with abbreviation(s) (*maximum two qualifiers*)

Examples: Diploma in Abcd; [Dip (Abcd)]

Diploma in Abcd in Efgh; [Dip (Abcd-Efgh)]

e. Minimum eligibility criteria for the award of a qualification

(i)   For the award of a Diploma, a student must

(a)   accumulate grades of C or better in course units aggregating to at least 30 credits of SLQL 3,

(b)   obtain a GPA of 2.00 or greater, and

(c)   complete the relevant requirements within a period of three consecutive academic years.

(ii)   For the award of a Diploma with Merit, a student must

(a)   accumulate grades of C or better in course units aggregating to at least 30 credits of SLQL 3,

(b)   obtain a GPA of 3.70 or greater, and

(c)   complete the relevant requirements within one academic year at SLQL 3.

(iii)   For the award of a Diploma with Distinction, a student must

(a)   accumulate grades of A or better in course units aggregating to at least 30 credits of SLQL 3,

(b)   obtain a GPA of 4.00, and

(c)   complete the relevant requirements within one academic year at SLQL 3.

Note 1:   A student who does not obtain a grade C or better in a particular course unit may re-sit the examination of that course unit in the next available attempt in order to improve the grade. The best grade obtainable by a student in this instance would be C. In the event a student obtains a lower grade while attempting to better the grade, he/she will be entitled to the previous grade.

Note 2:   Programme of study concerned may include additional requirements in addition to the minimum eligibility criteria with the approval of the University Senate.

Note 3:   The valid date for awarding any qualification will be the 1ˢᵗ day of the next month from the month where the requirements were fulfilled to award such qualification.

Note 4:   After awarding any qualification it cannot be changed and/or reverted back under any circumstances.

4. Higher Diploma

a. Notation for course codes

University Level 1	University Level 2
SLQL 3	SLQL 4
UNIV 11012	UNIV 21012
UNIV 14021	UNIV 24023
.	.
UNIV 12113	UNIV 22134
.	.
UNIV 13204	UNIV 23205
Minimum Credits 30	Minimum Credits 30

b. Minimum admission requirement

Minimum admission requirement is to obtain at least 'S' Grades for all three approved subjects from the General Certificate of Education (Advanced Level) examination in one sitting or an equivalent qualification and completion of a minimum of 30 credits at SLQL 3. Completion of NVQF level 5 followed by a corresponding cognitive bridging programme of minimum 30 credits as determined by the Senate may also be considered as an equivalent qualification in that field of specialization.

c. Progression

Completion of Higher Diploma meets the minimum requirement for admission to SLQL 5 in the same or a related subject.

d. Qualification awarded with abbreviation(s) (*maximum one qualifier*)

Example: Higher Diploma in Abcd; [HDip (Abcd)]

e. Minimum eligibility criteria for the award of a qualification

   (i)   For the award of a Higher Diploma, a student must
      (a) accumulate grades of C or better in course units aggregating to at least 60 credits of SLQL 3 and 4, of which at least 30 credits must be from SLQL 4,
      (b) obtain a GPA of 2.00 or greater, and
      (c) complete the relevant requirements within a period of four consecutive academic years.
   (ii) For the award of a Higher Diploma with Merit, a student must
      (a) accumulate grades of C or better in course units aggregating to at least 60 credits of SLQL 3 and 4, of which at least 30 credits must be from SLQL 4,
      (b) obtain a GPA of 3.70 or greater, and
      (c) complete the relevant requirements within a period of two consecutive academic years at SLQL 3 and 4.
   (iii) For the award of a Higher Diploma with Distinction, a student must
      (a) accumulate grades of A or better in course units aggregating to at least 60 credits of SLQL 3 and 4, of which at least 30 credits must be from SLQL 4,
      (b) obtain a GPA of 4.00, and
      (c) complete the relevant requirements within a period of two consecutive academic years at SLQL 3 and 4.

Note 1: *A student who does not obtain a grade C or better in a particular course unit may re-sit the examination of that course unit in the next available attempt in order to improve the grade. The best grade obtainable by a student in this instance would be C. In the event a student obtains a lower grade while attempting to better the grade, he/she will be entitled to the previous grade.*

Note 2: *Programme of study concerned may include additional requirements in addition to the minimum eligibility criteria with the approval of the University Senate.*

Note 3: *A student who does not fulfil the above requirements for award of a Higher Diploma, but who*
      (a) *accumulates grades of C or better in course units aggregating to at least 30 credits of SLQL 3 and/or 4,*
      (b) *obtains a GPA of 2.00 or greater, and*

      (a)   completes the relevant requirements within a period of three consecutive academic years
            may be considered by the Board of Examiners for the award of a Diploma.

Note 4: A student who does not fulfil the above requirements for award of a Higher Diploma, but who
      (a)   accumulates grades of C or better in course units aggregating to at least 30 credits of SLQL 3,
      (b)   obtains a GPA of 3.70 or greater, and
      (c)   completes the relevant requirements within one academic year at SLQL 3
            may be considered by the Board of Examiners for the award of a Diploma with Merit.

Note 5: A student who does not fulfil the above requirements for award of a Higher Diploma, but who
      (a)   accumulates grades of A or better in course units aggregating to at least 30 credits of SLQL 3,
      (b)   obtains a GPA of 4.00, and
      (c)   completes the relevant requirements within one academic year at SLQL 3
            may be considered by the Board of Examiners for the award of a Diploma with Distinction.

Note 6: A student who joins SLQL 4 with a relevant Diploma can be permitted to complete the Higher Diploma of SLQL 4 within a period of three consecutive academic years. However, credits earned for the SLQL 3 from a relevant Diploma awarded by any other recognised University or Higher Educational Institute that has been previously approved by the Examination Qualification Reviewing Board, which is a Sub Committee of the University Senate, may be transferred to the relevant subjects with credit values of SLQL 3 by the Board of Examiners for the evaluation of the qualification up to a maximum of 1/3 from the minimum number of credits required for the qualification awarded. Moreover, for the programmes having mutual agreements with the University of Kelaniya may be considered up to a maximum of 1/2 from the minimum number of credits required for the qualification awarded. Additionally, any prior qualifications considered must be clearly spelled out in the certificates of all qualifications awarded under this criterion.

