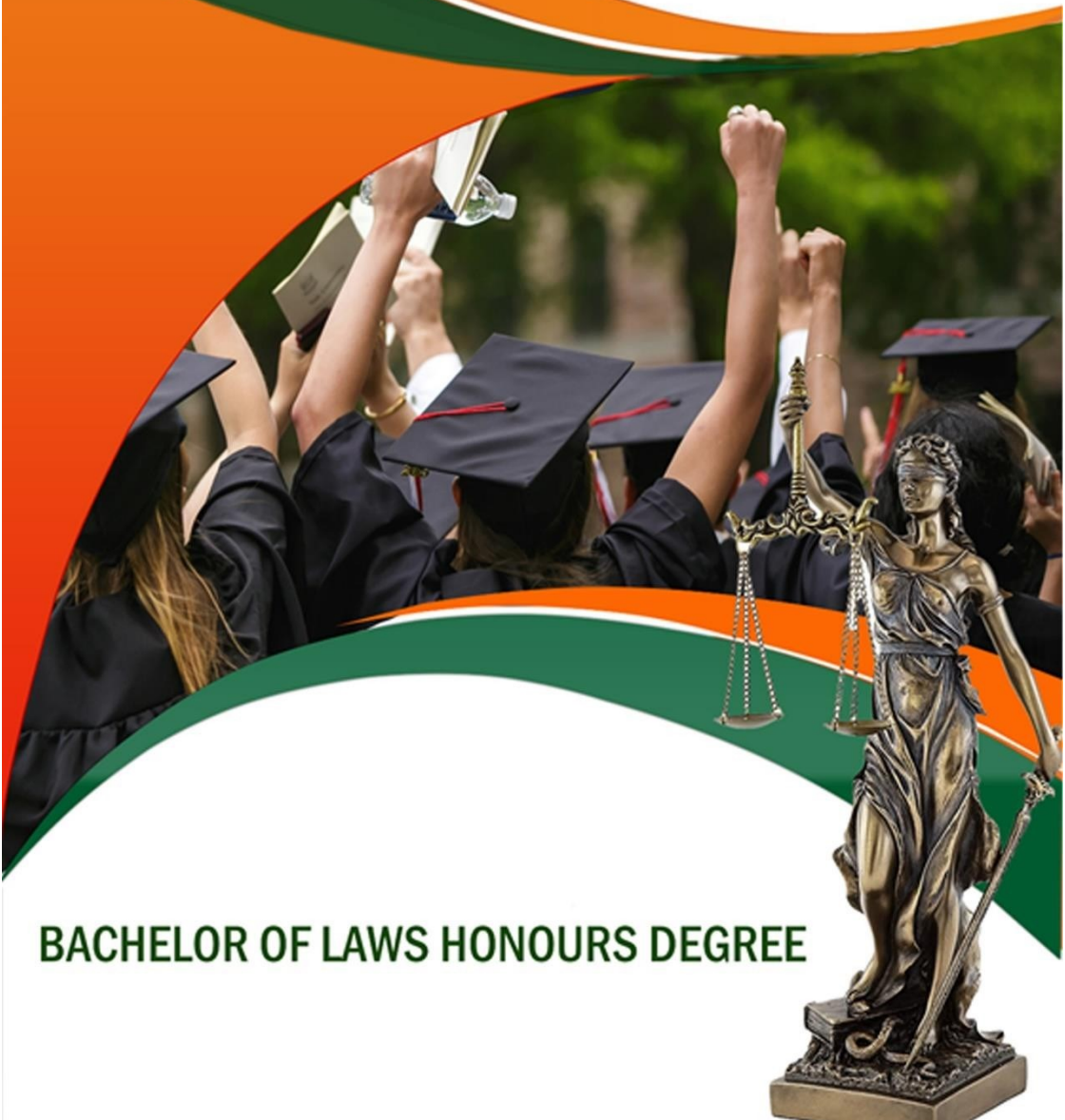
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GENERAL INFORMATION

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA

The Open University of Sri Lanka (OUSL) is an academically autonomous national university in Sri Lanka. It provides higher education through distance learning. Any person over the age of 18 years may pursue programmes of study at OUSL. It offers an opportunity for those who have missed opportunities to follow a programme of study to do so at a later stage in their life.

The OUSL was established under the Universities Act No. 16 of 1978, the Open University of Sri Lanka Ordinance No. 01 of 1990 and its subsequent amendments. It has the same legal and academic status as any other national university in Sri Lanka. Like other state universities in Sri Lanka, the OUSL too has its own Council, which is its executive and governing authority, as well as a Senate which acts as the apex academic decision-making body. The Vice Chancellor is the Chief Executive Officer of the university. The university has its own full-time staff, both academic and non-academic, a Central Campus and a network of Regional and Study Centres. At present, OUSL has nine Regional Centres in Colombo, Kandy, Matara, Anuradhapura, Jaffna, Batticaloa, Badulla, Kurunegala

and Ratnapura, as well as several Study Centres in various districts.

The University has seven Faculties, namely, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Faculty of Education, Faculty of Engineering Technology, Faculty of Natural Sciences, Faculty of Health Sciences, Faculty of Management Studies and Faculty of Graduate Studies**.** These Faculties offer different study programmes ranging from certificates to postgraduate degrees and higher degrees. The Dean is the Chief Academic and Administrative Officer of the Faculty. Under each Faculty, there are academic Departments dealing with specific disciplines of study. Each Department has a Head who is responsible for the administrative and academic activities of the Department.

The Department of Legal Studies attached to the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences conducts programmes of study leading to LLB and LLM Degrees.

For more details, visit the OUSL web page https://www.ou.ac.lk/

COURSES AND THE PROGRAMMES OF STUDY

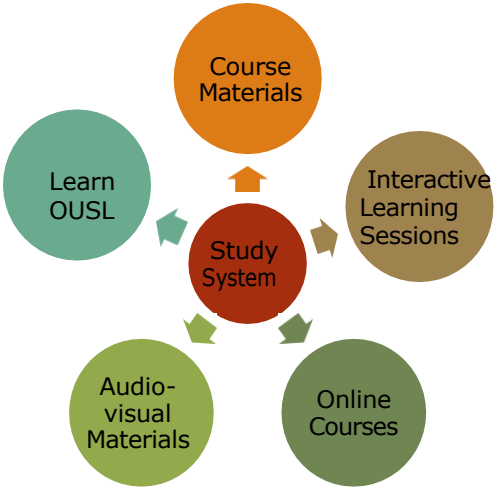
Since the Open University is different from other conventional universities, you will be required to familiarize yourself with the specific vocabulary used by the University in its day-to-day activities. For example, a COURSE is the basic unit of study, normally completed over a period of an academic year. A PROGRAMME OF STUDY may consist of many courses.

The successful completion of courses offered by a particular academic Department leads to the award of Certificate, Diploma, First Degree or Postgraduate degrees. These qualifications can be obtained by pursuing Foundation, Certificate, Diploma, Bachelor's and Postgraduate study programmes.

THE STUDY SYSTEM

The OUSL adopts an Open and Distance Learning (ODL) method as the mode of teaching and learning. It offers open and flexible access to learning opportunities to anyone, anywhere, and at any time. ODL methods use a wide variety of technologies to bridge the divide that is created by the physical separation of learners from the teachers and the educational institution.

The following study methods are used in the ODL system to deliver its courses.



ASSIGNMENTS AND EXAMINATIONS

Students' performance is evaluated throughout the course of studies. Students are required to sit several tests and submit a number of assignments throughout the academic year. These are evaluated, graded, and returned to them together with the marks and examiners' written comments. This evaluation system is called Continuous Assessment. Students should read all instructions relating to Continuous Assessment Tests (CATs) and should understand their academic importance.

The Department may decide on the nature, structure, weightage and number of tests/assignments per course, and it may vary from course to course and year to year. For example, it could take the form of Closed Book Tests (CBTs) / No Book Tests (NBTs), Open Book Tests (OBTs), Tutor Marked Assignments (TMAs), Oral Presentations, Project Reports, etc.

Students should sit the required number of Continuous Assessment Tests (CATs) and a Final Examination for each course. The Overall Mark of a course is determined by a combination of Overall Continuous Assessment Marks (OCAM) obtained through tests/assignments and final examinations. CATs are an important component of the examination system in the Open University, and obtaining marks at CATs is essential for successful completion of a course.

LIBRARY FACILITIES

The Main Library is located within the Central Campus premises and there are also libraries in the Regional Centres. They provide lending and reference facilities for students. The

staff in those libraries will help you to obtain necessary information on reading and reference materials you may need for your studies.

FEES AND OTHER EXPENSES

The Open University is a fee-levying distance learning institution. The Finance Division will issue a payment voucher to all selected applicants to make those payments of fees in two installments. Students should pay the first installment before enrolment.

BACHELOR OF LAWS HONOURS DEGREE PROGRAMME

AIMS OF THE PROGRAMME

The Department of Legal Studies has been offering an LLB Degree since 1984. It is the only university in Sri Lanka that offers an LLB Degree in the Open and Distance Learning mode (ODL).

The objectives of the Bachelor of Laws Honours (LLB Hons.) Degree Programme are as follows:

- To teach the core courses in law whilst introducing changes and modifications to combine the necessary professional orientation.
- To stimulate interest in the historical development of the law in Sri Lanka and internationally and its effectiveness in the social context in which it operates.

- To guide students to communicate complex legal arguments both orally and in writing in a clear, concise, and effective way.
- To develop skills needed for legal research of students who have gained prior knowledge in other disciplines.
- To convey and understand the law in action, the role of law in society, and theoretical aspects of the law.
- To develop intellectual skills of reasoning and investigation, analysis and critical thought.
- To cultivate the ability to handle complex facts analytically and synthetically and to locate the law and apply them to practical situations.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants who wish to apply to the programme are required to:

i. Have three (03) passes for any three subjects at one and the same sitting at the General Certificate of Education (Advanced Level) Examination in Sri Lanka in any stream; or

ii. Have four (04) passes at the General Certificate of Education (Advanced Level) Examination (under the old syllabus, which has four (04) subjects), of which at least three (03) passes should have been obtained at one and the same sitting in any stream; or,

iii. Have thirty (30) course credits at SLQF level 2 or above from any Programme offered by the Open University of Sri Lanka; or

iv. Have an equivalent or higher qualification acceptable to the Senate.

(Please note that the recognition of equivalent or higher qualification is exclusively vested with the Senate of the Open University of Sri Lanka. If the Senate finds that the candidate's qualification is not equivalent or acceptable, the Senate reserves the authority to reject the enrolment to the LLB(Hons) Degree Programme irrespective of that the candidate has passed the Selection Test)

v. **Attorneys-at-Law of the Supreme Court of Sri Lanka** may seek direct entry into Level 4 of the programme, and they will be exempted from the selection test and Level 3 of the programme. However, they are supposed to apply following the normal application process.

Regarding admission related rules of the Sri Lanka Law College please refer to the Extra Ordinary Gazette dated 15-05-2023 (Gazzete no. 2332 / 02).

Link:
https://documents.gov.lk/api/content-file-proxy?file=/extra-gazette-content/2332-02_E_1784564895.pdf

THE SELECTION TEST

- The Selection Test for the selection of students has been scheduled to be held on 07th February 2027.
- Candidates must sit the Selection Test at the specific Regional Centre appearing in the admission form.
- The structure and the allocation of marks of the selection test would be as follows:

Paper	Title of the paper	Marks allocated	Time Duration	Threshold mark
Paper I	General Intelligence	100	01 hour	20
Paper II	General Knowledge	100	01 hour	10
Paper III	Comprehension Test in Sinhala/Tamil Language	100	01 hour	20
Paper IV	English Language	100	01 hour	20

Candidates should obtain **threshold marks (minimum marks)** for papers to be considered for admission.

