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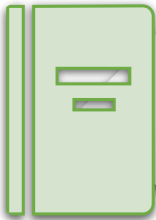


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VICE CHANCELLOR'S MESSAGE



It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the Rajarata University of Sri Lanka. Your selection to a national university is a reflection of your dedication, perseverance, and academic potential, and I encourage you to make the fullest use of the opportunities available to you during your university journey. At Rajarata University of Sri Lanka, we are dedicated to fostering intellectual curiosity, creativity, leadership, and confidence among our students. Our academic and non-academic activities are carefully designed to prepare you to meet the evolving demands of the agricultural sector both locally and globally.

The Faculty of Agriculture is committed to produce competent, innovative, and socially responsible graduates equipped with sound knowledge, practical skills, and professional values required for the sustainable development of agriculture and related sectors. Situated in the unique dry zone environment of Sri Lanka, the Faculty provides an excellent learning atmosphere enriched with practical exposure, field-based experiences, research opportunities, and close interaction with farming communities. Beyond academic activities, I encourage you to actively participate in cocurricular and extracurricular activities. These experiences will contribute greatly to your career preparation and personal development.

This Student Handbook provides you with essential information, guidance, services, regulations, and opportunities available within the Faculty and the University. I hope it will serve as a valuable companion throughout your academic journey and assist you in making informed decisions and meaningful experiences during your stay at the University.

I am confident that your time at the Faculty of Agriculture will be enriching, memorable, and transformative, shaping you into a capable professional who can contribute meaningfully to society, the nation, and the world. I wish you every success and happiness in your university life and future career.

Prof. P.M.B. Jayathilake
Vice Chancellor
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DEAN'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the Faculty of Agriculture at Rajarata University of Sri Lanka.



The faculty was established in 2001 at Puliyankulama, located just a few kilometers from the historic city of Anuradhapura and about ten kilometers from Mihintale, where the University's main administrative complex is situated. Since its establishment, the faculty has grown from three founding departments into four dynamic academic departments:

- Department of Agricultural Engineering and Soil Science
- Department of Agricultural Systems
- Department of Animal and Food Sciences
- Department of Plant Sciences

The Faculty of Agriculture is recognized as a leading higher education institute serving the Dry Zone of Sri Lanka, with a mission to produce innovative and dynamic graduates equipped with sound knowledge and essential skills to achieve sustainable agricultural development. We are committed to create a conducive environment for teaching, learning, research, innovation, and the dissemination of knowledge.

We take pride in our unique setting, where teaching, research, and community engagement are integrated within a living agricultural environment.

Our 13-hectare Faculty Teaching and Research Farm provides excellent facilities for practical training in both crop and animal production while serving as a center for research, innovation, and community outreach. In addition, the 2.5-hectare Sustainable Agrofood Production and Value Addition Model Farm demonstrate modern, environmentally friendly agricultural practices and promotes value chain development among local farming communities. Together, these facilities provide students with valuable hands-on exposure and help bridge the gap between academic learning and real-world agricultural applications.

The faculty currently offers the Bachelor of Science Honors in Agriculture, a four-year special degree program conducted under a semester-based course unit system, admitting approximately 175 students annually. Our multidisciplinary curriculum integrates crop and animal production, natural sciences, engineering, and socio-economic aspects of agriculture, producing graduates who are competent, adaptable, and industry-ready. Training in communication, information technology, and life skills is embedded within the program to prepare students for leadership roles in modern agriculture.

Our academic staff members are dedicated educators and researchers engaged in cutting-edge studies related to sustainable production systems, soil and water conservation, climate adaptation, precision agriculture, and food value chains. We also collaborate closely with government institutions, non-governmental organizations, industries, and international partners to ensure that our academic programs remain relevant to emerging global challenges.

The Faculty of Agriculture at Rajarata University of Sri Lanka is not merely an academic institution - it is a living laboratory for sustainable development. We strive to nurture graduates who are knowledgeable, innovative, responsible, and visionary in addressing the agricultural challenges of the future.

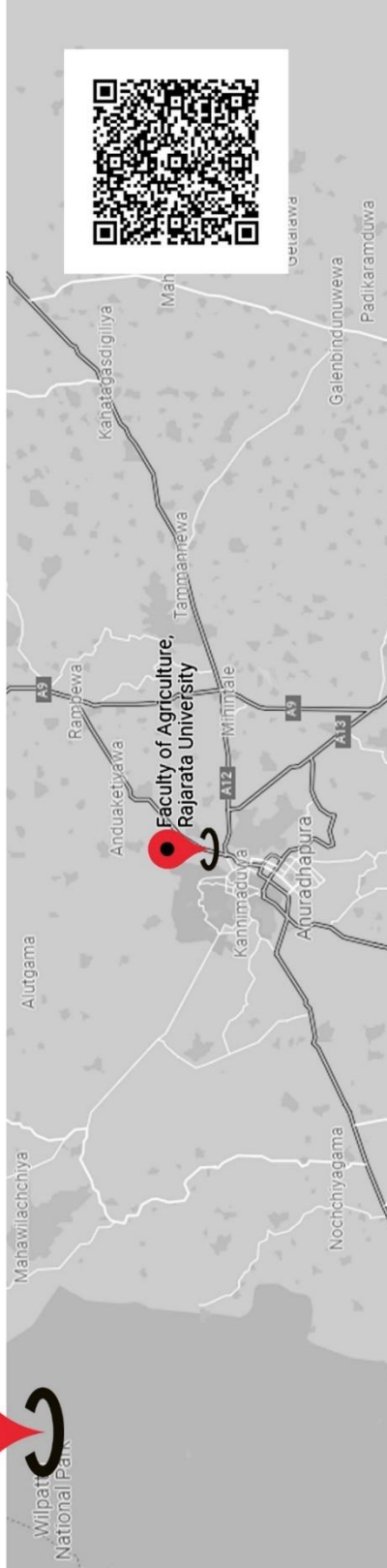
This year, the faculty proudly celebrates its Silver Jubilee, marking 25 years of academic excellence, research innovation, and dedicated service to the agricultural sector of Sri Lanka. To commemorate this significant milestone, the faculty has envisioned strengthening university-industry collaborations and fostering an entrepreneurial culture that inspires future aspirations and innovation.

I warmly welcome you to the Faculty of Agriculture at Rajarata University of Sri Lanka and wish you every success in your academic journey and future career in the field of agriculture.

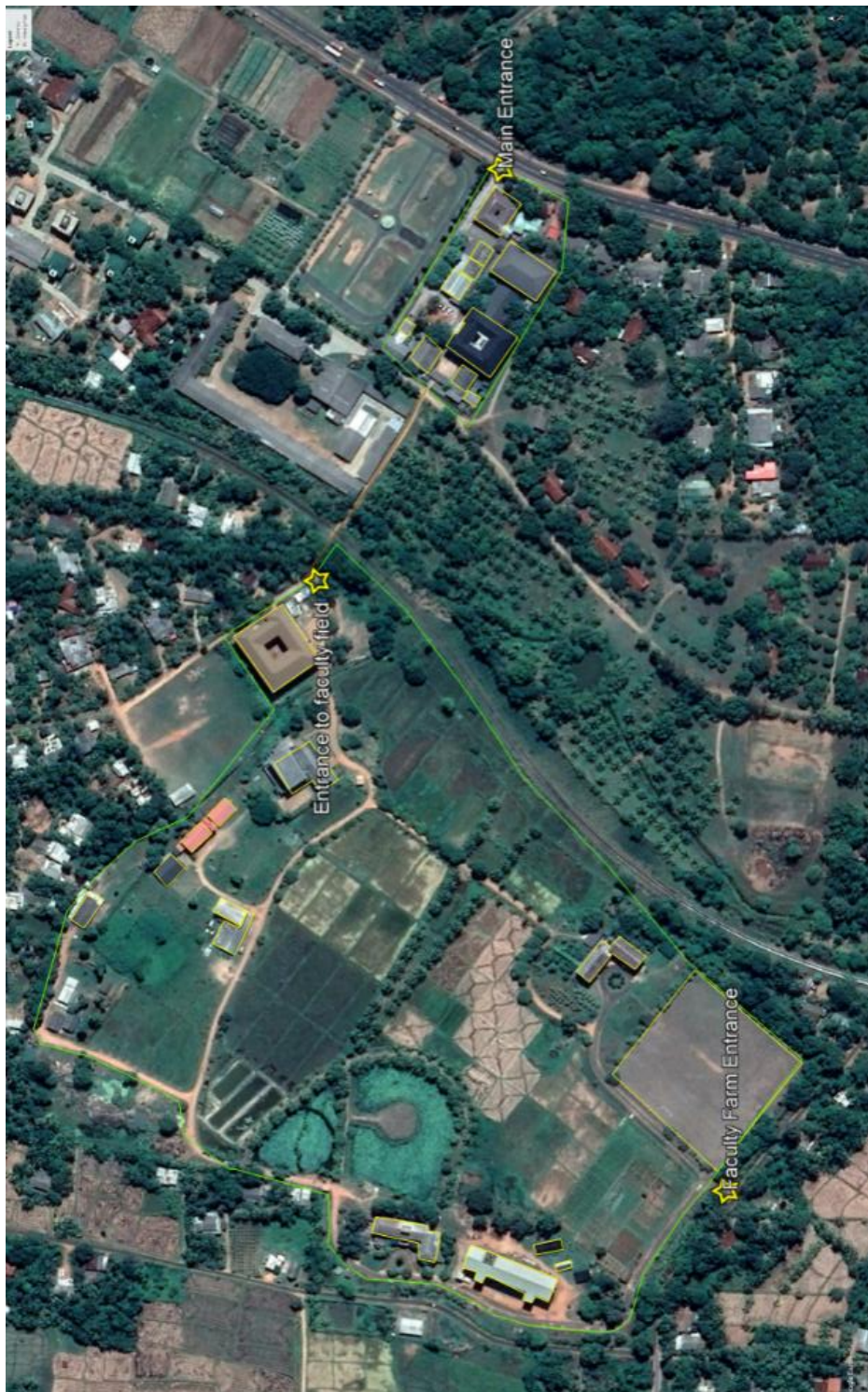
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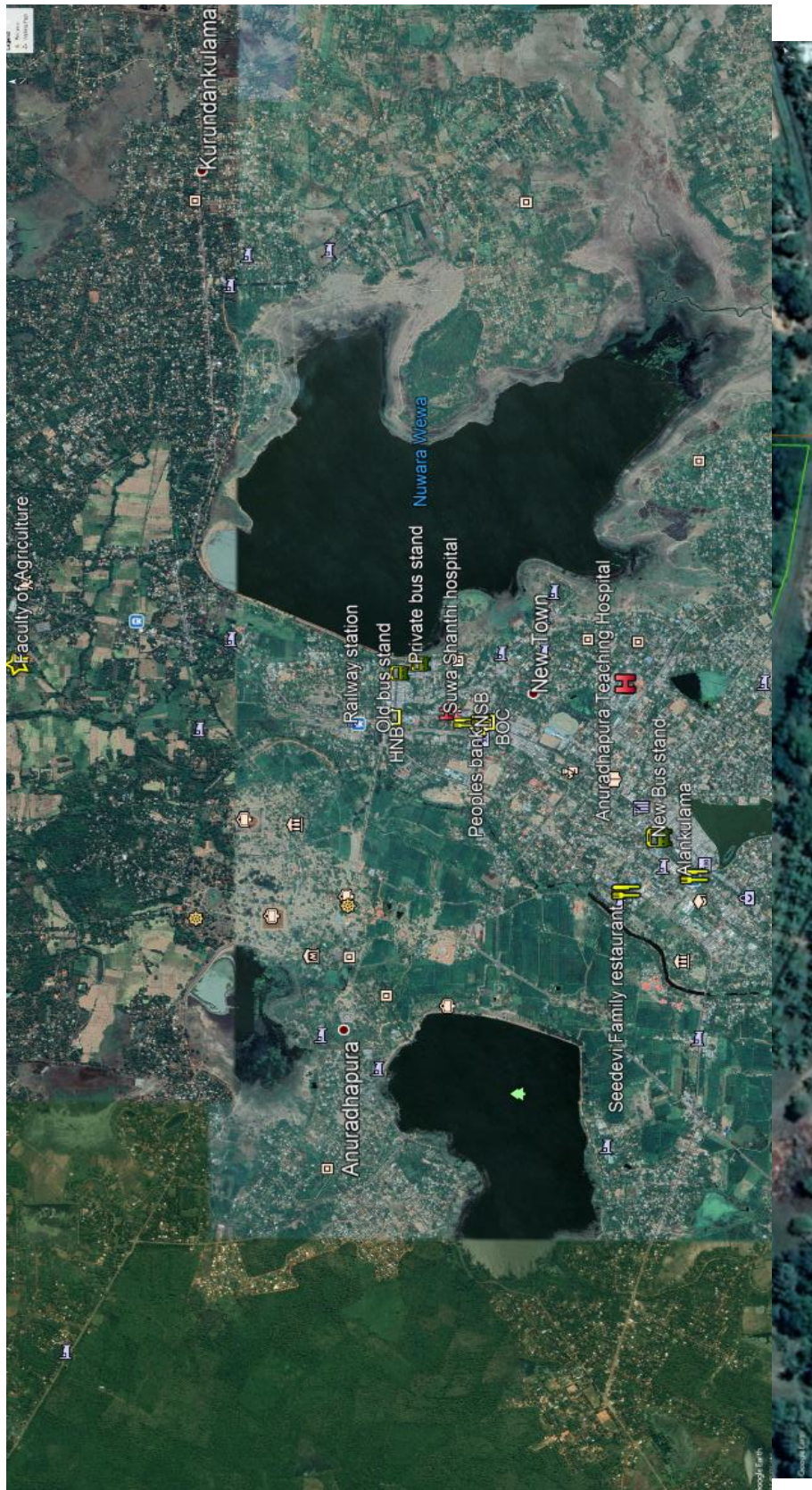