Note 7: The valid date for awarding any qualification will be the 1st day of the next month from the month where the requirements were fulfilled to award such qualification.

Note 8: After awarding any qualification it cannot be changed and/or reverted back under any circumstances.

5. Bachelor's Degree

a. Notation for course codes

University Level 1	University Level 2	University Level 3
SLQL 3	SLQL 4	SLQL 5
UNIV 11212	UNIV 21212	UNIV 31012
UNIV 14221	UNIV 22223	UNIV 33023
.	.	.
UNIV 12553	UNIV 23654	UNIV 34454
.	.	.
UNIV 13994	UNIV 24995	UNIV 32991
Minimum Credits 30	Minimum Credits 30	Minimum Credits 30

b. Minimum admission requirement

Minimum admission requirement is to obtain at least 'S' Grades for all three approved subjects from the General Certificate of Education (Advanced Level) examination in one sitting or an equivalent qualification and completion of at least 60 credits of SLQL 3 and 4 with a minimum of 30 credits at SLQL 4 or equivalent. Completion of NVQF level 6 followed by a corresponding cognitive bridging programme of minimum 30 credits as determined by the Senate may also be considered as an equivalent qualification for admission in that field of specialisation.

c. Progression

Completion of Bachelor's Degree meets the minimum entry requirement for admission to any SLQL from 7 to 10. If the qualification holder obtains a minimum GPA of 3.00 in the scale of 0-4, he/she may be considered for admission to SLQL 11 on successful completion of an MPhil Qualifying examination which will be conducted after completion of 30 credits equivalent to those of SLQL 6 in the same or a related subject.

d. Qualification awarded with abbreviation(s) (*maximum two qualifiers*)

Examples: Bachelor of Arts; [BA]
Bachelor of Science; [Bsc]
Bachelor of Arts in Abcd; [BA (Abcd)]
Bachelor of Science in Abcd; [BSc (Abcd)]
Bachelor of Arts in Abcd and Defg; [BA (Abcd and Defg)]
Bachelor of Science in Abcd and Efgh; [BSc (Abcd and Efgh)]

e. Minimum eligibility criteria for the award of a qualification

(i)   For the award of a Bachelor's Degree, a student must
  (a)   accumulate grades of C or better in course units aggregating to at least 78 credits, **and** grades of D or better in course units aggregating to at least a further 12 credits of SLQL 3, 4 and 5, of which at least 30 credits must be from each SLQL separately,
  (b)   obtain a GPA of 2.00 or greater, and
  (c)   complete the relevant requirements within a period of five consecutive academic years.

(ii)   For the award of a Bachelor's Degree with First Class, a student must
  (a)   accumulate grades of C or better in course units aggregating to at least 90 credits of SLQL 3, 4 and 5, of which at least 30 credits must be from each SLQL separately,
  (b)   obtain a GPA of 3.70 or greater,
  (c)   obtain grades of A or better in course units aggregating to at least 50% of total credits for the course units considered under (a) above, and
  (d)   complete the relevant requirements within a period of three consecutive academic years at SLQL 3, 4 and 5.

(iii) For the award of a Bachelor's Degree with Second Class (Upper Division), a student must
  (a)   accumulate grades of C or better in course units aggregating to at least 84 credits, and grades of D or better in course units aggregating to at least a further 6 credits of SLQL 3, 4 and 5, of which at least 30 credits must be from each SLQL separately,
  (b)   obtain a GPA of 3.30 or greater,
  (c)   obtain grades of B or better in course units aggregating to at least 50% of total credits for the course units considered under (a) above, and

(d)   complete the relevant requirements within a period of three consecutive academic years at SLQL 3, 4 and 5.

(iv)   For the award of a Bachelor's Degree with Second Class (Lower Division), a student must

(a)   accumulate grades of C or better in course units aggregating to at least 84 credits, and grades of D or better in course units aggregating to at least a further 6 credits of SLQL 3, 4 and 5, of which at least 30 credits must be from each SLQL separately,

(b)   obtain a GPA of 3.00 or greater,

(c)   obtain grades of B or better in course units aggregating to at least 50% of total credits for the course units considered under (a) above, and

(d)   complete the relevant requirements within a period of three consecutive academic years at SLQL 3, 4 and 5.

Note 1:   A student who does not obtain a grade of C or better in a particular course unit may re-sit the examination of that course unit in the next available attempt in order to improve the grade. The best grade obtainable by a student in this instance would be C. In the event a student obtains a lower grade while attempting to better the grade, he/she will be entitled to the previous grade.

Note 2:   Programme of study concerned may include additional requirements in addition to the minimum eligibility criteria with the approval of the University Senate.

Note 3:   Credits earned for course units from any other recognised University or Higher Educational Institute that has been previously approved by the Examination Qualification Reviewing Board, which is a Sub Committee of the University Senate, may be transferred to the relevant subjects with credit values at equivalent levels by the Board of Examiners for the evaluation of the qualification up to a maximum of 1/3 of the minimum number of credits required for the qualification awarded. Moreover, for programmes having mutual agreements with the University of Kelaniya, transfer of up to a maximum of 1/2 of the minimum number of credits required for the qualification awarded may be considered. However, credits considered for awarding similar qualifications cannot be transferred. Additionally, any prior qualifications considered must be clearly spelled out in the certificates of all qualifications awarded under this criterion.

Note 4:   A student who does not fulfil the above requirements for award of a Bachelor's Degree, but who

(a)   accumulates grades of C or better in course units aggregating to at least 30 credits of SLQL 3, 4 and/or 5,

(b)   obtains a GPA of 2.00 or greater, and

(c)   completes the relevant requirements within a period of three consecutive academic years
may be considered by the Board of Examiners for the award of a Diploma.

Note 5:   A student who does not fulfil the above requirements for award of a Bachelor's Degree, but who

(a)   accumulates grades of C or better in course units aggregating to at least 30 credits of SLQL 3,

(b)   obtains a GPA of 3.70 or greater, and

(c)   completes the relevant requirements within one academic year at SLQL 3
may be considered by the Board of Examiners for the award of a Diploma with Merit.