ALLOCATED PLACEMENTS/SEATS AT REGIONAL CENTRES

- Please note that the academic activities of the Bachelor of Laws Honours Degree Programme will be conducted in Colombo, Kandy, Matara, Jaffna, Batticaloa, Anuradhapura, Badulla, Kurunegala and Ratnapura Regional Centres only.

- After the selection test, a certain number of students who have scored the highest marks out of 400 will be admitted to the programme. The number of placements /seats available in each Regional Centre are given below:

Centre	Allocated Seats
Colombo	200
Kandy	120
Matara	75
Anuradhapura	75
Jaffna	75
Batticaloa	75
Badulla	40
Kurunegala	45
Ratnapura	45

- Please note that the number of placements/seats available at each Regional Centre will be filled strictly in descending order of marks obtained by candidates at the selection test. Under no circumstances would a candidate be considered for filling the placement of another Regional Centre other than what is allocated for the candidate.

MEDIUM OF THE SELECTION TEST AND STUDY

- The medium of study selected by the candidates to sit for the Selection Test shall be the medium of study to continue with studies in the programme.

- Students can sit for the selection test in any medium of their preference at the regional centre which is relevant to their permanent residency.

- However, according to the University policy, Interactive Learning Sessions (face-to-face teaching sessions/lectures) are conducted in each centre in a particular medium, only if a sufficient number of students have registered in the centre to follow the course in that medium.

- In a case where Interactive Learning Sessions (ILS) are not conducted in a centre in the preferred medium of the student, he/she can attend day schools at a Regional Centre that conducts ILS in the preferred medium.

Note: Attending Interactive Learning Sessions in another centre does not change the registered centre of the student. All the other academic activities, including sitting for examinations, should be done at the registered Regional Centre.

HOW TO IDENTIFY YOUR REGIONAL CENTRE

I. The Open University has its nine regional centres. Once you select your residential district in the online application form, the respective regional centre to which you belong will automatically appear to you.

II. Those who passed the Selection Test should register for the LLB (Honours) Degree progrmme. At the time of registration, the selected candidates must submit the Grama Niladari Certificate (DS 4 Certificate) to prove the permanent residency status.

III. The submission of Grama Niladari Certificate (DS 4 Certificate) is a compulsory requirement for enrolment without which no selected candidates shall be enrolled in the programme.

BACHELOR OF LAWS HONOURS DEGREE PROGRAMME

THE MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION

The medium of instruction of the LLB Honours Degree Programme will be **Sinhala, Tamil and English.** However, instruction in English will be incrementally increased level-wise.

DURATION OF THE PROGRAMME

The programme will be for four years duration. Students have the flexibility to choose less number of courses per year according to the time they have for their studies. In such event, those students may take longer than 4 years to complete the programme. **However,** a **student is required to complete the LLB Degree Program within a maximum of twelve (12) academic years from the date of her/his first registration.**

DETAILS OF THE CURRICULUM OF THE LLB HONOURS DEGREE PROGRAMME

The Degree of Bachelor of Laws Honours has a minimum of Hundred and twenty-three (123) course credits as specified below. Art of Advocacy is a non-GPA and continuing education (CE) course, and thus, it does not count for the GPA calculation. Therefore, the total credits for the GPA calculation in all levels is 120.

Level	**Credits**	**Courses**			
		Course Code	**Course Title**	**Course Credits**	**Compulsory (C) /Elective(E) /Continuing Education (CE)**
Level 3	Compulsory 30 course credits	LLU3601	Legal System and Legal History of Sri Lanka	6	C
		LLU3602	Legal Method and Legal Writing	6	C
		LLU3303	Roman Law	3	C
		LLU3604	Constitutional Law I	6	C

		LLU3505	Equity and Trusts Law	5	C
		LLU3406	Interpretation of Statutes and Documents	4	C
Level 4	Compulsory 30 course credits and Non-GPA (*) course 3 credits	LLU4607	Laws of Contract	6	C
		LLU4608	Criminal Law	6	C
		LLU4609	Family Law	6	C
		LLU4610	Constitutional Law II	6	C
		LLU4611	Land Law	6	C
		LLU4312	Art of Advocacy*	3	CE
Level 5	Compulsory 27 Course credits and optional 12 course credits (Students must select one optional course ; 3 credits)	LLU5613	Public International Law	6	C
		LLU5514	Environmental Law	5	C
		LLU5615	Research Methodology	6	C
		LLU5516	Administrative Law	5	C
		LLU5517	Human Rights Law	5	C
		LLU5318	International Humanitarian Law	3	

		LLU5319	International Law of the Sea	3	Elective courses: (Students must select **one course)**
		LLU5320	Refugee Law	3	
		LLU5321	Health Law	3	
Level 6	Compulsory 27 Course credits Optional 12 course credits (Students must select one optional course ; 3 credits)	LLU6622	Jurisprudence	6	C
		LLU6523	Law of Delict	5	C
		LLU6524	Commercial Law	5	C
		LLU6525	Labour Law	5	C
		LLU6626	Dissertation	6	C
		LLU6327	Information Communication Technology Law	3	Elective courses: (Students must select **one course)**
		LLU6328	Intellectual Property Law	3	
		LLU6329	International Investment Law	3	
		LLU6330	International Trade Law	3	

REQUIREMENT OF FOLLOWING THE ENGLISH PROGRAMME FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF LAWS HONOURS PROGRAMME

The Department of Language Studies of the Faculty of HSS conducts a special programme in English for law students. This programme has been designed to develop academic and professional skills in English that are necessary for law students. All selected students of the LLB Degree Programme will be graded according to their performance of the English Language paper of the LLB Selection Test. Those who perform better at this test or who have achieved the required level of proficiency in English at IELTS and TOEFEL are exempted from the English Programme (However, those qualifications should have been obtained not more than 3 years prior to the date of request for exemption from the English Programme), while others are required to register for the English Programme as a continuing education course. Those who do not complete the English Language Programme will not be awarded the degree even if they have completed all courses of the LLB Degree Programme.

Courses of Certificate in English for Academic Purposes (Legal Studies)

	Course code	**Course title**	**Course credits**
Continuous Education Courses in English for Academic	LTE3602	English for Academic Purposes (Legal Studies) Part I	6

Purposes (Legal Studies)	LTE3603	English for Academic Purposes (Legal Studies) Part II	6

THE ONLINE APPLICATION FORM

For the completion of the online application form, please refer to the web link www.ou.ac.lk

REGIONAL CENTERS

Regional Center	Center Code	Contact person	Contact details
Colombo	WP10	Assistant Director Ms. U.H.B.V.P. Angammana	adcol@ou.ac.lk Tel. 0112-853930 0112-853380 Fax -0112-853930 OURC, Nawala, Nugegoda
Kandy	CP20	Assistant Director Mr. Anushka Bandara	adkan@ou.ac.lk Tel. 0812-494083 Fax : 0812-494498 OURC, Polgolla, Kandy.

Matara	SP30	Assistant Director Mr.G. Dinesh	admat@ou.ac.lk Tel. 0412-222943 0412-229782 Fax : 0412-222943 OURC, Nupe, Matara.
Anuradhapura	NC50	Assistant Director Ms. L.M.S.S. Bandara	adanu@ou.ac.lk Tel. 0252-222871 Fax : 0252-225674 OURC, Jayanthi Mawatha, (Depot Area), Anuradhapura.
Batticaloa	EP60	Assistant Director Mr. Kamalanathan	robat@ou.ac.lk Tel. 0652-222264 Fax : 0652- 224222 OURC, No.23, New Road, Batticaloa.
Jaffna	NP40	Assistant Director Mr. K. Kanthavel	adjaf@ou.ac.lk Tel. 0212-223374 Fax : 0212-223374 OURC, Browns Road, No. 303, Kokuvil, Jaffna.
Badulla	UP80	Assistant Director Mrs.H.N.K. Galahitiyawa	adbad@ou.ac.lk Tel. 0553-012151 0552-228842 Fax : 0552-228842 OURC, No.18/1, Bandaranayake Mawatha Badulla.
Kurunegala	NW70	Assistant Director Mr.W.M. Senevirathne	adkur@ou.ac.lk Tel. 0372-223473 Fax : 0372-230555

			OURC, Negombo Road, Malkaduwawa, Kurunegala
Ratnapura	SG90	Assistant Director Dr.(Ms) U.W.N.P.Wanigasekara	adrat@ou.ac.lk Tel. 0452-228660 Fax : 0452-228660 OURC, Hidellana, Ratnapura.

FURTHER ASSISTANCE TO APPLY ONLINE

Those who need assistance with the online application process can call any of the Regional Centres with the following information: Full name of the applicant with address, National Identity Card number, E-mail address, Mobile Phone number, A/L results sheet. The contact details of the OUSL Regional Centres are given above.