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ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

BScHons(Agriculture) Degree

Local Entrants

Candidate must have obtained at least “S” Grade passes for three subjects in one sitting from any of the following combinations at the G.C.E. [Advanced Level] examination.

Chemistry, Physics, and Biology

Chemistry, Physics or Mathematics, Biology or Agricultural Science

Chemistry, Biology, Agricultural Science or Mathematics

International Entrants

Candidates with impressive results of an examination deemed equivalent to G.C.E. [Advanced Level] examination of Sri Lanka are eligible to apply for admission to the faculty through University Grants Commission of Sri Lanka. [visit <http://www.ugc.ac.lk>] for more information.

Special Entrants

Candidates who followed full time two (02) year diploma course in Agriculture offered by the government or recognized private institution (minimum total credits 60) or equivalent qualifications together with following qualifications are eligible to apply through the special entrance.

Minimum of five (05) years research, teaching or experience in the field of Agriculture at a government or recognized private sector organization after awarding the diploma certificate.

Minimum of three (03) passes for Chemistry, Physics or Agriculture and Biology in one sitting at the G.C.E. (Advanced Level) examination.

Age should be below 40 years as at the closing date of the application.

Good performance at the written examination and the interview

The Head of Institution's consent to grant scholarships/study leave for a period of 04 years for the selected person/s to follow the programme on full-time basis.

DEAN'S OFFICE

The office of the Dean is the main administrative body of the faculty which coordinates all academic and administrative activities of the faculty. Each academic department is run under the supervision of the Head of the Department, who is under the directives of the Dean of the faculty.

The main task of the office is to provide the administrative mechanism required for coordinating the departments and academic programs. Also, it is responsible for program scheduling, coordinating, academic advising and maintaining students' records.

The Senior Assistant Registrar or Assistant Registrar is responsible to assist all administrative work in the faculty including all matters regarding the non-academic staff, registration of students, conducting examinations and other academic support activities of the faculty such as certifying studentship, certifying attendance to scholarships, receiving medical certificates for absenteeism on lectures and examination, calling applications for year registration & module/course selection and examinations (proper & repeat), publishing timetables, issuing admissions, releasing examination results, accepting requests on re-scrutinization of results, issuing and certifying results sheets & academic transcripts, reserving lecture halls and auditorium for any events organized by the students with proper approval, coordinating vehicle arrangements, repair and maintenance activities of the faculty. The Assistant Bursar attached to the Faculty of Agriculture helps for the smooth functioning of the finance and supplies activities under the delegated authority.

Under the supervision of the Dean, the Assistant Registrar and the Assistant Bursar, the Dean's Office comprises a supporting crew of clerical and allied staff.

Opening hours: Weekdays from 8.30 a.m. to 4.15 p.m.



Your Journey Begins...





Academic Departments



DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING AND SOIL SCIENCE



Currently, we are researching to increase local agricultural production using eco-friendly approaches that strengthen food security and environmental sustainability. The research efforts include soil fertility management, agricultural machine design & automated controls, water resource management, agro meteorology & climate change, energy & waste management, food engineering, GIS and remote sensing, irrigation, and soil microbiology. We have highly qualified staff with a wide range of professional skills, having local and international research experience. The academic staff of AES has awarded with many research excellence awards during the recent past. Further, AES students are publishing their research findings in both local and international journals. Also, researchers can obtain patents locally and internationally. Within the AES department, vibrant student societies offer a wonderful avenue for students to encourage their skills through engaging in extracurricular activities. The ultimate objective of the AES is to produce a well qualified graduates who can perform under any conditions locally and globally in the fields of Agricultural Engineering and Soil Sciences.

Since 2001, the Department of Soil and Water Resources Management, now the Department of Agricultural Engineering & Soil Science (AES), has emerged as a pioneering force in the disciplines of Agricultural Engineering and Soil Science. We offer twelve courses during the core program related to Farm Machinery, Soil Science, and Water Management. Also, we offer two different specialization modules to represent Agricultural Engineering and Environmental Soil Management. Additionally, we offer a comprehensive three-month industrial training program, providing students with an opportunity to gain practical experience within a real-world organizational setting. AES has sophisticated laboratory facilities with modern analytical instruments. Moreover, our Technology Incubation Center, Engineering Workshop, Engineering Drawing Room, Electronics, and GIS Laboratory provide an immersive environment for students to explore their creative and technical potential. In addition, we provide opportunities to analyze environmental samples through the Analytical Service Laboratory to the researchers of the country.

Core Course

1100	ES 1101 Analytical Chemistry (2/20:20)
	ES 1102 Engineering Physics (2/25:10)
	ES 1103 Farm Power Engineering (2/25:10)
	ES 1104 Hydrology and Climatology (2/25:10)
1200	ES 1201 Introductory Soil Science (2/15:30)
	ES 1202 Soil- Plant- Water Dynamics (2/25:10)
2100	ES 2101 Agricultural Mechanization and Automation (2/25:10)
	ES 2102 Soil Health and Fertility Management (2/20:20)
2200	ES 2201 Irrigation and Water Management (2/25:10)
3100	ES 3101 Engineering Drawing and Land Survey (2/15:30)
	ES 3102 Field Practices in Agricultural Engineering and Soil Science (3/00:135)
	ES 3103 Operation and Maintenance of Two-wheel and Four-wheel Tractors (1/00:30)

Agricultural Engineering Majoring Module	
	Compulsory Courses
3200	ES 3201 Agricultural Engineering Systems Design and Construction (2/20:20)
	ES 3204 Food Process Engineering (2/25:10)
	ES 3207 Irrigation Engineering (2:15:30)
	ES 3221 Water Quality Assessment and Modelling (2/15:30)
	ES 3222 Watershed Management and Modelling (2:25/10)
	CC 3201 Research Methods and Scientific Writing (2/15:30)
	Optional Courses
	ES 3202 Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability (2/25:10)
	ES 3203 Computer Programming and Engineering Graphics Design (2/00:60)
	ES 3205 Innovation and Product Development (2/15:30)
4100	ES 3206 Integrated Management of Water Resources in Sri Lanka (2/25:10)
	ES 3208 Mechatronics and Precision Agriculture (2/25:10)
	ES 3209 Remote Sensing and GIS (2/15:30)
	ES 3210 Renewable Energy Technology and Management (2/25:10)
	ES 3219 Thermodynamics (2/25:10)
	ES 3220 Waste Management (2/20:20)
	AS 3209 Human Resource Management (2/25:10)
	Compulsory courses
	ES 4101 Advanced Agricultural Engineering (2/20:20)

Environmental Soil Management Majoring Module	
	Compulsory Courses
3200	ES 3213 Soil and Ecosystems (2/25:10)
	ES 3214 Soil Microbiology (2/20:20)
	ES 3215 Soil Survey and Classification (2/20:20)
	ES 3216 Soils of Sri Lanka (2/20:20)
	ES 3218 Sustainable Soil Management in Agriculture (2/20:20)
	CC 3201 Research Methods and Scientific Writing (2/15:30)
	Optional Courses
	ES 3202 Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability (2/25:10)
	ES 3206 Integrated Management of Water Resources in Sri Lanka (2/25:10)
	ES 3209 Remote Sensing and GIS (2/15:30)
4100	ES 3211 Management of Degraded Lands (2:20/20)
	ES 3212 Rice Soil Management (2/25:10)
	ES 3217 Sustainable Land Use Planning for Agriculture (2/20:20)
	ES 3220 Waste Management (2/20:20)
	ES 3222 Watershed Management and Modelling (2/25:10)
	PS 3205 Organic Farming (2/25:10)
	AS 3209 Human Resource Management (2/25:10)
	Compulsory courses
	ES 4102 Advanced Analytical Techniques for Environmental Studies (2/25:10)

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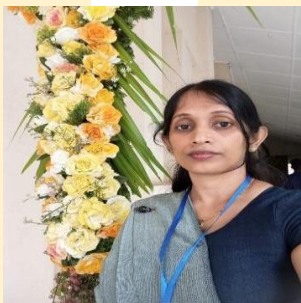
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Department of Agricultural Systems (DAS) offers an extensive range of agricultural disciplines aimed at nurturing skilled, socially conscious, and globally competitive intellectuals. The department is dedicated to responsive research and advocating for stakeholders' needs. Within DAS, two major modules are available: 1). Agricultural Economics and Extension 2). Agricultural Systems and Management, addressing Agricultural Systems Management, Agricultural Economics, Agricultural Extension, Agribusiness and Data Science. These subjects are specifically designed to cultivate a strong research-oriented approach in students. The intention is to equip them with the capacity to recognize, scrutinize, and apply acquired knowledge and skills to devise innovative solutions for present and future challenges. A key aspect of these modules is the integration of various statistical and analytical tools to address policy and decision-making issues in the agricultural sector.

