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Diploma TEFL
Supply Chain Management
Entrepreneurship
International Financial Reporting Standards
Environmental Health & Safety
Early Childhood Education (ECCE)
Educational Planning & Management
Educational Leadership & Management
Entrepreneurship in Early Childhood Care and Education



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OF
POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA
PROGRAMMES

SEMESTER: AUTUMN, 2026



**Directorate of International
Collaboration & Exchange**

Vice-Chancellor's Message

Dear Student,

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 favourite 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. After assessing the success of many degree programs in Pakistan, AIOU is now going to offer a wide range of programs for the students in UAE, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar, Bahrain, Oman, USA and many other countries. Currently 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. It offers many Undergraduate and Postgraduate programs at rural and remote areas providing an unparalleled opportunity to all the poor and deprived sections of the society at an affordable cost. The university has recently digitalized all its student-support services for facilitating its students on priority basis. This digitization of the system will enable AIOU students to get all kinds of educational using their Learning Management system (LMS) portal support online.

Committed for your bright future.



**Prof. Dr. Nasir Mehmood
Vice Chancellor
AIOU**

اہم اطلاع

۱: ڈگریوں کی منظوری

علامہ اقبال اوپن یونیورسٹی کی تمام ڈگریاں ہائر ایجوکیشن کمیشن سے منظور شدہ ہیں۔ تاہم دیگر ممالک، ریاستوں، حکومتوں اور غیر ملکی اداروں کے اپنے قوانین اور پالیسیاں ہوتی ہیں لہذا علامہ اقبال اوپن یونیورسٹی کے کسی بھی پروگرام میں داخلہ لینے سے قبل براہ کرم اس ادارے یا محکمے سے علامہ اقبال اوپن یونیورسٹی کی ڈگری کی قبولیت کی تصدیق ضرور کر لیں جہاں آپ مستقبل میں اپنی ڈگری جمع کروانا چاہتے ہیں۔

۲: بین الاقوامی طلبہ کے لیے ڈگری فیس

تمام بین الاقوامی طلبہ کو مطلع کیا جاتا ہے کہ میٹرک اور انٹر میڈیٹ کے طلبہ سے آخری سمسٹر کی ٹیوشن فیس کے ساتھ 50 امریکن ڈالر بطور ڈگری فیس وصول کئے جائیں گے جبکہ بیچلر اور ماسٹر سطح کے طلبہ سے آخری سمسٹر کی ٹیوشن فیس کے ساتھ 100 امریکن ڈالر بطور ڈگری فیس وصول کئے جائیں گے۔

IMPORTANT NOTICE

1. RECOGNITION OF DEGREES

All the AIOU Degrees are HEC Recognized. Other countries/states/governments and foreign organizations have their own rules and policies. Before applying for admission in any AIOU educational program, kindly ask about the acceptance of AIOU degrees from the department/organization where you want to submit it.

2. DEGREE FEE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

All the international students are informed that a degree fee of USD 50 for Matric and Intermediate students and USD 100 for bachelors/masters level students will be charged along with the last semester tuition fee.

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

International & Overseas Students Shall Submit their Admission using Online System

Dear Applicant

Allama Iqbal Open University and Directorate of International collaboration & Exchange welcome and thanks you for showing your interest in our programs. For online admission, please watch video guidelines:

Fresh Enrollment: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=14IPtu4vnk>

Continuing Students: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d52VGci6XNQ>

Fee Depositing Process: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A33WSSY9pbA&t=9s>

THANKS AND LET US KNOW HOW WE CAN HELP OR GUIDE YOUR FURTHER

Admission Schedule for International student:

From semester Autumn 2021, the AIOU has started offering of Matric, FA, Certificate Courses, Associate Degree, B.Ed, BS, BBA, PGD and MBA/MPA (COL) Level Programs for international students. Schedule of Admission is given below:

1st July 2026 to 10th August 2026

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AIOU ACADEMIC CALENDAR

IMPORTANT ACTIVITIES TO BE REMEMBERED

Autumn Semester			Spring Semester		
Proposed Activity	Schedule		Proposed Activity	Schedule	
	From	To		From	To
Admission	01 July	05 September	Admission	01 January	05 March
Mailing	01 September	15 November	Mailing	01 March	15 May
Study Period	16 November	28 February	Study Period	16 May	30 August
Examination (Conduct)	01 March	30 April	Examination (Conduct)	01 September	30 October
Result Declaration	30 June		Result Declaration	30 December	

Note: Contact Directorate of International Collaboration & Exchange for exact schedule of activities. Continuing Students are sent information for all activities by LMS/SMS. Simultaneously information is placed on website (www.aiou.edu.pk).

ACADEMIC CALENDAR
ALLAMA IQBAL OPEN UNIVERSITY
Directorate of International Collaboration & Exchange
International / Overseas Students
AUTUMN – 2026

ASSIGNMENTS SCHEDULE

Postgraduate Diploma

Assignment No.	Due Date
1 st	25-01-2027
2 nd	25-02-2027

TUTORIAL SCHEDULE

Starting Date	Ending Date
16 th November 2026	13 th December 2026

QUIZ SCHEDULE

Starting Date	Ending Date
15 th February 2027	28 th February 2027

WORKSHOPS SCHEDULE

Practicum Courses

Starting Date	Ending Date
14 th December 2026	26 th December 2026

All Workshop Courses (excluding Practical)

Starting Date	Ending Date
28 th December 2026	14 th February 2027

**MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM DURATION/
SEMESTERS-WISE FOR EACH PROGRAMME**

Sr. No.	Degree Level	Minimum Duration	Maximum Duration
1	SSC/HSSC	2 Years / 4 Semesters	5 Years
2	Certificate (6 Months)	6 Months / 1 Semester	1 Year
3	All Postgraduate Diplomas (1 Year)	1 Year / 2 Semesters	3 Years
4	Associate Degree (2-Years)	2 Years / 4 Semesters	4 Years
5	BEd (1.5 Years)	1.5 Years / 3 Semesters	3 Years
6	BEd (2.5 Years)	2.5 Years / 5 Semesters	5 Years
7	BS/BBA/BEd (4-Years)	4 Years / 8 Semesters	8 Years

Note: Continue students must complete their programs before Autumn 2026.

REVISED POLICY FOR ASSESSMENT

As per revised formula securing passing marks in assignments/practical and other components is not compulsory w.e.f. Spring, 2023 onwards, however, passing marks i.e. 40% in final exams will be mandatory. If a student gets 40 marks out of 100 in the final exams and does not score 50% aggregate marks, he/she will be declared Fail in the respective course and he/she will have to re-register/re-admit in the respective course, whenever said course (s) are offered in any of the subsequent semester (s).

Assignments (weightage)	Workshop (Quiz) (weightage)	Final Exam (weightage)	Passing Marks
20%	30% (Quiz)	50%	50% (in aggregate) however 40% marks in final exams is mandatory

There is no change in formula for Teaching Practice 1 & 2, Research Projects, Long Term Internship and such courses where grading formula/scheme of studies is different and workshops/projects are having weightage of marks, students will have clear/pass them too.

Revised Policy: Reappear and Again Reappear

The chance of Re-appear and again Re-appear will be given from Semester Spring 2023 onwards. If a student gets less than 40 marks in final exam.

AIOU Grading Scheme *

Marks	Grade
80% and above	A+ Grade
70% to 79%	A Grade
60% to 69%	B Grade
50% to 59%	C Grade
40% to 49%	D Grade
Below 40%	Fail

* For those students who were enrolled under grading scheme.

