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Message

THE WORTHY Vice-Chancellor

Dear Student,

السلام عليكم

Welcome to 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 for rural areas under-privileged students and the people of all ages particularly the females can now select and join the programs of their choice, while sitting at their residence and simultaneously with continuing their jobs. After assessing the success of many degree programs in Pakistan, AIOU is now going to offer a variety of range programs for the students residing worldwide. 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-suggests many undergraduate and postgraduate programs at rural and remote areas providing an unparalleled opportunity to all the poor and deprived segments 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, it is hoped, will enable AIOU students to get all discipline of educational programs using their Learning Management system (LMS) portal support online.



I welcome you to the postgraduate studies at AIOU and wish you a challenging yet successful journey ahead.

Prof Dr Nasir Mahmood
Vice Chancellor AIOU



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 in 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 educational journey through formal system of education. The University (AIOU) operates on semester-based system and admits students in Spring and Autumn semesters. Under-graduate admissions are offered in both the semesters whereas postgraduates are offered once a year. The undergraduate students are given course books especially prepared by the university on self-instructional principles. However, at post graduate level students are encouraged for self-study; therefore, no textbooks are provided.

At present, the AIOU is offering programs from Matric to Ph.D. level in diverse disciplines from four faculties. The AIOU is also offering four years under-graduate degrees in various disciplines.

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 research scholars, a Science Complex has been built where they use the latest equipment of international standards for experiments and research. To meet the present-day challenges, internet facilities are also available in the student's hostel and the Central Library where computers have been provided to enable students to access the latest information available through open source databases.

Allama Iqbal Open University (AIOU ranked 1st among 66 Pakistani varsities recent Times Higher Education Impact Ranking 2023 (The's Ranking) in SGD-4 (Quality Education)



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AIOU AT A GLANCE

Current Enrollment
1,027,000



Faculties
04



Academic Departments
37



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54



SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AIDS

❖ **Financial Support Scheme (SSF-101)**

This scheme is formulated to provide financial assistance to the deserving, needy and talented students.

❖ **Earn to Learn Scheme (SSF-102)**

AIOU provides opportunities to the deserving students to earn and learn. This scheme is to encourage and assist the students in the pursuit of higher studies.

❖ **Merit Scholarship Scheme (SSF-103)**

This scheme is an initiative to generate competition among brilliant students of AIOU. The scholarship is offered to the students of all levels/ programs scoring 80% and above marks in their latest results in AIOU.

❖ **Final Year Project Grant Scheme (SSF-105)**

This scheme is designed with the focus of motivating researchers and promotion of market-oriented research by providing financial grants. This grant will be available to BS, BSc (Hons), M.Phil, MS & Ph.D scholars.

❖ **Scholarship for Communities Scheme (SSF-106)**

The financial assistance, through this scheme is available to the following communities:

- Differently Abled Students
- Orphans
- Gender Diverse Individuals
- Offspring of Martyrs
- Inmates/ Prisoners

❖ **Free Education (Matric) Plan for FATA/ Baluchistan & Gilgit/ Baltistan**

The Allama Iqbal Open University has initiated opportunities to support the deprived communities residing in FATA/Baluchistan and Gilgit-Baltistan.

AIOU is offering this facility without any discrimination based on caste and creed.

The SOP's/ TOR's, eligibility criteria of aforementioned financial schemes are available at AIOU website.

STUDENTS SUPPORT SERVICES

Student Facilitation Center (SFC)

The Student Facilitation Center (SFC) was established on October 17, 2022, with the aim to help the student/visitors by providing them solutions under one roof. The Center provides services linked with Student Advisory, LMS/Tutor/Workshop, Admissions & Mailing.

AIOU Call Center

The AIOU Call Center/ Helpline (051-111-112-468) was primarily established in 2011, while the purpose-built dedicated center was established in September 2022, for the provision of information/guidance to the callers.



**MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM TIME DURATION/SEMESTERS
FOR THE COMPLETION OF FACE TO FACE PROGRAMME
(From Spring 2021 Semester)**

Sr. #	Degree Level	Minimum Duration	Maximum Duration
1.	PhD	3 Years / 5 Semesters	8 Years*
2.	MS/MPhil/MSc (Hons)/MBA/COL MBA	2 Years / 4 Semesters	4 Years**

& As per AIOU & HEC rules.*

The policy of Re-Appeal and Again Re-Appeal is being dis-continued and the concerned students will have to re-register/enroll or re-admit in the failed course(s).

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- Go to <https://fmbp.aiou.edu.pk/application/index.php>
- Register here through your Cell No. or Email id and Login
- Fill the Admission Form and Submit
- Print Fee Voucher and deposited the fee.
- For further information and query please visit website at:
<http://support.aiou.edu.pk/> or contact at: 051-9572386

Admission Procedure and Requirements for MS/MPhil/Equivalent Programs

The admission of MPhil and PhD shall be announced by Director BASR as per admission calendar of AIOU. Announcement for admission will be made in the leading newspapers of the country.

1. Basic Academic Qualification

16 years of schooling or 4 years of education (in the **relevant subject**) after HSSC/F.A./FSc/Grade 12 or equivalent (minimum 2nd Division) shall be required for admission in the MPhil/MS/Equivalent program.

2. Apply for Admission

An eligible candidate shall apply for admission through online portal (<https://aiou.edu.pk/oas-fresh-admission>).

- Register here through your Cell No. or Email and Login
- Fill in the Admission Form completely and submit.
- Print Fee Voucher and deposited the fee (processing fee) in the designated banks or through Jazz Cash, Easy Paisa and Upaisa Mobile App/USSD String *786#, Retailer Agent, Franchise and Branches of Mobilink, Telenor and Ubank.

3. Admission Test

- a) Qualify a test equivalent to GRE/HAT General conducted by the department concerned with minimum of 50% cumulative marks or as further advised by HEC from time to time.
- b) Accept the GRE/HAT General/Equivalent tests, with a passing score of 50%.

4. Components Weightage

The criteria for admission and weightage of its components for **MS/MPhil/MSc (Hons)** e.g., **GAT General (NTS)**, academic qualifications, research/professional experience, publications, written subject test and interview shall be as follows:

i.	Academic Qualification	30
ii.	Written Test (at per HEC/AIOU Policy)	40
iii.	Research/Publication	5
iv.	Experience	5
v.	Interview	20
	Total	100

5. Admission to MPhil/MS/Equivalent shall be processed and finalized by the Departmental Admission Committee (DAC) duly approved by the Vice-Chancellor.
6. Admission to MPhil/MS/Equivalent programs shall be granted against available seats strictly based on merit/written test/interview as approved by the University. The University reserves the right not to start MPhil programs if a viable group of students is not enrolled.
7. Merit list shall be up-loaded on university website and concerned Department will also inform the selected candidate about their admission in respective program after fulfilling prescribed procedure.
8. A candidate will become a student of the MPhil/MS/Equivalent program upon depositing the prescribed semester-based fee for the 1st semester of course work for each program. In case of failure to deposit the fee within the specified period, the admission shall automatically stand cancelled after the due date.

