

Key Appointments

a. **Chancellor**

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b. **Vice Chancellor**

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c. **Deputy Vice Chancellor (Defence & Administration)**

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A Glimpse at General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University

General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University (KDU) was initially established as the “General Sir John Kotelawala Defence Academy” by the Parliamentary Act No 68 of 1981. The Academy was elevated to university status by the Sir John Kotelawala Defence Academy (Amendment) Act No 27 of 1988. Consequently, it was renamed as General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University on 11 October 2007.



At present, the degrees awarded by the university are recognized by the University Grants Commission of Sri Lanka, and KDU is also a member of the Association of Commonwealth Universities (United Kingdom).

The university is located in Ratmalana, 12 kms away from Colombo, in a 48 acre land, which was once the residential estate of Late General Sir John Kotelawala, third Prime Minister of Sri Lanka.

In 1979, Sri Lankan Armed Forces recommended to the Government of Sri Lanka the need for a course of higher studies, which would enable young officers to gain higher academic qualifications. Accordingly, a study team comprising officials from the Services as well as the Universities was sent to India where they visited the National Defence Academy and the Indian Military Academy.

In 1980, General Sir John Kotelawala PC CH KBE LLD (Honoris Causa) having understood from the then Commander of the Army Lieutenant General JED Perera of the necessity of a suitable location for the proposed Defence Academy, expressed his willingness to donate the Kandawla Estate with its moveable and immovable property to the Government to establish the Defence Academy. This offer was gladly accepted and initial steps were taken to set up the Academy. By this time, Sir John Kotelawala was promoted to the rank of General, and when he died on 2 October 1980, the Government and the Services decided to honour him by naming the Academy as the General Sir John Kotelawala Defence Academy (KDA).

The Academy was formally declared open by His Excellency the President JR Jayawardene on 11th October 1980. However, due to lack of resources and infrastructure facilities, the officer cadets of the first few KDA intakes had to follow their degree programmes at the University of Colombo and the University of Moratuwa from February 1981.

As the time passed by KDA gathered mementos in the numbers enlisted, defence fields of studies and improvement of infrastructure. Today KDU is a fully fledged university matching or going beyond the standards of any reputed university.

Faculty of Graduate Studies

- a. The **Faculty of Graduate Studies at General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University** was established as the **MSc section** in 2001 to provide an opportunity for Tri services and Police officers to obtain prestigious post graduate degree qualifications, MSc (Defence Studies) Degree in Management. The first Master of Science (Defence Studies) Degree in Management programme was commenced on 22 March 2001, and the first Bachelor of Science (Defence Studies) Degree in Management Programme commenced on 10 July 2003. These courses were designed by a forum of senior academics and professionals from reputed Universities in Sri Lanka to ensure high academic standards and enable participants to complete the degree in two years while in service. Further, these courses cover important functional and peripheral areas of Management.
- b. The MSc Section was renamed as **Staff Development and Career Advancement Division** in 2004, **Institute of Postgraduate Studies (IPGS)** in 2007, and **Faculty of Graduate Studies (FGS)** in 2012 respectively.
- c. Presently, the Faculty of Graduate Studies of General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University is engaged in conducting External Postgraduate / Undergraduate Degree Programmes and various Diploma / Certificate programmes for Officers and Other Ranks of Tri Services and Police as well as for Public and Private Sector personnel.
- d. The Faculty of Graduate Studies ensures personal and professional growth of participants through interactive sessions, experimental learning, and independent research projects and course components are designed to facilitate and enhance the knowledge base, develop skills, transformation of attitudes and approaches to problem solving.



Facilities and Resources at KDU

Library Facilities

Candidates who are registered in KDU to follow postgraduate degrees have access to library facilities at KDU. The Library enhances academic success by providing postgraduate students with access to high quality resources and services in aid of course work and researches. The prime role of the library is to provide a suitable learning environment and to facilitate a variety of resources in multiple disciplines/formats which enhance learning and research activities of the University.

The Library possesses a collection covering a vast area of knowledge in the fields of Medical, Engineering, Economics, Management, Law, Geography and History. At present the library collection encompasses over 25000 books pertaining to various disciplines.