AIOU GPA/CGPA Scheme **

Marks %	Grade Point Average	Marks %	Grade Point Average	Marks %	Grade Point Average	Marks %	Grade Point Average
50	2.00	58	2.54	66	3.07	74	3.61
51	2.07	59	2.60	67	3.14	75	3.68
52	2.13	60	2.67	68	3.21	76	3.74
53	2.20	61	2.74	69	3.27	77	3.81
54	2.27	62	2.80	70	3.34	78	3.88
55	2.34	63	2.87	71	3.41	79	3.94
56	2.40	64	2.94	72	3.47	80-100	4.00
57	2.47	65	3.01	73	3.54		

Marks Obtained	Grade	Grade Point Average (GPA)
80-100%	A	4.00
65-79%	B	3.00
50-64%	C	2.00
Below 50%	F	0.00

** For those students who were enrolled under GPA/CGPA Scheme.

New AIOU GPA/CGPA Scheme from Semester Autumn-2021 & onwards

Percentage of Marks	Letter Grade	GPA	Percentage of Marks	Letter Grade	GPA
85% and above but below 100%	A	4.0	60% and above but below 65%	C+	2.3
80% and above but below 85%	A-	3.7	55% and above but below 60%	C	2.0
75% and above but below 80%	B+	3.3	52% and above but below 55%	C-	1.7
70% and above but below 75%	B	3.0	50% and above but below 52%	D	1.0
65% and above but below 70%	B-	2.7	Below 50%	F	0.0

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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 door-steps 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. Under graduate admissions are offered in both the semesters where-as post graduates are offered once a year. The enrolled students are given course books specially prepared by the university on self-instructional principles. However, at post graduate level reprints of foreign books alongwith allied material and university prepared study guides help students to polish their skills.

At present, the AIOU is offering programmes from Matric to PhD level in diverse disciplines comprised of four faculties. The university has established study centres across the country where distance education students are provided necessary guidance by their respective tutors, moreover, the university has established full-time study centres 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 instruction, guidance and counselling through face-to-face education. AIOU is also offering four years' under-graduate degrees.

Apart from curricular and extra-curricular activities during the academic year, the AIOU and its regional centres 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 hostel and the Central Library where computers have been provided to enable students to access latest information available through open source databases.

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 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 ENGLISH

Introduction

The Department of English was established with the inception of Allama Iqbal Open University in 1974. Keeping in view the present dynamics of English language learning and teaching in Pakistan, the Department offers programmes with the following objectives:

Objectives

- To bring education to the students' doorsteps through online learning mechanisms combined with print and multimedia support.
- To offer English language courses at SSC, HSSC and Bachelor's levels.
- To offer teacher training programmes for in-service and aspiring school, college and university teachers who wish to enhance their professional competence and skills through a Diploma or a Masters.
- To develop teachers' understanding of the theoretical and practical aspects of English language teaching.
- To facilitate research in English language teaching.
- To create awareness among the prospective teachers about the latest pedagogical trends, methodologies, and techniques in English language teaching.

**PGD-TEACHING OF ENGLISH
AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE (TEFL)
(Programme Code: 1302)**

The Diploma in Teaching of English as a Foreign Language (Dip TEFL) aims at creating awareness of the approaches, methods, and techniques of learning and teaching of English in the classroom. The Dip TEFL offers a range of courses which cover different aspects of English language teaching.

Eligibility

Candidates with the following qualification are eligible for admission:

- MA/BS (16 years' education/degree in English Language/ Linguistics/Literature)
- Admissions are awarded on the basis of merit, which is determined by the Department.

Medium of Instruction: English

Credit Hours Required: It is a 30 credit hour study programme.

Duration: One year (two semesters), including a workshop (compulsory) of 6 credit hours.

COURSES OFFERED

First Semester

S.#	Course Title	Code	Cr. Hrs
1	Psycholinguistics and Language Teaching Methodology	5655	3
2	Sociolinguistics	5656	3
3	Grammar	5657	3
4	Phonology	5658	3

Second Semester

S.#	Course Title	Code	Cr. Hrs
1	The Language Skills–I	5659	3
2	The Language Skills–II	5660	3
3	EFL in the Classroom–I	5661	3
4	EFL in the Classroom –II	5662	3
5	Workshop	5078	6(0+6)

During the second semester, Diploma TEFL students are required to attend a compulsory workshop that spans over two weeks. During the first week, the resource person delivers lectures on different aspects of ELT. During the second week,

the students are required to prepare three lesson plans based on their training and present any two of these plans in the classroom.

Admission Procedure for Dip/MA TEFL Programme

Aspiring applicants are required to complete their online admission forms and to upload attested copies of certificates/degrees/detailed mark sheets, domicile certificates (may be needed), and other documents/testimonials as required on the portal. Selected candidates will be informed of their admission status electronically after their applications have been processed by the Department. The selected candidates will be able to generate fee proforma online to deposit fee.

Note: Applicants are advised not to pay fee until they are informed of their admission by the admission section.

Fee Tariff

Item	Fee
Registration Fee: (At the time of 1 st Admission)	US\$ 50/-
Admission Fee: (At the time of 1 st Admission)	US\$ 50/-
Per Course Fee @ US\$ 100/- = Total Fee of Courses (US\$ 100 x 4 Courses)	US\$ 400/-
Total First Semester Fee=	US\$ 500/-

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

The Department of Commerce stands as a pioneer in academic excellence of AIOU with significant contributions to the educational landscape since its establishment in 1978, initially named as Industrial Education Department. The Department commenced its journey by offering Industrial & Commercial Training Courses. In 1986, the Department experienced a rebranding, emerging as the Department of Business & Management. Subsequently, in 1987, it was divided into two distinct departments: the Department of Business Management and the Department of Commerce.

In 1987, the Department of Commerce expanded its horizons, providing a comprehensive platform with the initiation of I. Com and B. Com programs. The team diligently worked to enhance the programs, setting the stage for the Department's future accomplishments. A significant turning point occurred in 2004 focusing on further elevating the quality of academic programs. The team dedicated themselves to the continuous improvement and up-gradation of the department's offerings. In 2011, the introduction of M. Com programs with a specialization in Accounting & Finance through approved study centers marked a notable achievement. In 2013, the Department obtained the NOC from the Higher Education Commission (HEC) to launch an Associate Degree in Commerce in a blended mode of learning, featuring eight specializations. In 2017, recognizing a gap in financial reporting skills among Commerce graduates, the Department introduced courses on financial reporting in the schemes of M. Com and BS Accounting & Finance. The commitment to academic excellence led to the offering of BS Accounting & Finance in blended mode in the same year.

In 2021, the Department embarked on the development of MS Commerce postgraduate programs catering to the needs of ICMA, CA, and M. Com students keen on advancing their education and engaging in research work. The accomplishment of these efforts materialized in Spring 2023, with the successful launch of the MS Commerce program after obtaining the NOC from HEC.

In 2023, the Department achieved a major milestone with the accreditation of its BS Accounting & Finance program by ACCA—the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants—a world-renowned professional accountancy body recognized by the Higher Education Commission (HEC). This accomplishment reflects the Department's unwavering commitment to global academic and professional standards.