Undergraduates opting for the Agricultural Economics and Extension majoring module will develop proficiency in applying advanced insights from Economics, Extension, Business, Management, and Statistics. This proficiency empowers them to identify and analyze the social, economic, and environmental challenges faced by agricultural stakeholders. Consequently, they can craft strategies to enhance competitiveness and sustainability. The module's multidisciplinary content positions undergraduates exceptionally well to assume leadership roles in agricultural business, the public sector, and society as a whole.

The Agricultural Systems and Management module provides comprehensive learning and training opportunities for undergraduates across diverse aspects of ecological agriculture, regenerative agriculture, sustainable agriculture, agro-ecotourism and global agri-food systems management. This prepares them to effectively confront managerial challenges on both local and global scales. The module also promotes undergraduates to apply their theoretical and practical knowledge to diverse agricultural systems by facilitating agricultural system's research through the agroecology laboratory.

Further, department facilitates undergraduates to observe and assess issues within agricultural and food systems and apply suitable management strategies to address them through field exposure visits, providing top-quality industrial training, research, and consulting. The department ensures that its teaching

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL SYSTEMS

Core Course	
1100	AS 1101 Basic Mathematics (2/30:00)
	AS 1102 Fundamentals of Organizational Management And Behaviour (2/25:10)
1200	AS 1201 Principles of Entrepreneurship and Agribusiness (2/25:10)
2100	AS 2101 Agricultural Communication (2/25:10)
	AS 2102 Basic Statistics (2/30:00)
2200	AS 2103 Principles of Economics (2/25:10)
	AS 2201 Applied Farming Systems (2/25:10)
	AS 2202 Experimental Methods in Agricultural Research (2/30:00)
	AS 2203 Principles of Agri-food Marketing (2/25:10)
3100	AS 3101 Community Development and Developmental Extension (2/15:45)
	AS 3102 Farm Finance and Resource Management (2/15:30)

Agricultural Economics & Extension Majoring Module	
3200	Compulsory Courses
	AS 3201 Applied Econometrics (2/25:10)
	AS 3202 Extension Education (2/25:10)
	AS 3203 Food Value Chain Analysis (2/25:10)
	AS 3204 Industrial English (2/15:30)
	AS 3205 Project Management (2/20:20)
	AS 3206 Social Research Methodology (2/20:20)
	CC 3201 Research Methods and Scientific Writing (2/15:30)
	Optional Courses
	AS 3207 Agricultural Development and Policy (2/20:20)
4100	AS 3208 Human Ecology (2/25:10)
	AS 3209 Human Resource Management (2/25:10)
	AS 3210 Macroeconomics (2/25:10)
	AS 3211 Natural Resource Economics (2/25:10)
	AS 3212 Nonparametric and Categorical Data Analysis (2/15:30)
	AS 3213 Rural Development and Development Communication (2/25:10)
	AS 3214 Rural Sociology (2/25:10)
	AS 3215 Time Series Data Analysis (2/15:30)
	Compulsory Courses
	AS 4101 English for Scientific Communication (2/15:30)
	AS 4102 International Trade and Development (2/25:10)
	AS 4103 Statistical Software for Data Analysis (2/15:30)

Agricultural Systems & Management Majoring Module	
3200	Compulsory Courses
	AS 3216 Climate Smart Agricultural Systems (2/25:10)
	AS 3217 Food Security Assessment (2/20:20)
	AS 3218 Global Food Systems (2/25:10)
	AS 3219 Evolution of Technologies in Agricultural Systems (2/25:10)
	AS 3220 Sustainable Agriculture (2/20:20)
	CC 3201 Research Methods and Scientific Writing (2/15:30)
	Optional Courses
	AS 3221 Agro-ecotourism (2/15:30)
	AS 3222 Designing and Analysis of Agricultural Systems (2/15:30)
4100	AS 3223 Quality Management in Agricultural Systems (2/25:10)
	AS 3224 Regenerative Agriculture and Innovations (2/20:20)
	AS 3225 Risk Management in Agricultural Systems (2/25:10)
	Compulsory Courses
	AS 4104 Contemporary Developments in Agricultural Systems (2/20:20)

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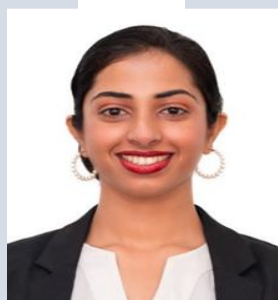
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DEPARTMENT ANIMAL AND FOOD SCIENCES

The Department of Animal & Food Sciences was established on the 27th of March 2014. The focus of the Department is to produce competent and innovative graduates with sound theoretical and practical knowledge of Animal and Food Sciences. This is a full-fledged academic department that offers many learning and development opportunities across a wide array of disciplines for undergraduates to improve their knowledge and skills in different fields such as livestock production and technology, dairy production and technology, meat processing technology, food quality control and assurance, food processing technology, postharvest technology and many more through two specialization modules: **Animal Production and Technology, Food and Postharvest Technology**. The Department provides a unique academic package, consisting of both theoretical and practical courses which have been carefully blended with field level exposure that enables the undergraduates to achieve social, economic and sustainable development in the animal & food science sectors.



Core Course

1100	AF 1101 Introduction to Animal Production and Aquaculture (2/25:10)
1200	AF 1201 Anatomy and Physiology of Farm Animals (2/25:10)
	AF 1202 Animal Nutrition and Feeding (2/25:10)
	AF 1203 Biochemistry (2/20:20)
2100	AF 2101 Poultry and Swine Production (2/25:10)
	AF 2102 Principles of Food Science and Technology (2/25:10)
2200	AF 2201 Ruminant Management (2/25:10)
	AF 2202 Principles of Postharvest Technology (2/25:10)
3100	AF 3101 Practical Animal Production (3/00:135)
	AF 3102 Training on Postharvest Technology of Agricultural Food Crops (1/00:30)

Animal Production & Technology Majoring Module	
3200	Compulsory Courses
	AF 3201 Animal Genetics and Breeding (2/25:10)
	AF 3202 Dairy Processing Technology (2/20:20)
	AF 3203 Meat and Egg Product Technology (2/20:20)
	AF 3204 Applied Animal Nutrition (2/20:20)
	AF 3205 Inland Fisheries and Ornamental Fish Culture (2/20:20)
	CC 3201 Research Methods and Scientific Writing (2/15:30)
	Optional Courses
	AF 3206 Micro-livestock and Integrated Systems (2/25:10)
	AF 3207 Wildlife Conservation and Management (2/25:10)
	AF 3208 Disease Management in Farm Animals (2/25:10)
	AF 3209 Fish Processing Technology (2/25:10)
	AF 3210 Advances in Animal Production (2/30:00)
	AF 3217 Food Microbiology (2/20:20)
	AF 3218 Food Packaging Technology (2/25:10)
	AS 3209 Human Resource Management (2/25:10)
	ES 3220 Waste Management (2/20:20)
	PS 3205 Organic Farming (2/25:10)
4100	Compulsory Courses
	AF 4101 Farm Animal Welfare (2/25:10)
	AS 4103 Statistical Software for Data Analysis (2/15:30)
	EG 4101 English for Employment (2/15:30)

Food & Postharvest Technology Majoring Module	
3200	Compulsory Courses
	AF 3211 Food and Nutrition (2/25:10)
	AF 3212 Food Chemistry (2/25:10)
	AF 3213 Postharvest Technology of Perishable Crops (2/20:20)
	AF 3214 Postharvest Technology of Grains, Oil Seeds and Spices (2/20:20)
	AF 3215 Food Preservation (2/25:10)
	CC 3201 Research Methods and Scientific Writing (2/15:30)
	Optional Courses
	AF 3202 Dairy Processing Technology (2/20:20)
	AF 3203 Meat and Egg Product Technology (2/20:20)
	AF 3209 Fish Processing Technology (2/25:10)
	AF 3216 Food Product Development and Sensory Evaluation (2/20:20)
	AF 3217 Food Microbiology (2/20:20)
	AF 3218 Food Packaging Technology (2/25:10)
	AF 3219 Food Analysis (2/15:30)
	PS 3213 Biotechnology (2/20:20)
	AS 3209 Human Resource Management (2/25:10)
	ES 3204 Food Process Engineering (2/25:10)
4100	Compulsory Courses
	AF 4102 Food Safety, Regulation and Quality Management (2/25:10)
	AS 4103 Statistical Software for Data Analysis (2/15:30)
	EG 4101 English for Employment (2/15:30)

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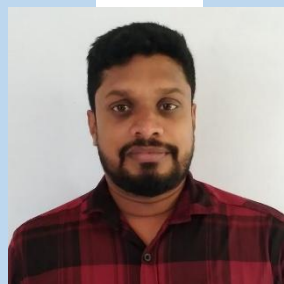
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DEPARTMENT OF PLANT SCIENCES

The Department of Plant Sciences is committed to realizing the vision of the faculty: to be a dynamic, innovative, and renowned center of excellence in Agriculture. The Department offers courses in Crop Science and Agricultural Biology, aiming to produce competent and innovative graduates with strong theoretical and practical knowledge in agriculture, with special emphasis on regional, national, and international needs. The Department serves as a gateway for specialization in key sub-disciplines, including Agronomy, Horticulture, Forestry, Field Crops, Plantation Crops, Biotechnology, Tissue Culture, Crop Protection, and Crop Improvement. A recent survey of graduates specialized in the Department indicates strong employability, with 92% securing employment within six months of graduation. Of these, 18.5% are employed in the private sector, 59.2% in the public sector, while 22.2% are pursuing full-time postgraduate studies. These achievements are supported by the Department's two specialization modules, Crop Science and Agricultural Biology, and by its 15-member academic staff, including nine Ph.D. holders and four professors.

Core Course	
1100	PS 1101 Principles of Agronomy (2/25:10) PS 1102 Plant Systematics (2/20:20)
1200	PS 1201 Principles of Horticulture (2/15:30) PS 1202 Principles of Entomology (2/20:20) PS 1203 Plant Physiology (2/20:20)
2100	PS 2101 Perennial Crop Production I: Tea and Rubber (2/25:10) PS 2102 Commercial Horticulture (2/25:10) PS 2103 Genetics and Plant Breeding (2/25:10)
2200	PS 2201 Field Crop Production (2/30:00) PS 2202 Perennial Crop Production II: Coconut, Spice and Beverage Crops (2/25:10) PS 2203 Forest Ecosystems Management (2/25:10) PS 2204 Agricultural Microbiology and Phytopathology (3/30:30)
3100	PS 3101 Crop Production and Management Technologies (5/15:180)
	PS 3102 Pest and Disease Management (2/15:30)