9. The Department will consider the next candidate in order of merit for admission in case the selected candidate does not deposit the prescribed fee within the stipulated time. No appeal shall be considered once alternate candidates offer admission.
10. A Student admitted to **MPhil/MS/Equivalent** programs and a specialization thereof, whichever applicable, shall not be allowed to change his/ her program or specialization. The candidate shall have to apply for fresh admission to another program or specialization after discontinuation of the earlier program/specialization as and when next admission is announced.
11. A candidate seeking admission to **MPhil/MS/Equivalent** program shall be admitted to the relevant program of minimum 24 credit hours course work as per requirement of HEC and 12 credit hours research thesis.
12. Fee can neither be refunded nor be adjusted for future admission after finalization of admission and commencement of classes.

How to Pay the Fee?

The admission in MPhil programs is purely on merit basis. No fee is to be paid unless intimated by the university. The fee Voucher (generate from OAS) and deposited the fee in the designated banks or through Jazz Cash, Easy Paisa and Upaisa Mobile App/USSD String *786#, Retailer Agent, Franchise and Branches of Mobilink, Telenor and Ubank.

Duration, Credit Requirements, Research Project and Medium of Instructions for MS/MPhil and equivalent programs:

1. The **minimum duration** of **MPhil/MS/Equivalent** program shall be 4 semesters (Two years) and maximum duration shall be 08 semesters (Four years).
 - a) The minimum period of the 24 credit hours course work for **MPhil/MS/Equivalent** shall be two semesters (one year) and minimum period to complete 12 credit hours research thesis shall be two semesters (One year) after approval of the synopsis by concerned committee.
 - b) The minimum period to complete the research project shall be one semester.
2. The language of instruction, examination and thesis for all disciplines will be according to the approved scheme of studies of each department.

Components of Course Instructions

1. The instructional modes shall include student and tutor face to face contact for approved prescribed period, teaching, video conferencing, e-mail, internet, telephone coaching on prescribed schedules, broadcast, and non-broadcast audio visual programs etc.
2. The minimum number of compulsory faces to face teaching hours shall be 48 hours for each course (3 credit hrs.)
3. The duration of synopsis orientation workshop shall be compulsory of two weeks in the beginning of 3rd semester.

Course Work Evaluation:

1. The evaluation of 24 credit hours course work of **MPhil** shall be conducted by the Controller of Examinations as per prevailing practice of the university.

2. The distribution of continuous assessment and final examination of each 3-credit hour course work shall be as follows:
 - i) Continuous Assessment & Mid Term 50% (20+30)
 - ii) Final Examinations 50%
 - Total 100%
3. Pass percentage in aggregate shall be 50%.
If a student cannot pass in continuous assessment/ assignments or fail to maintain the minimum mandatory class attendance of 70% in a course, he/she will be declared as fail.

Thesis/Project Requirements

1. After completion of twenty-four credit hours of course work, a student will embark upon research of 12 credit hours for two semesters. After the receipt of admission list of third semester, the department will hold two-weeks Synopsis Orientation Workshop (SOW). Only those students will be eligible to attend the synopsis orientation workshop who qualified/passed at least 12 credit hours course work including Research methods/statistics. However, he/she will be allowed to submit the thesis only after passing all the courses.
2. The purpose of this workshop is to guide the **MPhil/MS/Equivalent** scholars in finalizing their Synopsis/Research topics. Participation in the SOW will be mandatory. Research scholars are supposed to develop and present their synopsis before the Research Proposal Committee (RPC). Finally, the recommended topic of synopsis/research by RPC will be forwarded to the competent authority for approval as per MPhil rules and regulations of AIOU, Islamabad.

Synopsis Workshop

The Department will arrange a two-week synopsis orientation workshop helping students to identify their topic

of research and develop the synopsis. Attendance in this workshop is mandatory. The resource person may deliver lectures on their research areas.

Synopsis Approval

Synopsis will be approved by Departmental Synopsis Committee.

Thesis Supervision

A supervisor will be allocated to student as per research expertise.

Award of Degree:

On successful completion of the research thesis and other requirements, the **MPhil/MS/Equivalent** degree will be awarded by the University.

Travelling & Boarding / Lodging Expenses

The AIOU does not have lodging and boarding facilities now except at the main campus Islamabad. If required, students will have to arrange lodging and transport by themselves. AIOU will not bear any cost in this regard. The fee does not include charges for boarding lodging and transport. Hence the University does not have any liability in this regard.

Hostel Facilities

The students coming from other cities can avail the hostel facility at reasonable rates (other than fee) subject to availability.

Financial Assistance

Limited financial assistance is available to deserving students who shall apply on the prescribed AIOU forms supported with justifiable documentary proofs available after admission during the 1st semester. Financial assistance will be considered from the 2nd semester.

Admission Procedure and Requirements for PhD Programs

1. The PhD program shall be announced by the Director BASR as per admission calendar of AIOU. Announcement for admission will be made in the leading newspapers of the country.
2. **The minimum entry requirement for admission to PhD program shall be MS/MPhil or equivalent degree** with CGPA 3.0 out of 4.0 in semester system or 1st division in the Annual system with (60% marks).

3. Admission Test

- a) Test equivalent to GRE/HAT General in the area of specialization chosen at the PhD level must be cleared with a minimum of 60% marks prior to admission for the PhD program as per HEC requirements.
- b) Accept a test equivalent to GRE/HAT General, conducted by testing bodies accredited by HEC, with a passing score of 60%.

4. Statement of Purpose

As part of the application for admission to PhD programs, applicant shall be required to submit a statement of purpose, which shall form an integral part of the application. The admissions committee shall use the information provided to ascertain the preparedness and interest of the candidate in pursuing doctoral studies, and whether the department has the requisite resources to train and supervise the doctoral candidate in the subspeciality in which the applicant is interested. A statement of purpose shall, at least, include the following:

- i. Title of the potential research proposal.

- ii. Clear articulation of the current understanding of the intended field and ideas for potential research.
- iii. Explanation of the intended socio-economic & cognitive impact of the proposed research.
- iv. The prospective candidates shall demonstrate passion and enthusiasm for the area of research.
5. The criteria for admission and weightage of its components e.g., academic qualifications, research professional experience, publications, interview shall be as follows:

i.	Academic Qualification +	40
ii.	Written Test (at per HEC/AIOU Policy)	30
iii.	Research	5
iv.	Experience	5
v.	Interview	20
	Total	100

How to Apply for Admission?

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 - Fill in the Admission Form completely and submit.
 - Print Fee Voucher and deposited the prescribed fee (processing fee) in the designated banks or through Jazz Cash, Easy Paisa and Upaisa Mobile App/USSD String *786#, Retailer Agent, Franchise and Branches of Mobilink, Telenor and Ubank.
- ii Admission to a PhD will be offered against available seats strictly on the basis of merit and as per criteria laid down by the concerned Department. The University reserves the right not to start PhD Programs if a viable group of students is not enrolled.