Building on this progress, in 2025 the Department identified the growing importance of e-commerce, data analytics, block chain technologies, and other IT-driven tools in the field of commerce. To meet these emerging needs and in line with the HEC Undergraduate Education Policy, the Department developed the BS E-Commerce and associate degree in E-Commerce programs. These programs have been duly approved by all statutory bodies and are scheduled to be offered from Spring 2026. Since its inception, the Department of Commerce has played a pivotal role in producing thousands of business graduates, who, in various capacities, contribute to the nation's workforce. Upholding the vision of the University, the Department remains dedicated to developing skill oriented and professional courses in consultation with accreditation bodies and stakeholders.

PGD-INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS (IFRS)

(Program Code: 1060)

Program Introduction:

The field of accounting has undergone significant changes in the last two decades with the development of new standards and revision of existing financial reporting frameworks. The IFRSs are adopted by companies around the globe to make their financial statement comparable across various jurisdictions. The objective of this PGD in IFRS is to enable students to understand the requirements of International Accounting Standards/International Financial Reporting Standards for the preparation of financial statements and improve the quality of financial reporting in corporate sector.

Program Objectives

The Postgraduate Diploma in International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) aims to:

- i. Develop a comprehensive understanding of International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) and International Accounting Standards (IASs).
- ii. Equip learners with the knowledge and skills required for the preparation and presentation of financial statements in accordance with IFRS requirements.
- iii. Enhance the ability to interpret, analyze, and apply financial reporting standards in diverse business and regulatory environments.

- iv. Develop professional competencies in financial reporting, financial statement analysis, auditing, and corporate reporting.
- v. Enable participants to address emerging accounting and reporting challenges in local and international business environments.
- vi. Prepare graduates for professional growth and advanced studies in accounting, auditing, finance, and related disciplines.

Program Learning Outcomes (PLOs)

Upon successful completion of the PGD in International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), graduates will be able to:

- i. PLO-1: IFRS Knowledge
Demonstrate comprehensive knowledge of International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) and International Accounting Standards (IASs).
- ii. PLO-2: Financial Reporting Competence
Prepare and present financial statements in accordance with applicable IFRS requirements.
- iii. PLO-3: Application of Standards
Apply relevant accounting standards to recognize, measure, present, and disclose financial information.
- iv. PLO-4: Financial Statement Analysis
Analyze and interpret financial statements for decision-making, performance evaluation, and stakeholder reporting.
- v. PLO-5: Professional Judgment
Exercise professional judgment in resolving complex accounting and financial reporting issues.

vi. PLO-6: Auditing and Compliance

Evaluate financial reporting practices for compliance with regulatory, governance, and auditing requirements.

Career Options:

Graduates of the PGD in IFRS will be well-positioned for careers in financial reporting, accounting, auditing, compliance, and corporate finance. The qualification enhances opportunities in multinational corporations, audit firms, financial institutions, regulatory bodies, and public sector organizations. Graduates may work as Financial Reporting Specialists, IFRS Consultants, Accountants, Internal Auditors, Financial Analysts, and Compliance Officers. The diploma also supports career progression for professionals pursuing ACCA, CA, CMA, CPA, and other accounting certifications. Furthermore, it provides a strong foundation for advanced studies and specialized roles in international accounting and corporate reporting.

Admission Eligibility:

Minimum 14 years of education in commerce/business or management sciences (B.Com/Associate Degree/BBA or equivalent) 2nd division. Persons with higher education commerce and business subjects such as BS Accounting and Finance, B. Com Hons, BBA Hons., BS Business Studies, M.Sc Accounting and Finance, MPA, M. Com, M.Sc Public Administration, CMA, ACCA, PIPFA, CA MBA, MS

Commerce, MS Management Sciences, etc. is also eligible for admissions.

Mode of Education:

ODL Mode of education will be adopted. Study material will be provided in the form of e-books and the workshop classes will be conducted in online mode through LMS in English language.

Medium of Instructions: English

Duration & Credit Hours:

One year comprising of 30 credit hours with 10 courses divided into two semesters.

Assessment:

As per AIOU approved policy.

Course Offering:

First Semester:

S. No.	Course Title	Course Code	Credit Hours
1	Financial Management	5040	3
2	Advanced Financial Accounting	5059	3
3	Public Sector Accounting	5061	3
4	Financial Reporting-I	5062	3
5	Financial Reporting-II	5063	3
Total Credit Hours:			15

Second Semester:

S. No.	Course Title	Course Code	Credit Hours
1	Advanced Auditing	8533	3
2	Financial Statement Analysis	5589	3
3	IFRSs for SMEs	5590	3
4	Managerial Accounting	5031	3
5	Financial Reporting-III	5591	3
	Total Credit Hours:		15

Degree/Diploma Requirements: Passing all courses as per AIOU criteria.

Internship/Captone: N/A

Fee Tariff

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Total First Semester Fee=	US\$ 600/-

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DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Introduction:

The Department of Business Administration was established in 1986 with the objective to impart managerial education and skills in the discipline of Business Administration. Since its inception, the Department has made tremendous progress towards achieving its ultimate goal of becoming a Centre of Excellence in Business Management education and research in Pakistan. The Department has assembled outstanding teaching faculty and developed extensive teaching material for the improvement of education in Pakistan. The Department is offering programs from BBA to PhD levels with various specializations. These programs contribute significantly to the national goals by developing the professionals equipped with modern business techniques. The graduates from the department are well recognized in the human resource market and enjoy a respectable status in public and private sector organizations, operating in Pakistan and abroad. The department is also publishing a HEC recognized research journal namely “Journal of Contemporary Management Sciences”. The Department has well qualified faculty members including MPhil/ MS and PhD both from national and foreign universities.

The department is offering various programmes for students to achieve objectives such as:

- i. To prepare graduates for public and private sector organizations and to equip them to cater the needs of complex and changing business environment.
- ii. To encourage continuous learning and habitual receptiveness, explore new ways of identifying and dealing with opportunities and problems, to face future business challenges.
- iii. To provide the business students bottom to top management orientation skills, enhance their business skills, enable them to integrate theory business into practice in their daily lives.

PGD-SUPPLY CHAINMANAGEMENT (SCM)

(Programme Code: 0717)

Supply Chain Management (SCM) is a cross-functional approach which deals with the movement of raw materials into an organization, management of internal processing of raw materials into finished goods, and helps the movement of finished goods from point of origin to point of consumption. Considering the significance of SCM, it adds value to the operations of different organizations including educational institutes, commercial enterprises, social welfare departments, strategic organizations etc. One can easily believe that supply chain management is essential to a company's success and customer satisfaction. Even we cannot deny the contribution of SCM for the society. SCM knowledge and capabilities can be used to support health care,

conduct disaster relief operations, and handle other types of emergencies. SCM also plays a role in cultural evolution and helps to improve our quality of life.

Considering the significance of SCM across various sectors, the Post Graduate Diploma in Supply Chain Management has been developed to meet the needs of those professionals who want to establish and enhance insight into theoretical as well as practical knowledge of supply strategies, forecasting, transportation and inventory management.

Objectives:

Key objectives of Post Graduate Diploma in SCM are:

- To provide basic understanding, concepts and practices about effective Supply Chain Management.
- To develop students to work in SCM positions efficiently and effectively.
- To help SCM professionals in their career advancement and growth.

Program Learning Outcomes (PLOs)

Upon successful completion of the Post Graduate Diploma in Supply Chain Management, graduates will be able to:

1. Explain the concepts, principles, functions, and importance of supply chain management in various organizational settings.
2. Utilize purchasing and procurement techniques to acquire goods and services efficiently while maintaining quality and cost-effectiveness.