Note 6:   A student who does not fulfil the above requirements for award of a Bachelor's Degree, but who

(a)   accumulates grades of A or better in course units aggregating to at least 30 credits of SLQL 3,

(b)   obtains a GPA of 4.00, and

(c)   completes the relevant requirements within one academic year at SLQL 3
may be considered by the Board of Examiners for the award of a Diploma with Distinction.

Note 7:   A student who does not fulfil the above requirements for award of a Bachelor's Degree, but who

(a)   accumulates grades of C or better in course units aggregating to at least 60 credits of SLQL 3, 4 and/or 5,

(b)   obtains a GPA of 2.00 or greater, and

(c)   completes the relevant requirements within a period of four consecutive academic years
may be considered by the Board of Examiners for the award of a Higher Diploma.

Note 8:   A student who does not fulfil the above requirements for award of a Bachelor's Degree, but who

(a)   accumulates grades of C or better in course units aggregating to at least 60 credits of SLQL 3 and 4 of which at least 30 credits must be from SLQL 4,

(b)   obtains a GPA of 3.70 or greater, and

(c)   completes the relevant requirements within a period of two consecutive academic years at SLQL 3 and SLQL 4
may be considered by the Board of Examiners for the award of a Higher Diploma with Merit.

Note 9: A student who does not fulfil the above requirements for award of a Bachelor's Degree, but who
  (a) accumulates grades of A or better in course units aggregating to at least 60 credits of SLQL 3 and 4 of which at least 30 credits must be from SLQL 4,
  (b) obtains a GPA of 4.00, and
  (c) completes the relevant requirements within a period of two consecutive academic years at SLQL 3 and 4 may be considered by the Board of Examiners for the award of a Higher Diploma with Distinction.

Note 10: The valid date for awarding any qualification will be the 1st day of the next month from the month where the requirements were fulfilled to award such qualification.

Note 11: After awarding any qualification it cannot be changed and/or reverted back under any circumstances.

6. Bachelor's Honours Degree

a. **Notation for course codes**

University Level 1	University Level 2	University Level 3	University Level 4
SLQL 3	SLQL 4	SLQL 5	SLQL 6
UNIV 11212	UNIV 21212	UNIV 31012	UNIV 41012
UNIV 14221	UNIV 22223	UNIV 33023	UNIV 43023
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UNIV 12553	UNIV 23654	UNIV 34454	UNIV 44504
.	.	.	.
UNIV 13994	UNIV 24995	UNIV 32991	UNIV 42998
Minimum Credits 30	Minimum Credits 30	Minimum Credits 30	Minimum Credits 30*

   * However, minimum number of credits for research component should be 6.

b. **Minimum admission requirement**

   Minimum admission requirement is to obtain at least 'S' Grades for all three approved subjects at the General Certificate of Education (Advanced Level) examination in one sitting or an equivalent qualification, or completion of at least one academic year of study in a Bachelor's degree programme and being selected for Bachelor's Honours degree programme, or completion of NVQF level 7 as determined by the Senate may also be considered as an equivalent qualification for admission in that field of specialization.

c. **Progression**

   Completion of Bachelor's Honours degree meets the minimum entry requirement for admission to any SLQL from 7 to 10, or to SLQL 11 or 12 after successful completion of a qualifying examination. If the qualification holder possesses a minimum GPA of 3.00 in a scale of 0-4, he/she may be admitted to SLQL 11 or 12 even without a qualifying examination.

d. **Qualification awarded with abbreviation(s) (*maximum two qualifiers*)**

   Examples: Bachelor of Arts Honours; [BAHons]
   Bachelor of Science Honours; [BScHons]
   Bachelor of Arts Honours in Abcd; [BAHons (Abcd)]
   Bachelor of Science Honours in Abcd; [BScHons (Abcd)]
   Bachelor of Arts Honours in Abcd and Defg; [BAHons (Abcd and Defg)]
   Bachelor of Science Honours in Abcd and Efgh; [BScHons (Abcd and Efgh)]

e. **Minimum eligibility criteria for the award of a qualification**

   (i) For the award of a Bachelor's Honours Degree, a student must

      (a) accumulate grades of C or better in course units aggregating to at least 104 credits, **and** grades of D or better in course units aggregating to at least further 16 credits of SLQL 3, 4, 5 and 6, of which at least 30 credits must be from each SLQL separately,

      (b) obtain a GPA of 2.00 or greater, and

      (c) complete the relevant requirements within a period of six consecutive academic years.

   (ii) For the award of a Bachelor's Honours Degree with First Class, a student must

      (a) accumulate grades of C or better in course units aggregating to at least 120 credits of SLQL 3, 4, 5 and 6, of which at least 30 credits must be from each SLQL separately,

      (b) obtain a GPA of 3.70 or greater,

      (c) obtain grades of A or better in course units aggregating to at least 50% of total credits for the course units considered under (a) above, and

      (d) complete the relevant requirements within a period of four consecutive academic years at SLQL 3, 4, 5 and 6.

   (iii) For the award of a Bachelor's Honours Degree with Second Class (Upper Division), a student must

      (a) accumulate grades of C or better in course units aggregating to at least 112 credits, **and** grades of D or better in course units aggregating to at least a further 8 credits of SLQL 3, 4, 5 and 6, of which at least 30 credits must be from each SLQL separately,

(b) obtain a GPA of 3.30 or greater,

(c) obtain grades of B or better in course units aggregating to at least 50% of total credits for the course units considered under (a) above, and

(d) complete the relevant requirements within a period of four consecutive academic years of SLQL 3, 4, 5 and 6.

(iv) For the award of a Bachelor's Honours Degree with Second Class (Lower Division), a student must

(a) accumulate grades of C or better in course units aggregating to at least 112 credits, and grades of D or better in course units aggregating to at least further 8 credits of SLQLs 3, 4, 5 and 6, of which at least 30 credits must be from each SLQL separately.

(b) obtain a GPA of 3.00 or greater,

(c) obtain grades of B or better in course units aggregating to at least 50% of total credits for the course units considered under (a) above, and

(d) complete the relevant requirements within a period of four consecutive academic years at SLQL 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Note 1: A student who does not obtain a grade of C or better in a particular course unit may re-sit the examination of that course unit in the next available attempt in order to improve the grade. The best grade obtainable by a student in this instance would be C. In the event a student obtains a lower grade while attempting to better the grade, he/she will be entitled to the previous grade.

Note 2: Programme of study concerned may include additional requirements in addition to the minimum eligibility criteria with the approval of the University Senate.

Note 3: Credits earned for course units from any other recognised University or Higher Educational Institute that has been previously approved by the Examination Qualification Reviewing Board, which is a Sub Committee of the University Senate, may be transferred to the relevant subjects with credit values at equivalent levels by the Board of Examiners for the evaluation of the qualification up to a maximum of 1/3 of the minimum number of credits required for the qualification awarded. Moreover, for the programmes having mutual agreements with the University of Kelaniya transfer of up to a maximum of 1/2 of the minimum number of credits required for the qualification awarded may be considered. However, credits considered for awarding similar qualifications cannot be transferred. Additionally, any prior qualifications considered must be clearly spelled out in the certificates of all qualifications awarded under this criterion.

Note 4: A student who does not fulfil the above requirements for award of a Bachelor's Honours Degree, but who

(a) accumulates grades of C or better in course units aggregating to at least 30 credits of SLQL 3, 4, 5 and/or 6,

(b) obtains a GPA of 2.00 or greater, and

(c) completes the relevant requirements within a period of three consecutive academic years may be considered by the Board of Examiners for the award of a Diploma.

Note 5: A student who does not fulfil the above requirements for award of a Bachelor's Honours Degree, but who

(a) accumulates grades of C or better in course units aggregating to at least 30 credits of SLQL 3,

(b) obtains a GPA of 3.70 or greater, and

(c) completes the relevant requirements within one academic year at SLQL 3 may be considered by the Board of Examiners for the award of a Diploma with Merit.

Note 6: A student who does not fulfil the above requirements for award of a Bachelor's Honours Degree, but who

(a) accumulates grades of A or better in course units aggregating to at least 30 credits of SLQL 3,

(b) obtains a GPA of 4.00, and

(c) completes the relevant requirements within one academic year at SLQL 3 may be considered by the Board of Examiners for the award of a Diploma with Distinction.

Note 7: A student who does not fulfil the above requirements for award of a Bachelor's Honours Degree, but who

(a) accumulates grades of C or better in course units aggregating to at least 60 credits of SLQL 3, 4, 5 and/or 6,

(b) obtains a GPA of 2.00 or greater, and

(c) completes the relevant requirements within a period of four consecutive academic years may be considered by the Board of Examiners for the award of a Higher Diploma.

Note 8: A student who does not fulfil the above requirements for award of a Bachelor's Honours Degree, but who

(a) accumulates grades of C or better in course units aggregating to at least 60 credits of SLQL 3 and 4 of which at least 30 credits must be from SLQL 4,

(b) obtains a GPA of 3.70 or greater, and

   (c) *completes the relevant requirements within a period of two consecutive academic years at SLQL 3 and 4 may be considered by the Board of Examiners for the award of a Higher Diploma with Merit.*

Note 9: *A student who does not fulfil the above requirements for award of a Bachelor's Honours Degree, but who*

   (a) *accumulates grades of A or better in course units aggregating to at least 60 credits of SLQL 3 and 4 of which at least 30 credits must be from SLQL 4,*

   (b) *obtains a GPA of 4.00, and*

   (c) *completes the relevant requirements within a period of two consecutive academic years at SLQL 3 and 4 may be considered by the Board of Examiners for the award of a Higher Diploma with Distinction.*

Note 10: *A student who is registered for a Bachelor's Honours Degree, during the course of the Level 6 or after the release of results of Level 6 Course Units may request the award of the Bachelor's Degree foregoing the Bachelor's Honours Degree, upon satisfying the requirements for the award of the Bachelor's Degree.*

Note 11: *The valid date for awarding any qualification will be the 1st day of the next month from the month where the requirements were fulfilled to award such qualification.*

Note 12: *After awarding any qualification it cannot be changed and/or reverted back under any circumstances.*

7. Bachelor's Honours Degree (*Medical Degrees*)

a. Notation for course codes

University Level 1	University Level 2	University Level 3	University Level 4	University Level 5
SLQL 3	SLQL 4	SLQL 5	SLQL 6	SLQL 7
UNIV 11212	UNIV 21212	UNIV 31012	UNIV 41012	UNIV 51012
UNIV 14221	UNIV 22223	UNIV 33023	UNIV 43023	UNIV 53023
.	.	.	.	.
UNIV 12553	UNIV 23654	UNIV 34354	UNIV 44404	UNIV 54454
.	.	.	.	.
UNIV 13994	UNIV 24995	UNIV 32991	UNIV 42998	UNIV 52508
Minimum Credits 30	**Minimum Credits 30**	**Minimum Credits 30**	**Minimum Credits 30**	**Minimum Credits 30**

b. Minimum admission requirement

Minimum admission requirement is to obtain at least 'S' Grades for all three approved subjects at the General Certificate of Education (Advanced Level) examination in one sitting or an equivalent qualification. Entry to the degree programme is at SLQL 3 only.

c. Progression

Completion of Bachelor's Honours Medical Degree meets the minimum entry requirement for admission to any SLQLs from 7 to 10, or to SLQL 11 or 12 after successful completion of a qualifying examination. If the qualification holder possesses a minimum GPA of 3.00 in a scale of 0-4, he/she may be admitted to SLQL 11 or 12 even without a qualifying examination.

d. Qualification awarded with abbreviation(s) (*maximum two qualifiers*)

Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery Degree; [MBBS]
Bachelor of Ayurveda Medicine and Surgery Degree; [BAMS]

e. Minimum eligibility criteria for the award of a qualification

(i) Eligibility for award of the MBBS degree is governed by the MBBS Degree By-Laws approved by the Senate and the Council of the University of Kelaniya.

(ii) Eligibility for award of the BAMS degree is governed by the BAMS Degree By-Laws approved by the Senate and the Council of the University of Kelaniya.

