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MSc Programmes

1. MSc Economics
2. MSc Pakistan Studies
3. MSc Gender & Women Studies



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PROSPECTUS FOR INTERNATIONAL/OVERSEAS STUDENTS

- 1. MSc Economics**
- 2. MSc Pakistan Studies**
- 3. MSc Gender & Women Studies**

FOR

SEMESTER: AUTUMN, 2021



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Vice-Chancellor's Message

Dear Student,

السلام عليكم

Allama Iqbal Open University (AIOU) is one of the mega universities of the world and it occupies a unique position in the education sector of Pakistan. Because of its affordability and high-quality distance and online academic programs. AIOU has now turned into the most favorite university of the country with high international repute. The university made a landmark progress by ensuring access to quality education rural areas under-privileged students for the people of all ages particularly the females can now select and join the programs of their choice while sitting at their residence and along with continuing their jobs. More than 1.3 million students are getting benefits from the high-quality educational services of AIOU in all regions of the country through more than fifty regional offices of the university. AIOU offers many undergraduate and Post Graduate programs at rural and remote areas providing an unparalleled opportunity to all the poor and deprived sections of the society at an affordable cost. After assessing the success of many degree programs in Pakistan, AIOU is successfully offering multiple degree programs for International/overseas students. AIOU values the presence of International/Overseas students and recognizes the important role they play in the life of AIOU. In recent years we have established cross institutional cooperation's with many countries across the globe. The university has recently digitalized all its student-support services for facilitating its students on priority basis. This digitization of the system, it is hoped, will enable AIOU students to get all kinds of educational support online by using their Learning Management system (LMS) portal.



Committed for your bright future!

Prof. Dr. Zia-UI-Qayyum
Vice Chancellor, AIOU

IMPORTANT ACTIVITIES TO BE REMEMBERED

Activity	Spring Semester	Autumn Semester
Admissions	March – April	September – October
Study Period	June – October	December – April
Examinations	October – November	April – May
Result	January	July

COMPLETE PROCEDURE TO ENROLL IN AIOU PROGRAMME AND SUBMISSION OF FORM IN AIOU ISLAMABAD

International & Overseas Students Shall Submit Their Admission Using Online System.

ADMISSION PROCEDURE

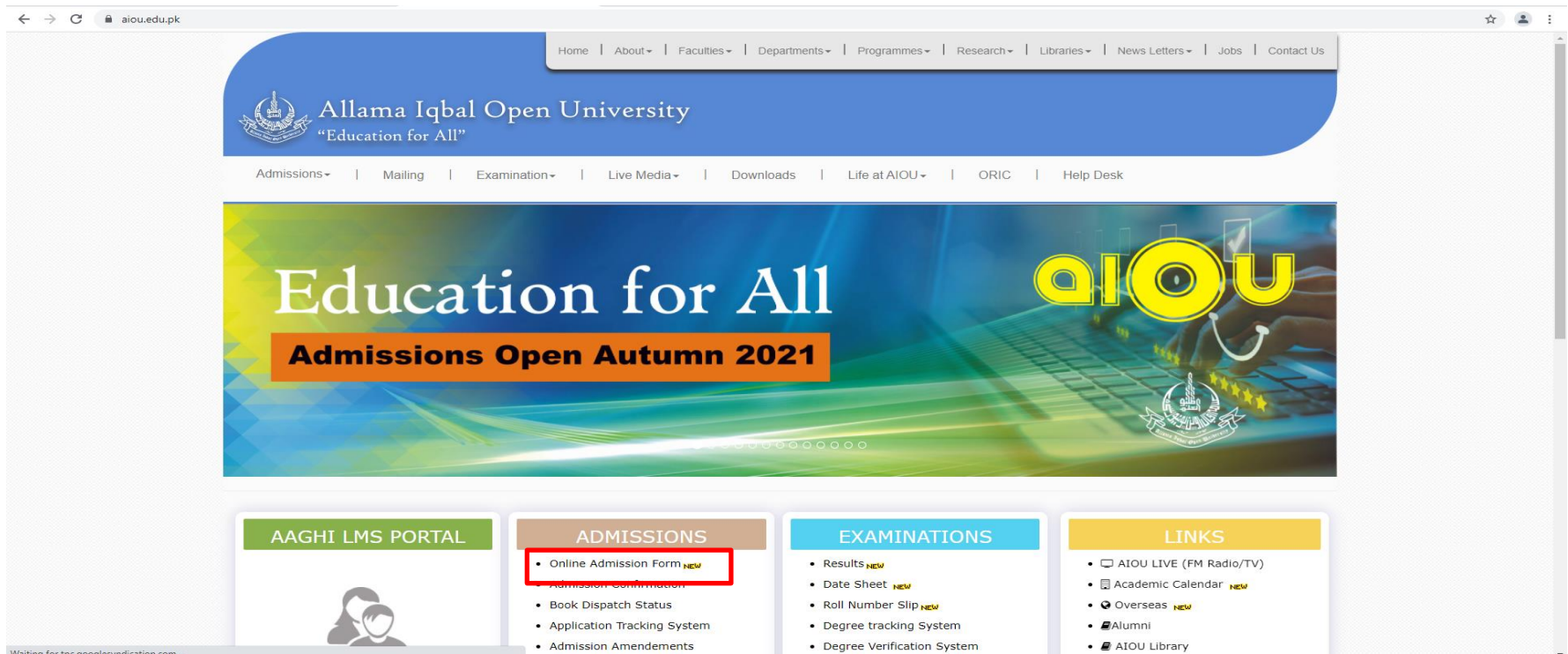
Fresh International/Overseas Students

1. Online Admission form is available at <https://aiou.edu.pk>
2. Click on Online Admission Form
3. Create your profile by using your email ID
4. Complete Admission Form
5. Select your required program
6. Upload required documents
7. Submit your application
8. Click on fee payment link
9. Download fee payment challan and note down your challan number
10. Go to olpay.aiou.edu.pk
11. Enter challan number and click on "search" button
12. Check & tally your challan details with the generated challan then click on "submit fee" button
13. Enter credit/debit card number, card holder name, expiry and CVV code (mentioned on back side of card).
14. Click on "pay now" button
15. A successful payment notification will be appeared with an Order ID
16. Write Order ID and Transaction Date on the space given below.
17. Save the Order ID in your record till confirmation of your admission


STEP BY STEP GUIDE TO FILL UP ONLINE APPLICATION FORMS

Here we will share/guide you how to fill up the online admission form for Post Graduate Diploma(s):

- First open our website in any Browser WWW.AIOU.EDU.PK you will be at this page/window.



