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WELFARE FACILITIES

This Chapter presents the current status of permanent hostel facilities and financial scholarship schemes (Mahapola scholarships and Bursary) awarded for undergraduate students in Universities and HEIs.

Hostel Facilities: The Table 7.1 includes number of students can be accommodated in permanent hostels as at 31st December 2024.

Mahapola Scholarship: Mahapola Scholarships are awarded by the Mahapola Trust Fund affiliated to the Ministry of Trade and Consumer Affairs. Financial cost of Mahapola scholarship is shared by the UGC and Mahapola Trust Fund. The selection process is principally handled by the UGC and the criteria is decided by the UGC

University Bursary: The University Bursary offers to students who are not eligible for the Mahapola scholarship. Bursary is awarded by the University according to the criteria approved by the UGC. The number of Mahapola scholarships and Bursaries ...awarded in 2024 financial year are presents in the Table 7.2.

Table 07 - 01

HOSTEL FACILITIES AVAILABLE IN HIGHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS : 2024
(Universities and HEIs established under the Universities Act.)

University/HEI	Number of students can be Accommodated			Undergraduate Enrolment	% can be Accommodated
	Male	Female	Total		
University of Colombo ⁽⁵⁾	1658	3494	5152	13396	38.5%
Sripalee Campus		304	304	844	36.0%
University of Peradeniya	3280	5710	8990	13127	68.5%
University of Sri Jayewardenepura	1050	2429	3479	16661	20.9%
University of Kelaniya	1326	3680	5006	15549	32.2%
University of Moratuwa	1220	754	1974	9232	21.4%
University of Jaffna	1753	2592	4345	12186	35.7%
University of Ruhuna	2246	3332	5578	14241	39.2%
Eastern University, Sri Lanka	822	2584	3406	5559	61.3%
Trincomalee Campus	486	882	1368	2278	60.1%
South Eastern University of Sri Lanka	1352	2343	3695	6666	55.4%
Rajarata University of Sri Lanka	1276	3520	4796	7707	62.2%
Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka	1244	1860	3104	8415	36.9%
Wayamba University of Sri Lanka	1344	2510	3854	6466	59.6%
Uva Wellassa University	224	280	504	5465	9.2%
University of Visual & Performing Arts	400	1124	1524	2880	52.9%
Gampaha Wickramarachchi University of Indigenous Medicine		134	134	1536	8.7%
University of Vavuniya, Sri Lanka	396	596	992	2922	33.9%
Swamy Vipulananda Institute of Aesthetic Studies		376	376	1327	28.3%
Institute for Agro Technology and Rural Sciences	200	200	400	916	43.7%
Institute of Technology University of Moratuwa	1392	400	1792	3133	57.2%
Total	21669	39104	60773	150506	40.4%

Note:

- (1) Some universities have reduced the capacity in new hostels while some others have increased the beds more than the capacity.
- (2) This represents only the facilities available in university hostels. However, in addition to these hostels, rented houses are provided to the students who satisfy the selection criteria of the University/HEI.
- (3) This excludes 3 hostels in Open University: Nawala, Kandy and Matara Regional Centres as they are provided on temporary basis.
- (4) University of Colombo School of Computing provides rented accommodation for students.
- (5) IIM became a faculty of University of Colombo in 2023.

Table 07 - 02

MAHAPOLA AND BURSARY RECIPIENTS OF HIGHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS BY FACULTY : 2024
(Universities and HEIs established under the Universities Act.)

Academic Year University / Faculty		2022/2023		2021/2022		2020/2021		2019/2020		2018/2019		2017/2018		Total	
		Mahapola ⁽²⁾	Bursary	Mahapola ⁽²⁾	Bursary	Mahapola	Bursary	Mahapola	Bursary	Mahapola	Bursary	Mahapola	Bursary	Mahapola	Bursary
Colombo	Arts & Education		488	526	37	514	45	416	11					1456	581
	Law		167	270	2	274	1							544	170
	Management and Finance		357	403	15	383	28	492	9					1278	409
	Medicine			189		208		203		188				788	0
	Science		148	198	17	230	22	172	10					600	197
	Physiotherapy			22		22	3	16	1	22				82	4
	Technology		123	182	12	211	9	220	4					613	148
	Nursing		53	54	7	38	8		7	31				123	75
	Indigenous Medicine			84	19	97	20	103		322	20	80		686	59
	<i>Sri Palee Campus</i>		77	72	106	29	117	39	112	42				182	412
	Total	0	1413	2000	215	2006	253	1661	154	605	20	80	0	6352	2055
Peradeniya	Arts			798	66	786	107	706	50					2290	223
	Agriculture			138	21	153	37	165	25	132	19			588	102
	Allied Health Sciences			87	6	124	19	108	20	95				414	45
	Dental Science			43	3	46	7	35	8	35	1	29		188	19
	Engineering			180	9	184	23	221	13					585	45
	Medicine			166		151	3	176	2	158	2			651	7
	Science			198	29	243	41	256		182	30			879	100
	Veterinary Medicine & Animal Science			32	2	44	5	32	7	43	5			151	19
	Management			118	9	98	21	105	24					321	54
	Total	0	0	1760	145	1829	263	1804	149	645	57	29	0	6067	614
Sri Jayewardenepura	Applied Science ⁽¹⁾	249	93	242	90	323	102	287	65					1101	350
	Humanities and Social Sciences	716	94	623	154	599	121	560	113					2498	482
	Management Studies and Commerce	794	28	898	47	919	87	961	83					3572	245
	Medical Sciences	78	5	72	2	81	6	81	2					312	15
	Dental Sciences	5	1	10		10	1							25	2
	Urban & Aquatic Bioresources	20	16	30	16	33	19							83	51
	Allied Health Sciences	82	15	117	16	101	27	76	20					376	78
	Engineering	53	1	56	5	63	4	71	17					243	27
	Technology	304	7	332	8	330	21	366	10					1332	46
	Computing	46	11	31	8									77	19
	Total	2347	271	2411	346	2459	388	2402	310	0	0	0	0	9619	1315

