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ECNE 301 Sri Lankan Economy

Intended Learning Outcomes

At the end of the course students will be able to describe and analyze the historical trends and patterns of the Sri Lankan economy and its subsectors, apply economic theory to assess the impact of various policies and programs, describe key contemporary economic issues facing Sri Lanka and discuss policy options available to the country.

Course Contents

An introduction to the Sri Lankan economy: An overview of its post-independence economic growth and development, Sri Lanka's position in the world economy; Performance, issues and prospects of agricultural sector, issue in plantation agriculture; Performance, issues and prospects of industrial; Performance, issues and prospects of services sector; The role of the public sector; Financial sector; External trade and the balance of payments; Economic and social overheads; Population and demographic change; Health and education; economic welfare; Economic development and local government; Post-independence development planning; Economic policies for sustainable development; Privatization; Foreign direct investment; Globalization, regional cooperation and international economic integration.

Assessment Strategy

- i. Time of Assessment End of the Year
- ii. Assessment Methods Written examination Assigned Percentage of Marks for each Component - 100%

Recommended References

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