

# THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA BACHELOR OF LAWS (HONOURS) DEGREE 2025/2026

#### **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 six Faculties namely, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Faculty of Education, Faculty of Engineering Technology, Faculty of Natural Sciences, Faculty of Health Sciences and Faculty of Management 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

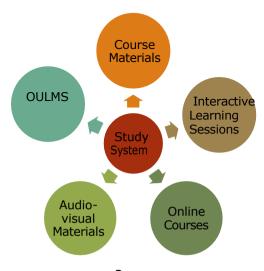
Since the Open University is different from other conventional universities, you will be required to familiarize yourself with the specific vocabulary used by the University in its day-to-day activities. For example, a COURSE is the basic unit of study, normally completed over a period of an academic 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. Those 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 Test (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 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.

#### FFFS 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 prior to 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 which 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:

- 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/view/extra-gazettes/2023/5/2332-02 E.pdf

#### THE SELECTION TEST

- The Selection Test for the selection of students has been scheduled to be held on 08<sup>th</sup> February 2026.
- 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	Time	Threshold
		allocated	Duration	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**

- The Open University has its nine regional centres. Once you select your residential district in the online application form the respective regional centre which you are belonged to, will be automatically appeared to you.
- II. Those who passed the Selection Test should register for the LLB (Honours) Degree programe. At the time of registration, the selected candidates must submit the Grama Niladari Certificate (DS 4 Certificate) to prove the permanent residency status.
  - IIII. 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	С	
		LLU3602	Legal Method and Legal Writing	6	С	
		LLU3303	Roman Law	3	С	
		LLU3604	Constitutional Law I	6	С	

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		LLU3505	Equity and	5	С
			Trusts Law		
		LLU3406	Interpretation	4	С
			of Statutes		
			and		
			Documents		
Level 4	Compulsory	LLU4607	Laws of	6	С
	30 course		Contract		
	credits and Non-GPA (*)	LLU4608	Criminal Law	6	С
	course 3 credits	LLU4609	Family Law	6	С
	credits	LLU4610	Constitutional	6	С
			Law II		
		LLU4611	Land Law	6	С
		LLU4312	Art of	3	CE
			Advocacy*		
Level 5	Compulsory	LLU5613	Public	6	С
	27 Course		International		
	credits and		Law		
	optional 12	LLU5514	Environmental	5	С
	course		Law		
	credits	LLU5615	Research	6	С
	45.		Methodology		
	(Students	LLU5516	Administrative	5	С
	must select		Law		
	one	LLU5517	Human Rights	5	С
	optional		Law		
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	credits)		Humanitarian		
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		LLU5319 LLU5320	International Law of the Sea Refugee Law	3	Elective courses: (Students must select <b>one</b>
		LLU5321	Health Law	3	course)
Level 6	Compulsory	LLU6622	Jurisprudence	6	С
	27 Course credits	LLU6523	Law of Delict	5	С
	optional 12 course credits	LLU6524	Commercial Law	5	С
		LLU6525	Labour Law	5	С
	(Students	LLU6626	Dissertation	6	С
	must select one optional course ; 3 credits)	LLU6327	Information Communication Technology Law	3	Elective courses: (Students must
		LLU6328	Intellectual Property Law	3	select <b>one</b> <b>course)</b>
		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 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 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 LLB Degree Programme.

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

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

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

#### COMMENCEMENT OF STUDY PROGRAMME

The study programme will be commenced in the month of August 2026.

#### THE ONLINE APPLICATION FORM

For the completion of online application form please refer the weblink 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 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	adanu@ou.ac.lk
		Ms. L.M.S.S. Bandara	Tel. 0252-222871 Fax : 0252-225674
			OURC, Jayanthi
			Mawatha, (Depot
			Area),
Batticaloa	ED60	Assistant Director	Anuradhapura.
Batticaloa	EP60	Assistant Director Mr. Kamalanathan	robat@ou.ac.lk Tel. 0652-22264
		ivii. Kamalanathan	Fax: 0652-
			224222 OURC,
			No.23, New Road,
			Batticaloa.
Jaffna	NP40	Assistant Director	adjaf@ou.ac.lk
		Mr. K. Kanthavel	Tel. 0212-223374
			Fax: 0212-223374
			OURC, Browns Road,
			No. 303, Kokuvil,
			Jaffna.
Badulla	UP80	Assistant Director	adbad@ou.ac.lk
		Mrs.H.N.K. Galahitiyawa	Tel. 0553-012151
			0552-228842 Fax:0552-228842
			OURC, No.18/1,
			Bandaranayake
			Mawatha Badulla.
Kurunegala	NW70	Assistant Director	adkur@ou.ac.lk
		Mr.W.M. Senevirathne	Tel. 0372-223473 Fax : 0372-230555
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			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.