The KDU library provides excellent services such as inter library loan service, book reversion facilities and arrange membership in other libraries like British Council Library and American Centre Library and reference services for the betterment of the member.

Library provides following subscription databases and information networks to facilitate research activities of the University.

Subscription Databases

- Individual society Membership for Institute of Electrical & Electronic Engineering (IEEE)
- Hinari Research Database.
- Britannica online Academic edition
- JSTOR Research Database - Trial version
- Ebscohost



Information Networks

- HELLIS – Health Literature Libraries and Information Services Network.
- SLSTINET – Sri Lanka Scientific & Technical Information Net.

m-Learning Platform and IT Facilities

With the enhancement in new technologies at KDU, the Faculty of Graduate Studies has introduced a new m-learning platform for post graduate students. This package benefits students who are unable to participate in lectures due to their personal and official commitments. They can connect themselves to the lectures live from their working/ living places through the m-learning package.



The University provides a wide range of computing resources and support services. The students can get free access to IT facilities from the University computer lab, Students can utilize computing facilities for research, course work, and general work. Students can get free WiFi facilities inside KDU for browsing internet to support their studies.



Courses Offered by FGS

Postgraduate Courses

1. Doctor of Philosophy
2. Master of Philosophy
3. Master of Science in Management
4. Master of Science in Security and Strategic Studies
5. Master of Laws
6. Master of Business Administration in Logistics Management
7. Master of Business Administration in E-Governance
8. Master of Science in Electrical Engineering
10. Master of Science in Electronics and Telecommunication Engineering
11. Master of Science in Civil and Structural Engineering
12. Master of Science in Disaster Risk Reduction and Development

Undergraduate Courses

1. Bachelor of Science in Management



Introduction

The Faculty of Graduate Studies (FGS) of the Kotelawala Defence University (KDU) provides a unique opportunity for officers of Tri Services, Public and Private sector with appropriate qualifications to carry out their research in the relevant disciplines with maximum support and guidance from eminent scholars.

Supportive courses are also offered in research Methodology, Scientific Communication and Statistics to improve their knowledge and facilitate their research work. Further, FGS provides opportunities for the candidates to establish links with local and international scientists via local and international institutes. Postgraduate students are always encouraged to publish their research work in Indexed Journals, Peer reviewed Journals and communicate in local and international research conferences.

Goals and Objectives

Overall Goal

A key aspect of FGS at KDU is that postgraduate education is closely linked to research. It provides opportunity to the postgraduate candidates to pursue their research in different disciplines and in interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary studies. Students learn how to carry out research effectively from research scholars who are actively involved in research, thus enabling students to conduct advanced and creative research themselves.

The overall goal of FGS at KDU is to develop and enhance the capabilities of researchers possessing originality and ingenuity to conduct pioneering research at the frontlines of different disciplines and interdisciplinary & multidisciplinary research.

Prepare the postgraduate students to be core members of international and interdisciplinary research projects, and through their research and other activities, meet the needs of the industrial sector and society contributing significantly to the national development.

Objectives

To realize the overall goal described above, the FGS has set the following educational objectives for M Phil and Ph D degrees.

MPhil and Doctoral Degrees

An MPhil degree will be conferred to those who have completed a minimum two-year period of residence, studied the compulsory subjects, passed the required examinations specified in By-Laws and passed the thesis review and Viva Voce under the guidance of an academic supervisor.

A **doctoral degree** will be conferred to those who have completed a minimum of three-year period of residence, studied the compulsory subjects passed the required examinations specified in By-Laws, and passed the thesis review and final examinations under the requisite guidance of an academic supervisor.

How to Apply

A person who wishes to be a candidate of the MPhil/PhD Degree Programme shall make an application to the respective Service Commander / Inspector General of Police / Head of Department / Head of the institution who will submit these applications to the Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies with their recommendations. The selections are made on the interview conducted by the University.