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User Guide

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Application Process

Bachelor of Law (Honors) Degree Program

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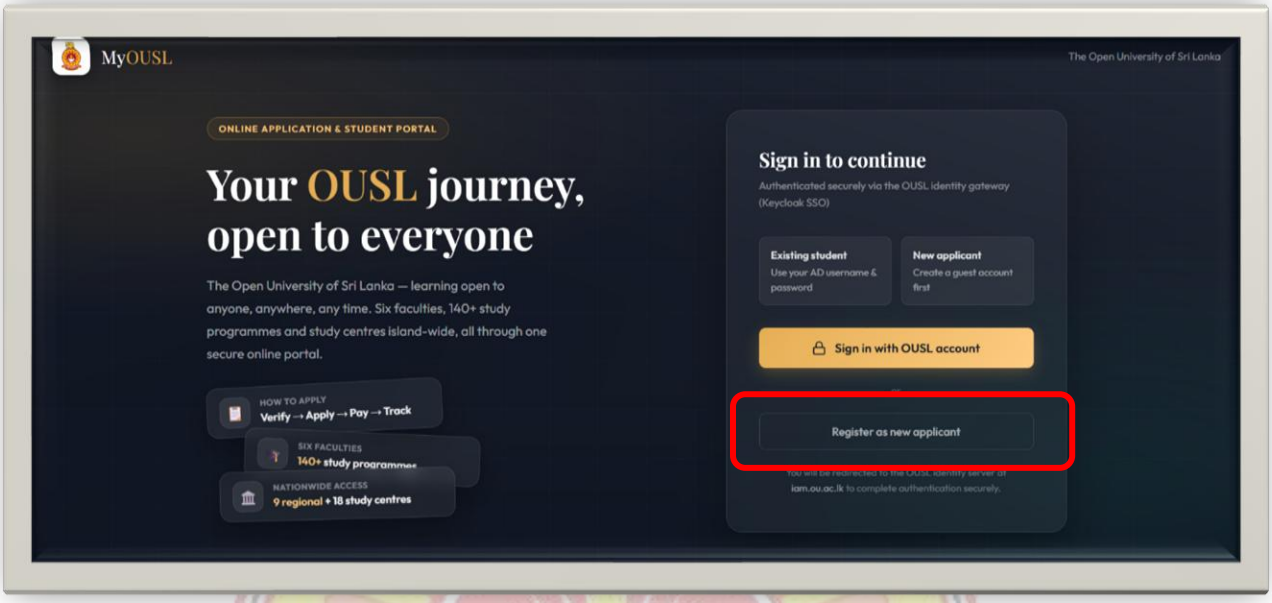
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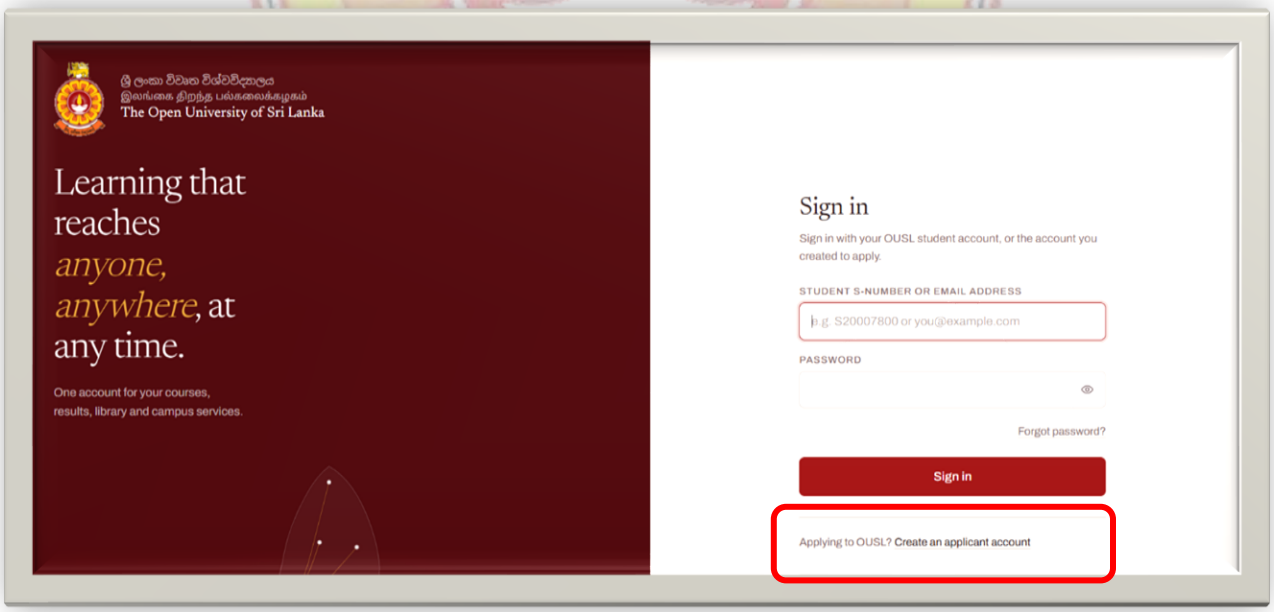
Register an Account

If you do not already have an account, you should create before applying for a program. Complete the registration form by providing the required information, then submit the form to create your account.

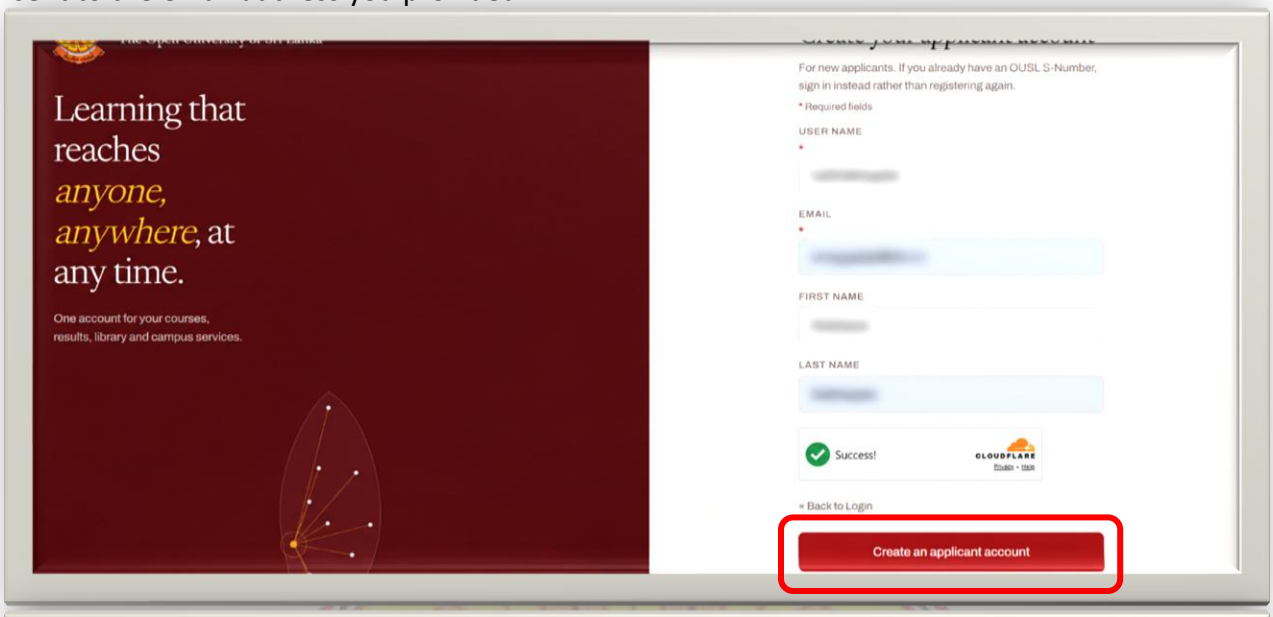


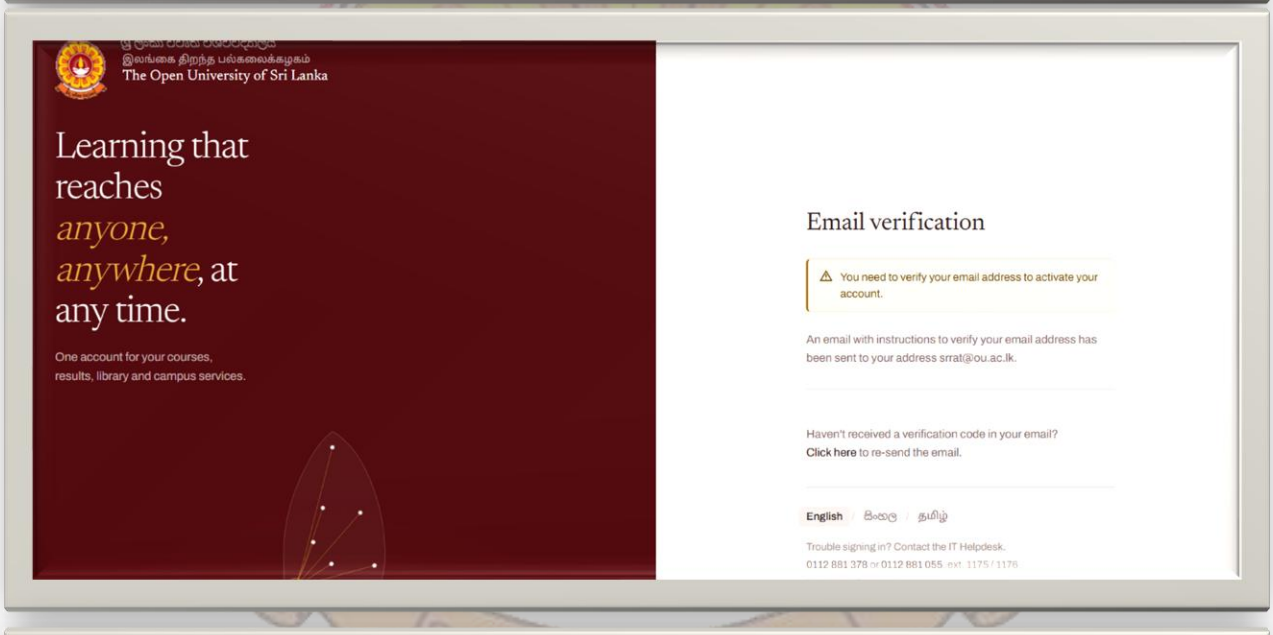
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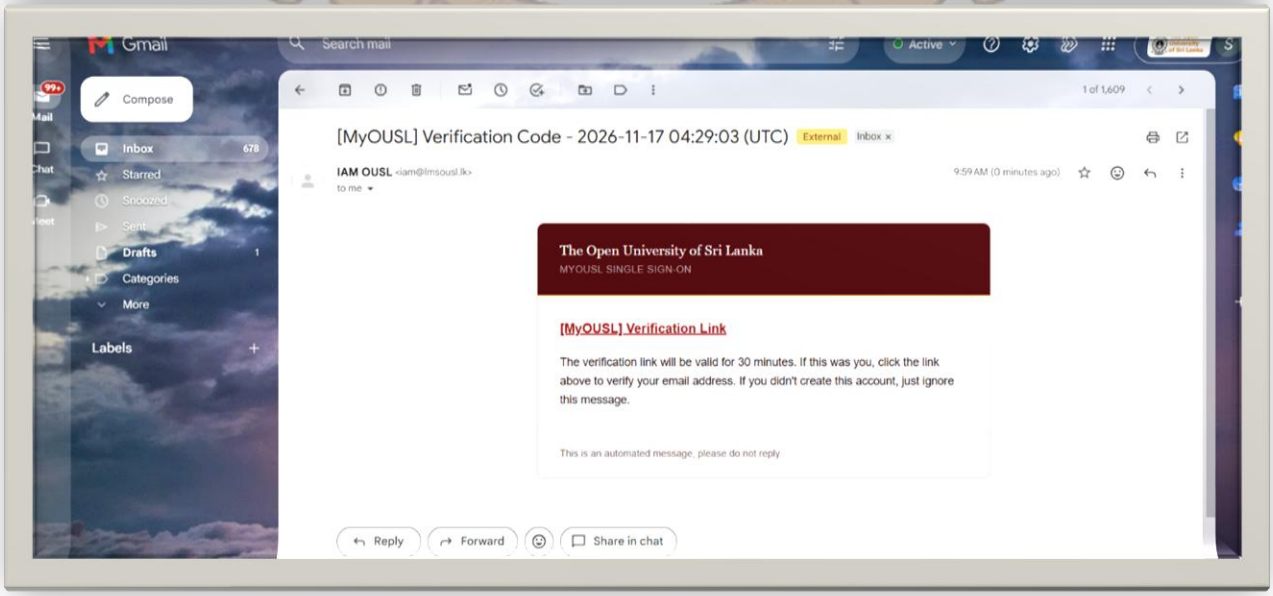
If you already have an account, enter your login credentials to Sign in to the system.



