

University of Moratuwa to offer four-year design course

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The University of Moratuwa will soon commence an undergraduate Design Course in keeping with the diversification and expansion of courses under University reforms, Vice Chancellor Prof. Dayantha S. Wijeyesekera said.

The four-year full time Design Course (B.Des) will commence with an intake of 25 students in January 2001. In year 2004, the University plans to increase the

number of students to 100, he added.

Design fundamentals are taught in the first and second year through an interdisciplinary study of nature, culture, history, communication, technology, and problem solving. Prior to entering the third year, major and minor areas of specialization are selected from the following fields of design: Textile/Fashion, Ceramics, Furniture, Jewellery, Graphic/Commu-

nication Arts. Design professionals and educators have identified a need for a degree level designing program. Currently most of the designs are imported as there is a lack of trained product designers in Sri Lanka.

The B.Des. program will encourage designers to maintain a cultural identity while creating innovative, functional products of international quality, said Prof. Wijeyesekera.