Course Code: HIST E2015
Course Unit: Core
Course Title: History of Sri Lanka, up to 1597 AC.

Learning Outcomes: To enable the students to gain an understanding of major historical developments and socio-economic evolution of Sri Lanka from the earliest times of the History of Sri Lanka up to the downfall of the Kingdom of Kotte.

Course Content: Historical sources; influence of geographical factors on the history of Sri Lanka; the establishment of early settlements by the people of Indian origin; state formation; the advent and spread of Buddhism; political developments of the Anuradapura and Polonnaruwa Kingdoms; Rohanadesa; political developments in South India and their impact on Sri Lanka; shift of the seat of rule to the south-west; decline of the Kotte Kingdom; development of science and technology, irrigation and water resource management in ancient Sri Lanka; agriculture, culture and society of ancient Sri Lanka.

Learning and Teaching Methods:
Lectures, discussions and assignments.

Methods of Evaluation:
Written Examinations.

Recommended Readings:


