

University of Peradeniya

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Overview:

The University of Peradeniya is a state funded university situated in the Central Province of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka. It is the largest and the oldest state university in the Country. The University of Peradeniya is the heir to an eighty-year-old university tradition which commenced with the inception of the University of Ceylon, the first institution of its kind established in Colombo on 1st July 1942. It moved to a scenic environment at Peradeniya in 1952. The existing Universities Act No. 16 of 1978 came into effect on 1st January 1979, granting a new identity to this institution as ‘University of Peradeniya’.

The University occupies about 780 hectares of land that encloses all administrative and academic facilities of nine faculties and four postgraduate institutes with the common academic facilities such as the well-resourced library network with about 850,000 books, different centers, Dental and Veterinary teaching hospitals, crop and livestock farms etc. It further holds a substantial number of residential facilities for student, academic and other staff. A full range of sports and recreation facilities is available for the staff and students, and a large majority of those are accessible to the public around the University. The services to the University community are provided by several service units such as the Health Center, Maintenance Division, Agro-product Sales Center, Landscape Division, and Security Division. Further, Religious Centers are made available for all disciplines of all major religions in a tranquil environment which contribute to create the multiculturalism within the University community. The University possesses a huge area of well-maintained garden and a forest range and these remain public attractions and enable the university to be a greener University in the country. The University of Peradeniya still remains to be the University that draws highest amount of public money in the entire higher education system in the country.

The Ministry of National policies and Economic affairs* is a cabinet Ministry of the Government of Sri Lanka responsible for formulation of National Economic, National Development and Monetary policies and strategies and for coordinating with international agencies and mobilizing foreign resources for the country's economic Development. National policies are main key players of Government Mechanism.

- **Overall Policy Statement:** The University of Peradeniya, as a state-funded university, commits to align itself with national policies, frameworks and requirements with the best interest of the Vision of the University and the broader public in mind, in a manner that the academic integrity of the institution is not compromised.

This policy shall be reviewed and confirmed every five years to maintain its relevance and validity in line with the changing socio-economic challenges and the priorities of the University.

Scope and Application:

This policy pronounces the University's commitment and expresses its accountability to contribute to the socioeconomic development and wellbeing of the local, regional and global society by aligning its activities with national policies, frameworks and goals of the Government of Sri Lanka while maintaining its identity in the global higher education landscape.

1. Scope of the policy:

The Policy sets a conceptual outline for the University's commitment to its obligation of aligning its policies, strategic and action plans and by-laws with relevant national policies, frameworks and requirements that are made to ensure socioeconomic development of the country and the wellbeing and higher quality of life for its citizens.

2. Application: This Policy applies to

- a) All authorities of the University
- b) All officers of the University,
- c) All statutory bodies and ad-hoc committees
- d) All individuals who are involved in developing university level policies, strategic and action plans and by-laws
- e) All staff of the University
- f) All students of the University

**; The name of the ministry might change time to time with reforms of the Cabinet*

Key Policy Principles

1. The University shall align its policies optimally with national policies to the extent possible ensuring that the academic integrity of the institution is not compromised.
2. The strategic and action plans of the University shall fall in line with national requirements to bring out a nationally relevant output.
3. The entire University community shall uphold and follow all relevant national-level rules and regulations in its functions subject to internal and UGC specified laws, rules and regulations.
4. The University shall be a strong partner to the State in developing socioeconomic standards of the country by producing graduates who are capable of contributing to defining and achieving the national sustainable development goals and fit the requirements of the modern world of work.
5. The University shall stay up to date with the changing trends in education and research and play a leading role in setting standards for the community and other institutions in respective fields.
6. The University shall direct its research efforts to address national and global issues & interests with a view to finding appropriate and sustainable solutions for them.
7. On a regular basis, the University shall review its policies, strategic and action plans and by-laws with a view to accommodating the changing national policies and requirements.
8. The collaborations and partnerships that the University enters into with other local and international institutions shall aim at contributing to national development as one of their primary goals.
9. The University, with its academic and intellectual expertise, shall assist the State in developing policies and strategies that are most suitable for achieving national development goals and becoming an effective competitor in the global socio-economic landscape
10. The University shall be accountable to the nation and shall be responsible for conducting itself in a manner that safeguards, upholds, and advances the interests of the public and the Government of Sri Lanka.

Définitions :

- National Policy means a broad course of action or statement of guidance adopted by the Government at the National level in pursuit of National Objectives

Related policies if any:

- a) National policy framework on higher education and technical and vocational training (2010) <http://nec.gov.lk/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/national-policy-on-higher-education-2009.pdf>

Related Acts, Rules, Regulations, Key Circulars (if any available): (List in different groups)

- a) Constitution of the country
- b) Sri Lanka Qualification Framework
- c) University Establishment Code and Government Establishment Code
- d) Financial Regulations
- e) Government Procurement procedures
- f) Strategic Plan of the UGC