# **Instructions for ONLINE Application**

User Guide for Submission

of

Application

For

Bachelor of Laws (Honours) Degree Programme

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# **Acronyms**

ОТР	One-time Password
NIC	National Identity Card

# **Access to the System**

When applying for the LLB programs at the Open University of Sri Lanka, please use the following link.

https://ou.ac.lk/

when you click the above link, you will be directed to the following screen.



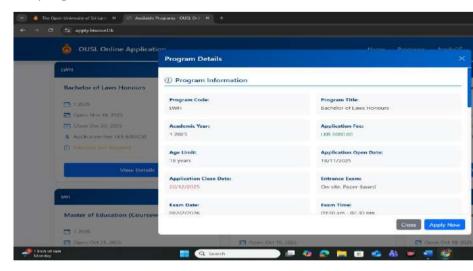
To apply for the program, click "Apply Online." Once you click it, the following screen will be displayed.

# **Apply for the Programme**

Once you click "Apply Online", you will see the open programs. By clicking "View Details", you can view the program information.



By clicking on "Apply", you will be able to apply for the program.

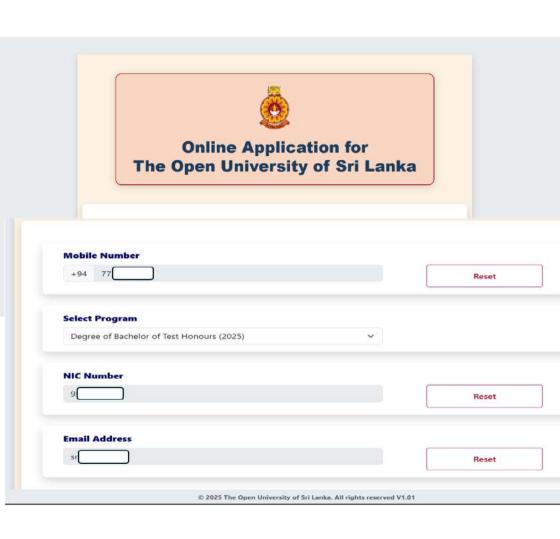


# **Verification Process**

In the above screen, enter your mobile number. Once entered, you will receive a OTP, which will expire within 5 minutes.

After verifying your mobile number, select your program from the dropdown list. Then, enter your valid NIC number.

Next, enter your email address for verification. An OTP will be sent to your email, which will also expire within 5 minutes.



If you wish to change your mobile number, selected program, NIC, or email, you can reset the entered details and re-enter the correct information.

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# **Educational Qualification**

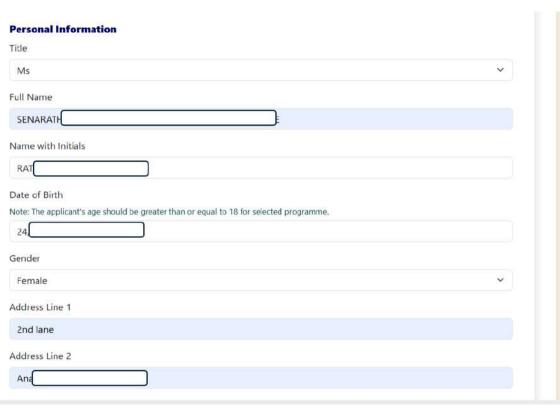
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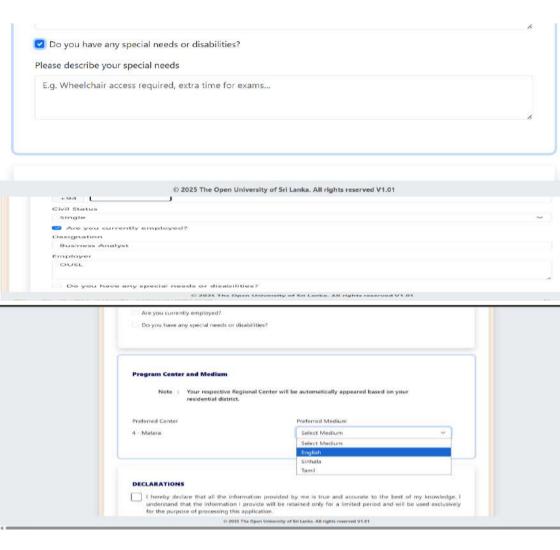
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OR
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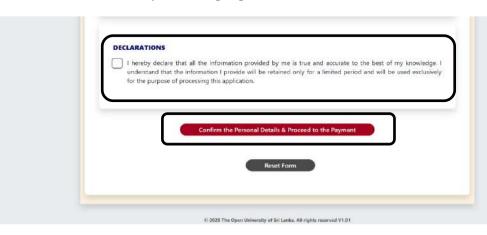
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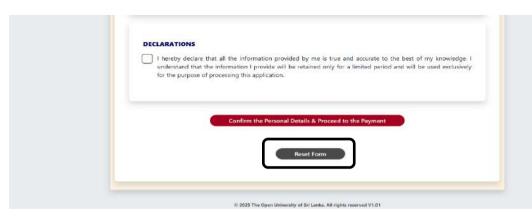
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After completing your personal information, you must acknowledge the declaration to enable the payment option "Confirm the Personal Details and Proceed to the Payment" highlighted below.