3. Plan, coordinate, and evaluate transportation, warehousing, and distribution activities to ensure smooth flow of products and services.
4. Apply inventory control methods and material management practices to optimize stock levels and minimize operational costs.
5. Identify operational challenges and use analytical approaches to improve supply chain performance, productivity, and customer satisfaction.
6. Apply production planning and operations management principles to support organizational efficiency and competitiveness.

Graduates of the PGD in Supply Chain Management will possess theoretical knowledge, practical skills, and professional competencies required to effectively manage procurement, logistics, inventory, production, and distribution functions across commercial, industrial, governmental, healthcare, military, and non-profit organizations.

Eligibility Criteria:

Applicants with at least 14 years of education in any discipline (BA/BSc/BCom/BBA/Associate Degree Programs 2-years) from HEC recognized institution with at least second division (45% marks) would be eligible to apply.

Mode of study:

- i. The Post Graduate Diploma in Supply Chain Management would be offered ODL mode.

- ii. The course outlines along with the required reading materials and assignments will be provided to the students via university website.
- iii. The schedule of classes will be chalked out by the Directorate of IC&Eas per Credit Hours requirements provided by the department.
- iv. Online Workshops will be conducted for each course as per university policy.

Medium of Instruction:

The medium of instruction and examination is English Language.

Duration:

Total duration of the diploma in Supply Chain Management would be 1 year, comprising 2 semesters. Students would be required to study 10 courses of 3 credit hours each (total 30 credit hours course load).

Evaluation Scheme:

As per AIOU policy.

Assignments: Students will submit two assignments of each course to their tutors as per schedule, who will return the same after marking and providing necessary academic guidance.

Workshops and Presentations: Workshop will be conducted as per university policy.

Requirements for Award of Post Graduate Diploma:

Following are the requirements for the award of Post Graduate Diploma:

- i. Successful completion of all courses

- ii. The students who intend to discontinue PGD after first semester may be offered a certificate of passed courses as to be determined by university.

Credit Hours Distribution

The credit hours distribution is as follows:

S. No.	Courses	No. of Courses	Total Cr. Hours
1.	General Education Course	4	12
2.	Major Courses	6	18
Total Credit Hours			30

Scheme of Studies:

The Post Graduate Diploma program is offered with the specialization in Supply Chain Management. The semester wise offering of courses are as under:

FIRST SEMESTER

S. #	Codes	Course Title	Credit Hours
1	9501	Fundamentals of Business	3 (3+0)
2	9502	Professional Communication	3 (3+0)
3	9503	Management Theory and Practice	3 (3+0)
4	9541	Introduction to Supply Chain Management	3 (3+0)
5	9505	Computer Applications for Business	3 (3+0)

SECOND SEMESTER

1	9542	Purchasing and Procurement Principles	3 (3+0)
2	9545	Production and Operations Management	3 (3+0)
3	9543	Logistics Management	3 (3+0)
4	9544	Inventory and Material Management	3 (3+0)
5	9546	Distribution Channels	3 (3+0)
Total Credit Hours			30

Career Opportunities after PGD in Supply Chain Management : A Post Graduate Diploma in Supply Chain Management prepares graduates and professionals for a wide range of careers in manufacturing, retail, healthcare, logistics, e-commerce, government organizations, NGOs, military services, and multinational companies.

Fee Structure:

Item	Fee
Registration Fee: (At the time of 1 st Admission)	US\$ 50/-
Admission Fee: (At the time of 1 st Admission)	US\$ 50/-
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Total First Semester Fee=	US\$ 600/-

PGD-ENTREPRENEURSHIP

(Programme Code: 0718)

Entrepreneurship is a cross-functional approach which deals with the willingness to take risks and develop, organize and manage a business venture in a competitive global marketplace that is constantly evolving. Entrepreneurship is a key driver of our economy. Wealth and a high majority of jobs are created by small businesses started by entrepreneurially minded individuals, many of whom go on to create big businesses.

Entrepreneurship adds value to the economy including educational institutes, commercial enterprises, social welfare departments, strategic organizations etc. That's why entrepreneurship education and its successful implementation would not only generate jobs and income; it will also facilitate innovation and stimulates transfer of wealth, knowledge, and skills. One can easily believe that Entrepreneurship is essential for a country economic growth and enduring progress. Even we cannot deny the contribution of entrepreneurship for the society.

Considering the significance of entrepreneurship for economy and society, the Post Graduate Diploma in Entrepreneurship has been developed to meet the needs of those professionals who want to establish and enhance insight into theoretical as well as practical knowledge of entrepreneurship & innovation management; strategies, theories, and challenges.

Objectives:

Key objectives of Post Graduate Diploma in Entrepreneurship are:

- To provide basic understanding, concepts and practices about entrepreneurship.
- To enable students to develop the insight needed to discover and create entrepreneurial opportunities.
- To equip students with knowledge and skills to successfully start and manage their own businesses to take advantage of these opportunities.
- To help entrepreneurship professionals in their career advancement and growth.

Program Learning Outcomes (PLOs)

Upon successful completion of the program, graduates will be able to:

1. Apply fundamental concepts, theories, and principles of entrepreneurship, business management, and innovation in diverse organizational settings.
2. Analyze market trends, customer needs, and environmental factors to recognize and assess viable entrepreneurial opportunities.

3. Generate creative ideas and innovative business models to address market challenges and create value for stakeholders.
4. Design comprehensive business plans, including feasibility analysis, marketing strategies, operational plans, and growth projections.
5. Utilize entrepreneurial finance concepts for budgeting, investment analysis, fundraising, financial forecasting, and resource allocation.
6. Develop and execute customer-focused marketing plans using traditional and digital marketing tools to enhance business performance.

Eligibility Criteria:

Applicants with at least 14 years of education in any discipline (BA/BSc/BCom/BBA/Associate Degree Programs 2-years and others) from HEC recognized institution with at least second division (45% marks) would be eligible to apply.

Mode of Study:

- i. The Post Graduate Diploma in Entrepreneurship will be offered through Open and Distance Learning Pedagogy- (online classes, workshops as well as tutorial support).
- ii. Students will be provided with complete study material in soft form including assignments, course outlines and suggested readings.
- iii. Students will be provided with tutorial support as per AIU educational system.

Medium of Instruction:

The medium of instruction and examination would be English Language.

Duration:

Minimum duration of the diploma in Entrepreneurship would be of 1 year, comprising 2 semesters. Students would be required to study 10 courses of 3 credit hours each (total 30 credit hours course load).

Evaluation Scheme

As per AIOU policy.

Assignments: Students will submit two assignments of each course to their tutors as per schedule for evaluation, who will return after upload the same after marking and providing necessary academic guidance.

Online Workshops and Presentation: At the end of each semester, online workshops for the courses of this programme. Students would be required to deliver mandatory presentations of their 2nd assignments during workshop. No relaxation on any grounds will be provided to the students in this regard.

Requirements for Award of Post Graduate Diploma:

Following are the requirements for the award of Post Graduate Diploma:

- i. Successful completion of all courses

- ii. The students who intend to discontinue PGD after first semester may be offered a certificate of passed courses as to be determined by university.

