

2019 MSU Education Abroad Program - Daily Schedule

Day		Lecture/Activity	Resource Person	In-charge	Lecturer	Accommodation
1	Tuesday, May 7, 2019	Settling in		JM/ SD	UoP	Colombo
2	Wednesday, May 8, 2019	Orientation Tour of Colombo	(Guide) MA	MA	MSU UoPAG	Colombo
3	Thursday, May 9, 2019	Lecture: Sri Lanka's ethnic and religious diversity Tour of religious institutions (Buddhist, Hindu, Muslim?, Christian)	WJ MA/SD	MA/SD	UoP UoPAG	Colombo
4	Friday, May 10, 2019	Lecture: Sri Lanka's colonial history Lecture: Post-colonial politics Methods session: Introduction to field research	PDS GK	JM	UoP UoP MSU	Colombo
5	Saturday, May 11, 2019	Free day Optional visit to Mt. Lavinia			MSU	Colombo
6	Sunday, May 12, 2019	Transfer to Kandy Visit to the Temple of the Tooth	(Guide)	Danesh SD	UoPA UoPAG	Peradeniya
7	Monday, May 13, 2019	Welcome ceremony and orientation Lecture: Agro-climate Campus tour Lecture: farming systems of Sri Lanka	Punya/ BM GH GH	CB/ JM	UoP UoP UoP	Peradeniya
8	Tuesday, May 14, 2019	Lecture: Sri Lanka's economy – an overview Lecture: Gender and development Methods session: Transect walk and field observations	JW WJ	CB/ JM	UoP MSU MSU	Peradeniya
9	Wednesday, May 15, 2019	Field visit: Household with home garden Field visit: Integrated farm	GH GH	CB/JM	UoPA UoPA	Peradeniya
10	Thursday, May 16, 2019	Lecture: Development and agriculture policy Lecture: Gender and agriculture Method: Focus group discussion Visit to the Botanical Gardens	BM/ GJ WJ CB	CB/JM	UoP UoP MSU UoPA	Peradeniya
11	Friday, May 17, 2019	Field visit: Yam project	JM, PS, BM, CB	JM	UoPA	Peradeniya
12	Saturday, May 18, 2019	Vesak holiday – free day				Peradeniya
13	Sunday, May 19, 2019	Vesak holiday – free day Debrief session: (optional at faculty apartment)			MSU	Peradeniya

14	Monday, May 20, 2019	Visit to Dambulla (Golden Temple) Visit to Sigiriya	(Guide)/ MA	MA/ SD	UoPAG UoPAG	Polonnaruwa
15	Tuesday, May 21, 2019	Method: assignment briefing Visit Polonnaruwa historical city and Parakrama Samudra	BM/PS/ (Guide)	BM/ PS	MSU UoPAG	Polonnaruwa
16	Wednesday, May 22, 2019	Field visit: Paddy farm with transect walk Visit Minneriya National Park	BM/ PS BM/ PS	BM/ PS	UoPA UoPAG	Polonnaruwa
17	Thursday, May 23, 2019	Field visit: CIC Higurakgoda farm activities Return to Peradeniya	BM/ PS	BM/ PS	UoPAG UoPA	Peradeniya
18	Friday, May 24, 2019	Methods session: synthesizing field research (indicators and triangulation) Assignments discussion			MSU MSU	Peradeniya
19	Saturday, May 25, 2019	Free day				Peradeniya
20	Sunday, May 26, 2019	Visit to Nuwara Eliya Travel to Talawakelle – TRI		JM JM	UoPA UoPA	Tallawakelle
21	Monday, May 27, 2019	Lecture: Introduction to plantation agriculture Lecture: Tea production and processing Methods session: FGD and transect walk (assignment instructions) Field visit and tour of TRI tea factory and estate	SH SB FO	JM/ KM	TRI TRI MSU TRI	Tallawaklle
22	Tuesday, May 28, 2019	Return to tea factory Field visit Matakelle Somerset tea estate: introduction and focus group discussion with managers	FO	JM/ KM	TRI TRI	Tallawakelle
23	Wednesday, May 29, 2019	Lecture: Socioeconomic issues in plantation agriculture Method: FGD and transect walk (assignment instructions) Field visit: FGDs with Matakelle estate workers	HWS Staff, Mattakelle	JM/ KM	TRI MSU TRI	Peradeniya
24	Thursday, May 30, 2019	Return to Peradeniya Prepare for final class		KM	UoPA MSU	Peradeniya
25	Friday, May 31, 2019	Closing session Closing dinner		CB/ JM CB/ JM	UoP UoPA	Peradeniya
26	Saturday, June 1, 2019	Travel to Negombo	SBA	JM/ PS	UoPA UoP	Negombo
27	Sunday, June 2, 2019	Field visit: Fishing community Free time	SBA	BM/CB/ JM/PS	UoP	Negombo

28	Monday, June 3, 2019	Depart for US		BM/CB/ JM/PS		Travel
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Resource Persons

MA: Dr Mojith Ariyaratne (UOP)
SD: Dr Samantha Dissanayake (UOP)
PDS: Prof Premakumara De Silva (UOC)
GK: Prof Gamini Keerawella (UOP)
JW: Prof Jeevika Weerahewa (UOP)
WJ: Dr Wijaya Jayathilaka (UOP)
KL: Prof Kamala Liyanage (UOP)
GH: Dr Gamini Hitinayake (UOP)
BM: Prof Buddhi Marambe (UOP)
GJ: Dr Gerry Jayawardena (UOP)
CB: Dr Chalinda Beneragama (UOP)
JM: Dr Janaki Mohotti (UOP)
PS: Prof Pradeepa Silva (UOP)
KM: Dr Keerthi Mohotti (TRI)
SH: Dr Saman Hettiarachchi (TRI)
SB: Dr Sarath Botheju (TRI)
FO: Factory Officer (TRI)
HWS: Dr HW Shyamalie (TRI)
SBA: Dr Saman Athauda (UOP)

UoP – Lecture conducted or arranged by University of Peradeniya

UoPA – Visit or travel arranged by University of Peradeniya

UoPAG – Visit or travel arranged by University of Peradeniya with a trained guide

MSU – Lecture conducted by Michigan State University

UOC – University of Colombo

TRI – Tea Research Institute

(Guide): A professional tour guide will be arranged

Accommodation Facilities

Colombo : Hector Kobbekaduwa Agrarian Reseach & Training Institute, 114, Wijerama Mawatha, Colombo 07 (Tele: 011-2698539-41)
Peradeniya : Hotel Moon Beam, 66 George E.de Silva Mawatha, Kandy (Tele: 0814 924 999)
Polonnaruwa : Tishan Holiday Resort, 1580,Bendiwewa, Polonnaruwa (Tele: 0272 224 072)
Talawakelle : TRI Guest House, Tea Research Institute, St. Coombs, Talawakelle (Tele: 0522 258 201)
Negombo : Goldi Sands Hotel, Poruthota Road, Eththukala, Negombo (Tele: 0312 279 227)