Crop Science Majoring Module	
3200	Compulsory Courses
	PS 3201 Crop Physiology (2/25:10)
	PS 3202 Floriculture and Landscape Gardening (3/30:30)
	PS 3203 Controlled Environment Agriculture (2/15:30)
	PS 3204 Advanced Field Crop Production (3/40:10)
	PS 3224 Academic and Business English (1/00:30)
	CC 3201 Research Methods and Scientific Writing (2/15:30)
	Optional Courses
	PS 3205 Organic Farming (2/25:10)
	PS 3206 Forest Conservation and Restoration (2/25:10)
	PS 3207 Agroecology (2/25:10)
	PS 3208 Weed Management (2/25:10)
	PS 3209 Cottage Farming Enterprise (2/15:30)
	PS 3210 Plantation Forest Management (2/15:30)
4100	PS 3211 processing and value addition of Rubber, Spice & Beverage Crops (2/15:30)
	PS 3213 Biotechnology (2/20:20)
	PS 3214 Plant Tissue culture (2/15:30)
	ES 3212 Remote Sensing and GIS in Agriculture (2/15:30)
	Compulsory Courses
	PS 4101 Processing and Value Addition of Tea and Coconut (2/15:30)
	Optional Courses
	AS 4103 Statistical Software for Data Analysis (2/15:30)
	EG 4101 English for Employment (2/15:30)
Agricultural Biology Majoring Module	
3200	Compulsory Courses
	PS 3212 Plant Breeding Techniques (2/25:10)
	PS 3213 Biotechnology (2/20:20)
	PS 3214 Plant Tissue Culture (2/15:30)
	PS 3215 Applied and Economic Entomology (2/20:20)
	PS 3216 Clinical Plant Pathology (2/15:30)
	PS 3224 Academic and Business English
	CC 3201 Research Methods and Scientific Writing (2/15:30)
	Optional Courses
	PS 3217 Applied Microbiology (2/20:20)
	PS 3218 Advanced Techniques in Molecular Biology (2/20:20)
	PS 3219 Bioinformatics (2/20:20)
	PS 3220 Germplasm Conservation (2/20:20)
	PS 3221 Stored-product and Structural Pest Management (2/15:30)
4200	PS 3222 Advanced Phytopathology (2/25:10)
	PS 3223 Insect Ecology and Behavior (2/25:10)
	PS 3209 Cottage Farming Enterprise (2/15:30)
	PS 3208 Weed Science (2/25:10)
	ES 3212 Remote Sensing and GIS in Agriculture (2/15:30)
	Compulsory Courses
	PS 4102 Integrated Plant Protection Technology (2/15:30)
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The English Language Laboratory, which comprises of computers and other audio video equipment, is open for students on all five working days and self – learning software such as “Study Skills Success”, “It’s Your Job” and “Road to IELTS” are installed into the computers and the students are free to use the facilities for self- study to enhance their knowledge of English.

‘English Night’ is an annual event organized by the Faculty Cell of DELT to refine English Language Competency as well as the talents of the First-Year students of the faculty at the end of the Intensive English Program.



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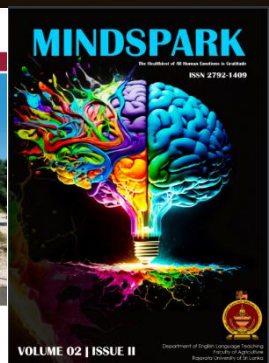
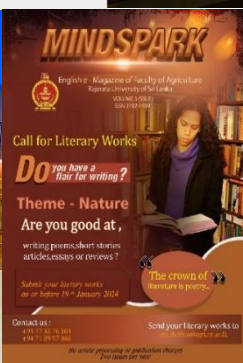
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‘Talk Master’ Inter-faculty English Speech Competition is also there with the purpose of improving English Language interaction of the students of the university including our faculty and creating a speaker friendly platform for showcasing their latent talents.

The staff of DELT are always at hand to support the undergraduates of the faculty to enhance their English Language Proficiency.





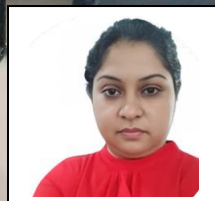
Information and Communication Technology Unit

The Information and Communication Technology Unit, (ICT Unit) of the Faculty of Agriculture caters to both students as well as staff members of the faculty. It functions under the supervision of the Dean of the faculty. ICT Unit consists of a local area network of around 50 computers and laptop computers. The ICT unit maintains the whole network of the faculty which enables free internet access for students and the staff. It maintains a local area network to facilitate all the staff and the students with free internet access via wired as well as a wireless network throughout the faculty covering the hostel area too.

The unit offers two ICT courses (ICT I - IT1101, ICT II - IT1201) for undergraduates during their first academic year.

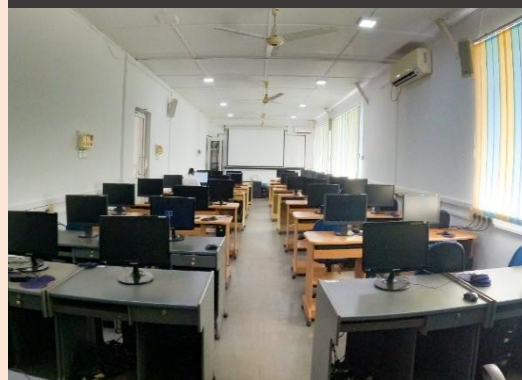
Students are allowed to use computer facilities for data analysis in their final year research projects as well as computer applications in the other subjects offered by the departments such as Computer Programming, Engineering Drawing and Land Survey, Experimental Methods in Agricultural Research and GIS.

ICT unit provides its service to all the departments and other units including lecture halls in the faculty. All the audiovisual arrangements of the faculty events will be organized and arranged by the ICT unit. Moreover, all the online programs will be monitored by the ICT unit including the faculty Management Information System (MIS) and Learning Management System (LMS). The LMS is administered, and the faculty websites are maintained by the ICT unit.



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Agriculture Library

The agriculture faculty has its own library in addition to the three faculty libraries and the Central Library located at Mihintale. The library's resource collection consists of more than fifteen thousand books related to the courses offered in the BSc Hons Agriculture degree program. It is rich in print, non-print and electronic resources. The Materials available in the library include textbooks, journals, magazines, newspapers, government documents, reference materials, dissertations, past examination papers, and e-resources. All these materials have been acquired based on the subjects in the curriculum. The major collections and services are described below.

Lending Collection

The Lending Collection constitutes the largest segment of the library's holdings and is designed to support the academic and research activities of the university community. The collection is regularly updated to meet the evolving information needs of users and to reflect developments across various disciplines. Registered students may borrow books for a period of two weeks, while academic staff members are entitled to a loan period of three months.

Scheduled Reference Collection (SR)

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Permanent Reference Collection (PR)

The Permanent Reference Collection includes valuable reference materials essential for study, research, and consultation. These resources are clearly marked with the notation "PR" and are available exclusively for use within the library premises. Materials in this collection are not available for loan.



Periodical Collection

The Periodical Collection includes scholarly journals, magazines, newspapers, newsletters, and other serial publications. Back volumes of printed journals and periodicals are preserved separately and may be consulted upon request during library opening hours.

Newspaper Collection

The Newspaper Collection provides access to a variety of Sinhala and English newspapers. This collection serves as an important source of current information and historical records for students, researchers, and staff members.

Map Collection

The Map Collection consists of maps, atlases, and related cartographic materials. These resources are identified with the “MC” designation and are available for consultation within the library only. Users may access these materials upon presentation of a valid university identification card.

Institutional Repository Service

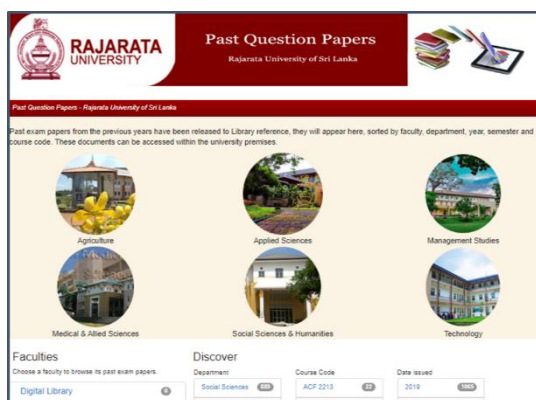
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Document Delivery Service

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Online Past Papers Service

Online Past Papers Server is a dedicated platform that provides easy access to a comprehensive collection of past examination papers from various faculties and departments within the university. Students can refer to the past question papers through the Library Official Website. This service is provided under the intranet facility.



Access to Electronic Resources

The library provides access to a broad range of electronic resources, including e-books, scholarly journals, databases, digital archives, reports, images, and audiovisual materials. These resources support teaching, learning, research, and lifelong learning by providing convenient access to reliable and up-to-date information.

Online Databases

The University Library participates in the Consortium of Academic Libraries of Sri Lanka (CONSAL), which was established to improve access to scholarly information resources and enhance research productivity in Sri Lankan universities. With funding support from the University Grants Commission (UGC), the library provides access to several internationally recognized online databases. The following three databases have been subscribed by the UGC for university libraries.

Emerald Insight

Emerald Insight provides access to more than 550 scholarly journals covering a broad range of disciplines, including Management, Accounting, Finance, Economics, Human Resource Management, Marketing, Education, Library and Information Science, Engineering, Social Sciences, Computer Science, Operations Management, Logistics, Quality Management, Tourism, and Hospitality.



Oxford Academic

Oxford Academic provides access to over 580 high-quality journals in the fields of Humanities, Social Sciences, Law, Science, and Medicine. Many of these journals are published in partnership with leading academic and professional societies and are recognized for their significant scholarly impact.



Taylor & Francis Online

Taylor & Francis Online offers access to more than 2,500 peer-reviewed journals and a substantial collection of e-books across diverse disciplines. The database covers Humanities, Social Sciences, Science and Technology, Engineering, Medicine, and related fields, supporting multidisciplinary teaching and research activities.



Research4Life

The library also provides access to Research4Life, a global initiative that enables institutions in developing countries to access a vast collection of peer-reviewed journals, books, and databases. The programme supports education, research, and evidence-based decision-making in agriculture, health, environmental sciences, and other life, physical, and social science disciplines.



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SERVICES & FACILITIES

▪ Access

The Faculty of Agriculture, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka, is in the most convenient place for you. The faculty is accessible through Anuradhapura-Rambewa highway (A20) which you have 24 hrs bus service. The faculty is 7 km away from the new bus station and 4 km away from the Anuradhapura railway station. The faculty is approximately 7 km away from the ancient city of Anuradhapura and about 10 km away from Mihintale, where the administration building complex is located.

▪ Living Accommodation

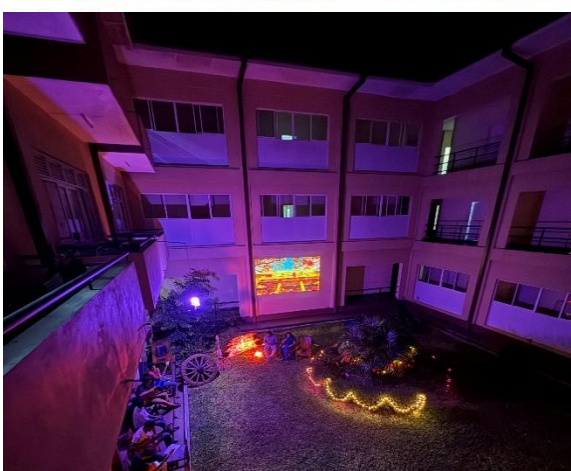
Living on-campus is so much more than a room!!

The faculty provides free on-campus accommodation to all the undergraduates during your period of studying with us.

Location - Be close to lecture halls, food, friends and fun.

Friends - Someone's always around to study, chat or just hang out with.