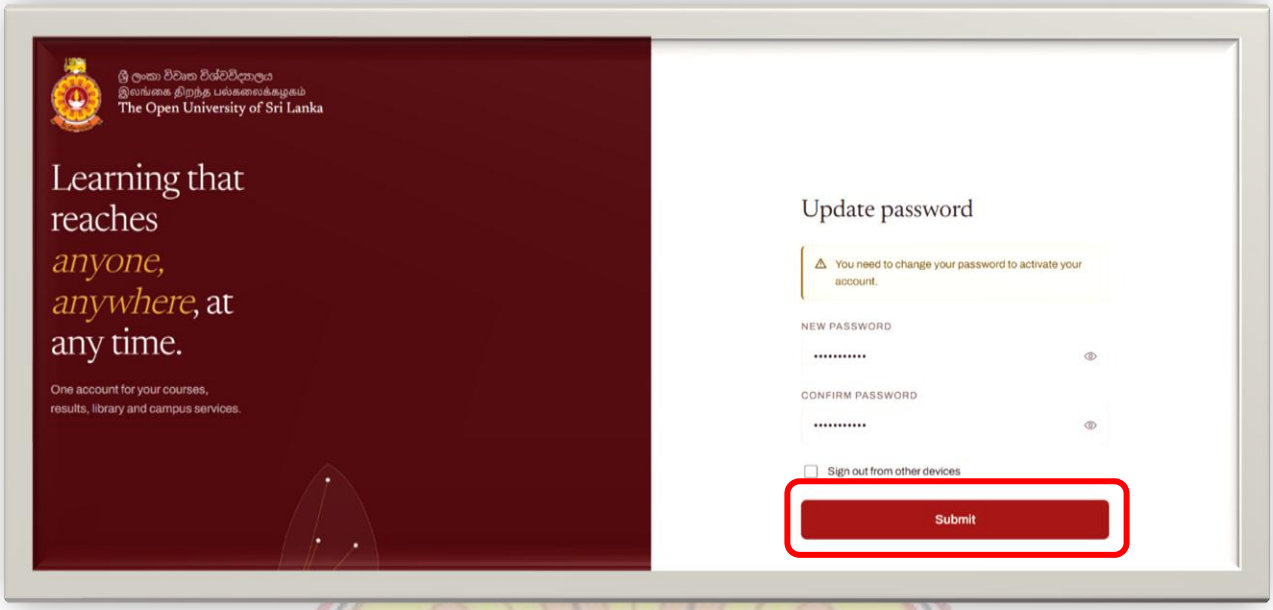
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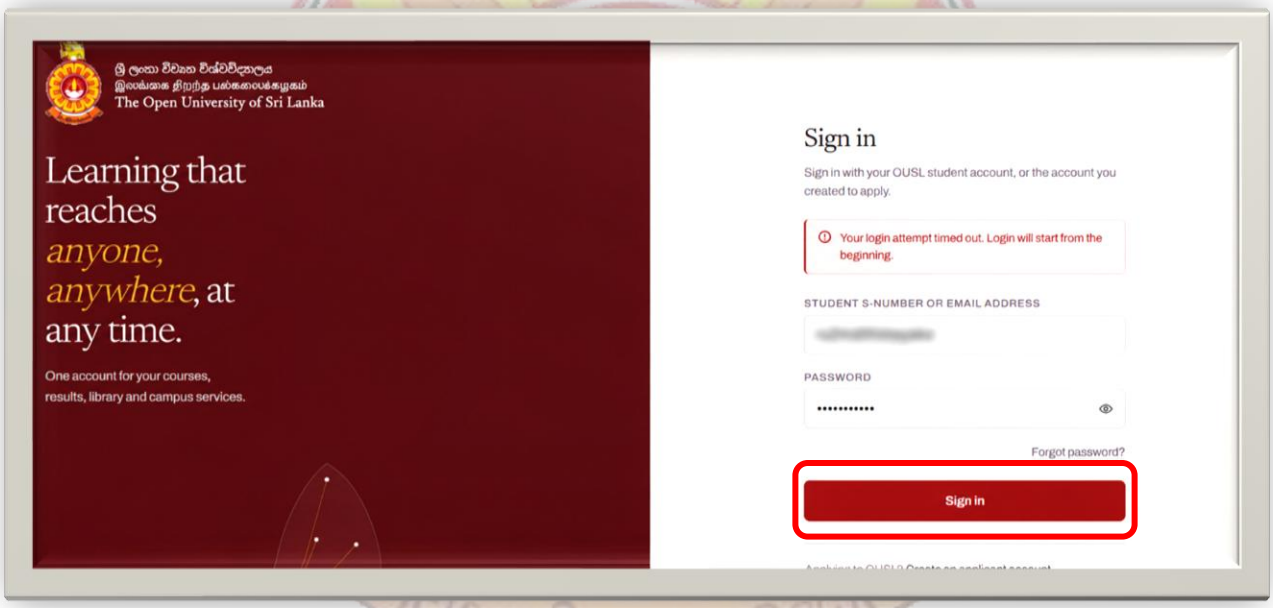




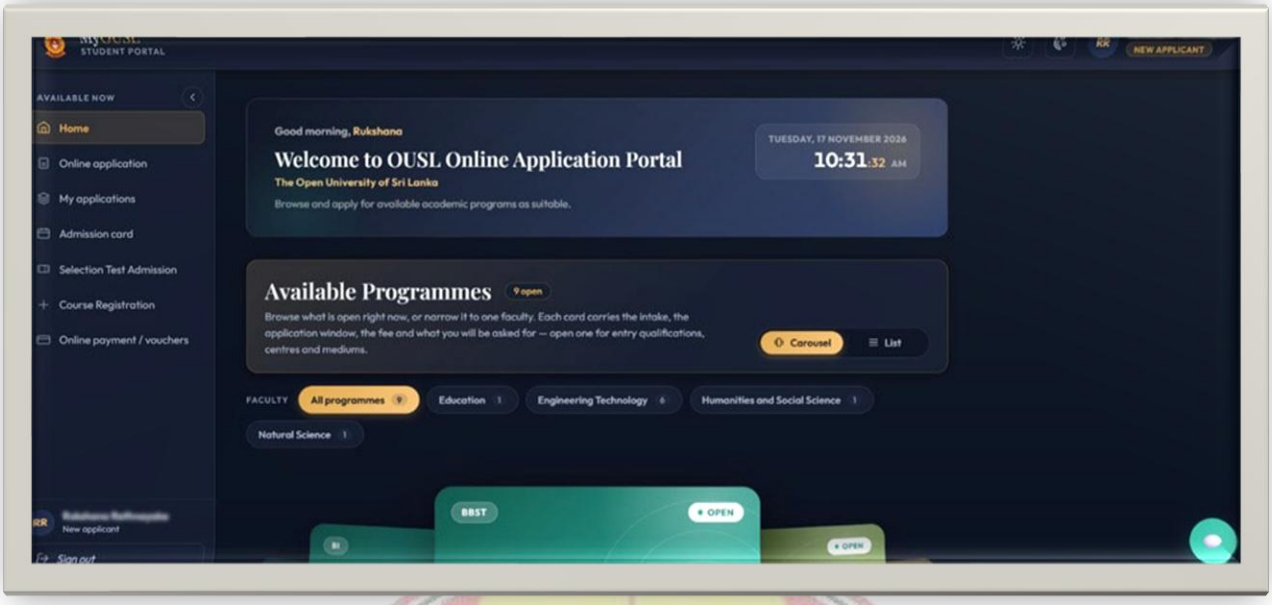


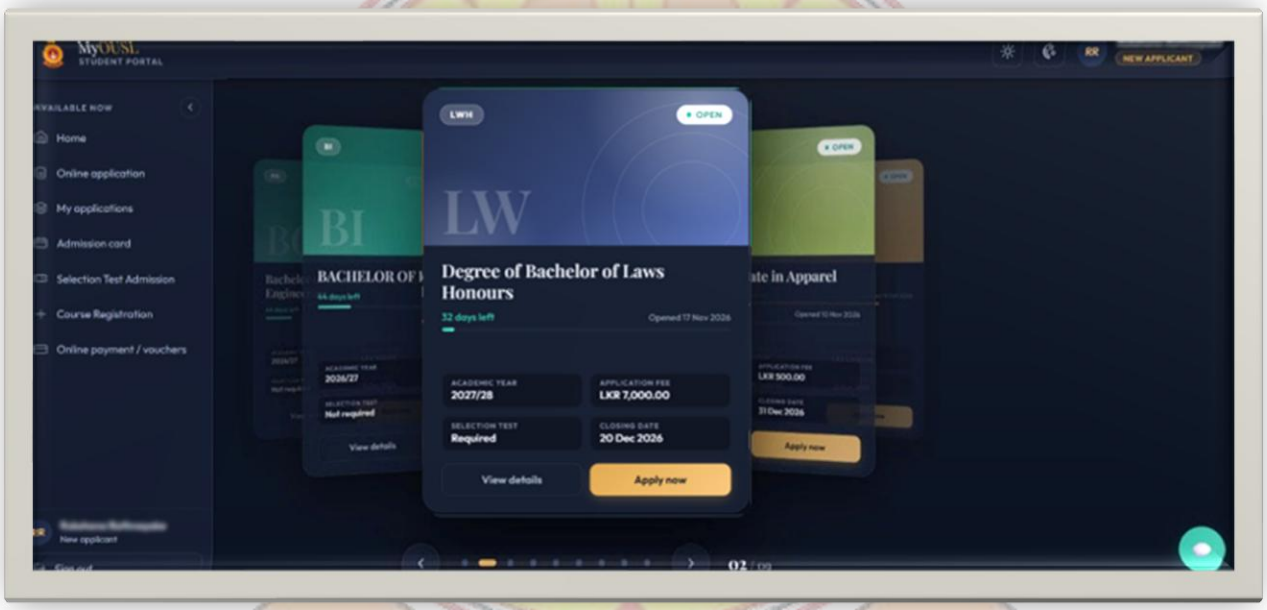
When you click the verification link received by email, you will be redirected to the system login screen, where you can create your login credentials. And click Submit button.





After signing in to the system, you will see the list of available application programs, as shown below.