- iii A candidate will become a student of **PhD** program upon depositing the prescribed semester-based fee for the 1st semester of course work. In case of failure to deposit the fee within the specified period, the admission shall automatically stand cancelled after the due date.
- iv A student admitted to **PhD** programs and a specialization thereof, whichever applicable, shall not be allowed to change his/ her program or specialization. The student shall have to apply for a fresh for admission to another program or specialization after discontinuation of the earlier program/specialization as and when next admission is announced.

Important Notice: (About Written Test):

- (a) All candidates to inform about test/interview through only SMS or AIOU website (news section), No call letters by post will be sent to the candidates for test/interview.
- (b) It is advised to candidates for SMS service; write the correct Cell Number in online admission form, otherwise its responsibility shall be on the candidates.
- (c) Remember that if your mobile number has been converted to another network. SMS will not be received on it, so add those numbers in admission form which has not been converted to another network, otherwise you are responsible.
- (d) The eligible candidates for interview are required to bring along with them all original educational documents/degrees (with two sets attested copies)/ thesis/ research paper/experience certificates (if any) for verification during the Interview.
- (e) Candidates will not be allowed to sit in the Written Test without showing CNIC. No TA/DA is admissible for Test & Interview.

Coursework and Residency Requirement

The following requirements shall be fulfilled before the award of a PhD Degree: The student shall complete the coursework of at least:

- i. 18 credit hours if they are from the same discipline.
- ii. The courses shall be offered through regular classes (i.e., classes taught on campus by full-time faculty members of the university)
- iii. The courses shall preferable be of 800 level.
- iv. PhD degree should be based on research, not only on credit hours.

Duration/Credit Hours and Medium of Instructions for PhD programs:

1. The minimum duration of a **PhD** program shall be six semesters (three years) and maximum duration shall be ten semesters (five years). However, the maximum time period may be extended up to six (6) years by the vice chancellor on recommendation of Dean and up to seven (7) years by the Executive Council upon proper justification & recommendation of the Supervisors & the Dean concerned.
 - a) The PhD program will be of 18 credit hours course work and the minimum period for completion of course work shall be two semesters (one year) and maximum four semesters (two years).
 - b) There shall be a comprehensive examination after enrollment in 3rd semester for a PhD program.
 - c) Only those candidates who pass the comprehensive examination will be allowed to continue with them. PhD research work and attend the synopsis workshop after depositing the required fee.
 - d) The minimum period to complete the PhD thesis (36 credit hours) after confirmation of the candidature (date of meeting of BASR in which synopsis is approved) shall be 3 semesters.

2. The language of instructions, examination and thesis for disciplines will be according to the approved scheme of studies of each department.

Evaluation

a. Course Work Evaluation

The evaluation of the 18 credit hours of PhD course work will be conducted by Controller of Examinations by appointing teachers (who taught the course in that particular semester) as Examiners recommended by the department concerned.

a) The distribution of marks of each 3 credit hours course work of PhD shall be as follows:

i) Continuous Assessment & Mid Term	50% (20+30)
ii) Final Examination	50%
Total	100%

b) Pass percentage in aggregate will be 70%. If a student cannot pass in continuous assessment/ assignments or fails to maintain the minimum mandatory class attendance of 70% in a course, he/she will be declared as fail.

The student will have a total of two consecutive chances including first attempt to attend and pass each course.

b. Comprehensive Examination

1. The students completing the PhD course work shall be allowed to appear in the Comprehensive Examination arranged and conducted by the department concerned as per the rules of the HEC. The pass percentage in Comprehensive Examination shall be 70% however; no grades will be awarded to the candidate.

2. Each PhD candidate will be given a maximum of two chances to clear the Comprehensive Examination.
3. The department concerned will conduct a written examination (comprehensive exam) of four hours duration based upon its PhD level courses within 90 days of completion of coursework.
4. The required coursework, comprehensive exam, and defense of synopsis/research proposals should be completed within the 1st six semesters of the registration into a PhD program. The responsibility in this regard rests collectively with the PhD student and the university. In case of noncompliance, the registration shall be cancelled and transcripts for completion of coursework may be issued to the student.

Doctoral Dissertation

Each PhD researcher shall write a doctoral dissertation reflecting relevance, credibility, effectiveness, and legitimacy of the research. The dissertation must be an original and innovative contribution to knowledge that contributes to solving socioeconomic problems. To improve the quality of a doctoral dissertation, some regulations have been suggested in the following areas:

- i. Correspond to the community needs at regional and local levels and comply with the priority national research agenda.
- ii. Reflect the basic and pure research.
- iii. Signify emerging areas of research that coincide preferably with sustainable development goals (SDGs)

Quality in Reporting

The quality of presentation and reporting in dissertation shall reflect the following characteristics:

- i. The document is well written (precise).
- ii. The contents are balanced, well organized, appropriately styled; clearly structured, and well cohered; and
- iii. The document is free from grammatical and spelling errors and flawed terminology.
- iv. Minor shortcomings such as inaccurate use of acronyms and clumsy looking sentence structure have been addressed.
- v. Quantitative research proposals must include a valid statistical design for data analysis.
- vi. Formatting shall be compatible with international standards.

Methodological Quality

To produce PhD researchers capable of conducting research independently, ensuring the technical soundness of their PhD dissertations is integral. The following guidelines shall be useful in making the PhD research methodologically sound:

- a. “Does the research, as reported, illuminate the subjective meaning, actions and contexts of those being researched?”
- b. “Is there evidence of the adaption and responsiveness of the research design to the circumstances and issues of real-life social settings met during the course of the study?”
- c. “Does the sample produce the type of knowledge necessary to understand the structures and processes within which the individuals or situations and located?”
- d. “Is the description provided detailed enough to allow the researcher or reader to interpret the meaning and context of what is being researched?”

- e. “How are the different sources of knowledge about the same issue compared and contrasted?”
- f. “Are subjective perceptions and experiences treated as knowledge in their own right?”
- g. “How does the research move from a description of the data through quotation or examples to an analysis and interpretation of the meaning and significance of it?”

Guidelines ensuring the quality of Quantitative Research

A PhD dissertation with Quantitative Research methods should satisfy, at least, the following questions:

- a. Reliability – are the results repeatable?
- b. Validity – does it measure what it says?
- c. Internal validity – do the research results indicate what they appear to be?
- d. External validity – can the results be generalized to other settings (ecological validity) and to other populations (population validity)?
- e. Replicability – are the results of the study reproducible?

Appropriateness of the Methods to the Aims of the Study

To achieve the research objectives, the alignment of the research approach and methods is necessary. Therefore, a PhD dissertation, at least, shall:

- a. Reflect a fair proportion of latest knowledge of contemporary techniques and methods in relation to study objectives.
- b. Contain detailed and easily comprehensible discussion regarding the applied methods and techniques.
- c. Justify the use of methods and techniques to achieve study objectives.