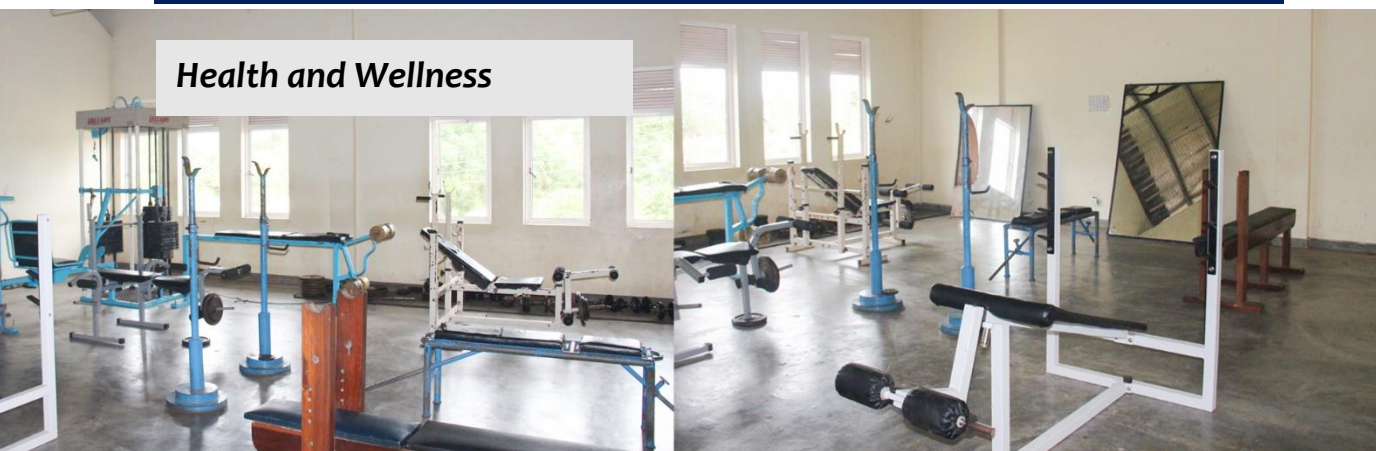
The hostels are well facilitated with food and beverages, safety and security, pastoral care, and disability support to take you to your accommodation. Further, you get daily newspapers, access to televisions, and playing indoor games such as table tennis, chess, carom etc. in common rooms. Halls are managed by a Warden who is a senior member of the academic staff assisted by residential Sub-wardens. Cooking facilities are not provided but foods and beverages are available in the cafeteria at subsidized prices. All the three hostels are facilitated with 24x7 internal security system. Further, the faculty offers a maintenance service for students in the hostels.





Student Centre

The faculty Student Centre is a popular place for gatherings and to spend your leisure time. You can enjoy free Wi-Fi access, a canteen with a purified water system (RO plant), indoor stadium and a gymnasium. This is an ideal place to enhance your social relationships.



Health and Wellness

Health Centre

The university health service provides medical care to the university community. The health centre opens for services from 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM every Wednesday. A doctor and a nurse from the Anuradhapura teaching hospital have been appointed for medical examinations and treatments in the faculty. The other services provided by the health centre are preventive health services, health education, and environmental health, which include the monitoring of water and food supplies to the university.



Student Wellness

Indoor and outdoor sports facilities are available for the faculty and at Department of Physical Education, Mihintale. These sports facilities include basketball, cricket, football, hockey, netball, rugby, tennis, volleyball, and a ground for athletics. The playground is on faculty close to the hostels. You can relax and maintain a healthy life style!



The Faculty of Agriculture has a stadium and a gymnasium. Indoor facilities are available for students including badminton, basketball, carom, chess, and table tennis. Also, weightlifting, wrestling, taekwondo, and other martial arts activities are available. Other than these facilities, the Department of Physical Education of the Rajarata University provides indoor and outdoor facilities including the main ground and volleyball court at the main campus at Mihintale having all the types of indoor and outdoor sports facilities and a swimming pool. Students are provided with all the sports facilities and equipment free of charge. The Department of Physical Education provides opportunities for talented athletes to participate in national and international level competitions.

The unit also coordinates events and supervises all sports activities. Experienced physical education instructors are attached to this unit to improve the skills of the players. The university also supports financially for athletes who represent the university at national and international level tournaments.



Career Guidance Unit (CGU)

Coordinator, CGU

Dr. WCP Egodawatta Mr. Amila
Lankapura,

Email: egowcp@agri.rjt.ac.lk

The Career Guidance Unit (CGU) of the Faculty of Agriculture plays a crucial role in preparing students for their prospective careers. Operating under the umbrella of Rajarata University's CGU, this specialized unit is tailored to meet agriculture students' career aspirations and needs. Methodically organized workshops, training sessions, and programs enhance essential career skills such as communication, leadership, teamwork, and entrepreneurship. Overseen by the university's CGU and the faculty coordinator, the unit adopts a holistic approach, whereby the CGU fosters vital soft skills and provides hands-on insights, effectively connecting the academic program with the real-world employment prospects.





Audio Visual Unit

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The Audio-Visual Unit is dedicated to realizing the vision of the faculty that is to be a dynamic, innovative, and renowned Centre for excellence in Agriculture to support the agriculture undergraduate curriculum of the faculty, by means of producing audio video materials to supplement the regular teaching and learning activities. Over the last few years, the unit has produced video films and documentaries on various themes to facilitate the learning activities of undergraduates and to disseminate information to relevant stakeholders. Apart from preparing teaching material for undergraduate studies, the unit also produces educational material for the public of broadcasting quality and covers social events of the university.





Faculty Farm

On-faculty farm facility is one of the unique benefits that you get from the Faculty of Agriculture, RUSL. The classroom theory can be practiced in the farm. We have both uplands and lowlands for you to cultivate and area for rearing animals.

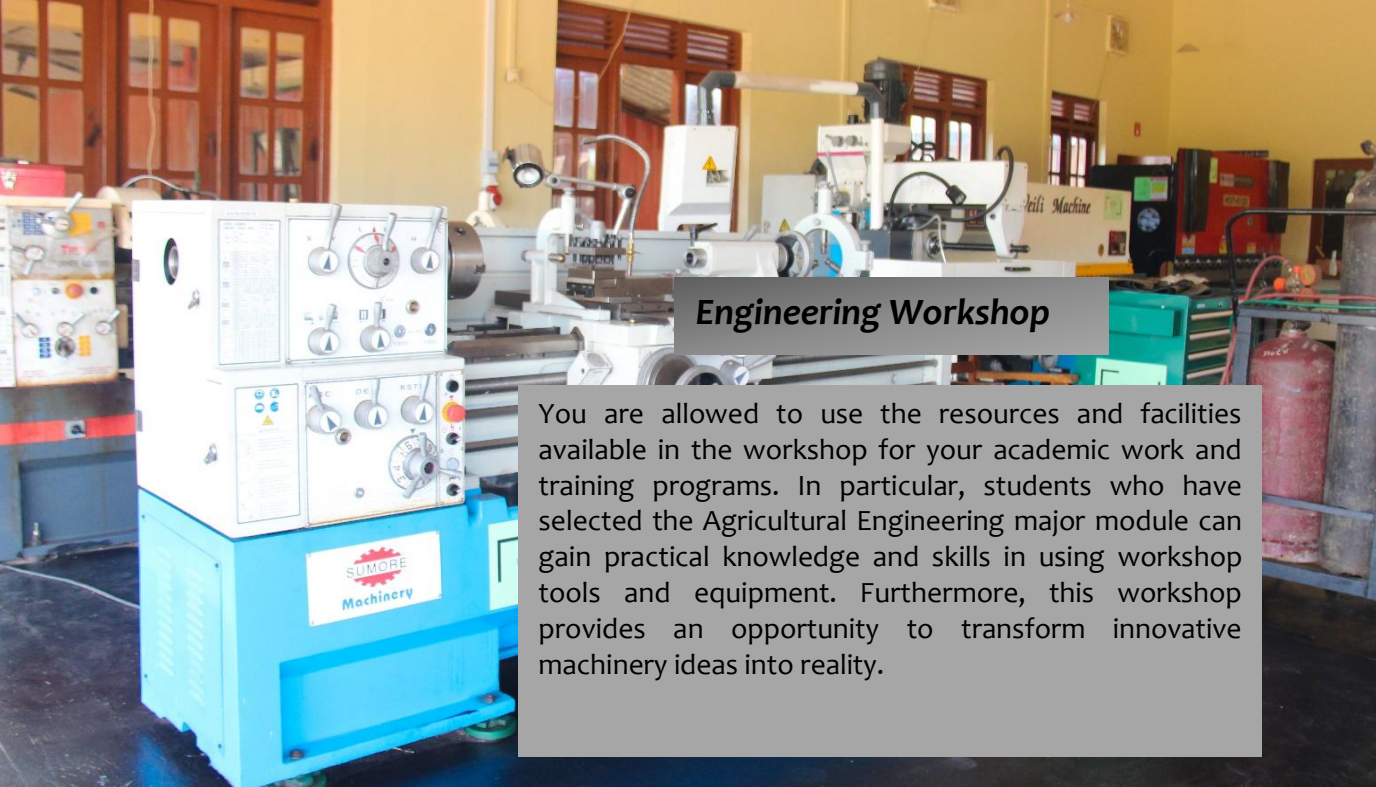
At present lowlands are used for seed paddy production while medicinal plants, orchards, protected culture and pasture can be seen in uplands. Poultry, cattle, buffalo, goat, sheep, and rabbit are reared in livestock section. In addition, a duck-fish integration unit and biogas production unit are maintained. Eggs, chicken meat, yoghurt, curd, and ice cream are available at the sales center as farm products. Seed paddy, mushroom, vegetables and fruits are also can be purchased from the sales outlet.

Acting Farm Manager

Mr. Madhura Priyadarshana

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Engineering Workshop

You are allowed to use the resources and facilities available in the workshop for your academic work and training programs. In particular, students who have selected the Agricultural Engineering major module can gain practical knowledge and skills in using workshop tools and equipment. Furthermore, this workshop provides an opportunity to transform innovative machinery ideas into reality.

Technology Incubation Center at Rajarata University of Sri Lanka

Rajarata University of Sri Lanka (RUSL), in collaboration with the Sri Lanka Inventor's Commission (SLIC), established a Technology Incubation Center (TIC) at the Faculty of Agriculture, Puliyankulama, Anuradhapura for the commercialization of invented products.

The main activities conducted by the TIC are;

- Study market requirements and provide consultancy on product marketing
- Provide technical knowledge and business skills to the inventors
- Support to develop business plans with Return on Investment
- Conduct workshops, seminars, and training programs
- Link inventors to the ministries, government agencies, and non-government organizations, including banks, to obtain the required services.
- Provide an opportunity to the undergraduates/postgraduates to exchange knowledge and experience with inventors
- Advice on issues related to Intellectual Property



Analytical Service Laboratory

The Analytical Services Laboratory of the Faculty of Agriculture at Rajarata University of Sri Lanka is a state-of-the-art facility dedicated to providing high-quality analytical testing and research support for agricultural sciences. Equipped with modern instrumentation, the laboratory offers services in soil and water including heavy metal analysis, and quality assessment. It supports undergraduate and postgraduate teaching, research projects, and provides professional analytical services to farmers, private industries, and government agencies. The laboratory is thereby contributing to sustainable agricultural development and food security in Sri Lanka.



Agro-meteorological station

Weather station is available within the faculty premises which has equipped with automatic weather station to measure weather parameters accurately. It supports undergraduate and postgraduate teaching, research projects by supplying required weather data for the region.