The screenshot shows the homepage of Allama Iqbal Open University. The header includes the university's name and logo, along with a navigation menu. The main banner features the text 'Education for All Admissions Open Autumn 2021'. Below the banner, there are four main sections: AAGHI LMS PORTAL, ADMISSIONS, EXAMINATIONS, and LINKS. The 'ADMISSIONS' section is highlighted with a red box around the 'Online Admission Form NEW' link.

AAGHI LMS PORTAL	ADMISSIONS	EXAMINATIONS	LINKS
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Online Admission Form <small>NEW</small>• Admission Confirmation• Book Dispatch Status• Application Tracking System• Admission Amendments	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Results <small>NEW</small>• Date Sheet <small>NEW</small>• Roll Number Slip <small>NEW</small>• Degree tracking System• Degree Verification System	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• AIOU LIVE (FM Radio/TV)• Academic Calendar <small>NEW</small>• Overseas <small>NEW</small>• Alumni• AIOU Library

- Click **Online Admission Forms** under the ADMISSIONS Tab.

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Online Admission Form

For Semester Autumn 2021

- Admission for Fresh Applicants
- Enrolment for Continuing Students (If you have not received Username/Password please call helpline: 051-111-112-468 OR submit request on Helpdesk: <http://support.aiou.edu.pk>)
- Download Prospectus (For National Students)
- Download Prospectus (For International and Overseas Students)

Helpline: 051-111-112-468

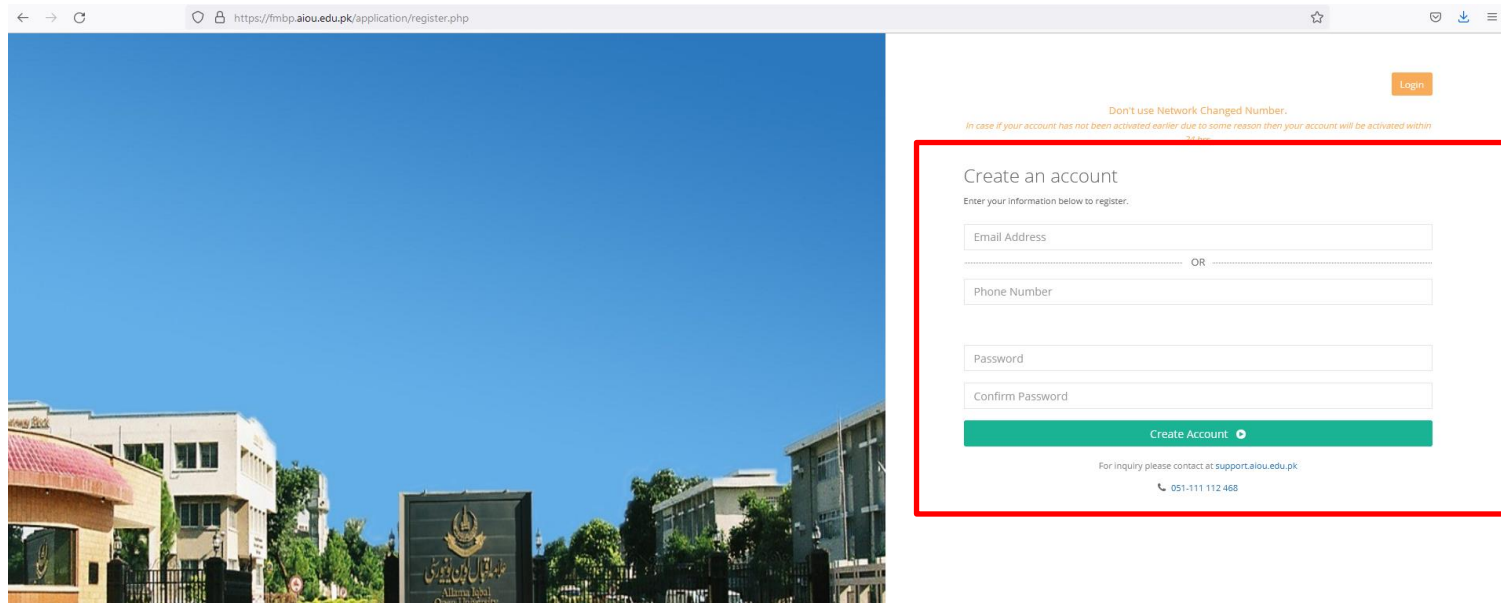
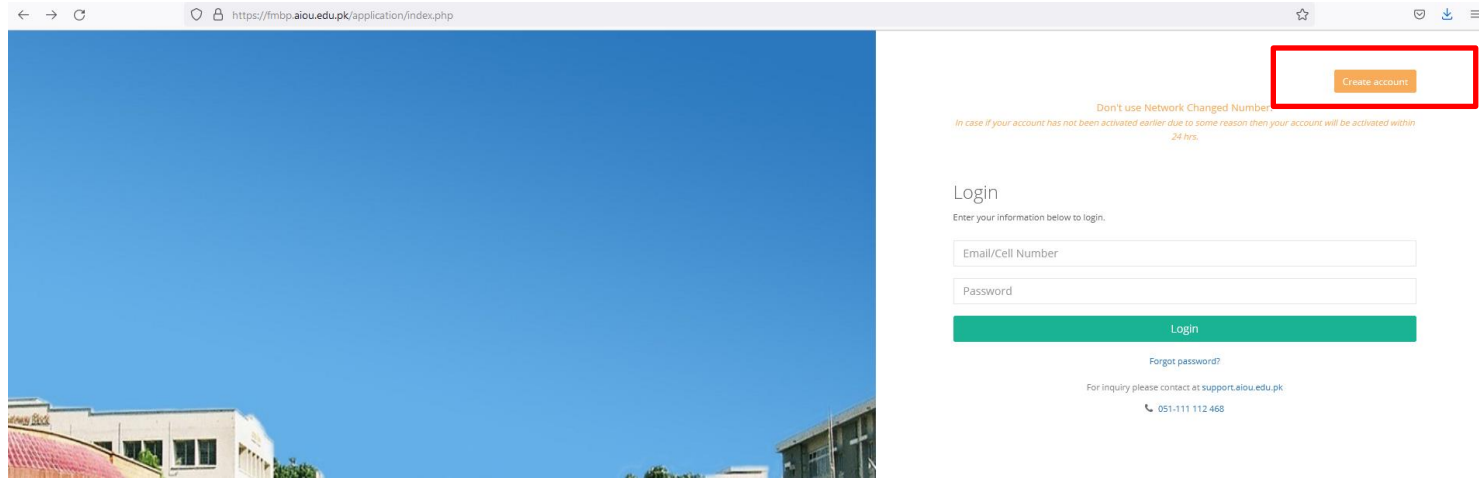
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- On next window you will find following **Four Options.**
 1. **Admissions for Fresh Students**
 2. Enrolment for Continuing Students (will start from 16 August 2021)
 3. Download Prospectus (For National Students)
 4. **Download Prospectus (For International and Overseas Students)**

Please **click option 4** if you want to read or download the prospectus otherwise **click on option 1** to fill-up online admission form Click on **Admission for Fresh Applicants.**

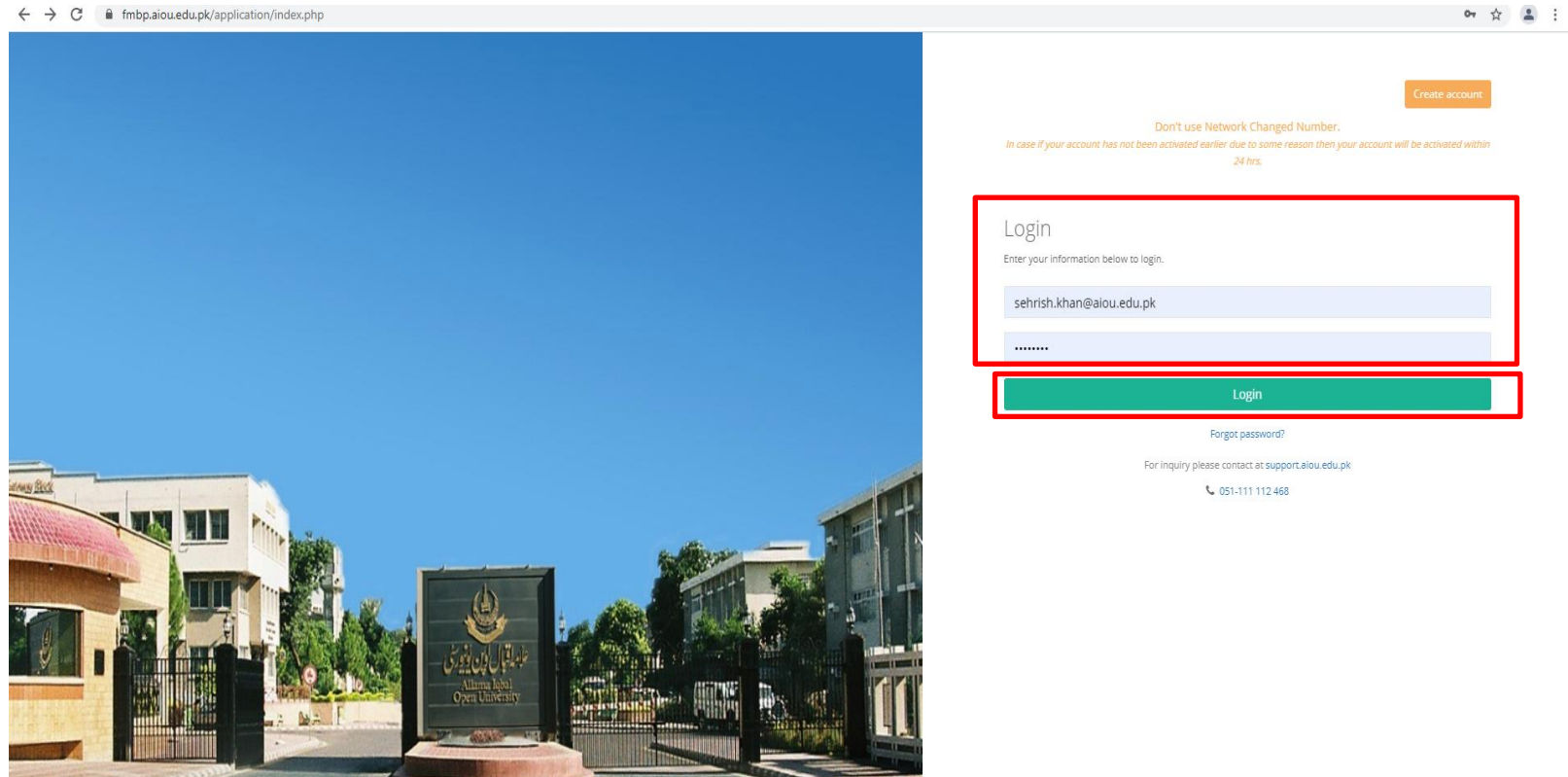
On clicking **Admission for Fresh Applicants**, you can view the window as shown in picture. Here you will have to create your account with your email (Phone number option is not available for international and overseas students).

- Please click on **Create Account**.
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On creating account with email, you will receive a [CODE through your email](#). Write down that code at this page and proceed further.

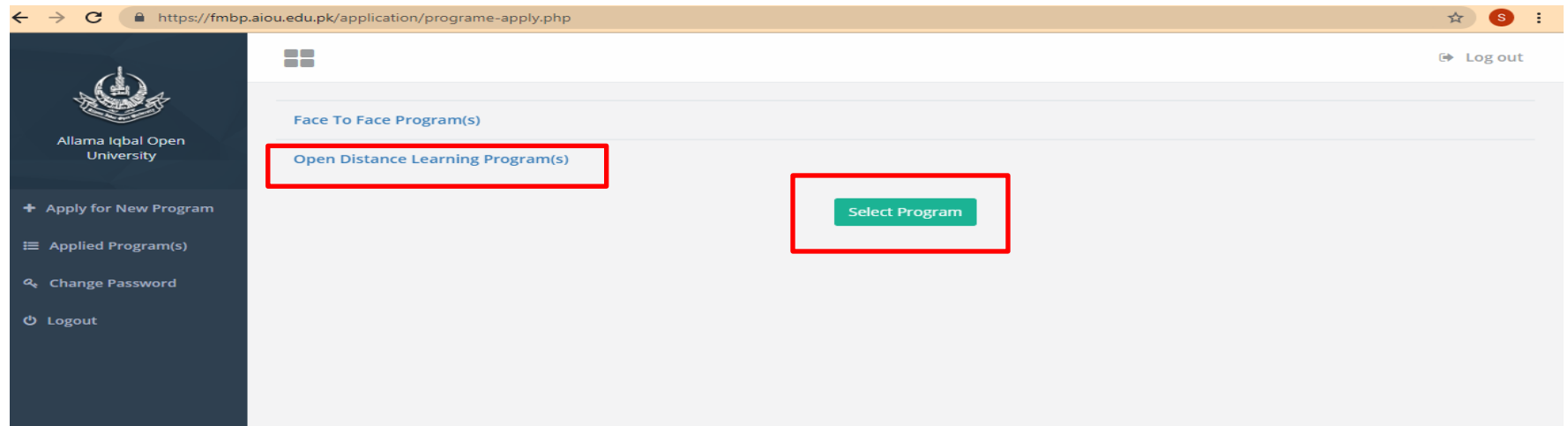
- On successful creation of your account with AIOU you will have to sign in with your [email and password](#) as per shown example:



After Clicking the Login Button you will sign in to your University Account.

- Click on [Apply for New Program](#). You will see two options [Face to face Programs](#) and [Open Distance Learning Programs](#).

- Click Open Distance Learning Program.



All International and Overseas Students filling the Program of Study Portion shall select INTERNATIONAL in their Program Type as shown in the picture:



On Next Window you will find an option to choose your degree program in which you want to get admission.

The screenshot shows the application portal for Allama Iqbal Open University. The left sidebar contains navigation options: 'Apply for New Program', 'Applied Program(s)', 'Change Password', and 'Logout'. The main content area is titled 'Face To Face Program(s)' and 'Open Distance Learning Program(s)'. A table lists six programs with their respective sessions and deadlines. The fourth row, 'ODL - BED1.5', is selected with a radio button and highlighted by a red rectangle. A 'Select Program' button is located at the bottom right of the table area.

	S.#	Program	Session	Deadline
<input type="radio"/>	1	ODL - SSC	Autumn 2021	Monday , September 06, 2021 23:59
<input type="radio"/>	2	ODL - HSSC	Autumn 2021	Monday , September 06, 2021 23:59
<input type="radio"/>	3	ODL - CERT after SSC	Autumn 2021	Monday , November 01, 2021 23:59
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	4	ODL - BED1.5	Autumn 2021	Monday , November 01, 2021 23:59
<input type="radio"/>	5	ODL - BA/BS/AD/BED4	Autumn 2021	Monday , November 01, 2021 23:59
<input type="radio"/>	6	ODL - PGD	Autumn 2021	Monday , November 01, 2021 23:59

Students wishful to apply for **B. ED (1.5-Year)** Program shall **select Option-4 ODL-BED1.5** as shown in the above picture. While all those students who are applying for other **2.5Years and 4-Years B.E.D** programs shall select **Option-5 ODL-BA/BS/AD/BED4** as shown in the picture below:

This screenshot is similar to the one above, but the fifth row, 'ODL - BA/BS/AD/BED4', is selected with a radio button and highlighted by a red rectangle. The 'Select Program' button remains at the bottom right.

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- After selecting your desired degree program; you will be at the new window there you will have to fill up the required information.
- For Post Graduate Diploma's fill-up, the information on this page, i. e. your last degree information. **Under Degree Type click Degree** and **under Degree Level click 12 years of education.** Under **DEGREE click relevant option.** Then your **Preference/Major click relevant option** and then **under Board/university select your university from which you passed your last degree.**
- After this you will have to provide **INFORMATION about your MARKS.** Under **Starting Year** and **Passing Year** select the year you started and passed your degree.
- Under **Roll Number** type your roll number or registration no of that degree.
- In **Exam type Annual or Semester** and **Grading.**
- Then fill up **Total Marks** and **Obtained Marks.** Then **Division** will be auto filled by the system.

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL `fmbp.aiou.edu.pk/application/terminal-degree.php?_ID=MTA=`. The page header includes the Alama Iqbal Open University logo and navigation links: 'Apply for New Program', 'Applied Program(s)', 'Change Password', and 'Logout'. The user's profile information is displayed, including 'Image Not Found', 'Tracking ID: 02-2021-3-00131260', 'Username: sehish.khan@aiou.edu.pk', and 'Phone: -'. The program group is 'ODL - PGD Autumn 2021' and the current address is '-'. A progress indicator shows '0%'. The main form area is divided into two sections: 'Degree Information (Terminal/Last Academic Record)' and 'Marks Information'. The 'Degree Information' section contains five dropdown menus: '* Degree Type', '* Degree Level', '* Degree', '* Preference/Major', and '* Board/University'. The 'Marks Information' section contains five dropdown menus: '* Starting Year', '* Passing Year', '* Exam Type', and '* Grading', along with a text input field for '* Roll Number'. The application status is indicated as 'Not Submitted'.

- Click one by one on the given options **Program of Study**, **Personal information**, **Academic Record**, **Professional Experience**, **Course Information**, **Photographs & Documents** and fill up accurately all the requisite information under these headings.
- Applicants of BS(4-Years), Associate degree Programs, B.E.D Programs, Online Certificates and Post Graduate Diplomas will pay their fee online after filling up their online admission form.

Logout

Personal Information
Last Update:

Academic Record
Last Update:

Professional Experience
Last Update: September, 02 2021 01:05:18 PM

Courses Information
Last Update:

Photograph and Documents
Last Update:

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Undertaking

The information given in this form is correct to the best of my knowledge and nothing has been concealed. I have read the prospectus of the programme and filled the form in the light of the given instruction.

I shall abide by the rules and regulations framed by the university from time to time.

Upon the seeking admission I shall study the material and abide by the instruction given in it.

For legal remedy, I shall file an appeal in the courts of Rawalpindi/Islamabad only.

My admission is provisional and in case of any wrong mis-statement, or false information the university can cancel the admission and confiscate the fee/degree, etc.

I accept the responsibility for non-consideration of admission by the university due to incomplete or late admission of form fee.

I have submitted only one admission form in this semester. In case of two admission forms of two different courses/programmes the University is fully authorized to cancel admission of the fresh programme, and confiscate fee as per rules.

I have filled this form with the entire consent of my parent/ guardian.

I hereby undertake that the information provided herein is correct and I agree that at any stage the information found false OR I am found ineligible according to the admission criteria, the admission shall be cancelled and I shall not claim for the degree.

Application cannot be updated after submission.

Accept All

Submit Application

- In Professional Experience students who don't have any work experience shall click as shown in the picture and click on the save & continue Section:

The screenshot displays the 'Work Experience' section of an application form. The header includes the university logo, tracking ID (02-2021-3-00136670), username (sehrish.khan@aiou.edu.pk), program group (QDL - BAKS/ADY/BED4 Autumn 2021), and current address. A progress indicator shows 20% completion. The 'Work Experience' table has columns for S.#, Organization, Job Title, Date, and Actions. A red box highlights a link in the Organization column: 'If you donot have any working experience click here to complete this section'. Another red box highlights the 'Save & Complete Section' button in the bottom right corner.