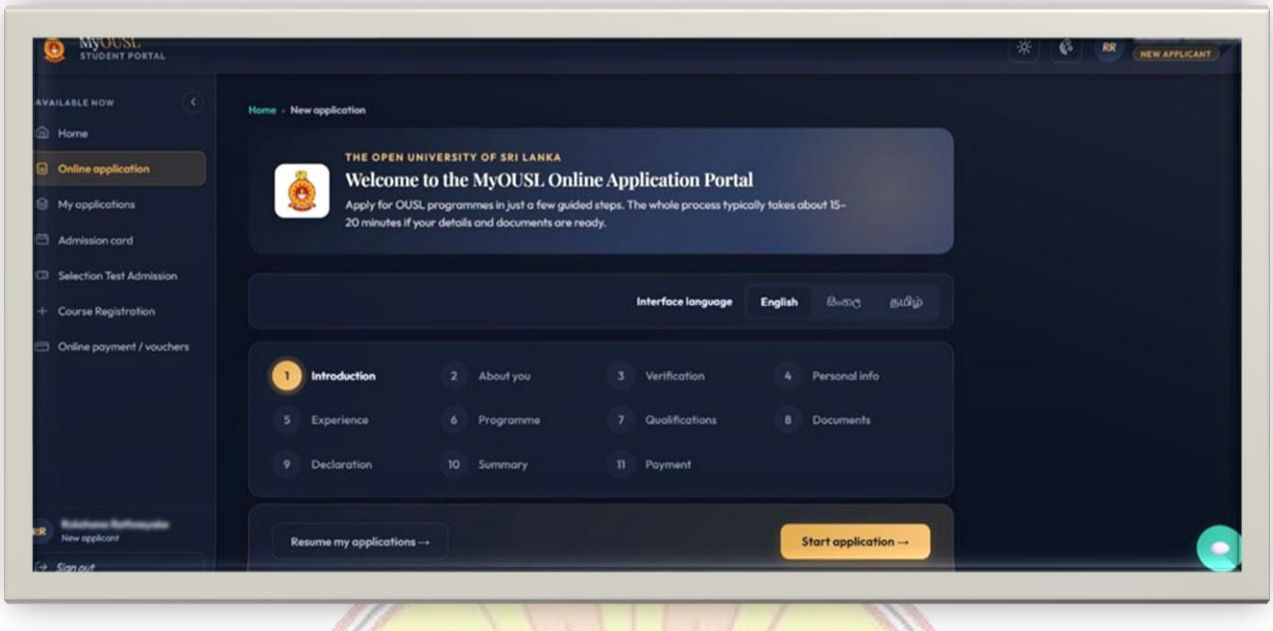
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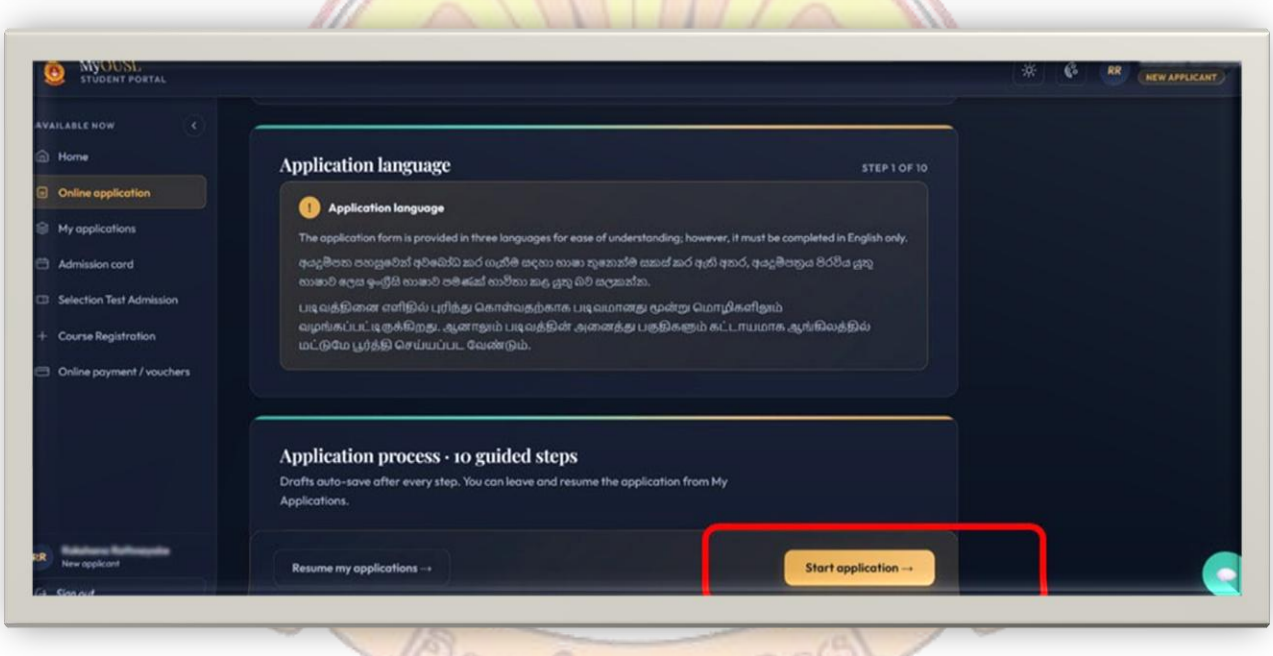
When you click the Apply button, you will be directed to a page displaying the basic instructions for completing the application process.

The application instructions and details are available in three languages: Sinhala, English, and Tamil. You can select your preferred language to view the application information.

However, all application details must be entered in English, as the system supports English for data entry only.

Click Start Application to begin the application process.



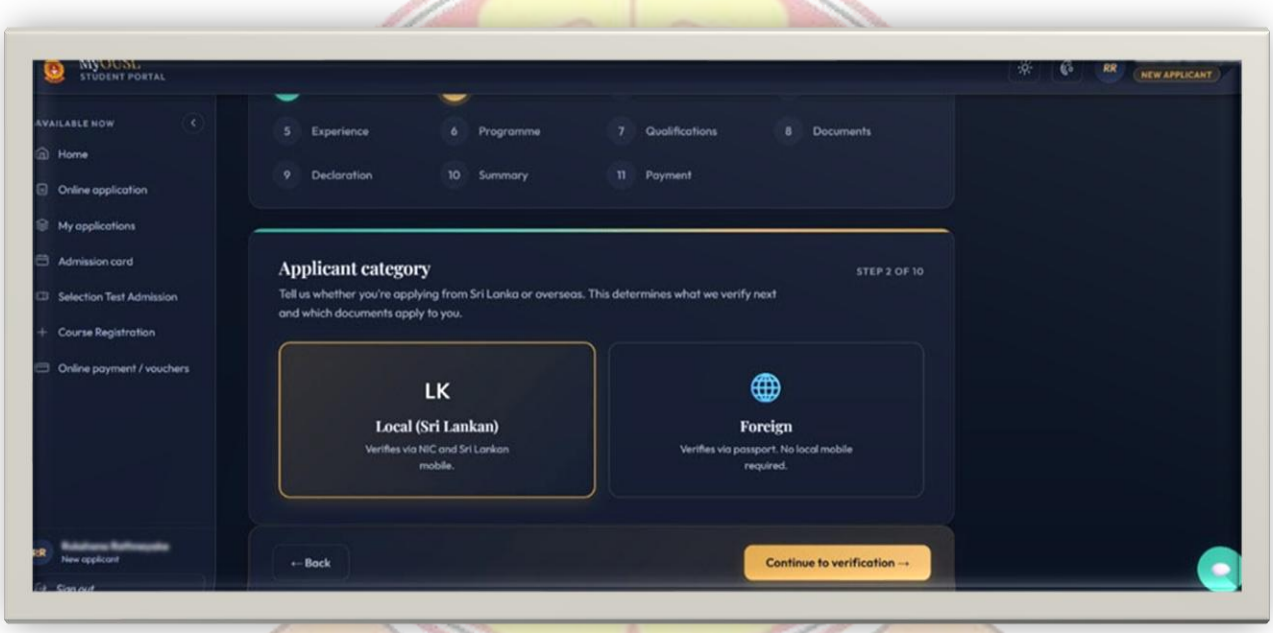


Applicant Categories Selection

There are two applicant categories available in the system:

1. Local Applicant (Sri Lanka)
    - If you are a local applicant, select Local (Sri Lanka). You must verify your identity using your National Identity Card (NIC) number and mobile number.
2. Foreign Applicant
    - If you are a foreign applicant, select Foreign. You must verify your identity using your passport details.

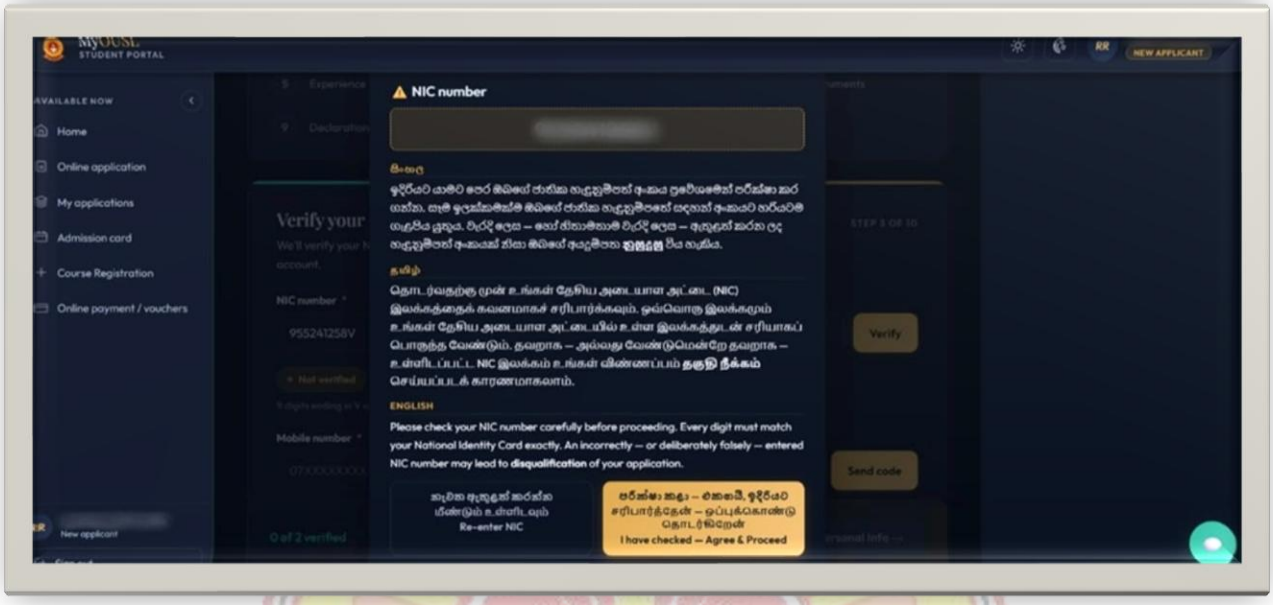
Important: The Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) program is available only to local applicants (Sri Lanka). Foreign applicants are not eligible to apply for this program.



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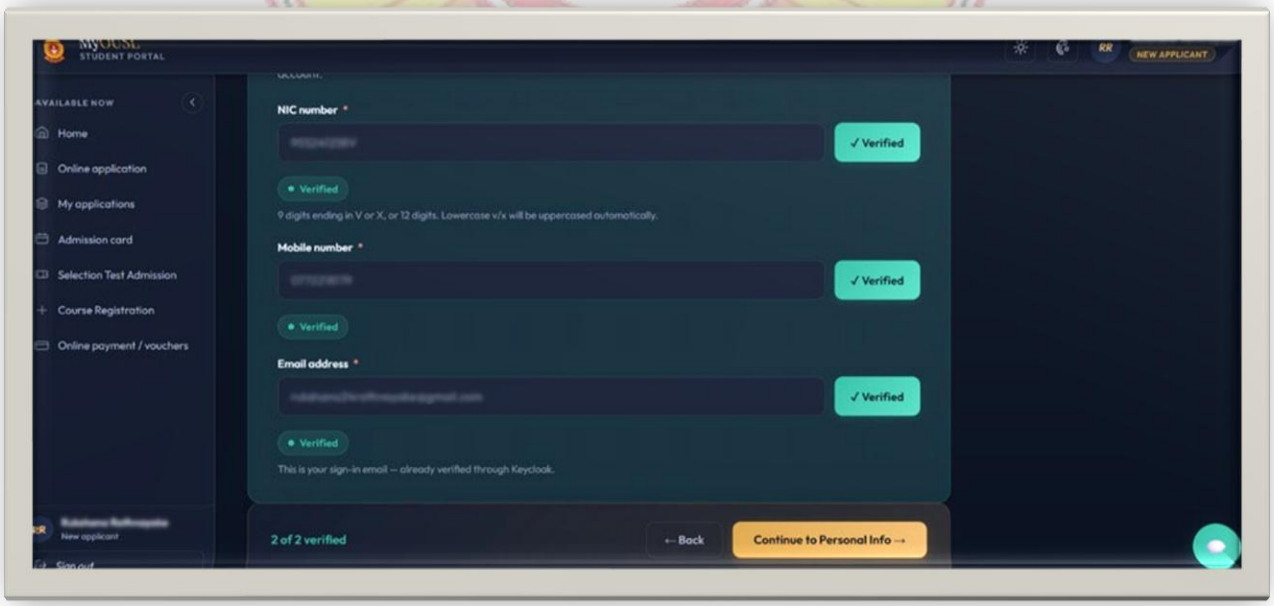
Enter your NIC number and complete the NIC verification process.

Important: If you intentionally or accidentally enter an incorrect or invalid NIC number, your application may be considered disqualified.



Next, enter your mobile number and request an OTP. Enter the OTP received on your mobile phone to verify your mobile number.

