

CHARTER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE, UNIVERSITY OF PERADENIYA

The Department of Political Science is committed to building a diverse, equitable, and truly inclusive academic entity. We respect openness, equity, and diversity, and are committed to upholding democratic rights and social norms as framed by the University Grants Commission of Sri Lanka by which national universities are governed. We seek to enable all members of the Department and its students to achieve their full potential in an environment characterised by respect and equal opportunity. Our academic and non-academic staff is committed to continuing the Department as a leading center of Political Science teaching and research in Sri Lanka. By facilitating a unique and encompassing Political Science education for the students covering a broad range of approaches and orientations, and focusing on a variety of normative and empirical contexts, we seek to lay the foundation for critical thinkers and skilled professionals who work for the betterment of society.

Policy of inclusivity and non-discrimination

The Department of Political Science is committed to enabling its students and staff to achieve their full potential in an environment characterised by respect and equal opportunity for those of all backgrounds, regardless of age, sex, physical ability, race, nationality, ethnic or national origin, gender identity, religion, sexual

orientation, or personal circumstances. As an academic entity strongly inspired by the cause of social justice and the place of progressive politics in such, the Department is committed to maintaining an egalitarian ethos both within and outside the classroom.

Academic and ethical standards

Our standard is to deliver student-centered learning which facilitates an enhanced learning experience for the students. The Department seeks to nurture debate and dialogue, conducted with mutual respect, open mindedness, and consideration for all those involved. We are ethically committed to honouring the principles of responsibility and accountability, integrity, intellectual freedom, respect and equal opportunity, collegiality, and sustainability.

Students are encouraged to submit their feedback on the delivery of academic outputs and research work of the academics, while the academic staff is committed to incorporating the students' feedback in future deliveries.