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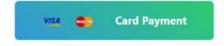
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District	: Matara
Center	: Matara
Medium	: English
То	continue, you must pay the application fee of Rs. 6000.00
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knowledge, and I confirm that the submitted details will not be changed.

On the same screen, if you wish to edit your details, you can click the "Review and Edit" button.

Before making the payment, you must acknowledge the declaration. You have two options to complete your payment, card payment or cash payment.

By submitting this application, I acknowledge that the information provided is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge, and I confirm that the submitted details will not be changed.





If you select the cash payment option, you will receive an email with your application details. Cash payments should be made at the nearest Study Center or Regional Center. Bank payments will not be accepted, and the paid amount is non-refundable.

Please bring that email when making the payment.

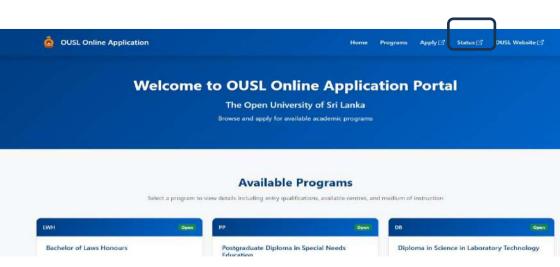
Once you complete your payment at the Study center or Reginal center, you will receive a confirmation email from the OUSL.

If you wish to select the card payment option, enter your card details. If the payment is successful, you will receive a confirmation email from the OUSL along with your application details.

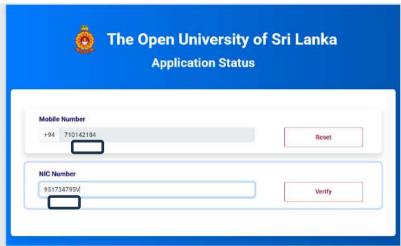
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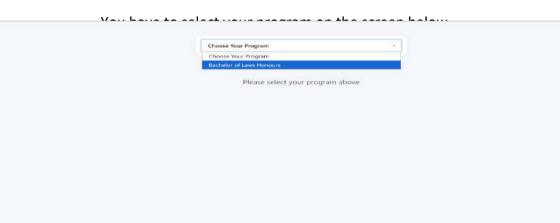
If you want to check your application status, please use this link

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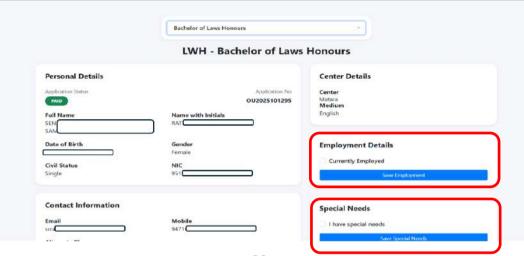


Your mobile number and NIC must be verified. Please note that you must enter the same mobile number and NIC

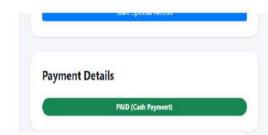




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# **Qualification Details**

### **Entry Qualifications**

Have an equivalent or higher qualification acceptable to the Senate. (I accept 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 my qualification is not equivalent or acceptable; the Senate reserves the authority to reject the enrolment to the LLB (Hons) Degree Programme irrespective of that I have passed the Selection Test)

#### **A-Level Qualifications**



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 It is your responsibility to check all information in advance, and rectify, if necessary, to avoid disappointments.

### **FURTHER ASSISTANCE TO APPLY ONLINE**

Those who need assistance with the online application process can call over at any one of the Regional Centre with the following information: Full name of 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.