Important: Your email address has already been verified during the applicant account creation process. You do not need to verify it again.



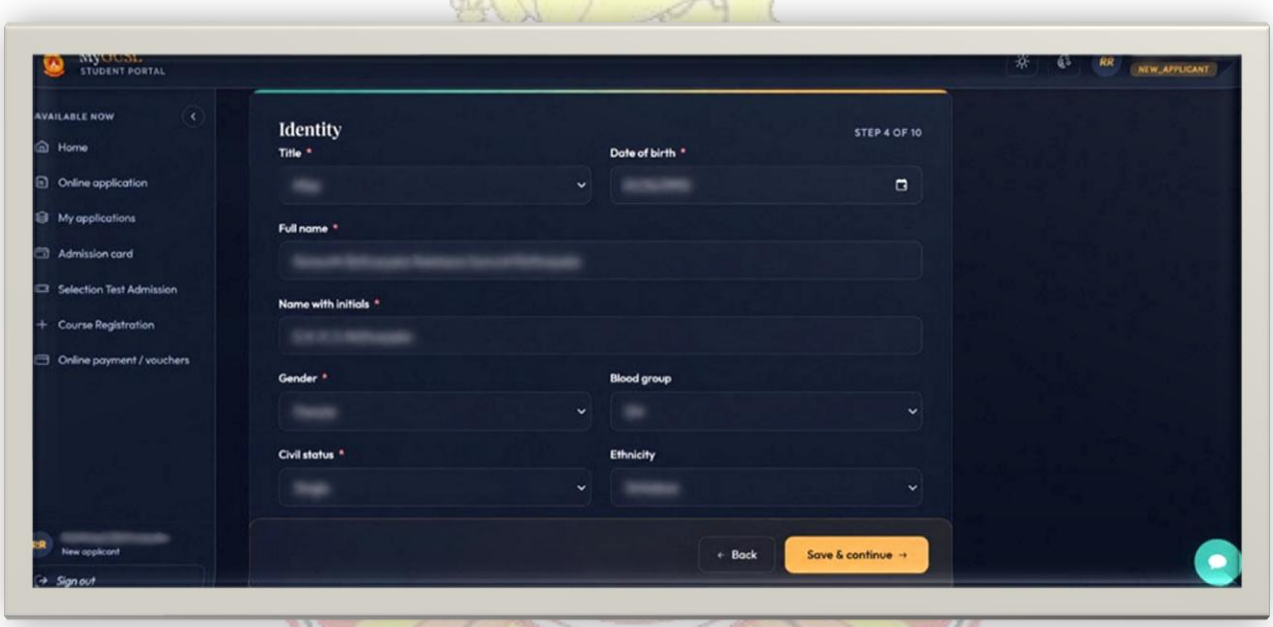
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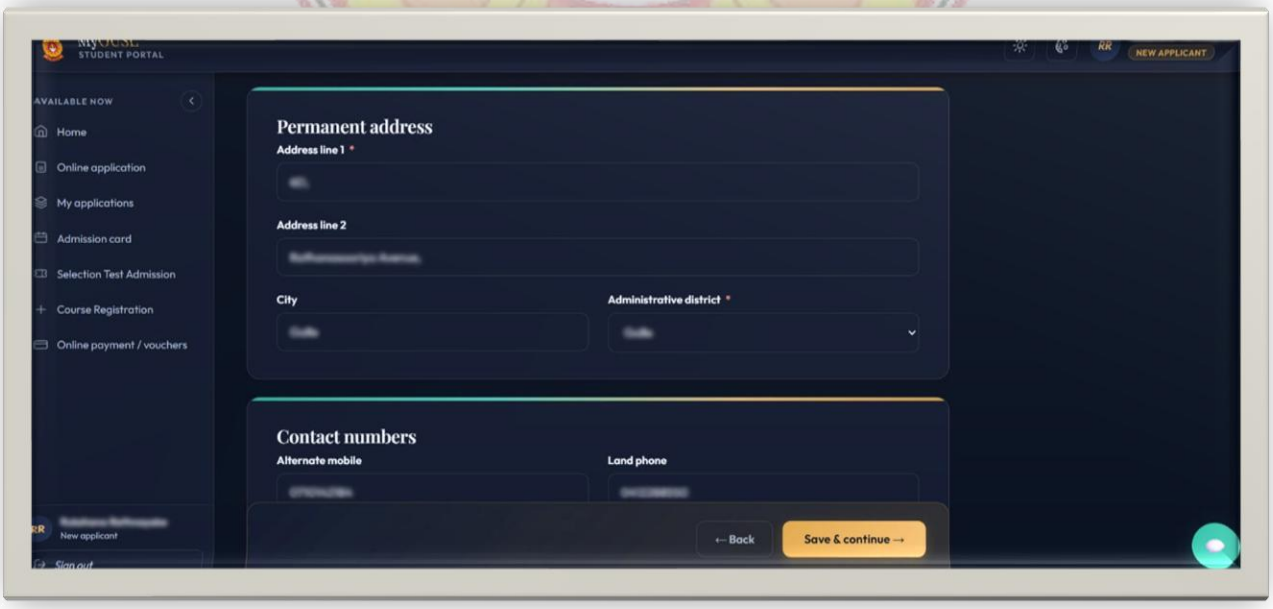
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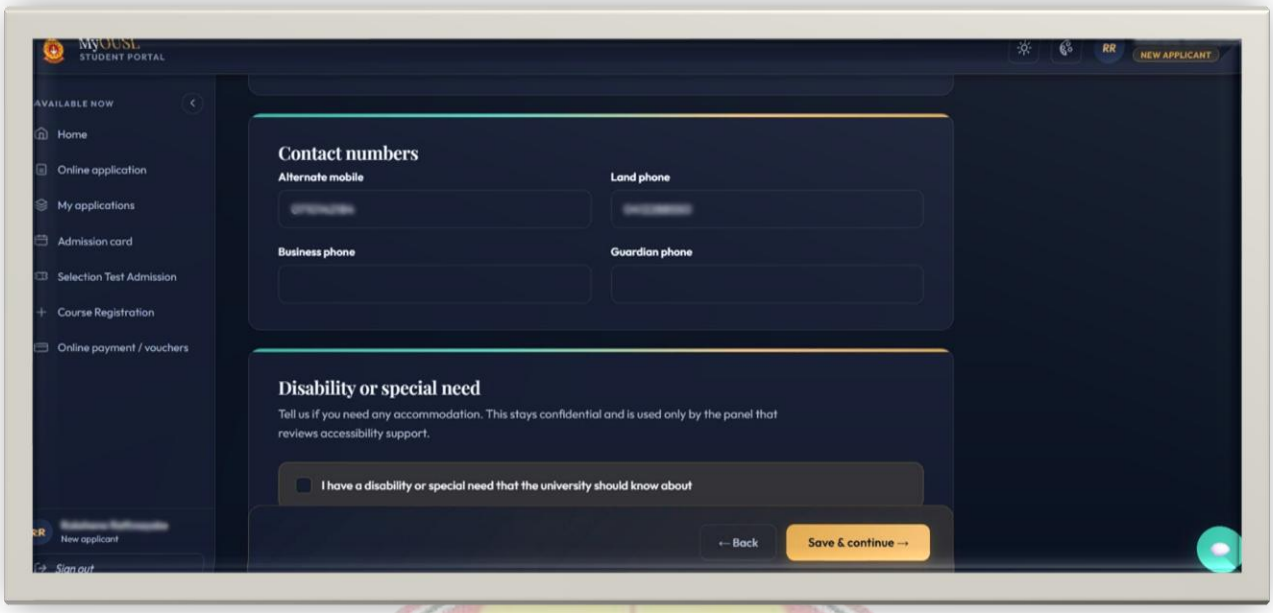
Important: Based on the administrative district you select; the relevant program center will be automatically populated by the system.

If you have any disability or special needs, provide the relevant details under the Disability or Special Needs section.

Contact number selection is not mandatory. However, the university recommends providing these details as well.

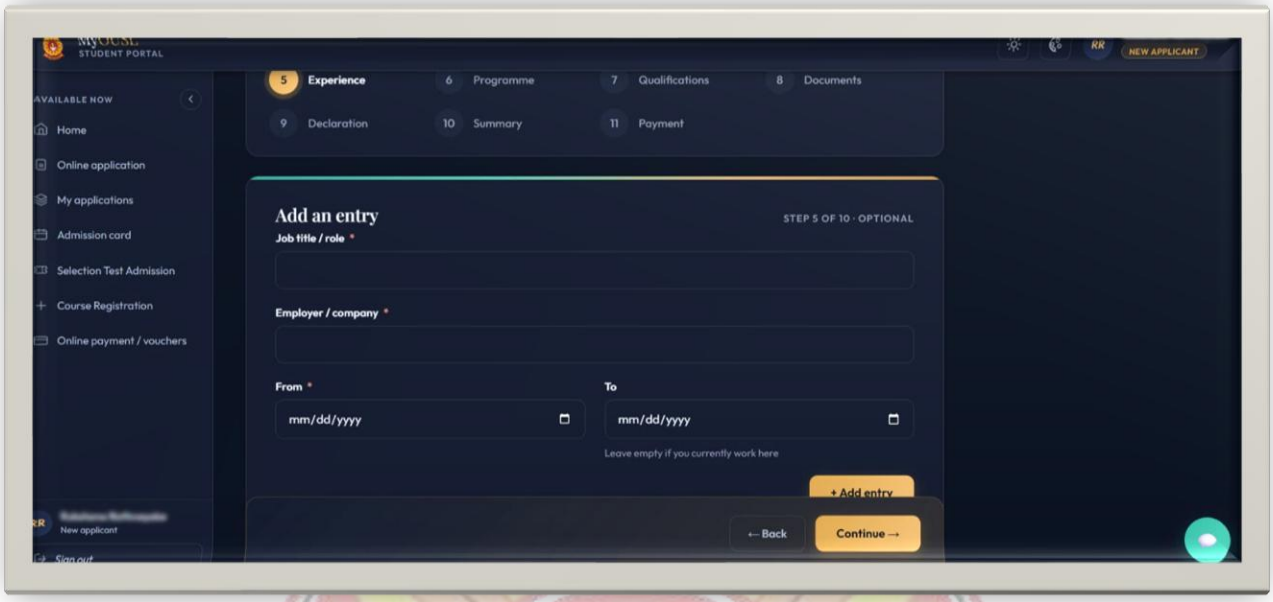





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Tell us if you need any accommodation. This stays confidential and is used only by the panel that reviews accessibility support.
I have a disability or special need that the university should know about
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Employment Details

If you wish to include your work experience, you may enter the relevant details in this section. However, providing work experience details is not mandatory for the application process.