Rajarata University Controlled Environment Facility – RuCeF

Our newest addition to the faculty's research and teaching infrastructure is Rajarata University Controlled Environment Facility – RuCeF, which is a fully-automated climate-controlled greenhouse capable of simulating the combinations of temperature, relative humidity and soil moisture stress conditions of the future. The RuCeF's climatic conditions can be monitored with a state-of-the-art Internet-Of-Things (IOT) system. The RuCeF, Sri Lanka's only and first such facility, enables the next generation of plant scientists to undertake cutting-edge climate change adaptation and simulation research along the soil-plant-atmosphere continuum, which was once possible only in developed countries.





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OUTREACH CENTRE

Faculty of Agriculture
Rajarata University of Sri Lanka



Outreach Center

The Outreach Center of the Faculty of Agriculture is established to disseminate sustainable initiatives including research, extension, development, and awareness programs to relevant communities. The center is prepared to provide high quality, high standard technology, and services to the community.



Your Safety is Important to us!

The faculty main security office is located near the main gate of the faculty. This service is headed by a Chief Security Officer and several security male and female personnel workers. The security personnel operate regular security patrols in the campus, providing security to students, staff, buildings, and university properties. In addition to the main security office, there are security points in several places, especially in entering gates, next to the railway crossing, and in front of hostels.

Main Security

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Need Safe Drinking Water?



The faculty provides safe drinking water to all the students through Reverse Osmosis (RO) water purification units installed at different locations of the faculty.



Sales Outlet

You are benefited with low price printing, photocopying, binding, laminating facilities, and stationaries at the faculty photocopy centre. You can taste faculty-produced ice-cream, yoghurt, and curd at the sales outlet. Other farm products such as eggs chicken meat, milk are also available at reasonable price.

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🌱 Student Counselling

You are not alone! We are here to support you.

Student Counselling Services assist you with a variety of concerns such as stress management, adjusting to university life, difficulties in relationships and other social and psychological matters that occur during your stay at the faculty.

Faculty of Agriculture has several student counsellors to help the students who are in various difficult situations, personal, health or financial.

Senior Student Counsellor

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Mr. A. I.Y. Lankapura
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Female Student Counsellors

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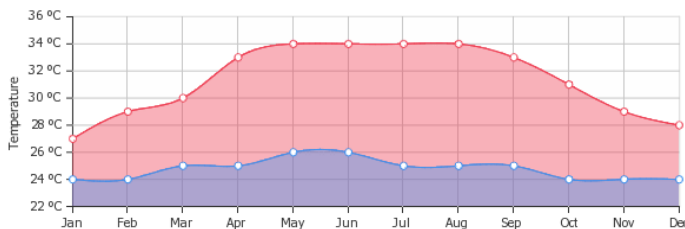
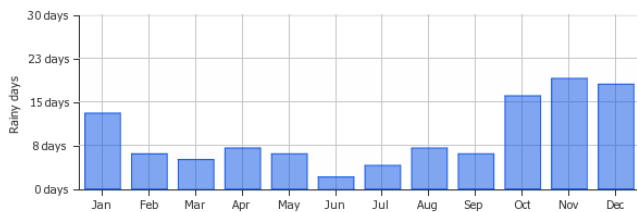
STUDENTS' LIFE

The office of the student services branch of the university oversees all activities related to students' life on campus, including student activities, leadership, multicultural outreach, counseling, and health services. As the Faculty of Agriculture is in the vicinity of Anuradhapura you may enjoy an array of on- and off-campus activities.

Weather

The city of Anuradhapura is located at the heart of the central dry zone of the island where it experiences over eight months of dry period. The showers late in the year

transform the campus premises to a carpet of greenness and invite a variety of animals among them many species of birds and butterflies.



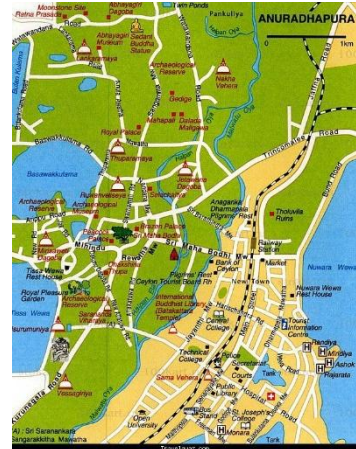
During the months of January, February, November and December you are most likely to experience good

weather with pleasant average temperatures. On average, the temperatures are always high. A lot of rain (rainy season) falls in the months of October, November and December. On average, the warmest month is July and the coolest month is January. December is the wettest month.



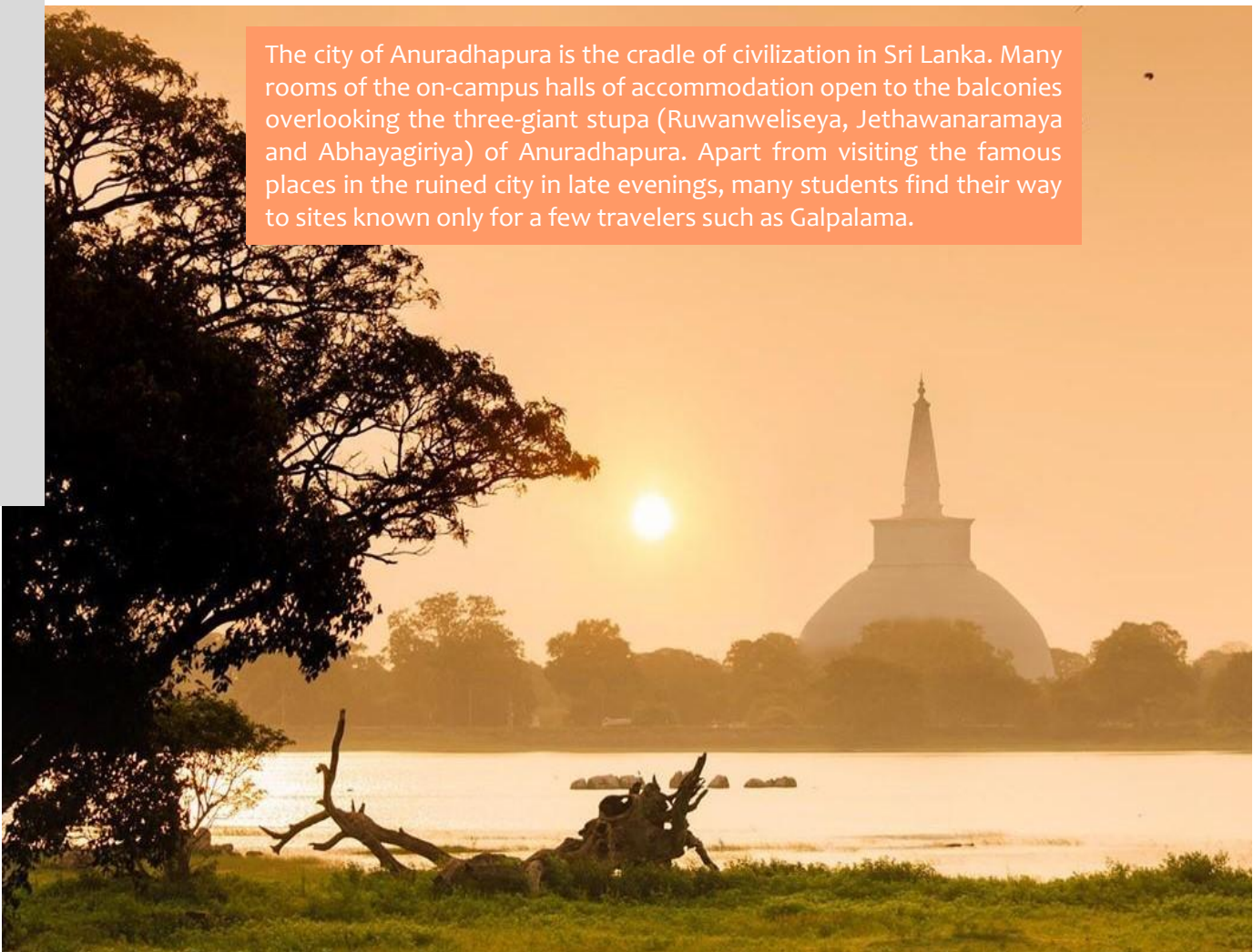
✿ Daily life

As all the students of the Faculty of Agriculture are given on-campus full-time accommodation facilities, prospective students might assume living in Anuradhapura to be relatively cheap. It is about 10 mins bus ride for you to explore what the city has to offer.



✿ Land of Lakes and Temples

The city of Anuradhapura is the cradle of civilization in Sri Lanka. Many rooms of the on-campus halls of accommodation open to the balconies overlooking the three-giant stupa (Ruwanwelisaya, Jethawanaramaya and Abhayagiriya) of Anuradhapura. Apart from visiting the famous places in the ruined city in late evenings, many students find their way to sites known only for a few travelers such as Galpalama.





Life off the books within the campus

Student-driven activities such as Vadiya Nilla, Padura, and Vesak, Poson, Christmas festivals are organized each year. The faculty offers the hands-on experience on crop and livestock farming. The faculty also offers exclusive opportunity to students to learn from student-to-famer interactions during farm family visits, farmer day programs, and other outreach activities. Among other student driven activities, poson dansala, blood donation camp and various school programs have been organized over the past years.





STUDENT SOCIETIES

The Society of Agricultural Engineering and Soil Science – ECOMECHANE Club is the official student body of the Department of Agricultural Engineering and Soil Science in the Faculty of Agriculture, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka. It unites undergraduates interested in agricultural engineering and soil science to enhance their academic, professional, and personal development while contributing to the advancement of dry zone agriculture in Sri Lanka.



The Society of Agricultural Systems–The Green Hearts Students’ Association

is the official student body of the Department of Agricultural Systems in the Faculty of Agriculture, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka. Department of Agricultural Systems launched the society for the benefit of the faculty as well as the community. The Association is dedicated to promoting sustainable agriculture, environmental conservation, community service, and student leadership.



The Society of Animal and Food Sciences (SAFS) was established in 2023 as the student society of the Department of Animal and Food Sciences, Faculty of Agriculture, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka. The society promotes collaboration among students, academics, and industry stakeholders through educational, scientific, and community-oriented activities. It also helps students develop practical knowledge, leadership, teamwork, and communication skills to become well-rounded professionals in the field of animal and food sciences.



The Society of Plant Sciences – NATURE CLUB - “SYLVANTERRA” is the official student body of the Department of Plant Sciences in the Faculty of Agriculture, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka. It provides opportunities for majoring module students at the Department of Plant Sciences to interact with fellow undergraduates, graduate students, staff, and professionals interested in nature, sustainability, and community outreach.



THE AGRICULTURAL CAREER AND INDUSTRY LINKAGE CENTER (ACIL CENTER)

The Agricultural Career and Industry Linkage Center (ACIL Center), based at the Faculty of Agriculture (FoA), Rajarata University of Sri Lanka (RUSL), aims to enhance the employability of agricultural undergraduates by identifying and facilitating decent and accessible industrial placements, providing comprehensive career support and professional development services, and strengthening alumni engagement while building sustainable industry–university linkages. An Agricultural Career and Industry Linkage Officer (ACILO) is based at the FoA premises, whose office will serve as both the administrative hub of the ACIL Center and a consultation point for students. The ACIL Center website provides students with full online access, allowing them to log in, register, and make use of the facilities provided by the faculty.

Objectives

- To build and strengthen university–industry–alumni partnerships for student employability and professional development.
- To design, coordinate, and facilitate career development/industrial training programs that support undergraduate students' career readiness and professional growth.
- To improve students' accessibility to decent and sustainable employment opportunities.