- d. Show evaluation of obtained results in relation with study objectives.
- e. The methods and techniques used should justify the results obtained.
- f. The obtained results should support the study objectives.

Relevance to the Policy and Practice

The research should have significantly answered questions related to policy and practice in that area, establishing its usefulness and usability. Accordingly, a PhD dissertation, at least, shall:

- a. Reflect judicious evaluation of study results in relation with policy related aims and goals undertaken while starting the research.
- b. Discuss the practical implications of the study results in association with the developing practices in that area.
- c. Establish usefulness of the study results for devising policy as stated in the beginning.
- d. Discuss how the resulting policy would be useful for the organization/society.
- e. The study output should be significant enough to be published or patented.
- f. The assessment of the results performed by the author must not be superficial lacking substance.

External Evaluation of PhD Dissertation

- 1. The PhD dissertation must be evaluated by:
 - a. At least two external experts who shall be:
 - I. PhD faculty member from the world top 500 universities ranked by the Times Higher Education or QS World Ranking in the year corresponding to dissertation evaluation year.

OR

- II. Pakistan-based Distinguished National Professors, Meritorious Professors from any national university; or professors from top universities ranked by HEC; or professors from any Pakistani University having a minimum H-Index 30 for Sciences, 15 for social Sciences or 8 for Art & Humanities and determined by Web of Science.

OR

- b. At least one external expert qualifying any one of the conditions mentioned at 'a' above if the PhD candidate publishes dissertation research in a peer-reviewed journal that is classified by the HEC in category W for Sciences and X or above for Social Sciences.
2. The following general guidelines shall, at least, be observed while selecting external evaluator:
- a. Relevance of Expertise: in the same or related fields as in the dissertation.
 - b. No Conflict of Interest: in personal, financial, or professional stakes in a particular decision or outcome.
 - c. Objectivity: capable of making unbiased evaluations.
 - d. Diversity: in terms of geography, culture, professional backgrounds etc.
 - e. Reputation: must be good in the field, with a track record of fair and thorough evaluations.
 - f. Availability: should have the time and availability to review the dissertation.

- g. Professionalism: capable of conducting themselves in a professional and respectful manner throughout the evaluation and defense process (if applicable).
- h. Communication: capable of providing clear and constructive feedback on the dissertation.
- i. Confidentiality: capable of maintaining confidentiality and protecting the intellectual property of the dissertation.
- j. Compatibility: well-versed with the research methodology, approach, and theories used in the dissertation.

Plagiarism, Similarity Test and Open Defense

- a. Under no circumstances shall a dissertation based on plagiarized research be acceptable. It is the primary responsibility of both PhD researchers and their supervisors to prevent plagiarism. To avoid plagiarism, it is important to follow the provisions outlined in this document i.e., governing Research Supervision and Research Ethics.
- b. For Plagiarism COPE guidelines must be followed.
- c. If a PhD dissertation is found to be plagiarized, it will be handled in accordance with the Anti-Plagiarism Policy issued by the Higher Education Commission, Pakistan, as updated from time to time.
- d. A similarity test, in accordance with the HEC's Anti-Plagiarism Policy, must be conducted on the dissertation before its submission to the external experts by the student.
- e. An open defense of the dissertation is required after positive evaluation of the dissertation by

committee members. In general, the following minimum principles and guidelines shall be ensured:

- i. Public Announcement: On the university website and other forums of communication, so that anyone interested can participate.
- ii. Public Access: Within or outside the university such as community/town halls or important public venues.
- iii. Neutral Chair: To ensure that defense was conducted fairly and in accordance with the rules and regulations.
- iv. Review Committee: To evaluate the dissertation and defense.
- v. Presentation: of the dissertation by the PhD researcher.
- vi. Question and Answer Session: to provide a basis for defense evaluation.
- vii. Objective Evaluation: based on the quality of the research and the researcher's ability to defend.
- viii. Final Decision: expressed in the following terms:
 - Pass or
 - Pass with minor amendments or
 - Deferred for resubmission and re-defense or.
 - Fail (in exceptional circumstances and for the reasons to be recorded by the defense committee)

Research Publication

For award of PhD degree, a PhD researcher shall be required to publish research articles meeting the following criteria:

- I. At least:
 - a. One research article in W category journal or two research articles in X category journals, for Sciences disciplines
 - b. One research article in X category journal or two research articles in Y category journals, for Social Science disciplines.
- II. The PhD researcher shall be the first author of these publications
- III. The research article shall be relevant to the PhD research work of the PhD researcher.
- IV. The article shall be published after approval of the research synopsis.
- V. The article shall be published in a relevant research journal.

Instructional Methodology:

I. Face to Face teaching (Tutorials):

For each course, 45 hours face to face teaching support will be provided through workshops/weekend classes. The final schedule of the lectures will be distributed to the students in consultation with the teachers (resource persons). The classes will be supplemented by computers where required. 70% attendance in face to face teaching would be compulsory.

Viva Voce:

After approval of the thesis by the external examiners, the student must appear before a viva-voce committee to defend his/her thesis.

Financial Assistance:

Financial assistance is available to deserving students who shall apply on the prescribed AIOU forms supported with justifiable documentary proofs available after admission during the 1st semester. Financial assistance will be considered from the 2nd semester.

Note: Admission forms complete in all respect must be submitted online on AIOU website.

FACULTY OF ARABIC & ISLAMIC STUDIES



Prof. Dr. Shah Mohyuddin Hashmi
Dean



The Faculty of Arabic & Islamic Studies started its functions initially as Institute of Arabic and Islamic Studies comprising departments of Arabic and Islamic studies. Later, the Institute of Arabic and Islamic Studies was upgraded to the level of full fledge faculty in 1999 as required by AIOU Act 1974. The faculty was established:

1. To teach Islamic Studies from Matric to PhD levels as per contemporary requirements.
2. To teach Arabic language and literature from Matric to PhD levels as per contemporary needs.
3. To conduct advance research on the different aspects of Islamic Studies, Islamic Culture, Arabic Language, Literature and Civilization.
4. To protect Islamic Heritage with the help of modern research tools and techniques.
5. To play leading role in the interpretation of Islamic Teachings, according to the needs of contemporary Pakistani society.

6. To reconstruct Islamic Thought and defending Islam and Islamic identity of Pakistan at national and international forums.
7. To prepare Scholars of Islamic Studies who have grasp on the different issues of the Islamic Studies in general and command over the different areas of specialization such as Quran, Tafseer, Hadith, Shariah & Law, Islamic thought, History, Culture, Civilization and Muslim languages particularly Arabic language.
8. To establish a cadre of specialists and professionals, experts in different fields of Islamic Studies who can provide effective leadership in guiding and conducting quality research in the various disciplines of Islamic and Arabic Studies.
9. To provide opportunity of professional growth and development to the scholars of Islamic studies in general and in service personals.
10. To develop linkage between different highly reputed institutions of Islamic learning in general and institutions of Muslim World in particular.
11. To create interfaith harmony and environment of dialogue between Islamic and other civilizations.