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		Mahapola ⁽²⁾	Bursary	Mahapola ⁽²⁾	Bursary	Mahapola	Bursary	Mahapola	Bursary	Mahapola	Bursary	Mahapola	Bursary	Mahapola	Bursary	Mahapola	Bursary
Kelaniya	Commerce & Management Studies		370	545	100	486	168	455	302							1486	940
	Humanities & Social Sciences		768	856	213	702	361	565	358							2123	1700
	Medicine		39	53	6	64	3	75	4	72	6					264	58
	Speech & Hearing		23	29	15	31	21	23	22							83	81
	Occupational Therapy		11	17	5	22	3									39	19
	Science		286	343	115	369	113	111	21							823	535
	Computing and Technology		89	137	15	136	13	168	19							441	136
	Total	0	1586	1980	469	1810	682	1397	726	72	6	0	0	5259	3469		
Moratuwa	Architecture		140	149	43	199	53	212	88	25	5					585	329
	Engineering		147	567	20	601	47	599	45							1767	259
	Information Technology		90	175	13	186	24	200	17	149						710	144
	Business Science		45	65	4	82	14	78	26							225	89
	Medicine		11	30	1	39	1	44	4							113	17
	Total	0	433	986	81	1107	139	1133	180	174	5	0	0	3400	838		
Jaffna	Agriculture	8		18	47	16	71	22	49	14						78	167
	Arts	332		207	234	186	288	175	341	305	128	205				1410	991
	Law	65		68		55	5	63	4	42						293	9
	Engineering	56	20	83	3	97	9	103	3	88						427	35
	Management Studies & Commerce	269		141	196	113	256	86	291	187						796	743
	Siddha Medicine Unit	6		14	6	24	26	27	40	11	27	11				93	99
	Medicine	80	20	69	2	85	1	86	1	70	7					390	31
	Science	119		116	68	125	104	131	82	34	72					525	326
	Technology	178		195	23	181	14	132	82	87						773	119
	Allied Health Sciences	78		71	35	64	53	82	32	54						349	120
	Sri Ponnambalam Ramanathan Faculty of Performing and Visual Arts	34		14	130	16	199	7	160	15	115	39				125	604
	Hindu Studies				5											0	5
	Total	1225	40	996	749	962	1026	914	1085	907	349	255	0	5259	3249		
Ruhuna	Agriculture	65	80	98	86	93	53	108	45	60	94					424	358
	Engineering	187	15	215	18	222	17	269	7	134	9					1027	66
	Fisheries & Marine Sciences & Tech.	20	40	42	36	46	39	48	23	20	33					176	171
	Humanities and Social Sciences	425	126	177	404	169	403	117	496							888	1429
	Management & Finance	414	66	247	271	179	284	204	316							1044	937
	Medicine	93	6	113	6	101	5	105	2	94	3					506	22
	Science	132	106	200	90	254	157	252	112	16	43					854	508
	Technology	183		198	18	186	24	184	44	113	27					864	113
	Allied Health Sciences	77	39	126	42	85	80	74	62	35	61					397	284
	Total	1596	478	1416	971	1335	1062	1361	1107	472	270	0	0	6180	3888		