COPING UP WITH FINANCIAL NEEDS

Mahapola

Financing your undergraduate career is challenging for both you and your parents. The Mahapola Higher Education Scholarship from the Mahapola Trust Fund now offers an online application facility. Recipients of this scholarship are informed to the University before commencing your academic program, and those qualified will receive Rs. 5000 per month.

See

www.mahapola.lk
for more details

Visit

www.ugc.ac.lk/en/policy/commission-circulars/25-circulars-published-in-1994/519-commission-circular-no-613.html

for a complete list of eligibility criteria.

Bursary

Students' ineligible to receive Mahapola Scholarship have the opportunity to apply for the university bursary scheme (Rs. 4000 per month). Eligibility criteria for bursaries are given in the same website indicated here.

Needy scholarships

The faculty also administers a Needy Scholarship Fund. Each year about three to five students is awarded this scholarship.

Eligibility criteria

The student who;

- Suffers from extreme poverty.
- Experiences serious financial difficulties owing to a loss of family wealth, illness, death of the guardian and high expenses on siblings.
- Demonstrates the minimum Grade Point Average requirement of the degree program.
- Is not qualified either to “Mahapola” scholarship and Bursary but deemed really necessary of financial assistance on the evidence acceptable to the scholarship committee.
- Maintains good conduct and discipline.

Self-financing

Many students choose to sustain their four years of study through self-financing as dependents from their families. Should you choose to self-finance your program full-time, accommodation and dining facilities within the campus premises aim to bring your costs down.

REWARDING EXCELLENCE

Students are awarded gold medals in their respective convocation for the excellence in academic work during the study program according to the criteria given below.

Medal		Awarding Criteria
1	Prof. Aruni Weerasinghe Gold Medal	Gold Medal for Overall Highest FGPA
2	Mr. Vincent Subasinghe Gold Medal	Gold Medal for Highest GPA in Core Programme
3	Prof. G. V. T. V. Weerasooriya Gold Medal	Best Performance in Specialization Modules / Advanced Courses
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING AND SOIL SCIENCE		
4	Dr. D.M. Jinadasa Gold Medal	Most Outstanding Performance in the Department of Agricultural Engineering & Soil Science
5	Prof. K.D.N. Weerasinghe Gold Medal	Most Outstanding Performance in Agricultural Engineering Specialization Module
6	Prof. K.A. Nandasena Gold Medal	Most Outstanding Performance in Environmental Soil Management Specialization Module
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL SYSTEMS		
7	Prof. S.L. Ranamukhaarachchi Gold Medal	Most Outstanding Performance in the Department of Agricultural Systems
8	Prof. G.A.S. Ginigaddara Gold Medal	Most Outstanding Performance in Agricultural Systems & Management Specialization Module
9	Dr. L.P. Rupasena Gold Medal	Most Outstanding Performance in Agricultural Economics & Extension Specialization Module
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL AND FOOD SCIENCES		
10	Prof. Vijay Jayasena Gold Medal	Most Outstanding Performance in the Department of Animal & Food Sciences
11	Prof. A.M.J.B. Adikari Gold Medal	Most Outstanding Performance in Animal Production & Technology Specialization Module
12	Prof. P.H.P. Prasanna Gold Medal	Most Outstanding Performance in Food & Postharvest Technology Specialization Module
DEPARTMENT OF PLANT SCIENCES		
13	Dr. Sena Yaddehige Gold Medal	Most Outstanding Performance in the Department of Plant Sciences
14	Prof. Abhaya Balasuriya Gold Medal	Most Outstanding Performance in Agricultural Biology Specialization Module
15	Prof. U.R. Sangakkara Memorial Gold Medal	Most Outstanding Student in Crop Science Specialization Module

LIFE AFTER GRADUATION

Graduation is an exciting experience, but life after graduation may be stressful when you think about beginning a career.

Do not worry.....

- The knowledge and experiences plus a wide range of extracurricular activities at FOA will be helpful for you to succeed in your life here in the FAO and beyond.
- Seventy percent of RUSL Agros get employment opportunities within the first six months after the graduation according to the survey reports obtained on the convocation day.
- Some of our graduates continue their education in Sri Lanka or around the world.
- Most of the graduates have great pay rates in their working places.

Explore the opportunities, with empowering your skills with following extra courses such as IT, Professional English and HRM



✿ Join with ALUMNI.....

Become a member.

- Obtain an application form from the secretary, Mr. Janaka Wijesinghe
- Contact details Phone: (+94 76 75 73 770/ +94 71 651 6179),
Email: janakamd10@gmail.com
- Visit the link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/FAAAR/>



...So far, around 1000 graduates from 16 batches, everywhere in Sri Lanka and around the World...

They are willing to give a hand whenever you want.....



DIVERSITY AND EQUITY

Student life interacts with students, staff and the surrounding community. Day to day, we all experience different things with this diverse group. We are here from different parts of the country, ethnic groups, religion, and cultures. Student life is more cheerful with these diverse interactions. Whoever you are you belong to the University community. We are following one vision, one mission sharing the existing facilities equally.

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If you feel any grievances (discrimination/harassment on the basis of gender, race, sexuality, disability, age, family/carer's responsibilities, political affiliation)

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Meet your mentor or student counselor or inform the administration.
You will receive the justice.

ANTI-HARASSMENT POLICY

The university administration believes every single student receives equality and freedom to stay as his/her own and dedicated to maintain a peaceful environment by creating dignity of every person, understanding, and mutual respect. Hence, FOA administration strongly observes any issues regarding the physical or mental harassments. To prevent harassment within the Faculty community and to provide a process for addressing all forms of harassment if and when it occurs, the Deputy Proctor of the faculty is working hard. Sexual misconducts, violence in the university premises, or annoyance involving of students, as well as harassment based on other factors are seriously concerned and such involvements will be punished according to the set rules and regulations. To prevent such bad environment, FOA adheres to the country law, human rights, and anti-ragging act (Act No. 20 of 1998). Moreover, the

administration strictly follows the guidelines set by UGC (Circular 946) and RUSL on student discipline. If you face such instance, you can directly contact online Voice Response System of UGC which is available 24 hours of the day.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Health

The university is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for the university community. University health care centre (HCC) opens 24 hrs in 365 days in a year. A full range of primary health care services are offered to university students and staff. In serious situations, patient is directed to the Teaching hospital, Anuradhapura which is only 2 km away from the faculty.

Get registration at the centre...

- Go to the HCC.
- Staff will help you to register in the centre.
- You will be benefitted throughout your student life.

Safety

Laboratory manuals are available in each labouratory and during the first labouratory practices you will be demonstrated about safety measures.

- Use a lab coat and a pair of covered shoes when you are in the labouratory.
- Use gloves, goggles etc. when necessary.
- Familiarize with other safety protocols.
- Fire distinguishes are fixed in all the labouratories and read and familiarize to face an emergency.

Apart from that, security points are located on the faculty premises. In hostels, 24 h security serves are available. Please adhere to the safety rules established by the hostel administration for your own safety (read hostel rules and regulations doc.)

ACADEMIC CALENDER

Visit <https://lmsagri.rjt.ac.lk/mod/forum/discuss.php?d=1397>

Students' Success Stories



I am delighted to share a few reflections on my academic journey as a proud graduate of the Faculty of Agriculture, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka. My passion for soil science and environmental sustainability inspired me to specialize in Environmental Soil Management, where I developed a strong foundation in soil fertility, plant nutrition, analytical chemistry, soil and water management, climatology, and environmental conservation.

Throughout my undergraduate studies, I actively engaged in research, fieldwork, academic activities, and student leadership opportunities that shaped both my professional aspirations and personal development.

My university experience extended far beyond the classroom and laboratory. I actively participated in a wide range of sports and extracurricular activities, including badminton, carrom, swimming, and athletics, as well as cultural, performing arts, and oratory events. These experiences strengthened my leadership, teamwork, communication, and interpersonal skills while teaching me the value of discipline, perseverance, and collaboration. Furthermore, serving the university community through various student organizations and academic activities enriched my undergraduate experience and contributed significantly to my personal and professional growth.

One of the most meaningful milestones of my undergraduate journey was conducting research under the guidance of Prof. N.S. Abeyasinghe and Dr. D.M.S. Duminda. My research, titled *"Metal and Nutrient Uptake by Natural Wetland Plants in a Tropical Man-Made Wetland of Sri Lanka"* deepened my understanding of soil-plant interactions, environmental remediation, and sustainable ecosystem management. This experience ignited a lasting passion for scientific research and inspired me to pursue a career dedicated to advancing knowledge in soil and environmental sciences.

I was deeply honored to receive the Dr. D.M. Jinadasa Gold Medal for the Most Outstanding Performance in the Department of Agricultural Engineering and Soil Science and the Prof. K.A. Nandasena Gold Medal for the Most Outstanding Performance in Environmental Soil Management.

These prestigious recognitions remain among the most memorable achievements of my academic journey and continue to motivate me to pursue excellence in research, education, and professional service.

Following graduation, I had the privilege of serving my department (alma mater) as a Temporary Demonstrator and later as a Temporary Assistant Lecturer at the Faculty of Agriculture, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka. These roles allowed me to work closely with students, researchers, and academic staff while strengthening my teaching, research, leadership, and mentoring skills. The opportunity to contribute to the institution that shaped my future was both rewarding and inspiring.

Currently, I am pursuing my Master's degree while serving as a Graduate Research Assistant at Prairie View A&M University, Texas, USA. My research, *"Assessment of Agroecological Impacts of Forage Sorghum Cultivars on Soil Carbon Dynamics in Southern Texas,"* focuses on understanding how agricultural management practices influence soil carbon dynamics and ecosystem sustainability. Working within an international research environment has broadened my scientific perspective, enhanced my technical expertise, and reinforced my commitment to addressing global agricultural and environmental challenges through innovative research.

As I look toward the future, I aspire to continue my academic journey through PhD studies and contribute to research, higher education, and sustainable agricultural development. Reflecting on my journey, I am deeply grateful to the Faculty of Agriculture, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka, for providing the knowledge, opportunities, mentorship, and foundation that shaped who I am today. To future students, I encourage you to embrace every opportunity, remain curious, and believe in your potential. The Faculty of Agriculture is not just a stepping stone but rather a trampoline you could use to reach new, unimaginable heights! I am incredibly grateful to the Faculty for molding me into what I am today. I wish you all the best in starting your academic journey!

Mr. M. Dilan Danushka Rodrigo
Majoring - Environmental Soil Management



It is a great privilege and honor for me to contribute this message to the undergraduate student handbook of the Faculty of Agriculture, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka, as a proud product of FoA, RUSL and as an academic currently serving in the field of Agricultural Engineering at Uva Wellassa University of Sri Lanka.

My undergraduate journey at the Faculty of Agriculture, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka, was one of the most valuable and transformative periods of my life. Pursuing my first degree at this Faculty was truly a blessing, and selecting Agricultural Engineering as my area of specialization became one of the best decisions that shaped both my academic and professional career. The faculty provided me not only with academic knowledge and practical competencies, but also with confidence, discipline, leadership qualities, and a strong professional foundation.