Prospects of the Faculty

1. Faculty is providing education of Arabic, Shari'ah & Islamic Studies to large number of students.
2. The faculty has prepared several quality books on the different fields of Islamic Studies.
3. The faculty is able to produce high quality research work at MPhil and PhD levels with different specializations.
4. The faculty is regularly publishing its refereed quality research journal Muarf-e-Islami.

5. Some of the programs of the faculty are unique and not offered in any other Institutions of Pakistan except AIOU such as ATTC, B. Ed Arabic, MA & MPhil Islamic Studies with different specializations.
6. MPhil Islamic Studies is a leading program of the faculty, and it has gained good repute in scholarly circles of Pakistan.

PROGRAMMES OFFERED BY THE FACULTY

1. Postdoctoral Fellowship
2. Ph.D Islamic Studies (General)
3. Ph.D Islamic Studies (with specialization in Quran & Tafseer)
4. Ph.D Islamic Studies (with specialization in Seerat Studies)
5. Ph.D Islamic Studies (with specialization in Interfaith Studies)
6. Ph.D Shariah
7. Ph.D Arabic
8. M.Phil Islamic Studies (General)
9. M.Phil Islamic Studies (with specialization in Quran & Tafseer)
10. M.Phil Islamic Studies (with specialization in Seerat Studies)
11. M.Phil Islamic Studies (with specialization in Interfaith Studies)
12. M.Phil Islamic Studies (with specialization in Hadith and Hadith Sciences)
13. M.Phil (Arabic Language and Literature)
14. M.S Shariah
15. MA Islamic Studies (General)
16. MA Islamic Studies with specialization in
 - i. Quran & Tafseer
 - ii. Hadith & Seerah
 - iii. Islamic Law & Jurisprudence

17. MA (Arabic Language and Literature)
18. Post Graduate Diploma "IFTAA"
19. Diploma "Islamic Finance"
20. BS Arabic
21. BS Arabic International
22. BS Islamic Finance
23. BS Islamic Studies (International)
24. BS Islamic Studies (General)
25. BS Islamic Studies (Specialization in Quran & Tafseer)
26. BS Islamic Studies (Specialization in Hadith)
27. BS Islamic Studies (Specialization in Seerat Studies)
28. BS Islamic Studies (Specialization in Sharia)
29. BS Islamic Studies (Specialization in Dars-e-Nizami)
30. BS Islamic Studies (Specialization in Interfaith Studies)
31. Certificate Course "IFTAA"
32. Certificate Course "Imam and Khateeb"
33. Arabic Teachers Training Course (ATTC)
34. Al- Lisan-ul-Arabi
35. Darse-e-Nizami Program (Matric to BA)
 - Al Shahada al-Sanavia al-Aama
 - Al Shahada al-Sanavia al-Khasa
 - Al Shahada al-Aliya

JOURNALS/INDEX OF THE FACULTY

1. Maaraf-e-Islami (from 2002)
2. Seerat Studies (from 2016)
3. Al-Bahs-ul-Arabi (from 2018)
4. Islamic Research Index.IRI (from 2014)

FUTURE PLAN

1. Shifting of Programs to Online Mode
2. Launching New Program BS Islamic Studies (Face to Face Mode)
3. Strengthening of Dars-e-Nizami Program
4. Launching of associate degrees to address Professional Needs
5. Faculty Development/Training for designing research Projects/ language Proficiency.
6. Development of newly approved courses at various levels
7. Launching of new Research Journals.

DEPARTMENTS OF THE FACULTY OF A & IS

The faculty of Arabic and Islamic Studies is divided into following academic departments:

1. Department of Quran and Tafseer
2. Department of Hadith and Hadith Science
3. Department of Seerah Studies
4. Department of Islamic Thought, History and Culture
5. Department of Interfaith Studies
6. Department of Shari'ah (Islamic Law and Jurisprudence)
7. Department of Arabic Language and Literature
8. Islamic Economics

MPhil /MS Programs Offered in Spring-2025

i) MPhil Arabic

Eligibility for MPhil Islamic Studies (All Specializations)Programs

A candidate having MA Islamic Studies or equivalent degree with minimum second division (in both MA Islamic Studies & BA) can apply for the admission in MPhil. However, in case of a large number of applications, initial short listing of candidates will be made, and **preference will be given to those candidates who have passed all degrees with first division or at least first division in MA Islamic Studies or equivalent.**

- A significant weightage is given to the research thesis written for MA Islamic Studies.
- Expertise in Arabic language and Hifz-e-Quran is also considered as additional qualification during interview.
- Intermediate and above teaching experience in any recognized college/institution is also given due weightage in admission criteria.
- Published research papers in approved research journals by HEC are also considered in admission criteria.
- The graduates having HEC's approved degree of Al Shahdat Al-Alamia can also apply for admission, but they must have attached an equivalent certificate (by Name) from HEC.

Scheme of Studies for All MPhil of Islamic Studies Programs:

S. No.	Name of Program	MPhil in Islamic Studies	
		1.	Duration
2.	Credit	As per AIOU/HEC rules & Regulations	
3.	Medium of Instruction	(i)Urdu (ii) English (iii)Arabic	
4.	Research Work	i) The research work must be distinct contribution to knowledge and afford evidence to originality, shown either by the discovery of new facts or by the exercise of independent critical judgment. ii) The student will be required to observe the guidelines regarding format, writing, referencing, paper, and other related matters as approved in AIOU rules & regulations.	
5.	Face to Face Classes	48 teaching hours (Face to Face) classes for each 3credit course (these classes held in Islamabad.	
6.	Workshop	Two-week synopsis orientation workshop at the start of research work after the completion of course work.	
7.	Components of Course Work	Sr.#	Component
		1.	Continues Assessment
		2.	Face to Face teaching (48 hrs. per 03 credit hours in each semester)
		3.	Mid-Term Examination
		4.	Final Examination

**Fee Structure for MPhil Programs
Faculty of Arabic and Islamic Studies:**

Item	Rates
Admission Fee (at the time 1 st semester)	Rs.1800/-
Registration Fee	Rs.1200/-
Course Fee (3 credit hours)	Rs.5070/-
Fee for 12 credit hours (5070 x 4= 20280)	Rs.20280/-
Technology Fee per semester	Rs.600/-
Total Fee (First Semester)	Rs.23,880/-
Research Thesis fee in 3 rd & 4 th Semester Each	Rs. 10140/-
Thesis Evaluation Fee (at the time of submission of thesis)	Rs.23,880/-

**Fee Structure for PhD Programs
Faculty of Arabic and Islamic Studies:**

Item	Rates
Admission Fee (at the time 1 st semester))	Rs.3050/-
Registration Fee	Rs.3050/-
Course Fee (3 credit hours)	Rs.9090/-
Tuition Fee 9 credit hours (9090 x 3 courses) = 27,270	Rs.27270/-
Technology Fee per semester	Rs.600/-
Total Fee (First Semester)	Rs. 33,970/-
Thesis Fee (in 3 rd , 4 th , 5 th , 6 th Semester Each)	Rs.33970/- Per semester
Thesis Evaluation Fee (at the time of submission of thesis)	Rs.109,080/-

The University reserves the right to change the fee tariff in the coming semesters. This can be done without any prior notice as deemed fit for the expected expenditure which is to be incurred on the semester based academic and operational activities of the program.