8. Postgraduate Certificate

a. **Notation for course codes**

All Faculties *except* for Faculty of Medicine & Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Institute (GWAI)

University Level 5
SLQL 7
UNIV 51012
UNIV 54021
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UNIV 52653
.
UNIV 53904
Minimum Credits 20

For Faculty of Medicine & GWAI

University Level 5
SLQL 7
UNIV 51512
UNIV 54521
.
UNIV 52753
.
UNIV 53904
Minimum Credits 20

b. **Minimum admission requirement**

Minimum admission requirement is a Bachelor's degree, (i) including 30 credits in the relevant subject area (to be determined by the Senate), or (ii) with prior learning/work experience equivalent to 30 credits in the relevant subject area, or a qualification in the relevant subject area equivalent to above (i) or (ii), or completion of NVQ level 7, as determined by the Senate, may be considered.

c. **Progression**

Completion of Postgraduate Certificate meets the entry requirements to Postgraduate Diploma and/or Master's degree of SLQL 8 to 10 in the same field of specialization.

d. **Qualification awarded with abbreviation(s) (*maximum two qualifiers*)**

Examples: Postgraduate Certificate in Abcd; [PGCert (Abcd)]
Postgraduate Certificate in Abcd in Efgh; [PGCert (Abcd)(Efgh)]

e. **Minimum eligibility criteria for the award of a qualification**

(i) For the award of a Postgraduate Certificate, a student must
  (a) accumulate grades of B⁻ (B minus) or better in course units aggregating to at least 20 credits of SLQL 7,
  (b) obtain a GPA of 2.70 or greater, and
  (c) complete the relevant requirements within a period of three consecutive academic years.

(ii) For the award of a Postgraduate Certificate with Merit, a student must
  (a) accumulate grades of B⁻ (B minus) or better in course units aggregating to at least 20 credits of SLQL 7,
  (b) obtain a GPA of 3.70 or greater,
  (c) obtain grades of A or better in course units aggregating to at least 50% of total credits for the course units considered under (a) above, and
  (d) complete the relevant requirements within one academic year at SLQL 7.

(iii) For the award of a Postgraduate Certificate with Distinction, a student must
  (a) accumulate grades of A or better in course units aggregating to at least 20 credits of SLQL 7,
  (b) obtain a GPA of 4.00, and
  (c) complete the relevant requirements within one academic year at SLQL 7.

Note 1: A student who does not obtain a grade B (B minus) or better in a particular course unit may re-sit the examination of that course unit in the following academic year in order to improve the grade. The best grade obtainable by a student in this instance would be B (B minus). In the event a student obtains a lower grade while attempting to better the grade, he/she will be entitled to the previous grade.

Note 2: Programme of study concerned may include additional requirements in addition to the minimum eligibility criteria with the approval of the University Senate.

Note 3: The valid date for awarding any qualification will be the 1st day of the next month from the month where the requirements were fulfilled to award such qualification.

Note 4: After awarding any qualification it cannot be changed and/or reverted back under any circumstances.

9. Postgraduate Diploma

a. **Notation for course codes**

All Faculties *except* for Faculty of Medicine & Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Institute (GWAI)

University Level 5
SLQL 8
UNIV 51012
UNIV 54021
.
UNIV 52653
.
UNIV 53904
Minimum Credits 25

For Faculty of Medicine & GWAI

University Level 5
SLQL 8
UNIV 51512
UNIV 54521
.
UNIV 52753
.
UNIV 53904
Minimum Credits 25

b. **Minimum admission requirement**

Minimum admission requirement is a Bachelor's degree, (i) including 30 credits in the relevant subject area (to be determined by the Senate), or (ii) with prior learning/work experience equivalent to 30 credits in the relevant subject area, or a qualification in the relevant subject area equivalent to above (i) or (ii), or completion of NVQ level 7, as determined by the Senate, may be considered.

c. **Progression**

Completion of Postgraduate Diploma meets the entry requirements to SLQL 9 and 10 in the same field of specialization.

d. **Qualification awarded with abbreviation(s)** (*maximum two qualifiers*)

Examples: Postgraduate Diploma in Abcd; [PGDip (Abcd)]

Postgraduate Diploma in Abcd in Efgh; [PGDip (Abcd)(Efgh)]

e. **Minimum eligibility criteria for the award of a qualification**

   (i)   For the award of a Postgraduate Diploma, a student must

    (a)   accumulate grades of B⁻ (B minus) or better in course units aggregating to at least 25 credits of SLQL 8,

    (b)   obtain a GPA of 2.70 or greater, and

    (c)   complete the relevant requirements within a period of three consecutive academic years.

   (ii) For the award of a Postgraduate Diploma with Merit, a student must

    (a)   accumulate grades of B⁻ (B minus) or better in course units aggregating to at least 25 credits of SLQL 8,

    (b)   obtain a GPA of 3.70 or greater,

    (c)   obtain grades of A or better in course units aggregating to at least 50% of total credits for the course units considered under (a) above, and

    (d)   complete the relevant requirements within one academic year at SLQL 8.

   (iii) For the award of a Postgraduate Diploma with Distinction, a student must

    (a)   accumulate grades of A or better in course units aggregating to at least 25 credits of SLQL 8,

    (b)   obtain a GPA of 4.00, and

    (c)   complete the relevant requirements within one academic year at SLQL 8.

Note 1: A student who does not obtain a grade B⁻ (B minus) or better in a particular course unit may re-sit the examination of that course unit in the following academic year in order to improve the grade. The best grade obtainable by a student in this instance would be B⁻ (B minus). In the event a student obtains a lower grade while attempting to better the grade, he/she will be entitled to the previous grade.

Note 2: Programme of study concerned may include additional requirements in addition to the minimum eligibility criteria with the approval of the University Senate.

Note 3: A student who does not fulfil the above requirements for award of a Postgraduate Diploma, but who
   (a)   accumulates grades of B⁻ (B minus) or better in course units aggregating to at least 20 credits of SLQL 8,
   (b)   obtains a GPA of 2.70 or greater, and
   (c)   completes the relevant requirements within a period of three consecutive academic years
          may be considered by the Board of Examiners for the award of a Postgraduate Certificate.

Note 4: A student who does not fulfil the above requirements for award of a Postgraduate Diploma, but who
   (a)   accumulates grades of B⁻ (B minus) or better in course units aggregating to at least 20 credits of SLQL 8,
   (b)   obtains a GPA of 3.70 or greater,
   (c)   obtain grades of A or better in course units aggregating to at least 50% of total credits for the course units considered under (a) above, and
   (d)   completes the relevant requirements within one academic year at SLQL 8
          may be considered by the Board of Examiners for the award of a Postgraduate Certificate with Merit.