- Please upload all required documents in the requisite format in the Photograph & Documents Section:

Application Form | Log out

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Image Not Found

Tracking ID: 02-2021-3-00136670
 Username: sehrish.khan@aiou.edu.pk
 Phone:
Application Status: Not Submitted

Program Group
 ODL - BA/BS/AD/BED4
 Autumn 2021

Current Address
 -

20%

Applicant (For multiple documents, Please create and upload one PDF document containing all documents.)

S.#	Document	Status	Action
1	*Recent Photograph <input type="button" value="Choose File"/> No file chosen Max File Size (0.5 MB) File Format: jpeg,jpg,png	Not Uploaded File Name: **	<input type="button" value="Upload"/>
2	*CNIC / B-Form / Passport <input type="button" value="Choose File"/> No file chosen Max File Size (0.5 MB) File Format: jpeg,jpg,png,pdf	Not Uploaded File Name: **	<input type="button" value="Upload"/>
3	Local/Domicile <input type="button" value="Choose File"/> No file chosen Max File Size (0.5 MB) File Format: jpeg,jpg,png,pdf	Not Uploaded File Name: **	<input type="button" value="Upload"/>

Guardian (For multiple documents, Please create and upload one PDF document containing all documents.)

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- At the last step **ACCEPT ALL UNDERTAKINGS** by clicking on the empty boxes placed on left side of the window and click on the **Submit Application Button**:

Logout

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Last Update:

Academic Record
Last Update:

Professional Experience
Last Update: September, 02 2021 01:05:18 PM

Courses Information
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Photograph and Documents
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- Application cannot be updated after submission.
- Accept All

Submit Application

ALLAMA IQBAL OPEN UNIVERSITY

Allama Iqbal Open University, a mega university was established in 1974 under an Act of Parliament. The main campus of the university is situated in sector H-8, Islamabad. It was the second open university of the world and the first of its kind in Asia and Africa. The aim of establishing AIOU was to provide affordable and accessible education through distance learning at the doorsteps to those people who could not continue their education journey through formal system of education. The University (AIOU) operates on semester system and admits students in Autumn and Spring semesters. Undergraduate admissions are offered in both the semesters where-as postgraduates are offered once a year. The university has established study centers across the country where distance education students are provided necessary guidance by their respective tutors. Moreover, the university has established full-time study centers wherein the students of MBA (IT), MBA (Banking and Finance), MBA (Marketing), MBA (HRM), BS (CS), MSc/BS Chemistry, MSc/BS Microbiology etc. are being provided instructions, guidance, and counselling through face-to-face education.

Apart from curricular and extra-curricular activities during the academic year, the AIOU and its regional centers actively participate in the co-curricular activities by arranging educational and literary seminars, workshops, and conferences, attended not only by the students and faculties of the university but also by the renowned dignitaries and scholars. For the science students and the research scholars, a science complex has been built where they use the latest equipment of international standard for experiments and research. To meet the present-day challenges, internet facility is also available in the student hostels and the Central Library where computers have

been provided to enable students to access latest information available through open-source databases.

The Directorate of International Collaboration & Exchange is offering programmes from Secondary School Level to the Masters' Degree Programmes to International and Overseas Students in diverse disciplines comprised of four faculties i.e Social Sciences & Humanities, Education, Science, Arabic & Islamic Studies. AIOU aims to enhance the coverage of quality higher education by providing opportunities to those who cannot attend universities because of inflexible timings, cost, or cultural barriers. AIOU is delivering online classes to its International/overseas students. AIOU runs web-based students, Learning Management System (LMS) namely AAGHI portal, accessible anywhere anytime to deal with academic tasks of its International/overseas students besides the National level students. LMS supports a live collaborative platform which adds value to online learning/online examinations of our International/overseas students through interactive virtual classrooms and virtual examinations.

Directorate of international Collaboration & Exchange

Allama Iqbal Open University is one of the first few universities of the country that has a formal International Office setup to look after academic linkages and ties with International Universities.

Directorate of International Collaboration & Exchange is the first point of contact for International/overseas students which handles all international/overseas applications as well as provides support services for students at all AIOU regional campuses.

FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES

First established in 1981 with five departments, the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities has, over the years, flourished to become, by far, the largest Faculty of the University. It, today, consists of 14 departments offering masters programmes in major areas of Social Sciences and Humanities like, Business Administration, Economics, Mass Communication, Sociology, Urdu, Library & Information Sciences, History, Pakistan Studies and Teaching of English as a foreign Language (TEFL). Additionally, efforts are afoot to plan and launch post-graduate programmes in Pakistani Languages and Law. The Commonwealth-collaborated master's programmes in the areas of Business and Public Administration, which are specially tailored for the modern-day busy executives, were launched in Spring 2002 semester.

In tune with the government's policy of promoting and strengthening a culture of higher education and research in the country, the AIOU's Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities has shown a lot of dynamism over the past few years. It has launched MPhil/PhD programmes in Iqbaliat, Urdu and Mass Communication and History while preparations are being made to launch MPhil Business Administration, Applied Linguistics.

The Faculty of Social Sciences & Humanities also offers several bachelors' level programmes in such professional areas like Bachelors in Library & Information Sciences (BLIS), BS-Business Administration, BS-Commerce and Mass communication. Tens of thousands of students comprising all demographic groups and, from all over the country, enroll, each year, in these bachelor's level programmes.

The Faculty has expanded vitally and its programmes have gained a high popularity as is clear from rapidly rising trend of enrolment during the past decade. During the period under report, the Faculty accorded high priority towards quality improvements and to modify its programmes in accordance with the current challenges of 21st century.

The Faculty proposed to launch Post-Graduate programmes in the disciplines of Political Science and International Relations, Psychology, Public Administration and Social Work.

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

Introduction

The Department of Economics was established in 1987 with a few introductory courses like microeconomics and macroeconomics at Intermediate and Bachelor level. Over the years, the department has achieved a country wide reputation for introducing programmes for higher studies and research in economics. At present, the department offers MSc and MPhil programmes in economics. In next semester department is going to offer BS Economics (4 years).

MSc Economics

Programme Code:

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Aims and Objectives

The MSc programme in Economics is designed for those who are unable to continue their studies in formal education system. The main objective of the programme is to expose the students to the various aspects of economic theories and their application to the actual economic world. The programme further stands to improve the quality and ability by creating self-confidence among the

students to analyze and seek scientific solution to economic problems. Further, this programme intends to create an analytical capacity among the students required to understand the working of economic systems. It is hoped that the programme will help in producing such team of economists who would meet the growing need of the country. The programme will also intend to equip the students with the economic tools, enabling them to provide some policy measures for the improvement of prevailing economic conditions in the developing countries in general and Pakistan in particular.