I completed my BSc (Hons) in Agriculture specializing in Agricultural Engineering at the Faculty of Agriculture, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka. Soon after graduation, I joined the Faculty as a Temporary Demonstrator, which gave me the opportunity to further strengthen my academic and practical exposure in the discipline. Subsequently, I was appointed as a Lecturer Probationary in Farm Machinery Technology at the University College Kuliapitiya. Currently, I serve as a Lecturer Probationary in Agricultural Engineering attached to the Department of Export Agriculture, Faculty of Animal Science and Export Agriculture, Uva Wellassa University of Sri Lanka.

Further advancing my academic journey, I completed my Master's degree in Agricultural and Bio Systems Engineering at the Postgraduate Institute of Agriculture (PGIA), University of Peradeniya. Throughout my academic and professional career, I have actively engaged in research and scholarly activities, resulting in publications in both indexed and non-indexed journals, as well as presentations at national and international research conferences. In recognition of my research achievements, I was honored as an awardee of the Uva Wellassa University Research Awards. In addition, I have had the opportunity to contribute as a guest lecturer for undergraduates at the School of Science and Engineering, University of Dundee, United Kingdom.

Looking back on my journey, I sincerely appreciate the immense contribution made by the Faculty of Agriculture, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka, in shaping my professional identity and career path. The guidance of academic staff, exposure to research, and opportunities for personal development provided by the faculty have greatly influenced who I am today.

To the current undergraduates, I encourage you to make the maximum use of the opportunities available during your university life. Remain committed to learning, actively participate in research and extracurricular activities, and continuously challenge yourself to grow both academically and professionally. The experiences and knowledge you gain during this period will become the foundation for your future achievements and contributions to society.

I remain deeply grateful to the Faculty of Agriculture, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka, for the knowledge, inspiration, guidance, and opportunities it has provided throughout my journey.

Ms. M.P. Charithangi
Majoring - Agricultural Engineering



I'm Dinesh Pushpa Kumara, currently working in the Research and Development Department of Diamond Best Food. My role involves developing new products related to the food industry, conducting tests, analyzing data, conducting research and writing report on market availability and product feasibility.

I am a graduate of the Faculty of Agriculture, Animal and Food Science Department, Food Science and Postharvest Technology majoring module, in the 2019/2020 batch. My university life was not only filled with academic achievements but also with other remarkable achievements. My Faculty and the Department of Animal and Food Sciences were a great support for me to gain lifelong experiences and develop my personality.

In addition to my academic activities, I took full advantage of every opportunity that came my way during the university life. I fulfilled my responsibilities as a group leader in the first year, as the treasurer of the Faculty Student Union in the second year, as the secretary of the Faculty Student Union and as the treasurer of the Rajarata University Union in the third year. I believe all these things gave a boost to my university life. I also gained experience as an event coordinator to the “Krusha Dakma” Exhibition held by Faculty of Agriculture. Further, I have contributed as the Vice President of the Animal and Food Science Association, editor of the Faculty Student Union and as the event coordinator of FOA Media, the official student media unit of the faculty. Through all these things, I gained invaluable experience and knowledge in addition to my studies. I have also been involved in sports in inter-faculty sports competitions and have also achieved victories in the football section.

Looking back on my university life, it is full of beautiful memories, achievements and experiences. My advice to my own brothers and sisters is, first of all, identify yourself and set a goal for your life. And dedicate yourself to those goals. University life is very beautiful, enjoy it. Conquer life.

Mr. Dinesh Pushpa Kumara
Majoring - Food & Postharvest Technology



I am Nadunmali Gambheera Arachchi, a proud graduate of the Faculty of Agriculture at Rajarata University of Sri Lanka, where I completed my B Sc. (Hons) in Agriculture majoring in Animal Production and Technology with a First Class. My university journey was built on dedication, hard work, and the dreams I carried for my future. I strongly believed in working towards the career I wanted, and that determination brought me to where I am today.

Throughout my academic journey, I consistently maintained outstanding academic performance and was honored to receive the Dean's Award in each semester. One of the proudest moments of my university life was receiving the Gold Medal for Best Presenter in the majoring module of Animal Production and Technology at the 17th Annual Research Symposium. This achievement reflected my commitment to research, confidence in presentation, and passion for the field of animal science.

During my degree program, I carefully selected both my research training and industrial training according to the professional path I dreamed of following. I successfully completed two training periods, which provided me with valuable practical and industrial experience. These opportunities helped me gain the knowledge, confidence, and exposure needed to enter the poultry industry and achieve the position I always aimed for.

Today, I am proudly serving as the Plant Manager at Topp's Chicken (Pvt) Ltd. Reaching this position was not easy. It was the result of continuous hard work, dedication, and having a clear vision for my future. Every challenge I faced became a steppingstone toward achieving my goals.

In addition to academics and leadership, I actively participated in athletics, especially in shot put, discus throw, and javelin throw events. Through dedication and perseverance, I achieved places in these events and proudly received certificates for my performances, adding another memorable achievement to my university life. Looking back, my journey at university was not only about earning a degree-it was about building myself through hard work, discipline, leadership, and determination. I came this far because I believed in my dreams and worked consistently to achieve them. My story reminds me that success comes to those who are willing to work hard, stay focused, and never stop believing in their future.

Ms. Nadunmali Gambheera Arachchi
Majoring - Animal Production and Technology



I am honored and excited to share my journey as a student at the Faculty of Agriculture, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka, and how it has shaped my path as a Program Assistant at the Lanka Organic Agricultural Movement (LOAM), LOADI GROVE Training Centre. Specializing in Agricultural Systems Management within the Department of Agricultural Systems, I have had the privilege of exploring the intricate connections between agricultural practices, systems thinking, and sustainable development.

The foundation I have built at the Faculty of Agriculture has been truly transformative. The rigorous academic programs, hands-on practical experience, and inspiring mentorship from the exceptional academic staff have equipped me with the skills and confidence to pursue my passion for sustainable and organic agriculture. Beyond the classroom, being involved in extracurricular activities, including club memberships and volunteer work, has shaped me into a more well-rounded individual and reinforced my commitment to meaningful, community-driven work.

A significant milestone in my journey was the opportunity to secure a role as a Program Assistant at the Lanka Organic Agricultural Movement, based at the LOADI GROVE Training Centre, even before completing my graduation. This experience has allowed me to bridge the gap between academic knowledge and practical impact, working closely with farming communities and stakeholders to promote organic agricultural practices across Sri Lanka. The systems-based thinking and management skills I have gained through my studies in Agricultural Systems Management have proven that it is directly applicable and invaluable in my present employment.

Looking back, I am immensely grateful for the guidance and opportunities I have received at the Faculty of Agriculture. The support from my mentors and the network I have built has been instrumental in shaping my career even before graduation. I am proud to demonstrate that the education and experiences offered by this faculty can open doors at every stage of one's journey.

To all aspiring new comers: believe in yourself, dream big, and make the most of every opportunity available to you, both inside and outside the classroom. The Faculty of Agriculture is not merely a place to learn; it is a place to grow, to discover your potential, and to build a career that makes a real difference.

Mr. H.A. Chamod Madhuwantha Abeysekara
Majoring - Agricultural Systems & Management



When I first enrolled at the Faculty of Agriculture, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka, I was not entirely sure where my journey would take me. However, after completing the first semester with a higher GPA, I had the goal to become an impactful academic.

I completed my bachelor's degree with a First Class and a GPA of 3.76, becoming the top of the batch. I earned three gold medals; the Prof. Aruni Weerasinghe Gold Medal for the overall highest GPA, the Prof. S.L. Ranamukhaarachchi Gold Medal for the most outstanding performance in the Department of Agricultural Systems, and the Dr. L.P. Rupasena Gold Medal for the most outstanding performance in the Agricultural Economics & Extension Specialization Module. My journey as an undergraduate at the Faculty of Agriculture was not solely academic but also included extracurricular activities. I played hockey and badminton at the faculty.

In 2022, I joined the Department of Agricultural Systems as a Temporary Demonstrator. But I was not limited to the role of demonstrator, I also played a dual role by engaging in the AHEAD department development project. In 2023, I joined the Institute of Policy Studies (IPS) of Sri Lanka, as a Project Officer and later I was promoted to a research assistant/junior researcher. At IPS, I had the opportunity to further enhance my knowledge and skills through various programs offered by international institutions such as The London School of Economics and Political Science, UK; International Food Policy Research Institute, India; and South Asian Network on Economic Modelling (SANEM), Bangladesh.

Looking back, I think what has served me most is the willingness to give my full attention to every task, without considering its scale. To the current students of Rajarata; the discipline, curiosity, and resilience you build here are real assets. Do not underestimate the value of where you come from. Understand your purpose, and let that understanding be your compass wherever your career takes you.”

Ms. Korathotage Rashmi Anupama
Majoring - Agricultural Economics and Extension



The Faculty of Agriculture, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka, was the place where I developed not only academically, but also personally and professionally. As a student majoring in Crop Protection and Improvement, I gained valuable knowledge and practical experience through fieldwork, laboratory sessions, and research activities that helped shape my future career.

University life gave me many opportunities beyond academic activities. I actively participated in rugby and carrom, which taught me teamwork, discipline, and leadership. I also had the privilege of serving as the Media President of the Student Council, where I improved my communication and organizational skills through student activities and university events.

Currently, I am working as the Head of the Milk Procurement at CIC Dairies, Dambulla. I strongly believe that the experiences, exposure, and guidance I received at Rajarata University played a major role in my professional success.

My message to undergraduates is to enjoy university life while developing yourself in every possible way. Participate in extracurricular activities, build your confidence, and never limit yourself only to academics. The experiences you gain today will become the strength of your future.

Mr. Lakshan Karunaratne
Majoring - Agricultural Biology



As a proud alumnus of the Faculty of Agriculture, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka (RUSL), I am honored to share my journey and experiences with the current and future generations of students. I graduated with a Bachelor of Science Honors in Agriculture, specializing in Crop Science, with a Second-Class Lower Division. During my final year, I was recognized on the Dean's List for academic excellence, which remains one of the proudest achievements of my university life.

Currently, I am working as an Outreach Executive at MA's Tropical Food Processing (Pvt) Ltd under the brand name MA'S Kitchen. Following the successful completion of my six-month internship at CIC Agribusinesses (Pvt) Ltd, CIC Fertilizers Division, I was able to step confidently into the professional agricultural sector. In my present role, I closely engage with farming communities, supporting them in maintaining Fairtrade and organic standards while preparing for annual international audits. I also conduct training programs for farmers and factory workers, manage the raw material supply chain, and collaborate with international buyers from countries such as the Netherlands, Japan, and the USA.

My university experience extended far beyond academics. I actively participated in sports, music, and arts activities, which helped shape my creativity, confidence, and teamwork skills. I also served as a Student Union member during my first year and had the privilege of becoming the founding President of the Sylvanterra Nature Club, an initiative that encouraged environmental awareness and student engagement within the faculty. The Faculty of Agriculture at RUSL is truly a valuable gift for students who are passionate about agriculture and personal growth. The degree program provides not only strong academic and practical knowledge, but also opportunities to develop leadership, communication, teamwork, and problem-solving skills. Agriculture is a diverse and balanced field that opens doors to many career paths both locally and internationally.

To the current undergraduates, I encourage you to make the fullest use of every opportunity the university offers. Participate actively in academic, extracurricular, and social activities, because these experiences will shape you into a capable and confident graduate. Stay dedicated, be open to learning, and always believe in your potential. The knowledge, friendships, and experiences you gain at RUSL will become the foundation for your future success and your contribution to the agricultural sector and society.

Mr. Tharindu Nawarathne
Majoring - Crop Science



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