Credit Hours Distribution: The credit hours distribution is as follows:

S. No.	Courses	No. of Courses	Total Cr. Hours
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Total Credit Hours			30

Scheme of Studies:

The Post Graduate Diploma program would be offered with specialization in Entrepreneurship. The semester wise offering of courses is as under:

FIRST SEMESTER

S. No.	Codes	Course Title	Credit Hours
1	9501	Fundamentals of Business	3 (3+0)
2	9502	Professional Communication	3 (3+0)
3	9503	Management Theory and Practice	3 (3+0)
4	9551	Introduction to Entrepreneurship	3 (3+0)
5	9505	Computer Applications for Business	3 (3+0)

SECOND SEMESTER

S. No.	Codes	Course Title	Credit Hours
1	9552	Innovation Management	3 (3+0)
2	9553	Entrepreneurial Finance	3 (3+0)
3	9554	Marketing for Entrepreneurs	3 (3+0)
4	9555	Entrepreneurial Supply Chain	3 (3+0)
5	9556	New Venture Planning & Launch	3 (3+0)
		Total Credit Hours	30

Career Opportunities

Graduates of the Post Graduate Diploma in Entrepreneurship (PGD-Entrepreneurship) can pursue a wide range of career opportunities in business, industry, government, academia, and the development sector.

The PGD in Entrepreneurship prepares graduates not only to launch their own ventures but also to take leadership, management, consulting, and innovation-focused roles in public, private, and non-profit organizations. The combination of entrepreneurship, finance, marketing, innovation management, and venture planning makes graduates highly versatile in the present competitive economy.

Fee Structure:

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FACULTY OF EDUCATION

The origin of the Faculty of Education pre-dates the university itself. The National Institute of Education was established in 1973 under the Federal Ministry of Education. It became part of the university in June 1975 as Institute of Education in the Faculty of Social Sciences. The progressively extending functions of the Institute brought the needs for structural change and in 1984 it got the status of Faculty of Education.

DEPARTMENTS OF THE FACULTY

Faculty of Education comprises of the following six departments:

1. Distance, Non-Formal and Continuing Education
2. Educational Planning, Policy Studies and Leadership
3. Early Childhood Education and Elementary Teacher Education Department
4. Secondary Teacher Education
5. Science Education
6. Special Education

Programmes of Faculty of Education

The Faculty has developed and launched more than 275 courses in various disciplines from SSC to PhD level programmes. It is now fully recognized by both the government of Pakistan and International agencies as the prime national provider of professional education and training at all levels.

The faculty is offering the following academic programmes:

- PhD (Education) (MPhil Based) Elementary Teacher Education
- PhD Education (MPhil Based) Distance, Non-Formal and Education Specialization
- PhD Education (MPhil Based) Educational Planning and Management Specialization
- PhD Education (MPhil Based) Teacher Education Specialization
- PhD Education (MPhil Based) Special Education Specialization
- PhD Education (MPhil Based) Science Education
- MPhil (Education) Distance & Non Formal Education
- MPhil (Education) Educational Planning & Management
- MPhil (Education) Elementary Teacher Education
- MPhil (Education) Teacher Education
- MPhil (Education) Special Education
- MPhil (Education) Science Education
- MEd (Distance and Non-Formal Education)

- MEd (Science Education)
- MEd (Special Education)
- MEd (one year) Elementary Education
- MEd (Teacher Education)
- MA (Distance and Non-Formal Education)
- MA (Educational Planning and Management)
- MA (Elementary Teacher Education)
- MA (Teacher Education)
- MA (Special Education)
- BEd (Bachelor of Education) 1.5 year
- BEd (Bachelor of Education) 2.5 year
- BEd (Bachelor of Education) 4 year
- PG (Diploma Educational Planning & Management)
- PG (Diploma in Special Education)
- Associate Degree in Education (2 year)
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- BA Level Courses Related to the Faculty
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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL PLANNING, POLICY STUDIES AND LEADERSHIP (EPPSL)

The department was established in 1976 was renamed EPPSL in 2008. The department of EPPSL offers programmes in educational planning, leadership and management. These programmes are aimed at producing graduates as professionals for the cadre of various management positions in the government and non-government educational institutions and organizations. Programmes of EPPSL include B.Ed (4-years) with specialization in School Leadership and Management; Specialization of Leadership and Management in B.Ed (1.5 years); two Postgraduate Diploma programs in ELM & EPM, MPhil EPM & ELM and, PhD- EPM. The courses of these programmes are attained to the field requirements of target personnel in the areas of educational planning and management.

PGD-EDUCATIONAL PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT (EPM) (Programme Code: 1500)

The programme of Educational Planning and Management (EPM) is the first Master's degree venture of the Allama Iqbal Open University. The early courses of the EPM were launched in 1976 under the Institute of Education. In 1984, when the status of the Institute of Education was raised to the Faculty of Education the Department of Educational Planning and Management was created within the Faculty of Education to organize the EPM

programmes. The Department of EPM offers courses of study in the professional areas of Educational Planning and Management which are aimed at producing a cadre of professionals for educational institutions and organizations of the country for all levels of planning and management jobs.

1) Objectives of Program

To produce a cadre of professionals for educational institutions and other organizations of the country for all levels of managerial and administrative jobs by equipping them with the knowledge and skills of educational planning and management.

2) Duration of Program

PGD-Educational Planning & Management comprises 30 credit hours with one-year duration.

3) Admission Criteria/Eligibility

A graduate with second division is eligible to apply for admission to PGD in Educational Planning and Management.

4) Semester-wise scheme of study with credit hours

First Semester: (Compulsory Courses)

Sr. No.	Course title	Course Code	Cr. Hrs
1	Basic Concepts of Educational Planning-I	8238	3
2	Basic Concepts of Educational Planning-II	8239	3
3	Plan Implementation and Management-I	8240	3
4	Plan Implementation and Management-II	8241	3

2nd Semester (Compulsory Courses)

Sr. No.	Course title	Course Code	Cr. Hrs
1	Processes of Educational Planning-I	8233	3
2	Processes of Educational Planning-II	8231	3
3	Curriculum Planning and Evaluation-I	8235	3
4	Curriculum Planning and Evaluation-II	8232	3

Elective Courses:**Any 6 credit hours of title from the following courses:**

1	Development Education-I	8236	3
2	Development Education-II	8237	3
3	Project Implementation, Monitoring & Evaluation -I	8242	3
4	Project Implementation, Monitoring & Evaluation -II	8243	3
5	Population Education-I	8244	3
6	Population Education-II	8245	3

Note:

- Students can take course work equivalent to 18 credit hours in a semester (Except 1st Semester)
- A student must opt courses in pair (I & II) **Award of degree**
Post graduate diploma in Educational Planning and Management can be awarded only when the students have completed 30 credit hours.

3. Method of Instructions:

Medium of instructions for PGD (EPM) is English.

Online Mode: Online Learning Management System and typed assignments shall be included.**4. Evaluation Scheme:****i. Assignments**

Two assignments for each course (100+100 marks)

ii. Workshops

A week long online workshop for each course will be held at the end of each semester. Participation in the workshop is mandatory.

iii. Presentation

Nil

iv. Final/Mid-Term Examination

One 100 marks final written paper of each course

1) Fee Structure

PGD (EPM) candidates may not submit the fee. They should submit only the admission form with all the relevant attested documents including experience certificates to the EPPSL department, AIOU, Islamabad. After determination of the merit, selected candidates will be offered to submit their fee within stipulated period.

Research Work/Thesis Project (if Applicable)

Not Applicable

Concluding Remarks

Note: Admission Form with all credentials and experience certificates must be sent to the following address:

Fee Structure:

Item	Fee
Registration Fee: (At the time of 1 st Admission)	US\$ 50/-
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Per Course Fee @ US\$ 100/- = Total Fee of Courses (US\$ 100 x 5 Courses)	US\$ 500/-
Total First Semester Fee=	US\$ 600/-

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PGD-EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT (ELM)

(Programme Code: 0716)

1. Introduction:

The diploma in Educational Leadership and Management is a one-year program. The aim of this program is to inculcate leadership and managerial skills in prospective in-service school principals. This innovative program is designed to prepare individuals for leadership role improving prepare individuals for leadership role improving teaching and learning through improving management and administration of school. This program will prepare exemplary leaders with strong commitment to educational change.