Eligibility for Admission

Applicants having second class (minimum 45% marks) Bachelor’s degree with Economics (Micro & Macro based) is eligible for admission.

Degree Requirement

For the award of degree of MSc in Economics, a student has to complete the following requirements:

- Sixty (60) credit hours of course / research work within a minimum period of 4 semesters (two years)

Medium of Instruction

The medium of instruction and examination is English only.

1st Semester:

Sr. No.	Code	Course Title	Credit Hours
1.	801	Introduction to Microeconomics	03
2.	802	Introduction to Macroeconomics	03
3.	803	Mathematics for Economists	03
4.	804	Statistics for Economists	03
5.	808	Public Finance and Fiscal Policy	03

2nd Semester:

1.	805	Advanced Microeconomics	03
2.	806	Advanced Macroeconomics	03
3.	807	Basic Econometrics	03
4.	4671	Development Economics-I	03
5.	4672	Development Economics-II	03

3rd Semester:

1.	810	Economic Planning: Techniques and Applications	03
2.	811	Monetary Theory and Policy	03
3.	4673	International Economics-I	03
4.	4674	International Economics-II	03
5.	4675	Islamic Economics-I	03
6.	4676	Islamic Economics-II	03

4th Semester:

1.	6565	Economics & Financing of Education-I	03
2.	6566	Economics & Financing of Education-II	03
3.	6569	Educational Research and Statistics-I	03
4.	6570	Educational Research and Statistics-II	03

Instructional Methodology

The following methodology will be adopted for running the MSc Programme in Economics:

Study Material

The university provides basic study materials to all International/Overseas students in the form of study guides, assignments, and tutorial schedule online on LMS portal in soft form.

Workshop

There is a mandatory (for each 3 credit hours course) online workshop as per AIOU policy during the semester. Intensive lectures are delivered by the experts. It also provides an opportunity for the students to share their understanding of course contents with fellow students.

Assignments and Examinations

Assignments are those written exercises which students are required to complete while being at their homes and places of work after having studied their required material prescribed in the study

guide. These are designed in a way that students are able to relate their reading with their own judgments.

At completion, students will send their assignments to their tutors on LMS portal only within the scheduled period who will return the same after marking and providing necessary academic guidance. Students are supposed to submit two assignments for each course having three credit hours. At the end of each semester, final examination will also be conducted by online for International/Overseas students.

Tutorial Support

- i. The students will be informed about the name of tutor in the beginning of the semester by the Directorate of International Collaboration & Exchange, through website: www.aiou.edu.pk.
- ii. The students will upload their assignments to their tutor through LMS portal within the scheduled time as notified or informed.
- iii. Please contact the Directorate of International Collaboration & Exchange for complaints about tutorials meetings, tutors, and assignments.

Assessment System

Under Continuous Assessment (Assignments) system, the students have to upload Two Assignments for each 3-Credit Hours Course to his/ her tutor in the stipulated period mentioned in the assignment schedule. Passing marks of the assignments are 40 percent.

At the end of each semester, final examination will be conducted online by the University for each Course. Students need 40 percent marks to pass the final examination; however, it is necessary for the students to obtain an aggregate of 40 percent (assignments + final examination) in each course. The weightage of marks in assignments and final examination is 30:70 respectively.

The summary of assessment system is given below:

Assessment Component	Total Marks	Passing Marks	Weightage
Assignment – 1	100	40	30%
Assignment – 2	100	40	
Final examination	100	40	70%
Aggregate Marks			100
Aggregate Passing Marks			40
<i>Workshop Attendance(online) is Compulsory in each Course</i>			

Total Fee for 1st Semester:

Registration Fee: (at 1 st Admission in University)	50 US\$
Admission Fee: (at 1 st Admission in University)	50US\$
Per 3 credit hours fee: 100US\$ (100×5) =500US\$/-	500US\$
Total Fee of 1 st Semester	600US\$

Submission of Admission Forms:

Admission in MSc Programme in Economics is open to all having second division Bachelor degree with Economics. An eligible candidate is required to submit the Admission form along with attested photocopies of documents, certificates/ degrees and marks sheets, etc by visiting the website www.aiou.edu.pk (complete procedure for online application submission and online fee payment is given at the starting pages of this prospectus). After submission of the application form students are required to pay their fees online. If student faces any difficulty in filling up online application form, he/she may contact the Directorate of International Collaboration & Exchange: ice@aiou.edu.pk .

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DEPARTMENT OF PAKISTAN STUDIES

Introduction

The Department of Pakistan Studies was separated from its parent department, the “Department of Social Sciences and Humanities” and established as an independent department in the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities. Since its inception, the department has developed and offered several courses of Pakistan Studies ranging from Matriculation (Secondary School Certificate) to MPhil levels. MSc Pakistan Studies was offered first time in 1985. Since then, it has produced a large number of graduates who are serving the nation in various capacities and bringing honour and pride to the Allama Iqbal Open University (AIOU).

Aims and Objectives

The Department was established to provide education on Pakistani Society, Culture, Political, Economic Institutions, History and Geography in an integrated and interdisciplinary way.

MSc Pakistan Studies

Programme Code

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For the pragmatic understanding of the people of any country it is inevitable to study the Geography, History, Politics, Economics, Culture and Foreign Affairs of that particular country, because these elements contribute in shaping the aspiration and hopes of the people. MSc Pakistan Studies programme is designed to produce social scientists, who can study Pakistani Society, Culture, Economical and Political Institutions in an interdisciplinary way. The programme duration is **Two Years (Four Semesters)**.

Objectives of the Programme

The programme aims at producing such minds that can understand the complexities and problems associated with the modern nation-state through interdisciplinary approach.

Eligibility for Admission

Minimum required qualification for admission in MSc Pakistan Studies is second division (45 % marks) Bachelor’s degree or equivalent. An eligible candidate is required to attach attested photocopies of certificates/degrees and marks sheet with Admission Form (duly filled in) along with the payment of first semester fee online as per guided method (available in starting pages).

Medium of Instruction

The medium of instruction and examination is preferably in English.