Note 5: A student who does not fulfil the above requirements for award of a Postgraduate Diploma, but who
   (a)   accumulates grades of A or better in course units aggregating to at least 20 credits of SLQL 8,
   (b)   obtains a GPA of 4.00, and
   (c)   completes the relevant requirements within one academic year at SLQL 8
          may be considered by the Board of Examiners for the award of a Postgraduate Certificate with Distinction.

Note 6: The valid date for awarding any qualification will be the 1ˢᵗ day of the next month from the month where the requirements were fulfilled to award such qualification.

Note 7: After awarding any qualification it cannot be changed and/or reverted back under any circumstances.

10. Master's Degree by Course Work

a. **Notation for course codes**

All Faculties *except* for Faculty of Medicine & Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Institute (GWAI)

University Level 5
SLQL 9
UNIV 51012
UNIV 54021
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UNIV 52653
.
UNIV 53904
Minimum Credits 30

For Faculty of Medicine & GWAI

University Level 5
SLQL 9
UNIV 51512
UNIV 54521
.
UNIV 52753
.
UNIV 53904
Minimum Credits 30

b. **Minimum admission requirement**

Minimum admission requirement is a Bachelor's degree, (i) including 30 credits in the relevant subject area (to be determined by the Senate), or (ii) with prior learning/work experience equivalent to 30 credits in the relevant subject area, or a qualification in the relevant subject area equivalent to above (i) or (ii), or completion of NVQ level 7, as determined by the Senate, may be considered.

c. **Progression**

Completion of Master's degree meets the entry requirement to SLQL 10 or 11 in the same field of specialization.

d. **Qualification awarded with abbreviation(s)**

Example: Master of Efgh; [Mefgh]

e. **Minimum eligibility criteria for the award of a qualification**

   (i)   For the award of a Master's Degree with Course Work, a student must

      (a) accumulate grades of B⁻ (B minus) or better in course units aggregating to at least 30 credits of SLQL 9,

      (b) obtain a GPA of 2.70 or greater, and

      (c) complete the relevant requirements within a period of three consecutive academic years.

   (ii)   For the award of a Master's Degree with Course Work with Merit, a student must

      (a) accumulate grades of B⁻ (B minus) or better in course units aggregating to at least 30 credits of SLQL 9,

      (b) obtain a GPA of 3.70 or greater,

      (c) obtain grades of A or better in course units aggregating to at least 50% of total credits for the course units considered under (a) above, and

      (d) complete the relevant requirements within one academic year at SLQL 9.

   (iii)   For the award of a Master's Degree with Course Work with Distinction, a student must

      (a) accumulate grades of A or better in course units aggregating to at least 30 credits of SLQL 9,

      (b) obtain a GPA of 4.00, and

      (c) complete the relevant requirements within one academic year at SLQL 9.

Note 1: A student who does not obtain a grade B⁻ (B minus) or better in a particular course unit may re-sit the examination of that course unit in the following academic year in order to improve the grade. The best grade obtainable by a student in this instance would be B⁻ (B minus). In the event a student obtains a lower grade while attempting to better the grade, he/she will be entitled to the previous grade.

Note 2: Programme of study concerned may include additional requirements in addition to the minimum eligibility criteria with the approval of the University Senate.

Note 3: A student who does not fulfil the above requirements for award of a Master's Degree with Course Work, but who
    (a)   accumulates grades of B⁻ (B minus) or better in course units aggregating to at least 20 credits of SLQL 9,
    (b)   obtains a GPA of 2.70 or greater, and
    (c)   completes the relevant requirements within a period of three consecutive academic years
        may be considered by the Board of Examiners for the award of a Postgraduate Certificate.

Note 4: A student who does not fulfil the above requirements for award of a Master's Degree with Course Work, but who
    (a)   accumulates grades of B⁻ (B minus) or better in course units aggregating to at least 20 credits of SLQL 9,
    (b)   obtains a GPA of 3.70 or greater,
    (c)   obtains grades of A or better in course units aggregating to at least 50% of total credits for the course units considered under (a) above, and
    (d)   completes the relevant requirements within one academic year at SLQL 9
        may be considered by the Board of Examiners for the award of a Postgraduate Certificate with Merit.

Note 5: A student who does not fulfil the above requirements for award of a Master's Degree with Course Work, but who
    (a)   accumulates grades of A or better in course units aggregating to at least 20 credits of SLQL 9,
    (b)   obtains a GPA of 4.00, and
    (c)   completes the relevant requirements within one academic year at SLQL 9
        may be considered by the Board of Examiners for the award of a Postgraduate Certificate with Distinction.

Note 6: A student who does not fulfil the above requirements for award of a Master's Degree with Course Work, but who
    (a)   accumulates grades of B⁻ (B minus) or better in course units aggregating to at least 25 credits of SLQL 9,
    (b)   obtains a GPA of 2.70 or greater, and
    (c)   completes the relevant requirements within a period of three consecutive academic years
        may be considered by the Board of Examiners for the award of a Postgraduate Diploma.

Note 7: A student who does not fulfil the above requirements for award of a Master's Degree with Course Work, but who
    (a)   accumulates grades of B⁻ (B minus) or better in course units aggregating to at least 25 credits of SLQL 9,
    (b)   obtains a GPA of 3.70 or greater,
    (c)   obtains grades of A or better in course units aggregating to at least 50% of total credits for the course units considered under (a) above, and
    (d)   completes the relevant requirements within one academic year at SLQL 9
        may be considered by the Board of Examiners for the award of a Postgraduate Diploma with Merit.

Note 8: A student who does not fulfil the above requirements for award of a Master's Degree with Course Work, but who
    (a)   accumulates grades of A or better in course units aggregating to at least 25 credits of SLQL 9,
    (b)   obtains a GPA of 4.00, and
    (c)   completes the relevant requirements within one academic year at SLQL 9
        may be considered by the Board of Examiners for the award of a Postgraduate Diploma with Distinction.