The aim of Educational Leadership and Management program is to serve current and future educational leaders in Pakistan by offering advance learning opportunities in educational leadership and engaging in scholarly activities to advance knowledge and practice in the field of educational leadership.

2. Objectives of the Programme:

- To produce a cadre of professional for educational institutions and other organizations of the country for all level of managerial and administrative job by equipping them with the knowledge and skills of educational leadership and management.
- To prepare and guide interested students for pursuing higher studies and research in (EPM)

3. Duration:

- Duration of PDG ELM programme is one year comprising 2 Semester. A student will have to successfully complete 30 credit hour course including research project.
- Mode of study will be English

4. Eligibility for Admission:

- i. Applicant having 14 years of Education from HEC recognized institution with at least 2nd division (45%) marks or equivalent CGPA are eligible to apply.
- ii. PGD (ELM) candidates will not submit the fee they should submit only the admission form with all the relevant attested documents including experience certificates to the concerned department Chairman AIOU Islamabad.
- iii. After determination of the merit, selected candidates will be offered to submit their fee within stipulated time period.

5. Semester Course Detail:

First Semester:

Course Code	Course Titles	Credit Hours
1645	Educational Leadership	03
1647	Instructional Supervision	03
1646	Organizational Leadership	03
1648	Institutional Development	03
1649	Educational Research	03

Second Semester:

Course Code	Course Titles	Credit Hours
1690	School Administration & Supervision	03
1691	School Community Relations	03
1692	Comparative Perspective of ELM	03
1693	Educational Resource Management	03
1694	Research / Project	03

Note: PGD degree in ELM can be awarded only when the student has completed 30 credit hours.

Fee Structure:

Item	Fee
Registration Fee: (At the time of 1 st Admission)	US\$ 50/-
Admission Fee: (At the time of 1 st Admission)	US\$ 50/-
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There are two modes:

i) Correspondence mode

In which printed learning material and hand written assignments are included. Study material will be available on AIOU website only.

ii) Online Mode

Online Learning Management System (LMS) and typed assignments shall be included.

Evaluation Scheme

As per AIOU policy.

Assignments

Two assignments for each course (100+100 marks)

Workshops

Workshop for each course will be held at the end of each semester online. Participation in the workshop is mandatory.

Final/Mid-Term Examination

100 marks final written paper of each course will be taken.

Fee

The student will select at the end of each semester admission form with all the relevant attested documents including experience certificates will be sent to the EPPSL department, AIOU, Islamabad. After determination of the merit, selected candidates will be offered to submit their prescribed fee within stipulated period.

Research Work/Thesis Project (Applicable)

The research project is the part of academic programme so students will conduct research and submit its report; viva voce will be taken as well.

Note: Apply for admission online only.

DEPARTMENT OF EARLY CHILDHOOD AND ELEMENTARY TEACHER EDUCATION

The Department of Early Childhood Education & Care (ECE&C) prepares competent professionals to support the holistic development of young children through quality teacher education, innovative research, and community engagement. It equips teachers, caregivers, and practitioners with the knowledge, skills, and values needed to deliver high-quality ECE&C services — driving research in child development and designing culturally responsive curricula for diverse contexts.

PGD-ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN ECCE

(Programme Code: 6002)

Introduction:

The postgraduate diploma of Entrepreneurship in Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) is offered by the Department of Early Childhood Education and Elementary Teacher Education, Allama Iqbal Open University. The courses of the programme aims to build up the knowledge and skills of the students about entrepreneurship in early education sector. The courses assist to develop the attitude and skills of students about initiating and sustaining educational change within society using the entrepreneurial principles, process and skills. It would be helpful for students to understand the process of achieving the objectives of education system in early years'

educational institutions through effective entrepreneurial leadership; and realize the role of stakeholders in the education industry. This programme is also helpful for entrepreneurs, teachers, managers, investors and consultants to identify and avail an opportunity to launch or improve an early childhood educational venture, programme, product and/or service. The program uses an interactive approach involving the use of study guides, assignments, workshops, examination, and preparation of action plan and business plan in workshops and course assignments.

Objectives:

The objectives of PGD Entrepreneurship in ECCE are given below:

1. Assist students to interpret basic concepts and processes involved in education entrepreneurship/intrapreneurship.
2. Provide students the knowledge, strategies and techniques to become qualified entrepreneurs in early childhood education sector.
3. Enable students to assess the application of elements of entrepreneurial process in a variety of business and organizational contexts in the early education sector.
4. Equip students with entrepreneurial skills so that they can identify a new opportunity for a new early childhood and education venture or design programme, service or product for early childhood sector.
5. Train students in pursuing their career in early education sector.
6. Help students to adapt entrepreneurial process to lead growth and innovation in the education industry.

7. Facilitate managers, entrepreneurs, investors and consultants in early childhood and education sector to analyse and avail any opportunity for education innovation.

Eligibility for Admission:

BA/BSc/ADA/ADE or equivalent to 14 years of education with minimum 2nd division.

DETAIL OF COURSES:

1st Semester

Sr. #	Course Title	Code	Cr. Hrs
1.	Introduction to Child Care and Development	8305	03
2.	Fundamentals of ECCE and Entrepreneurship	8295	03
3.	Entrepreneurial Leadership in Early Childhood Education	8296	03
4.	Design Thinking for Learning Environments	8297	03
5.	Early Childhood Social Entrepreneurship	8298	03
6.	Learning Organizations, Marketing and Entrepreneurship	8299	03

2nd Semester

Sr. #	Course Title	Code	Cr. Hrs
1.	Financing Early Childhood Care and Education	8300	03
2.	Performance Management in ECCE	8301	03
3.	Business Communications & Technical Writing	8302	03
4.	Feasibility Analysis of ECCE Project material	8303	03
5.	Internship	8304	03

Allama Iqbal Open University (AIOU) reserves the right to amend the policy of fee structure, course offering and assessment of courses when required. The department may change the sequence of the course(s) offering as per availability of course(s).

Fee Structure:

Item	Fee
Registration Fee: (At the time of 1 st Admission)	US\$ 50/-
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Total First Semester Fee=	US\$ 700/-

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EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND ELEMENTARY TEACHER EDUCATION

The department of Elementary Teacher Education was established in 2003. In April 2008, the name of Elementary Teacher Education Department was changed as Early Childhood Education and Elementary Teacher Education Department. The Department offers BEd (1.5 year), BEd (2.5 years), BEd (4 years), Associate Degree in Education (ADE), MEd, MA (Elementary Teacher Education), Postgraduate Diploma in Early Childhood Education, MPhil and PhD programme, it also offers “Education” as subject at Matric, Intermediate and Graduate level. The department also planned to offer non-credit research courses and Postgraduate Diploma for Teaching in Higher Education.

PGD-EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION **(Programme Code: 0713)**

Programme Description:

Duration One Year:	(Two Semesters)
Semester Duration:	16-18 Weeks Maximum
Course Load Per Semester:	18 Credit Hours
Total Credit Hours:	30
Medium of Instruction:	English/Urdu
❖ Entry Qualification:	Bachelor Degree (45% marks)
Delivery Mode:	Online/Distance Learning
❖ The eligible candidates submit the admission form alongwith copy of credentials and fee in designated branches of bank.	