Scheme of Studies

1st Semester

Sr. No.	Course Code	Name of Course	Credit Hours
1	4655	Geography of Pakistan-I	03
2	4656	Geography of Pakistan-II	03
3	4657	Pakistani Languages and Literature-I	03
4	4658	Pakistani Languages and Literature-II	03
5	538	Genesis of Pakistan Movement	03

2nd Semester

Sr. No.	Course Code	Name of Course	Credit Hours
1	4659	Economic Development in Pakistan-I	03
2	4660	Economic Development in Pakistan-II	03
3	4661	Foreign Policy of Pakistan-I	03
4	4662	Foreign Policy of Pakistan-II	03
5	537	Ideological Foundations of Pakistan	03

3rd Semester

Sr. No.	Course Code	Name of Course	Credit Hours
1	4663	Pakistani Society & Culture-I	03
2	4664	Pakistani Society & Culture-II	03
3	4665	Research Methods-I	03
4	4666	Research Methods-II	03
5	541	Social Change	03

4th Semester

Sr. No.	Course Code	Name of Course	Credit Hours
1	4667	Political & Constitutional Development in Pakistan-I	03
2	4668	Political & Constitutional Development in Pakistan-II	03
3	4669	Social Theory-I	03
4	4670	Social Theory-II	03
5	545	Political Parties & Pressure Groups in Pakistan	03

Instructional Methodology

For the award of degree of Master's in Pakistan Studies, a student has to complete the following requirements:

1. 60 credit hours courses within a minimum period of 4 semesters (2 years).
2. A student can opt for maximum 15 credit hours and minimum of 6 credit hours in a semester.
3. To facilitate the students, online workshop will be conducted for each course.

Assessment System

Under Continuous Assessment (Assignments) system, the students have to submit two assignments for each 3-Credit Hour Course to his/her tutor on LMS only within the stipulated period mentioned in the assignment schedule. Passing marks of the assignments are 40 percent.

At the end of each semester, final examination will be conducted by the university for each course. Students need 40 percent marks to pass the final examination. However, it is necessary for the students to obtain an aggregate of 40 percent (assignment + final examination) in each course. The ratio of weightage of marks in assignments and final examination is 30:70 respectively. The summary of assessment system is given below:

Assessment Component	Total Marks	Passing Marks	Weightage
Assignment – 1	100	40	30%
Assignment – 2	100	40	
Final examination	100	40	70%
Aggregate Marks			100
Aggregate Passing Marks			40
<i>Course Workshop Attendance is Compulsory in each Course</i>			

Total Fee for 1st Semester:

Registration Fee: (at 1 st Admission in University)	50 US\$
Admission Fee: (at 1 st Admission in University)	50US\$
Per 3 credit hours fee: 100US\$ (100×5) =500US\$/-	500US\$
Total Fee of 1 st Semester	600US\$

FACULTY MEMBERS:

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DEPARTMENT OF GENDER AND WOMEN STUDIES

Introduction:

The Department of Gender and Women Studies was established in 1997. The interdisciplinary programme acts as a catalyst to highlight women's role in all aspects of life in the national development. The aim of the programme is to encourage women's role in the academic disciplines that have been historically male dominated. Gender and Women Studies expands definition and perception of gender, which is a social construction of male and female roles in the society. The discipline encourages critical analysis of the interplay of gender, class, and race in society.

Furthermore, it offers the holistic approach to knowledge by infusing it with a new perspective to shape a better future for all the people. Thus the courses are designed to encourage further research and analysis on women's status in Pakistani society.

The specialization in this subject is equally in demand, in public and private sector. It will prove beneficial in many careers, especially in-service people such as, journalists, educationists, community workers, administrators, and human resource managers etc.

Objectives:

- Introduction to Gender and Women Studies as an academic discipline through distance learning system.
- Development of courses and programmes in the discipline of Gender and Women Studies.

- Conducting research, which is closely related to the contemporary gender issues.
- Creating awareness and sensitization of gender issues at community level through seminars/conferences and workshops.

Programmes Offered:

The Department of Gender and Women Studies offers two academic programmes:

1. PGD Gender and Women Studies

This is one year programme (minimum two semesters). Those students who would successfully complete 30 credit hours of the courses will be awarded Post Graduate Diploma in Gender and Women Studies.

2. MSc Gender and Women Studies

This is two years' programme (four semesters). Upon completion of 60 credit hours, the students will be awarded the MSc degree.

Successful completers of Post Graduate Diploma in Gender and Women Studies can also continue their studies leading to MSc (by taking course offered in the third and fourth semester).

Basic Eligibility Criteria for Admission

A candidate having BA/BSc degree in second division from a recognized university is eligible for admission in PGD and MSc. An eligible candidate is required to submit the Admission form along with attested photocopies of documents, certificates/ degrees

and marks sheets, etc. by visiting the website www.aiou.edu.pk (complete procedure for online application submission and online fee payment is given at the starting pages of this prospectus). After submission of the application form students are required to pay their fees online. If student faces any difficulty in filling up online application form, he/she may contact the Directorate of International Collaboration & Exchange: ice@aiou.edu.pk.

Medium of Instruction

Medium of instruction and examination is preferably English but Urdu is also acceptable.

Scheme of Studies

1st Semester:

Sr#	Course	Code	CrHrs
1	Psychology of Gender	4641	3
2	Lifespan Development of Women: A Psychosocial Context	4642	3
3	Pakistani Khawateen Ka Sheiri Adab Main Kirdar	4643	3
4	Pakistani Khawateen Ka Nasri Adab Mein Kirdar	4644	3
Total Credit:			12

2nd Semester:

Sr#	Course	Code	CrHrs
1	Research Methods in Gender Studies	4645	3
2	Applied Statistics in Gender Studies	4646	3
3	Feminist Debates on Gender Inequalities	4647	3
4	Feminism in Islam	4648	3
5	Sociology of Gender Issues: Theoretical Background	4685	3
6	Sociological Theory – I	4682	3
Total Credit:			18

3rd Semester:

Sr#	Course	Code	CrHrs
1	Gender & Development	4651	3
2	Women & Development	4652	3
3	Perspectives of Gender Studies	4653	3
4	Pakistani Perspectives of Gender Studies	4654	3
5	Sociological Theory – II	4687	3
6	Changing Role of Urban Women	876	3
Total Credit:			18

4th Semester:

Sr#	Course	Code	CrHrs
1	Women & Media	874	3
2	Women & Health	877	3
3	Women & Environment	878	3
4	Perspectives of Women Rights in Islam	880	3
Total Credits			12

Assessment System

Under Continuous Assessment (Assignments) system, the students must submit two assignments for each 3-credit hours course on LMS only. Final examination will be at the end of the semester for each course. The summary of assessment system is given below:

Assessment Component	Total Marks	Passing Marks	Weightage
Assignment – 1	100	40	30%
Assignment – 2	100	40	
Final examination	100	40	70%
Aggregate Marks			100
Aggregate Passing Marks			40
IN EACH COURSE WORKSHOP ATTENDANCE IS COMPULSORY			

Note: Once in a semester, courses workshop is a compulsory component and students are required to attend as per AIOU schedule and policy.