Note 9: The valid date for awarding any qualification will be the 1ˢᵗ day of the next month from the month where the requirements were fulfilled to award such qualification.

Note 10: After awarding any qualification it cannot be changed and/or reverted back under any circumstances.

11. Master's Degree with course work and a research component

a. **Notation for course codes**

All Faculties *except* for Faculty of Medicine & Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Institute (GWAI)

University Level 5	University Level 6
SLQL 9	SLQL 10
UNIV 51012	UNIV 61012
UNIV 54021	UNIV 64023
.	.
UNIV 52653	UNIV 62314
.	.
UNIV 53904	UNIV 6399F
Minimum Credits 30	Minimum Credits 30*

*However, minimum number of credits for research should be 15.

For Faculty of Medicine & GWAI

University Level 5	University Level 6
SLQL 9	SLQL 10
UNIV 51512	UNIV 61012
UNIV 54521	UNIV 64023
.	.
UNIV 52753	UNIV 62314
.	.
UNIV 53904	UNIV 6399F
Minimum Credits 30	Minimum Credits 30*

*However, minimum number of credits for research should be 15.

b. **Minimum admission requirement**

Minimum admission requirement is a Bachelor's degree including 30 credits in the relevant subject area (to be determined by the Senate), or a qualification of SLQL 6 or above in the relevant area (to be determined by the Senate) of study, or a professional qualification equivalent to SLQL 6 or above, or completion of NVQ level 7 with a minimum GPA of 3.00 on a scale of 0–4, as determined by the Senate, may be considered for admission in that field of specialization.

c. **Progression**

Completion of SLQL 10 meets the entry requirement to SLQL 11 in the same field of specialization.

d. **Qualification awarded with abbreviation(s)** (*maximum one qualifier*)

Example: Master of Arts; [MA]
Master of Science; [Msc]
Master of Arts in Xyz; [MA (Xyz)]
Master of Science in Abcd; [MSc (Abcd)]

e. **Minimum eligibility criteria for the award of a qualification**

(i) For the award of a Master's Degree with course work and a research component, a student must

    (a) accumulate grades of B⁻ (B minus) or better in course units aggregating to at least 60 credits of SLQLs 9 and 10, of which at least 30 credits must be from each SLQL separately,

    (b) obtain a GPA of 2.70 or greater, and

    (c) complete the relevant requirements within a period of four consecutive academic years.

(ii) For the award of a Master's Degree with course work and a research component with Merit, a student must

    (a) accumulate grades of B⁻ (B minus) or better in course units aggregating to at least 60 credits of SLQLs 9 and 10, of which at least 30 credits must be from each SLQL separately,

    (b) obtain a GPA of 3.70 or greater,

    (c) obtain grades of A or better in course units aggregating to at least 50% of total credits for the course units considered under (a) above, and

    (d) complete the relevant requirements within a period of two consecutive academic years at SLQLs 9 and 10.

(iii) For the award of a Master's Degree with course work and a research component with Distinction, a student must
    (a) accumulate grades of A or better in course units aggregating to at least 60 credits of SLQLs 9 and 10, of which at least 30 credits must be from each SLQL separately,
    (b) obtain a GPA of 4.00, and
    (c) complete the relevant requirements within a period of two consecutive academic years at SLQLs 9 and 10.

Note 1: A student who does not obtain a grade B⁻ (B minus) or better in a particular course unit may re-sit the examination of that course unit in the following academic year in order to improve the grade. The best grade obtainable by a student in this instance would be B⁻ (B minus). In the event a student obtains a lower grade while attempting to better the grade, he/she will be entitled to the previous grade.

Note 2: When a student does not submit the dissertation for the research project before the deadline, the best grade obtainable for the particular course unit would be B⁻ (B minus).

Note 3: Programme of study concerned may include additional requirements in addition to the minimum eligibility criteria with the approval of the University Senate.

Note 4: A student who does not fulfil the above requirements for award of a Master's Degree with course work and a research component, but who
    (a) accumulates grades of B⁻ (B minus) or better in course units aggregating to at least 20 credits of SLQL 9,
    (b) obtains a GPA of 2.70 or greater, and
    (c) completes the relevant requirements within a period of three consecutive academic years
    may be considered by the Board of Examiners for the award of a Postgraduate Certificate.

Note 5: A student who does not fulfil the above requirements for award of a Master's Degree with course work and a research component, but who
    (a) accumulates grades of B⁻ (B minus) or better in course units aggregating to at least 20 credits of SLQL 9,
    (b) obtains a GPA of 3.70 or greater,
    (c) obtains grades of A or better in course units aggregating to at least 50% of total credits for the course units considered under (a) above, and
    (d) completes the relevant requirements within one academic year at SLQL 9
    may be considered by the Board of Examiners for the award of a Postgraduate Certificate with Merit.

Note 6: A student who does not fulfil the above requirements for award of a Master's Degree with course work and a research component, but who
    (a) accumulates grades of A or better in course units aggregating to at least 20 credits of SLQL 9,
    (b) obtains a GPA of 4.00, and
    (c) completes the relevant requirements within one academic year at SLQL 9
    may be considered by the Board of Examiners for the award of a Postgraduate Certificate with Distinction.

Note 7: A student who does not fulfil the above requirements for award of a Master's Degree with course work and a research component, but who
    (a) accumulates grades of B⁻ (B minus) or better in course units aggregating to at least 25 credits of SLQL 9,
    (b) obtains a GPA of 2.70 or greater, and
    (c) completes the relevant requirements within a period of three consecutive academic years
    may be considered by the Board of Examiners for the award of a Postgraduate Diploma.

Note 8: A student who does not fulfil the above requirements for award of a Master's Degree with course work and a research component, but who
    (a) accumulates grades of B⁻ (B minus) or better in course units aggregating to at least 25 credits of SLQL 9,
    (b) obtains a GPA of 3.70 or greater,
    (c) obtains grades of A or better in course units aggregating to at least 50% of total credits for the course units considered under (a) above, and
    (d) completes the relevant requirements within one academic year at SLQL 9
    may be considered by the Board of Examiners for the award of a Postgraduate Diploma with Merit.