Programme Description

Early childhood age is the most important stage in term of child development and growth. Keeping in view its importance and growing demand from private and public enterprise in the country and overseas, Allama Iqbal Open University planned to launch postgraduate diploma in Early Childhood Education (ECE). This is a unique and intensive programme in the country. During the programme, the prospective graduates will be introduced to ECE, child physical/social/emotional and cognitive development processes. The graduate will learn about ECE curriculum, assessment, classroom management and art work. The programme also aimed to equip the graduates with necessary quality training and skills for ECE. It will also help in developing understanding of the graduates about how toddlers

learn the skills they need for life. The programme will provide interactive sessions via tutorial/online sessions/workshops, practice teaching and seminar. Another important feature of this diploma is that it will provide hands on practice to graduates for conducting observation of kids in action. Another strong area of the programme is interactive practice session for the graduates. It is expected that the postgraduate diploma programme will produce quality early childhood education teachers/instructors and planners so that they can pursue career successfully.

Programme Objectives

The objectives of programme are to:

- Equip the graduate with essential professional skills and competencies for Early childhood education
- Upgrade pedagogical skills of practicing preschool teachers
- Provide knowledge about child cognitive/emotional and social development
- Develop insight and understanding relating ECE philosophy/beliefs and its significance.
- Introduce reflective practices in curriculum planning and instruction.
- Link theory and practice in early childhood education
- Setup knowledge of various classroom management techniques for early childhood class
- Provide Skill of selection of appropriate teaching aid for early childhood class
- Provide knowledge and use of different classroom observation and assessment techniques

- Apply national standards for early childhood education
- Enhance career prospects of the graduates.

Mode of Delivery

Flexible study option available through distance learning. Graduates can study at their own pace. They can take one course or complete six courses in a semester for completion of diploma. For each course there will be two days' workshop. The student will also get tutorial support and there will be 9 tutorial meetings for each course in a study centre. The student will get tutorial schedule along with course books.

Prospective Students

Early childhood education is a popular and well- established area of study within sub sector of teacher education. This diploma is designed for those who wished to work with early childhood education within the country or overseas. The primary focused of the programme is:

- Early childhood education teachers
- Childcare workers
- Preschool teachers
- ECE planners
- Childcare managers/directors
- Family day care staff

Career Prospects

The postgraduate diploma holders will be qualified kindergartens having appropriate knowledge, skills and dispositions. This will

open new venues and opportunities to get into a rewarding career into early childhood school/centers in the country. There is an also great demand for preschool and childcare workers in overseas having professional diploma in ECE.

Further Education

The postgraduate diploma in early childhood education can lead to further degree in ECE.

Scheme Structure

Semester 1

S. No.	Course Code	Course	Credit Hours
1	1624	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	3
2	1625	Early Childhood Curriculum	3
3	1626	Child Development	3
4	5077	Classroom Assessment	3
5	1628	Teaching Literacy	3
6	1629	Language Learning in Early Childhood	3

Semester 2

1	1630	Practicum	3
2	5079	Classroom Management	3
3	5065	Arts, Craft & Calligraphy	3
4	5076	Introduction to Inclusive Education	3

For each 3 credit hour course there will be a workshop for 2 days (5 hours/day). Attendance in the workshop is compulsory. Those who do not attend will be considered fail in the workshop. They will have to reappear in the workshop

when conducted. The workshop and seminar shall be conducted at Main Campus, Islamabad only. The department may change offering of the courses/adopt existing courses as per availability.

PRACTICUM (CODE 1630)

This segment consists of:

- Teaching Practice (two weeks)
- Professional portfolio
- Class room observation
- Workshop (one week)
- End of Practicum Seminar (3days)

i. Teaching Practice:

Two weeks teaching practice in early childhood class (2 hours/day) is mandatory for each graduate. The student will submit a certificate of practice teaching duly signed by the concerned school principal/Head. The graduate will also submit 20 lesson plans taught during teaching practice.

ii. Professional Portfolio:

Each graduate will prepare a professional portfolio and submit it to the department.

iii. Classroom Observation Report (Montessori/ kindergarten classroom observation):

Each student also requires to observe a session in kindergarten/Montessori class for one hour and submit a report of the observation to the ECE&ET department as per guidelines.

iv. Workshop (One Week)

A one-week workshop is also mandatory part of practicum. Workshop will be conducted before practice

teaching in the classroom. The workshop includes **components** like:

- Language learning
- Pre-observation guide
- Techniques for observation in the classroom
- Preparation of professional portfolio
- Planning unit of instruction
- Preparing portfolios
- Practical issues of teaching and learning
- Development of AV aid/artwork
- Classroom assessment
- Classroom management

v. End of Practicum Seminar (3 days):

A three-day seminar will be conducted at the end of the practicum. This is also mandatory component. The seminar will cover following areas:

- Reflect/review what has been learned in the field
- Share observation reports
- Sharing of professional portfolio

SCORING GUIDE FOR PRACTIUM

S. No.	Component	Marks Allocated
1	Teaching practice/20 Lesson plan	20
2	Professional Portfolio	20
3	Classroom observation report	20
4	Attendance in Workshop	10
5	Presentation of observation report & Professional Portfolio	20
6	Attendance in End of Practicum Seminar	10
	Total marks	100
	Pass percentage	50%

Workshop/Seminar attendance marks distribution

95 %&above	10marks
90-94%	09marks
85-89%	08marks
80-84%	07marks
Below80%	Does not qualify

The graduate has to pass each component of the practicum separately. In case of failure in any component, the student has to take fresh admission in the practicum.

Fee Structure:

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Registration Fee: (At the time of 1 st Admission)	US\$ 50/-
Admission Fee: (At the time of 1 st Admission)	US\$ 50/-
Per Course Fee @ US\$ 100/- = Total Fee of Courses (US\$ 100 x 6 Courses)	US\$ 600/-
Total First Semester Fee=	US\$ 700/-

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FACULTY OF SCIENCES

The Faculty of Sciences forms an integral part of the university. Since its establishment in 1982 with five teaching departments, it has undergone major development changes. It now comprises nine teaching and research departments which are offering courses at the undergraduate and postgraduate levels to more than ten thousand students. The faculty operates under the basic guidelines of the University Act and on an “Education for All as Convenient” basis so that maximum students get benefit from its academic programs and educational facilities. This principle has necessitated some structural changes in the non-formal mode, particularly at the postgraduate level, in the offering of theory courses and practical lab work. This conceptual adjustment has been quite successful, and many in-service students are benefiting from postgraduate study programs. Improvement in qualifications for a better life is a right of everyone and the faculty’s programs meet this challenge by offering opportunities to all. A significant number of beneficiaries are those who cannot afford education in formal institutions due to a variety of reasons.

All the departments (Agricultural Sciences, Biology, Environmental Sciences, Chemistry, Nutritional Sciences and Environmental Design, Computer Science, Physics, Mathematics, Statistics & Engineering & Technology) of The Faculty of Sciences are running a variety of postgraduate technical, scientific, and professional programs successfully.

The departments are equipped with computer labs for practical work, teaching, research, and instrumentation labs for analysis. The University is developing these labs through its resources. The Faculty of Sciences is thankful to the Vice-Chancellor for giving personal attention to the development of the Faculty of Sciences by providing generous amounts of funds and valuable guidance.