DEPARTMENT OF ARABIC



Dr. Abdul Majeed Baghdadadi
Chairman



The Department of Arabic Language & Literature is a pioneering Department of Allama Iqbal Open University (AIOU), recognized for introducing radio and television programs for Arabic education as early as in 1975. The Department's first and most popular broadcast, *العربي سهل*, played a significant role in introducing Arabic to the Pakistani public through both broadcast and non broadcast programs, running from 1975 to 2000.

Over the decades, the department has expanded its academic offerings, which now include programs such as PhD in Arabic, MPhil in Arabic, BS in Arabic (2 years, 2.5 years & 4 years programs). Short courses like: *Lughat-ul-Quraan*, *Arabi Bol Chal*, *Al-Lisan Al-Arabi*, *ATTC* and a variety of Arabic courses at the Matric, Intermediate, bachelor's level since its inception in 1974.

AIOU is also credited with launching Pakistan's first Arabic Teachers Training Program (ATTC) in 1982, which has significantly contributed to the professional development of Arabic educators in the country. Additionally, since the Autumn of 2019, the university has introduced the BS (4-years) and other Arabic language learning programs.

The department's MA Arabic program, developed with a focus on Arabic language and literature, social and economic thought, and religious education, has been a cornerstone of its academic offerings. Research in Arabic Languages and Literature has been a regular feature of the department since 2012, and the MPhil program in Arabic Language and Literature was introduced the same year to foster scholarly research in Arabic Literature. Whereas PhD in Arabic has also been started since 2022 on regular basis.

Today, the department continues to offer a wide range of Arabic Language courses, from Matric to PhD, as well as ATTC, short courses, and various other Arabic learning programs, maintaining its pivotal role in the academic and cultural landscape of Pakistan.

Journal of Arabic Research (JAR) is HEC recognized Journal in "Y" category is also a pride of the department of Arabic at AIOU.

Objectives

1. Promotion and Advanced Studies in Arabic Language & Literature
2. To be aware of the language and style of the Holy Quran.
3. Get acquainted with old Arabic poetry literature and modern poetry literature and its attributes.
4. To understand the Arabic alphabet & sound, to distinguish and pronounce all Arabic sounds and write it accurately.
5. Be familiar with some of the differences between formal and spoken Arabic.

List of the Programs

1. PhD Arabic
2. MPhil Arabic
3. BS Arabic
4. BS Arabic International
5. Arabic (BA)
6. Arabic (Inter-FA)
7. Arabic (Matric)

The department is offering short courses & detail of short courses is as under:

- Al Lisan Ur Arabi
- ArbiBolChal
- Lughatul Quran
- Arabic Certificate Course

Professional Courses

Arabic Teachers Training Course (ATTC)

MPhil Arabic Program

1. Aims and Objectives:

- Prepare scholars of research aptitude who can analyze facts in the light of research in Arabic.
- Enhance the skill of research and create better understanding of Islam and contemporary challenges faced by the Muslim Ummah especially in Arabic Language.
- Provide opportunity of learning the methods of use of basic Islamic Sources in Arabic for the purpose of Islamization of contemporary knowledge and laws.
- Prepare scholars who have a grasp of Arabic in general and command over the area of specialization in particular.

- Create good relations with Arabs through learning/ teaching of Arabic language & Literature.
- Establish a cadre of specialists and professionals in different fields of Arabic, who can conduct quality research in various disciplines of Arabic. Provide opportunities of professional growth and development to scholars in general and in-service personnel in particular.

2. Eligibility for Admission:

MA Arabic or equivalent with minimum 2nd division can apply for the admission in MPhil However; preference will be given to those candidates who have passed all degrees with first division in Arabic as elective subject:

- A significant weight-age is given to the research thesis written for MA Arabic.
- Intermediate and above teaching experience in any recognized college/institution is also given due weight-age in admission criteria.
- Published research papers in approved research journals are also considered in admission criteria.
- The graduates of HEC's approved Wifaq with the degree of Shahadat ul Almia can also apply for admission but they must have attached equivalent certificate (by name) from HEC.
- Department Test (Subject based which consists on especially from MA Arabic text books of AIOU) & Interview.

3. Detail of Courses for MPhil Arabic:

Semester	Sr. #	Course Title	Course Code	Cr. Hrs
1 st Semester	1.	Research Methodology منهج البحث العلمي	ARAB 7505	03
	2.	Philology فقه اللغة	ARAB 7506	03
	3.	Rhetoric علم البلاغة	ARAB 7507	03
	4	Sourced of Literary and Linguistic Studies مصادر الدراسات الأدبية واللغوية	ARAB 7508	03

Semester	Sr. #	Course Title	Course Code	Cr. Hrs
2 nd Semester	1.	Literary Criticism النقد الأدبي	ARAB 7509	03
	2.	Poetic & Prose Texts (analytical Study) النصوص الشعرية والنثرية (دراسة تحليلية)	ARAB 7510	03
	3.	Islamic Literature and its Pioneers الأدب الإسلامي ورواده	ARAB 7511	03

	4.	Religious Literature الأدب الديني	ARAB 7512	03
3rd Semester	1.	Thesis	8097	06
4th Semester	1.	Thesis	8098	06

Ph.D. Arabic (MPhil/MS Based) Program

1. Introduction

The Department of Arabic is offering Ph.D. Arabic. Ph.D. students are required to complete course work & research work under the supervision of a qualified supervisor. This program requires 3 to 5 years' for completion. The students are completing research work under domestic supervisors however the degree is awarded after the evaluation of the thesis by three foreign experts from technologically advanced countries as required by HEC. This program has been designed to carry out research in different fields of Arabic to discover new aspects in the field & students can exercise independent critical judgment through the research skills.

2. Aims & Objectives

The Ph.D. Arabic is aimed:

- i) To address local issues related to linguistics and provide viable solutions through research.
- ii) To promote research culture (in general) in Arabic and in regional languages (in particular) in the country.
- iii) To explore new knowledge related to linguistics and promote it nationally as well as internationally.

- iv) To develop students' insight into the current and emerging trends in Arabic and to enable them to make an original contribution to research in the field of Arabic.
- v) To expand students' insight into different linguistic theories and to enhance their critical and analytical skills to identify different linguistic issues at global and regional level.
- vi) To develop students' understanding regarding research methodologies to explore the crucial issues in different branches of Arabic.
- vii) To develop student understanding of multiple perspectives of the interface of language, media, and discourse practices in society and to enable learners to incorporate technological features to facilitate research in Arabic.

3. Eligibility for Admission

- i) M. Phil Arabic/ MS Arabic or equivalent degree with at least 60% marks or equivalent CGPA equivalent as per AIOU policy.
- ii) Passing the Written Test and interview conducted by the Department Concerned based on 70% passing marks.