Fee Tariff:

Registration Fee: (at 1 st Admission in University)	50 US\$
Admission Fee: (at 1 st Admission in University)	50US\$
Per 3 credit hours fee: 100US\$ (100×4) =400US\$/-	400US\$
Total Fee of 1 st Semester	500US\$

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GENERAL INFORMATION

- i. The certificates/degrees of AIOU are equivalent to any other recognized Board/University.
- ii. A course taken by any student cannot change during the semester. However, in real hardship cases, the change in courses will be allowed by Director Admission within fifteen days after deposit of prescribed fee.
- iii. The address of a student will not be changed during the semester.
- iv. Admission to courses for both the Spring and Autumn semesters are generally offered in the months of March and September, respectively, whereas, examinations commenced in November and May respectively. Admission schedule is announced on University website <https://aiou.edu.pk> during this period. The students are required to submit their online application for admission as per schedule.
- v. Fee cannot be refunded once paid for admission nor can it be adjusted for any other programme.
- vi. On payment of the registration fee, each student will be issued a registration number. The registration number must be quoted in all the future correspondence along with the roll number, course(s), code numbers and semester.
- vii. Rules and regulations framed, enhanced and changed from time to time by the authorities, bodies of the university will be effective as applicable. The student must abide by all such rules and regulations from the date of their implementation.
- viii. A student who fails in continuous assessment component is not eligible to reappear but will be allowed to re-register for the same course at its next offering semester by the university.
- ix. It would be responsibility of the student to remain in touch with the department regarding the selected programme.
- x. A student already admitted to a programme or a specialization of a programme shall not be allowed to transfer or to get admission to another programme unless he/she formally postpones it till the completion of the new programme or withdraws from the previous programme.
- xi. After completion of a programme successfully, a student has to apply to Controller of Examinations for issuance of certificate/degree as per guided process by the Directorate of International Collaboration & Exchange.
- xii. The university reserves the right to change contents of this prospectus without any prior notice as per university policy.
- xiii. Online admission forms incomplete in any respect will not be entertained and after closure of admissions students would be informed about the deficiency in clear terms with advice to request for refund of fee.
- xiv. Online admission form received without prescribed fee less fee or fee deposited after due date will not be considered.
- xv. In case of discrepancies in the name of student/ Father's name of the student or difference in name mentioned in his/her other educational certificates, the name on the Matric certificate of the student will be considered as correct name. The Examination Department shall also issue certificate/ degree on the said name.
- xvi. In case provision of forged documents for admission, not only the admission will be refused to the applicant but the fee deposited by him/her will also be forfeited. The university may proceed further in the matter.
- xvii. International students having international degree equivalent to SSC/HSSC degree are required to get it verified by the IBCC and provide the equivalence certificate to AIOU.

Availability of Learning Material

- i. Learning material can be downloaded from university website: www.aiou.edu.pk
- ii. All learning material would be available online for international/overseas students after the commencement of classes.
- iii. Student shall download the learning material and tally with the course codes for which he/she had been registered in the semester.
- iv. Students can get their learning material through AAGHI LMS portal.

Procedure for Fee Payment

International and Overseas Students will have to pay their fee Online as per Guided Procedure:

1. Go to olpay.aiou.edu.pk
2. Enter challan number and **click on "search"** button.
3. Check & tally your challan details with the generated challan then **click on "submit fee"** button.
4. Enter credit/debit card number, card holder name, expiry and CVV code (mentioned on back side of card).
5. **Click on "pay now"** button.
6. A successful payment notification will be appeared with an Order ID.
7. Write Order ID and Transaction Date on the space given below.

8. Save the Order ID in your record till confirmation of your admission.

REGULATIONS FOR REFUND OF ADMISSION FEE

- The students who have submitted their fees for Admission but do not wish to continue and have applied for refund of fee will be refunded after deduction @ 10% of total fee.
- The student who was not eligible but deposited fee for Admission, the fee shall be refunded after deduction @ 15% of total fee.
- The students who have deposited their fee in excess of due fee the total excess amount shall be refunded adjusted as the case may be.
- The Treasurer Department shall verify the fee of students and shall send the case to the audit for pre-audit.
- Cheque will be issued to the candidate by the campus payment section, Treasurer Department.
- Admission fee will be refunded/ adjusted maximum up to one year.
- Refund of Fee for all international and overseas students is subject to the University policy time to time.

GENERAL CONDITIONS FOR REFUND

1. The University must have received the fees in its bank account.
2. All refund requests must be submitted on the Fee Refund Application form. Deposit Slip, any other record of fee and ID Card copy must be attached to it.
3. All applications shall be addressed to the Treasurer and will be received directly in the Treasurer Department with full particulars. The Treasurer Department will get report from concerned Department and verify the amount from system as the case may be and will process the case accordingly.
4. The refund will be made after deduction of any recoverable amount.
5. The refund will be made to the same person or firm from whom the payment was received, though cross cheque.
6. If the University makes an offer on the basis of incorrect or incomplete information, misstatements, concealment of facts, fake certificates or use of any other unfair means by the applicant/ student, the admission will be cancelled, and refund will not be allowed. Department reserves the right to take disciplinary action also.
7. Any type of Processing Fee will not be refunded.
8. In the case of death or physical incapacity, the full refund will be made only in instances of severe unavoidable and incapacitating circumstances.
9. In case the students who are not allowed/granted admission to a program offered by the University due to less enrolment/non formation of viable group/ non-offering of courses, full fee will be refunded to them.

REFUND OF OTHER FEE

1. All kind of other fee including but not limited to Degree fee, Re-appear exams fee, change off name / father name, examiner registration fee, tutor registration fee, late assignment evaluation fee, analysis fee, rechecking of answer scripts fee, NOC fee, subject/group change fee, thesis evaluation fee, thesis extension fee, job fee, tender fee tec. will not be refunded. Only excess fee deposited will be refunded/ adjusted.
2. The extension in thesis fee in excess shall be refunded on approval of concerned Dean with certificate that fee was deposited in excess.
 1. The amount deposited in University accounts by any person/firm (other than student), by mistake or in excess shall be refunded after verification of the amount deposited.

IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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1.	Director Admissions	051-9057298 051-9250043 051-9250162 (Fax)
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