Syllabus - Bachelor of Arts General [External] Degree

| Course Number and Name | HISE 102 The History of Sri Lanka from 1500 A.D. to the Present |
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| Intended Learning Outcomes | At the end of the course the students will be able to explain the impact of intervention of the colonial power in the sixteenth century Sri Lanka as a significant land mark and the unique characteristics of Portuguese, the Dutch and the British colonial phases with emphasis on their unique characteristics and the subsequent developments in post-colonial Sri Lanka. |
| Course Contents | Advent of European colonialism; Portuguese power in Sri Lanka; Dutch colonial rule in Sri Lanka; mercantilist policies; arrival of the British; crown colony rule;subjugation of the Kandyan kingdom, Colebrooke-Cameron Reforms and the establishment of British rule; economic and social change in the nineteenth century;constitutional developments and the Whitehall mentality; transfer of power; negotiated passage to Independence; challenges of the post-independence era; post-colonial constitutional developments; ethnic conflict. |
| Assessment Strategy | i. Time of Assessment - End of the Year ii. Assessment Method - Written examination Assigned percentage of marks for each component - 100% |
| Recommended References | Abeysinghe, T.B.H. (1966), Portuguese Rule in Ceylon, 1592-1612, Colombo: Lakehouse Investments. de Silva, (ed.) (1997), British Documents on the End of Empire: The Transfer of Power in Sri Lanka, Vol. I & II, London: HMSO. de Silva, K.M. (ed.) (1995), University of Peradeniya, History of Sri Lanka, Vol. II (c1500-1800), Peradeniya: University of Peradeniya. de Silva, K.M. (ed.) (1973), University of Ceylon, History of Ceylon Vol. III, (from the beginning of the nineteenth century to 1948), Colombo: Apothecaries Company Ltd. Goonewardena, K.W. (1958), The Foundation of Dutch Power in Ceylon, 1638-1658, Amsterdam: Djiambatan Ltd. Jayawardena, Kumari, (2000), Nobodies to Somebodies: The Rise of the Colonial Bourgeoisie in Ceylon, Colombo: Social Scientists' Association. Kearney, R.N. (1967), Communalism and Language in the Politics of Ceylon, Durham: Duke University Press. Malalgoda, Kitsiri (1976), Buddhism in Sinhalese Society, 1750-1900, Berkeley: University of California Press. Russel, Jane, (1982), Communal Politics under the Donoughmore Constitution 1931-1942, Dehiwala: Tisara Prakasakaya Ltd. Tambiah, S.J. (1986), Sri Lanka: Ethnic Fratricide and the Dismantling of Democracy, Chicago: Chicago University Press. |