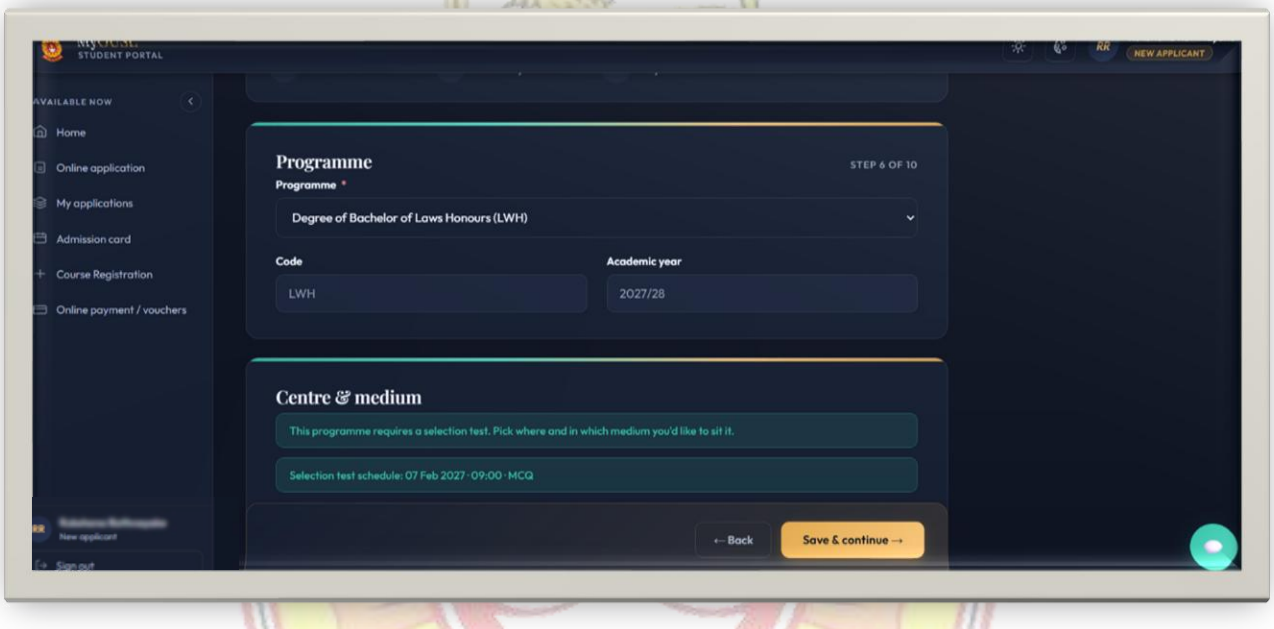


Program Details

The selected program will be displayed along with the program code and academic year in read-only mode.

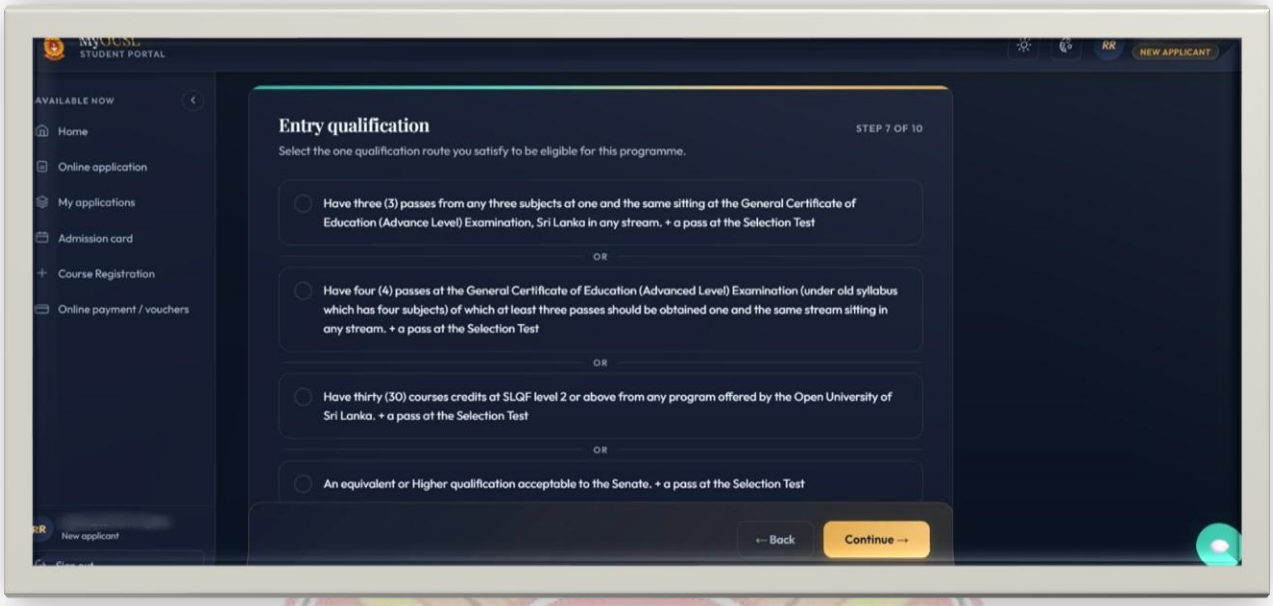
Based on your selected administrative district, the program center will be automatically populated by the system and cannot be changed.

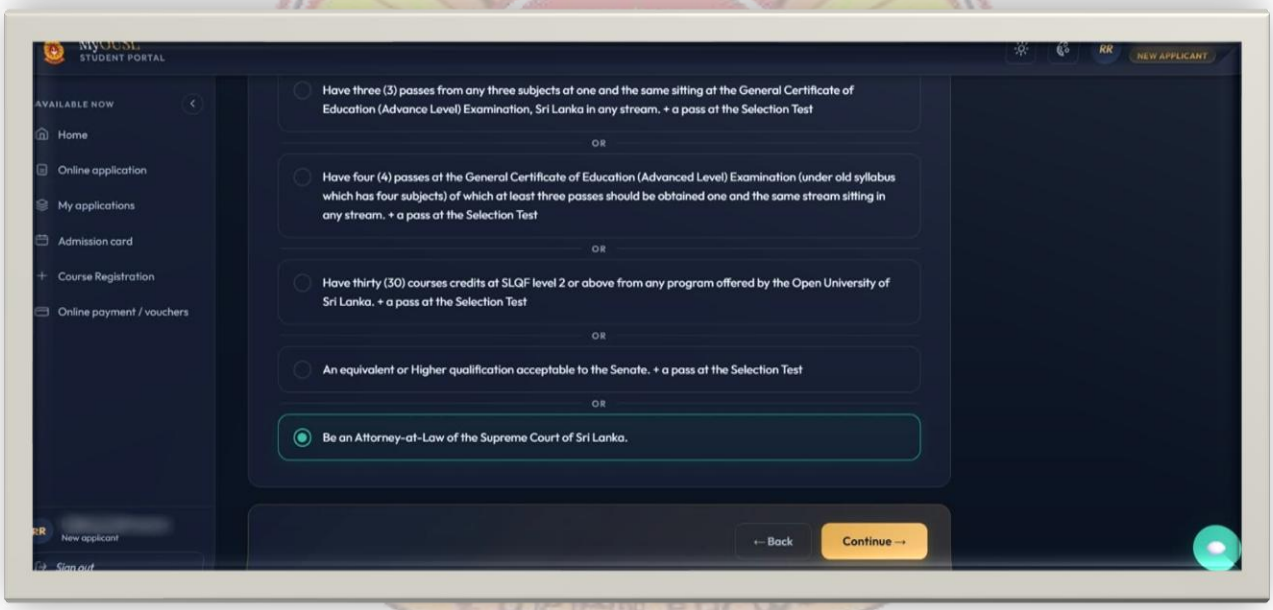
Important: If you have selected English as your medium of study, you must select either Sinhala or Tamil as the medium for Paper III – Comprehension Test.



Entry Qualification

You should select your highest educational qualification when applying for this program. The selection test will be based on the highest qualification you have selected.

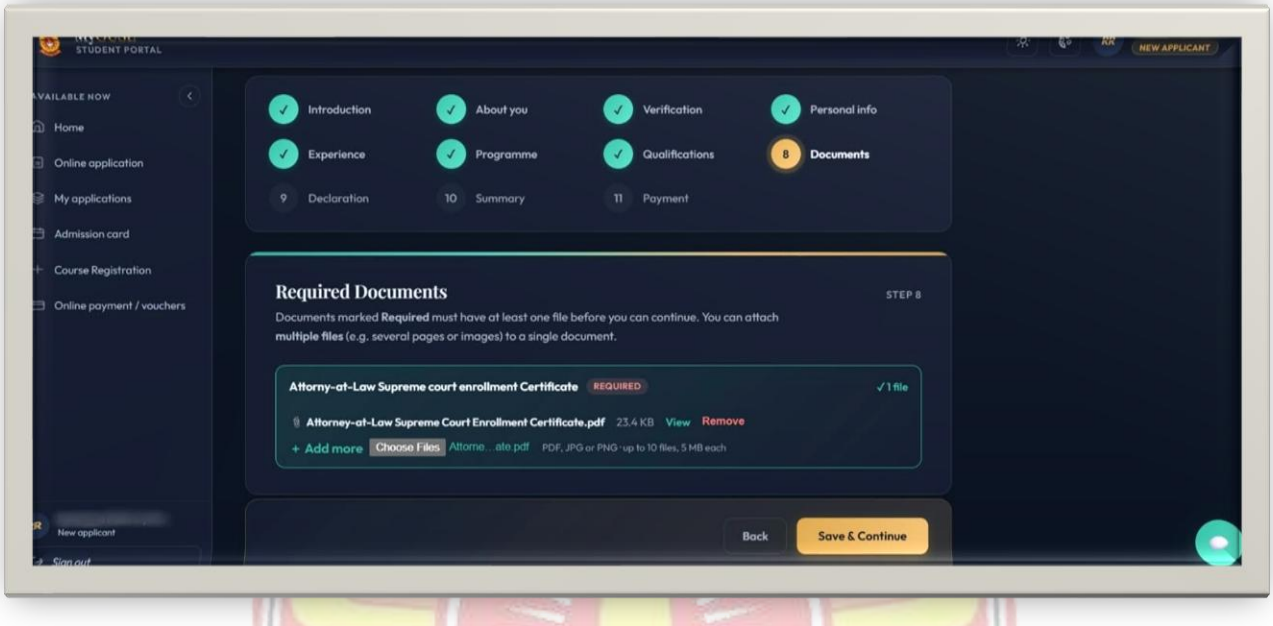




Supporting Documents

This selection is not mandatory for all applicants. It is required only for applicants applying under the Attorney-at-Law qualification category.