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Course Fee Structure of MPhil/PhD Programme

Item	Amount (Full Time / Part Time)	
	Military/Police/MOD	Civil
Tuition Fee	Rs. 535,000.00	Rs. 600,000.00
Registration Fee (Initial Registration)	Rs. 15,000.00	Rs. 15,000.00
Library Fees	Rs. 4,000.00	Rs. 4,000.00
Refundable Library Deposit	Rs. 10,000.00	Rs. 10,000.00
Refundable Mess Deposit	Rs. 2,000.00	Rs. 2,000.00
Total	Rs.566,000	Rs. 631,000.00

Registration Renewal Fee

After initial registration period of 03 years for

full time candidates

- Rs. 75,000/= per annum

After 05 years for part time candidates

- Rs. 100,000/= per annum

Installments for Full Time and Part Time Candidates

Year	Amount (Full Time / Part Time)	
	Military/Police/MOD	Civil
1 st Year	Rs. 200,000.00	Rs. 200,000.00
2 nd Year	Rs. 167,500.00	Rs. 200,000.00
3 rd Year	Rs. 167,500.00	Rs. 200,000.00
Total	Rs.535,000.00	Rs. 600,000.00

Note:

Course fee and other payments mentioned in above subject to change as per the University Board of Management decisions.

Common Instructions to Students

1. Effective date of the degree

The first day of the month following the last day of completing all academic activities shall be the effective date for the degrees awarded by General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University.

2. Use of Library facilities

a. KDU Library hours are as follows:

Weekdays (Monday to Friday)	0830 hrs to 1600 hrs
Saturdays	0900 hrs to 1300 hrs 1330 hrs to 1645 hrs
Sundays & Public Holidays	Closed

b. It is Mandatory that all students read and familiarize with the instructions provided in the guidelines for the use of the Library.

3. Conduct of Lectures

a. Lectures will be conducted at the Faculty of Graduate lecture hall, which is situated in front of the KDU entrance.

b. Lectures will be conducted every other weekend. The timings are as follows:

- 0900 – 1200 Morning Session.
- 1330 – 1600 Afternoon Session.

c. All students are expected to be present at least **ten (10) minutes** prior to the beginning of each session.

4. Attendance

a. All students are required to follow the rules pertaining to attendance as given below.

b. Every student is required to attend at least 50% of the lectures conducted during an academic year. They are also required to attend more than 50% of lectures in each subject module with two (02) or more credits.

5. **Officers' Mess**

- a. All students are required to abide by the KDU Mess rules. (Copy of the mess rules can be obtained from the KDU Mess).
- b. Mess facilities will be available to all students of the tri-services. Police, Public service Officers and private sector students should apply for honorary membership at the KDU mess.
- c. Meals will be provided for those students who request before 0930 hrs of the day. All meal requirements should be clearly indicated on the Nominal Roll provided at the entrance of the lecture halls.
- d. Snack / Tea in the morning and the afternoon will be provided for students on direct payment basis.

6. **Liquor**

All students are required to refrain from consumption of liquor during lunch hour on lecture days. Bar facilities are available on cash payment basis during other approved bar hours.

7. **Mess Bills**

- a. All candidates are required to settle their mess bills by the 1st weekend of the subsequent month. If a candidate failed to settle the mess bill in time, his/her mess facilities will be cancelled. All officers are required to settle the mess bill in cash at the Officers Mess Office KDU.
- b. The following charges will be included in the Mess Bills;
 - (1) Lunch
 - (2) Tea
 - (3) Snack
- c. The final semester results of any student who fails to settle his mess bills will not be released.

8. **Dress Code**

- a. During the weekends the following dress code is to be followed;
 - Open collar short/long sleeves shirt and pair of slacks/trousers (T Shirts and Jeans are strictly prohibited)
 - Shoes with socks.
 - Ladies: Decent dress.
- b. During working hours (weekdays) students who enter the University should wear their respective services working dress or long sleeve shirt with tie. Ladies should wear a saree or a business suit.
- c. Dress for all ceremonial functions will be notified as and when such functions are scheduled.

9. **Parking of Vehicles**

- a. All students are required to park their vehicles at the University Car Park.
- b. Parking in the KDU, MT Section is in front of FGS Building is prohibited.
- c. Welfare of all OMT/TA/Drivers will be the responsibility of respective students'.

10. **Out of Bound Area**

The areas of KDU other than lecture halls, library, cafeteria, auditorium and the officers' mess are out of bound fro all students.