4. Scheme of Studies

Name of Activity	Ph.D. in Arabic
Duration	Maximum five years (10 semesters)
Medium of Instruction	Arabic
Course Work	18 credit hours course work
Research work	The thesis of a Ph.D. must be a distinct contribution to knowledge and afford evidence to

	originality, shown either by the discovery of new facts or by the exercise of independent critical judgment.
Face to Face	48 hrs Face to Face class for each 3-credit hrs course in each semester. Classes will be held in Islamabad main campus (Face to Face teaching mode)
Workshop	Two-week synopsis workshop after completion of coursework & passing comprehensive exam.
Evaluation	As per amendments in AIOU rules & regulations, a Ph.D. thesis is necessary to send for evaluation to three foreign experts from technological advanced countries.
Pre-Requisite of viva voce of Ph.D. Arabic	Unconditional approval from at least two foreign experts. Publication of research paper in HEC-recognized research journal.
Components of Course work	1. Continuous Assessment 2. Face to Face classes 3. Mid-Term exam 4. Final Exam 5. Comprehensive Exam

	3.	قاعة البحث	ARAB 9503	3
2 nd Semester	1.	اتجاهات النقد الأدبي ومناهجه	ARAB 9504	3
	2.	فنون الأدب	ARAB 9505	3
	3.	الأدب المقارن	ARAB 9506	3
3 rd Semester		Thesis-1	ARAB 9507	9
4 th Semester		Thesis-2	ARAB 9508	9
5 th Semester		Thesis-3	ARAB 9509	9
6 th Semester		Thesis-4	ARAB 9510	9
TOTAL				54

Detail of Courses for Ph.D. Arabic

Semester	Sr. #	Course Title	Course Code	Cr. Hrs
1 st Semester	1.	الدراسات البلاغية والأسلوبية	ARAB 9501	3
	2.	اللسانيات	ARAB 9502	3

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DEPARTMENT OF SHARI'AH



Dr. Hidayat Khan
Chairman



Introduction:

The department of Shari'ah was established to conduct advance research in the field of Islamic Law and Jurisprudence (Shari'ah). To achieve this goal, the department is offering graduate and post graduate programs. The Department is offering specialization in Islamic Law and Jurisprudence at BS, MA, MS and PhD level.

Programs Offered By the Department:

1. MA Islamic Studies with Specialization in Islamic Law and Jurisprudence (*for continue students only*)
2. BS Islamic Studies with Specialization in Islamic Law and Jurisprudence
3. MS Shari'ah (Equal to MPhil)
4. PhD Shari'ah

Ph.D Shari'ah (M.Phil/MS Based) Program

1. Profile of the Program:

The Department of Shari'ah (Islamic Law and Jurisprudence) is offering Ph.D. Shari'ah. The PhD students are required to complete course work & research work under the supervision of a qualified supervisor. This program requires 3 to 5 years' time for completion. The students complete their research work under supervisors however the degree will be awarded after the evaluation of thesis by foreign experts from technological advanced countries as required by HEC. This program has been designed to carry out research in different fields of Shari'ah in order to discover new aspects in the field & students can exercise independent critical judgment through the research skills.

2. Aims & Objectives of PhD Shari'ah:

1. To prepare the scholars who have command in Islamic studies and strong grasp in Islamic Law and Jurisprudence so that they can provide solutions to contemporary legal issues.
2. To establish a cadre of specialists and professionals in different fields of Islamic Studies who can provide effective leadership in guiding and conducting quality research in various disciplines of Shari'ah (Islamic law and Jurisprudence Judiciary, Islamic Research institutions and various field of Islamic Studies).
3. To provide opportunities of professional growth and development to Shari'ah scholars in general and in particular service personal.

3. Eligibility for Admission:

MS Shari'ah/MPhil Shari'ah with First division (60%) or CGPA 3.00 or equivalent.

OR

LLM Shari'ah with First division (60%) or CGPA 3.00 or equivalent.

OR

LLM Shari'ah and Law with First division (60%) or CGPA 3.00 or equivalent.

OR

M.Phil Islamic Studies with Specialization in Islamic Law and Jurisprudence at least in First division (60%) or CGPA 3.00 or equivalent.

OR

M.Phil Islamic Studies with thesis topic related to Islamic Law and Jurisprudence or MPhil Islamic Studies with Shahdat-UI-Almiah from any HEC approved Wifaq at least in First division (60%) or CGPA 3.00 or equivalent.

OR

LLM/MS/MPhil Islamic Business/Islamic Banking / Islamic Finance with Shahadat-UI-Almiah (Sixteen years education) from any HEC approved Wifaq.

4. Scheme of Studies:

S. No.	Name of Program	Ph.D Shari'ah		
1.	Duration	As per AIOU rules		
2.	Course Work	02 semesters		
3.	Research Work	As per AIOU rules		
4.	Total Credit	54 (18+36) As per AIOU PhD rules		
5.	Medium of Instruction	(i) Urdu (ii) English (iii) Arabic		
6.	Workshops	Face to Face classes / workshops will be conducted as per AIOU rules		
7.	Thesis Workshops	Two weeks Thesis orientation workshop		
8.	Evaluation	As per (PhD) AIOU rules and regulations.		
9.	Course work Evaluation	S. No.	Component	Weightage
		1.	Continuous Assessment & Mid Term	50 % (20+30)
		2.	Final examination	50 %
		3.	Grading System	CGPA

Details of Course Work PhD

1st Semester

Sr. No.	Code	Course Title	Credit Hrs
1.	SHRH 9501	مقاصد شریعہ اور قواعد فقہیہ کا تعارف	03
2.	SHRH 9505	معاصر فقہی مباحث	03
3.	SHRH 9503	فقہی مسالک اور ان کے اصول اجتہاد	03

2nd Semester

Sr. No.	Code	Course Title	Credit Hrs
1.	SHRH 9504	اصول فقہ اور فقہ اسلامی کے منتخب متون کے منابع کا تعارف	03
2.	SHRH 9511	فقہ اسلامی میں بحث و تحقیق	03
3.	SHRH 9506	شریعت اسلامیہ کے تناظر میں دستور پاکستان کی تعبیر و تشریح	03

3rd Semester	Thesis-1	SHRH 9507	09
4th Semester	Thesis-2	SHRH 9508	09
5th Semester	Thesis-3	SHRH 9509	09
6th Semester	Thesis-4	SHRH 9510	09

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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 of 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 “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 Sciences, Physics, Mathematics, Statistics & Engineering & Technology of 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 own 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 on 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 contract or as part time instructors, for postgraduate study programs. The University faculty is also offering academic positions under 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 PhD degrees in Agricultural Sciences, Chemistry, Computer Sciences, Biology (Microbiology and Molecular Genetics), Nutritional Sciences and Environmental Design, Mathematics, Statistics and Physics. Rules and regulations for governing the postgraduate study programs are those approved by the Higher Education Commission (HEC).