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		Mahapola ⁽²⁾	Bursary	Mahapola ⁽²⁾	Bursary	Mahapola	Bursary	Mahapola	Bursary	Mahapola	Bursary	Mahapola	Bursary	Mahapola	Bursary
Eastern	Agriculture	6	48	4	71	16	28	9	40	4	38			39	225
	Arts and Culture	290	264	121	508	80	398	102	174	83	94			676	1438
	Commerce and Management	105	119	38	191	36	208	34	191					213	709
	Health Care Sciences	54	14	54	21	43	35	42	25	30	6			223	101
	Science	31	100	31	59	38	86	51	88	4	17			155	350
	Technology	65	10	60	10	66	9	31	47	27	26			249	102
	Transalation	9	15	3	20	3	15		13					15	63
	Trincomalee Campus													0	0
	Applied Sciences	34		36	42		32							70	74
	Communication and Business Studies	51		51	237	39	265	38	298		78			179	878
	Siddha Medicine Unit	6		19	8	20	13	11	28	12	22			68	71
	Total	651	570	417	1167	341	1089	318	904	160	281	0	0	1887	4011
South Eastern	Applied Sciences		82	43	86	36	113	62	125		48			141	454
	Arts and Culture		57	152	161	145	172	36	227	146	37			479	654
	Engineering		22	42	4	54	5	67	15		8			163	54
	Islamic Studies & Arabic Language		240	20	285	21	339	23	349	9	24			73	1237
	Management and Commerce		98	139	129	153	193	114	259	84	112			490	791
	Technology		15	104	8	100	18	66	92	56	49			326	182
	Total	0	514	500	673	509	840	368	1067	295	278	0	0	1672	3372
Rajarata	Agriculture		66	15	48	29	66	29	46	7	81			80	307
	Applied Sciences			54	132	65	119	89	153	9	26			217	430
	Management Studies			126	199	113	238	95	286			87		421	723
	Medicine & Allied Sciences		5	73	3	70	6	77	5	84	12			304	31
	Social Sciences and Humanities		106	100	255	117	242	95	31	93	49			405	683
	Technology			199	20	188	28	143	86	125	68			655	202
	Total	0	177	567	657	582	699	528	607	318	236	87	0	2082	2376
Sabaragamuwa	Agricultural Sciences	30	65	27	47	33	94	36	114	9	102			135	422
	Applied Sciences	73	66	65	97	68	154	74	170	37	122			317	609
	Geomatics	54	24	64	6	76	9	65	9	63	2			322	50
	Management Studies	230	198	117	183	98	215	85	256	135	150			665	1002
	Social Sciences & Languages	107	84	69	139	67	157	55	184	98	114			396	678
	Technology	125	47	149	7	137	12	128	35	73	30			612	131
	Medicine	46	44	52		54	2	48	4	27				227	50
	Computing	105	53	89	10	92	31	88	26	27	32			401	152
	Total	770	581	632	489	625	674	579	798	469	552	0	0	3075	3094

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		Mahapola ⁽²⁾	Bursary	Mahapola ⁽²⁾	Bursary	Mahapola	Bursary	Mahapola	Bursary	Mahapola	Bursary	Mahapola	Bursary	Mahapola	Bursary
Wayamba	Agriculture and Plantation Management			113	60	127	64	135	67					375	191
	Applied Sciences			26	63	33	65	22	78					81	206
	Business Studies & Finance		35	337	94	295	147	265	183					897	459
	Livestock, Fisheries & Nutrition			88	37	74	28	106	22					268	87
	Technology		10	151	11	136	11	170	13					457	45
	Medicine		34	52	6	43	5	65	4	26	2			186	51
	Total	0	79	767	271	708	320	763	367	26	2	0	0	2264	1039
Uva Wellasa	Animal Science & Export Agriculture			33	60	37	122	46	143	6	142			122	467
	Management			85	58	77	93	51	125	23	46			236	322
	Applied Science			93	23	117	58	104	94	55	58			369	233
	Technological Studies			188	5	200	21	148	100	93	35			629	161
	Total	0	0	399	146	431	294	349	462	177	281	0	0	1356	1183
Visual & Performing Arts	Dance and Drama		92	19	177	19	184	16	177	102	100			156	730
	Music			36		24	83	40		24	66			124	149
	Visual Arts		29	30	50	27	50	26	58	44	26			127	213
	Total	0	121	85	227	70	317	82	235	170	192	0	0	407	1092
Gampaha Wickramarachchi	Indigenous Medicine	19	32	29	35	42	3	60	8	28	37	16		194	115
	Social Science & Management Studies	28	12	20	22	24	24							72	58
	Health Information & Communication Technology	111	108	114	106	147	57							372	271
	Total	158	152	163	163	213	84	60	8	28	37	16	0	638	444
Vavuniya	Business Studies		62	61	207	46	175	48	150	61	74			216	668
	Applied Science		54	31	104	34	103	39	123	6	38			110	422
	Technological Studies		16	81	80	70	18	28	77	16	36			195	227
	Total	0	132	173	391	150	296	115	350	83	148	0	0	521	1317
University of Colombo School of Computing				127	18	109	21	30	3					266	42
Institute of Technology University of Moratuwa			406	156	458	155	320							311	1184
Swamy Vipulananda Institute of Aesthetic Studies			178	19	272	21	209	18	241	31	182			89	1082
Grand Total		6747	7131	15554	7908	15422	8976	13882	8753	4632	2896	467	0	56704	35664

Note:

(1) Processing as of 31st December 2024