Note 9: A student who does not fulfil the above requirements for award of a Master's Degree with course work and a research component, but who
    (a) accumulates grades of A or better in course units aggregating to at least 25 credits of SLQL 9,
    (b) obtains a GPA of 4.00, and
    (c) completes the relevant requirements within one academic year at SLQL 9
    may be considered by the Board of Examiners for the award of a Postgraduate Diploma with Distinction.

Note 10: *A student who does not fulfil the above requirements for award of a Master's Degree with course work and a research component, but who*

    (a) *accumulates grades of B⁻ (B minus) or better in course units aggregating to at least 30 credits of SLQL 9 and/or 10,*

    (b) *obtains a GPA of 2.70 or greater, and*

    (c) *completes the relevant requirements within a period of three consecutive academic years may be considered by the Board of Examiners for the award of a Master's Degree by Course Work.*

Note 11: *A student who does not fulfil the above requirements for award of a Master's Degree with course work and a research component, but who*

    (a) *accumulates grades of B⁻ (B minus) or better in course units aggregating to at least 30 credits of SLQL 9,*

    (b) *obtains a GPA of 3.70 or greater,*

    (c) *obtains grades of A or better in course units aggregating to at least 50% of total credits for the course units considered under (a) above, and*

    (d) *completes the relevant requirements within one academic year at SLQL 9 may be considered by the Board of Examiners for the award of a Master's Degree by Course Work with Merit.*

Note 12: *A student who does not fulfil the above requirements for award of a Master's Degree with course work and a research component, but who*

    (a) *accumulates grades of A or better in course units aggregating to at least 30 credits of SLQL 9,*

    (b) *obtains a GPA of 4.00, and*

    (c) *completes the relevant requirements within one academic year at SLQL 9 may be considered by the Board of Examiners for the award of a Master's Degree by Course Work with Distinction.*

Note 13: *The valid date for awarding any qualification will be the 1ˢᵗ day of the next month from the month where the requirements were fulfilled to award such qualification.*

Note 14: *After awarding any qualification it cannot be changed and/or reverted back under any circumstances.*

12. Master of Philosophy Degree

a. **Notation for course codes for pre-requisites**

University Level 5
SLQL 7
UNIV 51912
UNIV 54921
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UNIV 52963
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UNIV 53995

b. **Notation for course codes for research**

University Level 7
SLQL 11
UNIV 73011
UNIV 7302A
.
UNIV 73515
.
UNIV 7399α
Minimum Credits 60

c. **Minimum admission requirement**
   i.   a Bachelor's Honours degree of SLQL 6 with a minimum of 30 credits in the relevant field, or
   ii.   a Bachelor's Honours degree of SLQL 6 with a minimum of 30 credits in a related field and successful completion of a qualifying examination, or
   iii. a Bachelor's degree of SLQL 5 and a qualification of SLQL 9 or above in the relevant field, or
   iv.   a Bachelor's degree of SLQL 5 with a minimum GPA of 3.00 in the scale of 0-4 and a successful completion of a qualifying examination which will be conducted after completion of 30 credits equivalent to SLQL 6 in the same or related field, or
   v.   completion of NVQ level 7 with a minimum GPA of 3.00 in a scale of 0-4 and successful completion of a qualifying examination equivalent to SLQL 6 or 7, as determined by the Senate, may also be considered for admission to SLQF level 11 in that field of specialization.

d. **Progression**
   Completion of an MPhil degree meets the entry requirement to a doctoral degree in the same field of specialization.

e. **Qualification awarded with abbreviation(s) (*maximum one qualifier*)**
   Examples: Master of Philosophy; [Mphil]
                  Master of Philosophy in Abcd; [MPhil (Abcd)]

f. **Minimum eligibility criteria for the award of a qualification**
   Eligibility for award of a Master of Philosophy Degree is governed by the Faculty of Graduate Studies By-Laws approved by the Senate and the Council of the University of Kelaniya.

Note 1: A qualification shall not be awarded for early exit from an MPhil degree.

13. Doctoral Degree

a. **Notation for course codes for pre-requisites**

University Level 5
SLQL 7
UNIV 51912
UNIV 54921
.
UNIV 52963
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UNIV 53995

b. **Notation for course codes for research**

University Level 8
SLQL 12
UNIV 83011
UNIV 8302A
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UNIV 83515
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UNIV 8399β
Minimum Credits 90

c. **Minimum admission requirement**
   - i. Master of Philosophy degree, or
   - ii. Master's degree with course work and a research component of SLQL 10, or
   - iii. a Bachelor's Honours degree of SLQL 6 with a minimum GPA of 3.00 at a scale of 0-4, who has registered to follow MPhil degree may be upgraded to PhD level after a minimum period of one year provided that his/her research competencies are of exceptional merit, or
   - iv. a Bachelor's degree of SLQL 5 and a qualification of SLQL 9 or above in the relevant field, and registered to follow an MPhil degree may be upgraded to PhD level after a minimum period of one year, provided that his/her research competencies are of exceptional merit.
   - v. a Bachelors degree of SLQL 5 with a minimum GPA of 3.00 in the scale of 0-4, who has successfully completed a qualifying examination conducted after completion of 30 credits equivalent to SLQL 6 in the same or related field and registered to follow an MPhil degree, may be upgraded to PhD level after a minimum period of one year provided that his/her research competencies are of exceptional merit.

d. **Progression**
   Doctoral degree is the highest qualification awarded within the SLQF.

e. **Qualification awarded with abbreviation(s)** (*maximum one qualifier*)
   Examples: Doctor of Philosophy; [PhD]
   Doctor of Philosophy; [Dphil]
   Doctor of Letters; [Dlitt]
   Doctor of Science; [Dsc]
   Doctor of Philosophy in Abcd; [PhD (Abcd)]

f. **Minimum eligibility criteria for the award of a qualification**
   Eligibility for award of a Doctor of Philosophy Degree is governed by the Faculty of Graduate Studies By-Laws approved by the Senate and the Council of the University of Kelaniya.

Note 1: A student who is registered for a doctoral degree may request the award of an MPhil Degree of SLQL 11 foregoing the doctoral degree, upon satisfying the requirements for the award of the MPhil Degree.

Note 2: Early exit from a doctoral degree with research not reaching the standards required for a doctoral degree may be considered for the award of MPhil degree.

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