Around 80 highly qualified full-time faculty members are in the role of the Faculty of Sciences. Their role in the planning, designing and development of different courses, to meet students’ needs, is vital. Faculty members also engage in imparting and supervising instructions so that high standards are maintained. In addition, highly qualified and experienced Professors are also engaged on the contract or as part-time instructors, for postgraduate study programs. The University faculty is also offering academic positions under the tenure track system to attract the best minds in scientific and technological fields, as a full-time employee of the university.

Research is an integral part of postgraduate study programs MPhil and Ph.D. degrees in Agricultural Sciences, Chemistry, Computer Sciences, Biology (Microbiology and Molecular Genetics), Environmental Sciences, Nutritional Sciences and Environmental Design, Mathematics, Statistics and Physics. Rules and regulations for governing postgraduate study programs are those approved by the Higher Education Commission (HEC).

PGD ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH AND SAFETY

(Programme Code: 6005)

The Department is offering PGD in Environment, Health & Safety (EHS) which provides the benefits to professionals who work for the federal, state or local government as well as for industries, factories and mines etc. EHS aims to prevent and reduce accidents, emergencies, and health issues at workplace, along with any other environmental damage that could result from work practices. The novelty of EHS program is that it will train the specialists as master trainers who can protect the well-being of public and also ensure the environmental regulations that meet the employees and workplace safety standards.

1. OBJECTIVES

- i. To develop a strong understanding of Environment and Occupational Health & Safety (EHS) amongst the professionals.
- ii. To develop the skill set for planning, execution and analysis for EHS.
- iii. To be able to evaluate the existing work practices and how they can be improved to enhance the safety and wellness of the users and employees.

- iv. To train professionals to be able to get certified in international standard EHS certifications.
- v. To increase the human resource with EHS expertise which in turn would help increase country's compliance to various EHS regulations.

2. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Students having minimum of 14 years of formal education with at least 2nd division as per university rules in any field from accredited Colleges, Universities, in Pakistan or abroad are eligible to apply for admission.

3. SCHEME OF STUDIES

1st Semester			
Sr. No	Title of the Course	Course code	Credit Hours
1.	Foundation in Occupational Health & Safety	7439	4(4+0)
2.	Health and Safety Management System – I (Organizing, Planning & Implementation)	7440	4(3+1)
3.	Health and Safety Management System – II (Monitoring and Auditing)	7441	4(3+1)
4.	Electrical and Fire Hazards	7442	3(2+1)
2nd Semester			

1.	Physical and Psychological Hazards	7443	4(3+1)
2.	Equipment and Machine Related Musculoskeletal Hazards	7444	4(3+1)
3.	Chemical and Biological Health Hazards	7445	4(3+1)
4.	Waste Management (Environmental, Health & Safety Issues)	7446	3(3+0)
Total Credit Hours 30			

TEACHING METHODOLOGY

AIOU employs blended mode of learning (online teaching, assignments, practical activities and final exam) as methodology of instruction.

4. ATTENDANCE

Attendance in teaching sessions is compulsory.

5. ASSESSMENT

The distribution of the marks of each course work of PGD shall be as follows:

a) Quiz 30%

b) Continuous Assessment 20%

c) Final Examination 50%

Total: 100% (Pass percentage in aggregate will be 50%)

Note: 50% in final exam is mandatory.

6. FEE STRUCTURE (As per AIOU Policy)

7. ATTAINMENT OF DIPLOMA

On successful completion of the diploma, the student will have to apply to the Controller of Examination for the issuance of Diploma.

Note: Fee, scheme of studies or courses can be changed or upgraded as per AIOU policy from time to time.

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Per Course Fee @ US\$ 100/- = Total Fee of Courses (US\$ 100 x 4 Courses)	US\$ 400/-
Total First Semester Fee=	US\$ 500/-

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GENERAL INFORMATION

- i. The certificates/degrees of AIOU are equivalent to any other recognized Board/University.
- ii. A candidate is required to apply for admission (LMS) online only.
- iii. If an applicant does not receive any information regarding admission within three months from submission of application, he/she should presume no admission.
- iv. A course taken by any student cannot be changed during the semester. However, in real hardship cases, the change in courses will be allowed before the start of study period after deposit of prescribed fee. Study period schedule is available on AIOU website.
- v. The address of a student will not be changed during the semester.
- vi. On payment of the registration fee, each student will be issued a student ID. This number must be quoted in all the future correspondence along with the roll number, course(s), code numbers and semester.
- vii. Study material shall be available at the LMS (Aaghi Portal) and Website at their given addresses.
- viii. After confirmation of admission students are usually intimated about the part time tutors for each course through student CMS portal. If you do not found information about tutors, you are required to contact the Directorate of International Collaboration & Exchange immediately without any delay.
- ix. Rules and regulations framed, enhanced and changed from time to time by the authorities, bodies of the university will be effective as deemed necessary. The student will have to abide by all such rules and regulations from the date of their implementation.
- x. 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.
- xi. It is the responsibility of the student to remain in touch with the Directorate of IC&E regarding the selected programme.
- xii. 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.
- xiii. After completion of a programme successfully, a student has to apply to Controller of Examinations for issuance of certificate/degree.

- xiv. The university reserves the right to change the contents of this prospectus without any prior notice as per university policy.
- xv. The student must inform the Admission Department in writing about admission mistakes within the period of 15 days, which is not according to the admission form/ check list or mistake in name and address. No request for any change will be entertained after the stipulated period.
- xvi. Admission without prescribed fee, less fee or fee deposited after due date will not be considered in any case.
- xvii. 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 Examinations Department shall also issue certificate/ degree on the said name.
- xviii. 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.
- xix. The degree/diploma/certificate of the student will be quashed:
 - i) If any mistake found in compilation or declaration of result at any stage.
 - ii) If any candidate found ineligible for a degree/ diploma/certificate during the cross verification process of result and documents at any stage.

- iii) If found that candidate submitted forged/fake/illegal document(s) in the University at any stage.

Note: Beware that University has not authorized any person or private institute to collect payment/forms. All the students are instructed to deposit fee by themselves. In case of any discrepancy in admission fee/ admission form the University will not be responsible and the student will have to face the consequences.

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

- (i) The Applicant/candidate/student who have submitted his/her fee for Admissions but do not wish to continue and applied for refund of fee before the start of his/her study period as per Academic Calendar available on the AIOU website corresponding to his/her respective semester i.e Autumn or Spring, the fees will be refunded after the deduction @ 10% of the total fee.
- (ii) The Applicant/Candidate who was not eligible but deposited the fee for admission and applied for refund within one year from the date of fee deposit, the fee shall be refunded after deduction @15% of total fee.
- (iii) The student who has deposited his/her fee in excess of due fee that total excess amount shall be refunded or adjusted as the case may be.
- (iv) The Treasurer Department shall verify the fee of students and shall send the case to the Audit Department for pre-audit.
- (v) The cheque will be issued to the candidate by the Campus Payment Section (CPS), Treasurer's Department.
- (vi) In the case of death, the full fee will be refunded through crossed cheque in favour of the Blood Relative of deceased student, after fulfilling all the codal formalities. The refund case must be submitted within one year of fee deposit.
- (vii) In case the students who are not allowed/granted admission to a program offered by the University due to less enrollment/non formation of viable group/non offering of courses, full fee will be refunded to them.
- (viii) If the admission of an Applicant/Candidate is not matured due to any reason beyond the control of the University or due to unforeseen issues, the whole paid fee, without any deductions shall be refunded to the respective applicant/candidate. The refund case must be submitted within one year of fee deposit.

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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 etc. 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.
3. 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

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