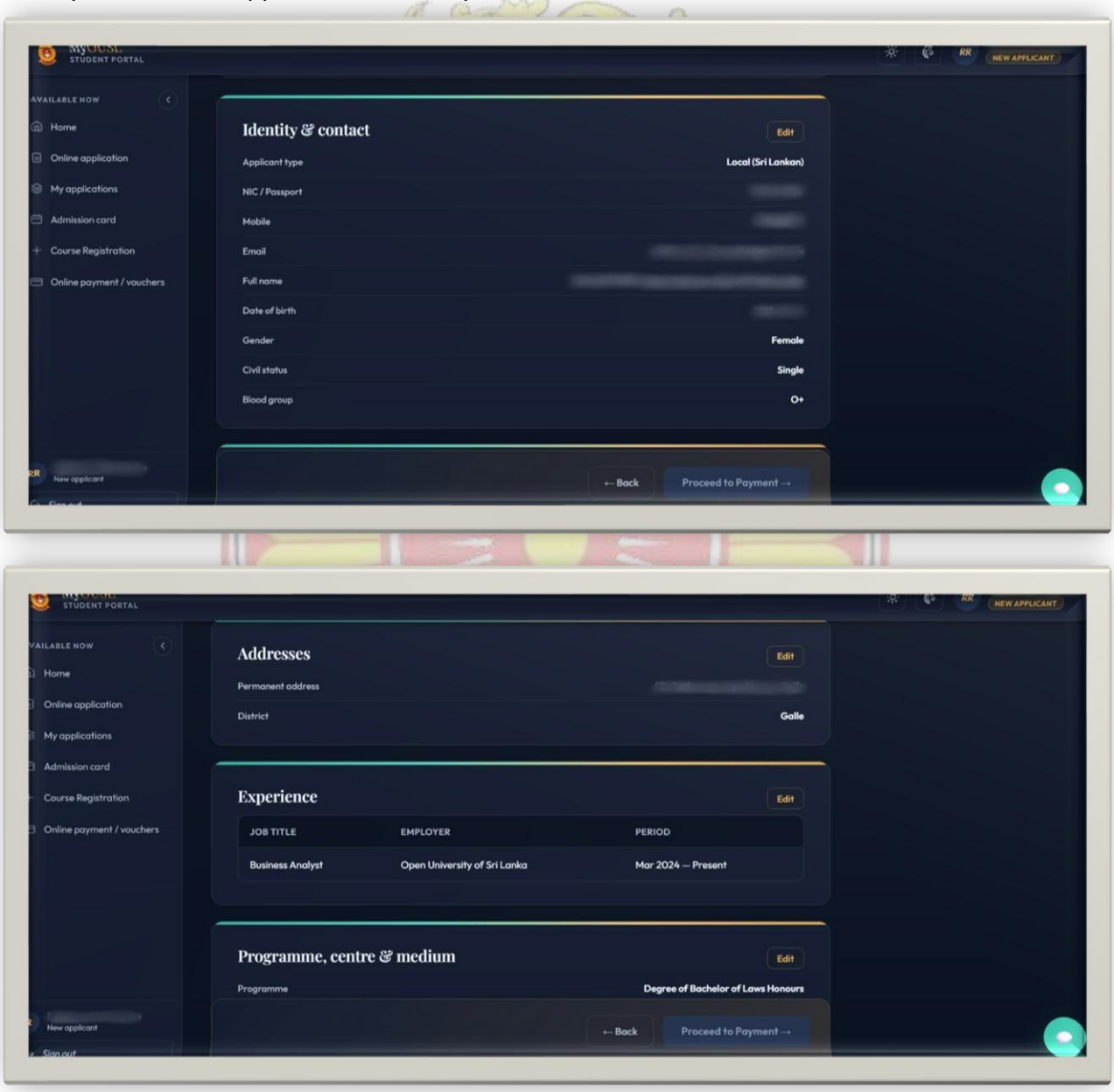
Applicants who wish to apply under this category must upload their Supreme Court Enrollment Certificate.

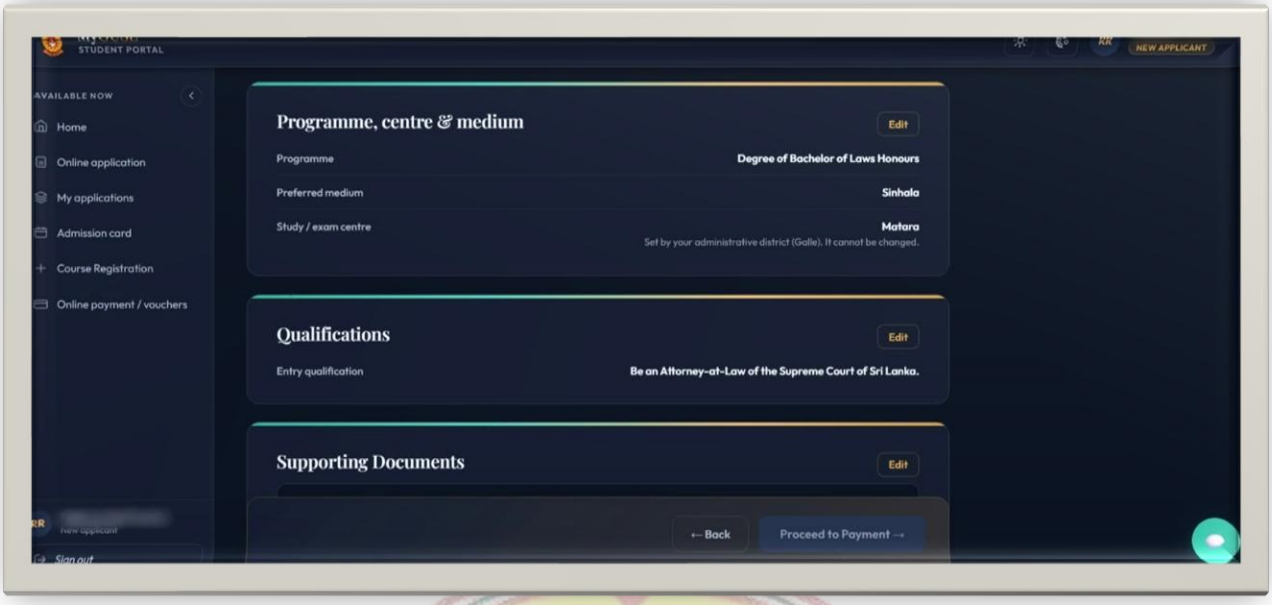


Application Summary

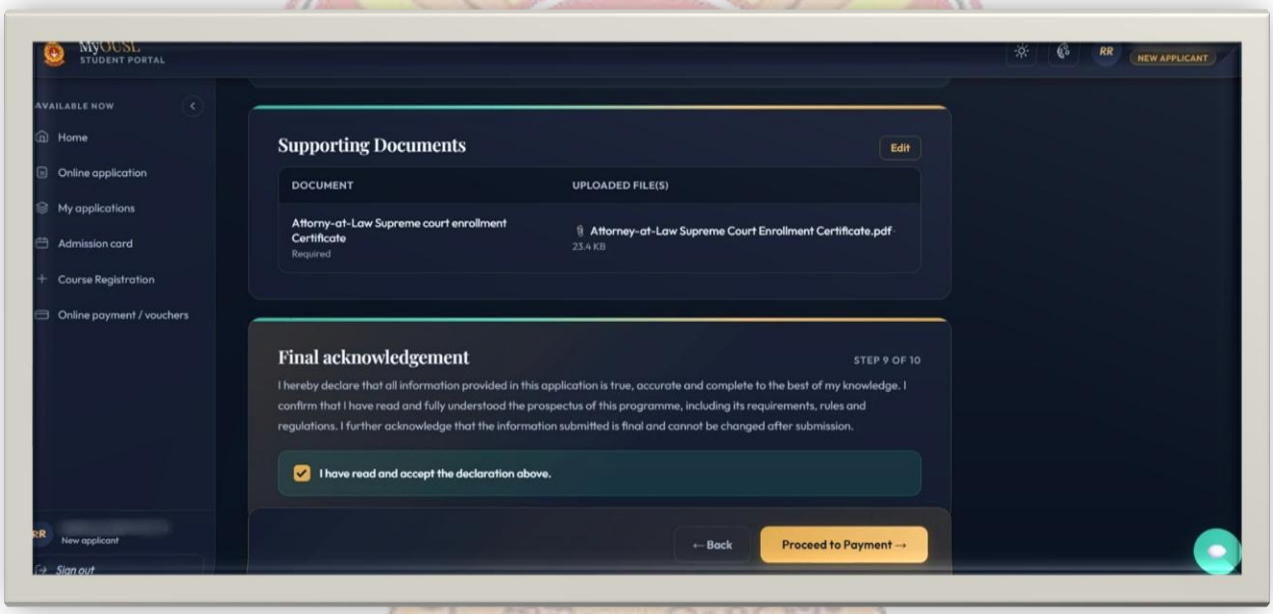
You can review the details you have entered on this screen. If you wish to make any changes, click the Edit button corresponding to the relevant section. You will then be redirected to the relevant screen, where you can update the required information.

After updating the details, you can follow the same process to proceed through the application until you reach the Application Summary screen.

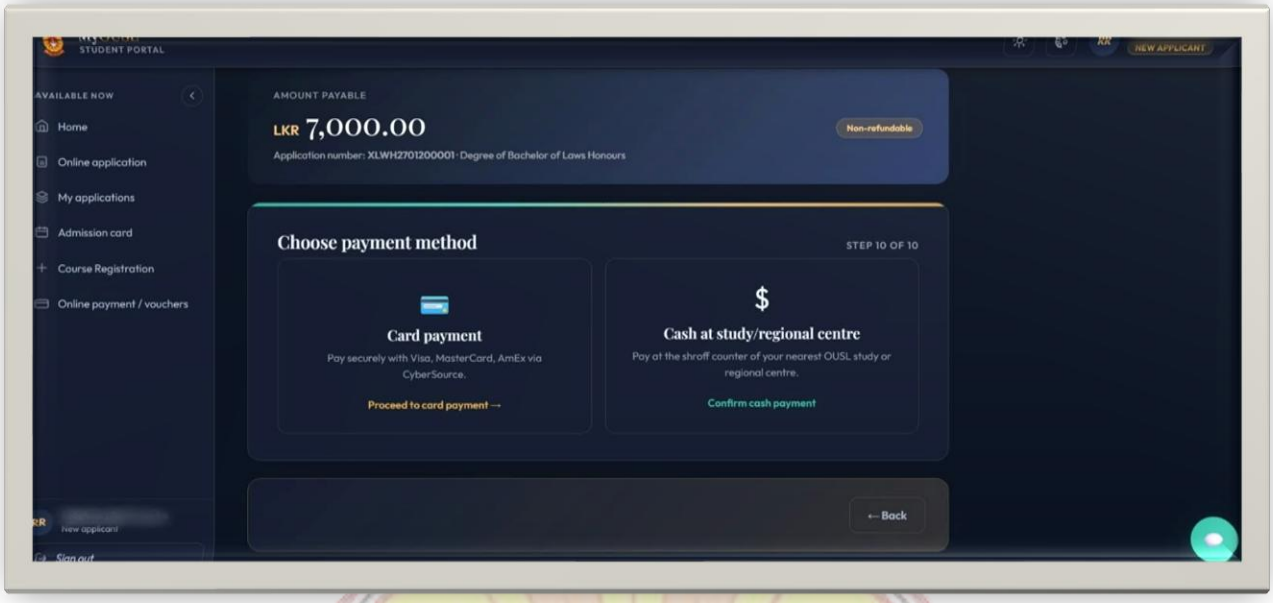




At the bottom of the same screen, you must acknowledge the final declaration confirming that the details you have provided are true, accurate, and complete. You must also confirm that you agree not to change the submitted details under any circumstances.



Payment Procedure



There are two types of payment methods.

1. Cash payment
    - If you select the cash payment, you will receive an email from the university indicating that your payment is pending.
    - Cash payment must be made only at an Open University of SL regional or study centers. Bank payments will not be accepted.
    - When making the cash payment, you should present the payment notification email you received from the university. Once your payment has been verified, you will receive payment confirmation email with program details from the university.
2. Online/card payment
    - If you select the online payment, complete the using the online payment facility. After the payment is successful, you will receive a payment confirmation email from the university.

Important Information and Notices

- The application fee is non-refundable under any circumstances.
- Once you have completed the payment, the details entered during the application process cannot be changed under any circumstances. Please ensure that all information is correct before proceeding with the payment.
- Once your admission card is ready for download, you will be notified via the email address you provided during the application process.
- Examination instructions and guidelines will be attached to your admission card. You must read them carefully and ensure that you are fully prepared for the examination with all the required documents.
- It is your responsibility to check all information in advance and rectify it before making the payment.
- If any information or documents submitted by a candidate are found to be false, misleading, or inaccurate at any stage, the university reserves the right to cancel admission or disenrollment from LLB (Hons.) Program.

We wish you all the very best for your examination! May your hard work and preparation bring you success. Good luck!