Fee Tariff for MSc Hons/MS/MPhil Programs Faculty of Sciences

Item	Rates
Admission Fee (at the time 1 st semester)	Rs.1800/-
Registration Fee	Rs.1200/-
Course Fee (3 credit hours)	Rs.8700/-
Fee for 12 credit hours (8700 x 4= 31680)	Rs.34800/-
Technology Fee per semester	Rs.600/-
Total Fee (First Semester)	Rs.38,400/-
Research Thesis fee in 3 rd Semester Lab Charges*	Rs.19200/- Rs.60500/-
Research Thesis fee in 4 th Semester	Rs. 19200/-
Thesis Evaluation Fee (at the time of submission of thesis)	Rs.34,800/-

***Note:**

Lab Charges Fee for Chemistry, Biology, Environmental Sciences and Agricultural Technology Programs only.

Fee Tariff for PhD Programs Faculty of Sciences

Item	Rates
Admission Fee (at the time 1 st semester))	Rs.3050/-
Registration Fee	Rs.3050/-
Course Fee (3 credit hours)	Rs.10890/-
Tuition Fee 9 credit hours (10890 x 3 courses) = 32,670	Rs.32670/-
Technology Fee per semester	Rs.600/-
Total Fee (First Semester)	Rs. 39,370/-
Thesis Fee (in 3 rd ,4 th ,5 th ,6 th Semester)	Rs.32670/- Per semester
Thesis Evaluation Fee (at the time of submission of thesis)	Rs.130,680/-

The University reserves the right to change the fee tariff in the coming semesters. This can be done without any prior notice as deemed fit for the expected expenditure which is to be incurred on the semester based academic and operational activities of the program.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES



Prof. Dr. Sher Muhammad
Chairman



The Department of Agricultural Sciences (DAS) was established in 1975. Previously, the DAS was focusing on strengthening the ag. sector and rural communities through teaching & bridging social gaps. Now DAS is trying to transform conventional agriculture to more resilient and sustainable farming in the country. To achieve the set goals,

DAS has already functioned with full capacity in providing bioproducts (biofertilizers & biopesticides), advisory services to grow vegetables and crops with resource efficient means and shifted core degree courses from ODL mode to F2F mode.

State of the art labs equipped with the latest tools have been established in order to promote cutting edge technologies among farming communities after successful evaluation & verification. The DAS aims to impart skills and build capacity in agri. graduate to explore opportunities in private public entrepreneurship. The DAS has redefined its mission & vision in changing world scenarios. State of the art knowledge and trained manpower are the dire need of the hour to bring resilience in food systems & feed the population with safe and quality foods.

Programs:

The DAS offers the following program/courses at different levels.

Program at Postgraduate Level

1. PhD Agricultural Extension
2. MPhil Agricultural Technology
3. MSc (Hons) Agricultural Extension
4. MSc (Hons) Rural Development

Besides Postgraduate programs the Department also offers Higher Secondary School Certificate (HSSC), Secondary School Certificate (SSC) and STEP courses.

1. PhD Agricultural Extension

a) Introduction

Education is a continuous life long process. It is the most effective tool of creating a high productive manpower. Agricultural Education in Pakistan needs to integrate the goals of improving human, social and ethical attributes in the students, with specific requirements to produce graduate who can perform various tasks in the agricultural economy of the country, both in the public and private sectors.

For agricultural development in the country, strong linkages amongst institution, human resource development and technology transfer are very important. The technology transfers, being a continuous process, can be done in a well-organized way through an efficient agricultural extension system where integrated roles of the scientists, the extension agents and the farmers are all importantly interlinked. The scientist on their part develops better yielding varieties and breeds of crop and animals and the extension agent, on his part convince the farmers of the products utilitarian importance. The farmer when convinced will certainly adopt innovations for his own economic betterment.

Allama Iqbal Open University being concerned with the education part of the Agricultural Extension system has launched PhD degree level programme in Agricultural Extension to prepare scholars who have grasp of the discipline in general and a command over the area of specialization in particular.

b) Objectives:

PhD Program in Agricultural Extension is designed to:-

- Prepare scholars who have grasp of the discipline in general and a command over the area of specialization in particular.
- Establish a cadre of specialists and professionals in the field of Agricultural Extension who can provide effective leadership in guiding and conducting quality research in Agricultural Extension.
- Provide opportunities of professional growth and development of scholars in general and in-service personnel in particular.

c) Admission Requirements

1. The minimum entry requirement for admission to PhD in Agricultural Extension shall be M.Sc (Hons) Agricultural Extension with first division or 3.0 CGPA.

OR

MSc (Hons) Agriculture degree with first division or 3.0 CGPA with deficiency courses. The deficiency courses will be given by PhD admission committee to those candidates whose basic eligible degree is other than Agricultural Extension specialization from approved courses of MSc (Hons) Agricultural Extension Program.

d) Courses of PhD Agricultural Extension

The following courses will be taught in PhD Agricultural Extension program and the total credit hours are 18, according to the HEC criteria.

1st Semester

Sr. No.	Course Code	Course Title	Credit Hours
1	1742	Application of Extension Methods	3(3+0)
2	2527	Communication Strategies in Agricultural Extension	3(3+0)
3	2524	Agricultural Extension in Developing Countries	3(3+0)

2nd Semester

1	9477	Diffusion of Innovation	3(3+0)
2	1743	Community Development and Gender Issues	3(3+0)
3	1744	Special Topics	3(3+0)

Research Work (3rd – 6th Semester of 36 Cr. Hrs.)

Semesters	Course Code	Course Title	Credit Hours
3rd Semester	8203	Thesis-1	9
4th Semester	8204	Thesis-2	9
5th Semester	8205	Thesis-3	9
6th Semester	8206	Thesis-4	9
Total Credit Hours			54

2. MPhil Agricultural Technology

The main purpose of MPhil Agricultural Technology degree is to explore the high level of technical innovation currently being applied to agricultural production. The major challenges to sustainable agriculture in Pakistan are unavailability of quality seed, declining soil health, fragile cropping systems, looming water crisis, environmental degradation owing to indiscriminate use of farm chemicals, post-harvest losses, minimal value addition and product differentiation, inadequate food storage and preservation, poor marketing system and low production of meat, poultry and eggs. Achieving sustainability in food production and food security continues to be a challenge in the developing world including Pakistan. Over the past two decades, global food production has increased largely because of advances in innovative agriculture technology. MPhil Agricultural Technology degree will provide students with a solid foundation in agricultural business practices, expanding their career options in agro-based industries. It can also be the first step in securing a more advanced degree in the field of Agri-Tech. This degree will acquire popularity for two reasons. First, mass food production and mega-farming requires mastery of ever-more sophisticated scientific farm operations, postharvest techniques as well as meat, poultry, and egg production. Second, to ensure food security and minimize post-harvest losses in the country. Hence, this program will be offered to people who want to use their skills to address the problems of hunger and sustainable development in the country. In addition, sustainable agriculture (organic, ecological and environment friendly technologies) is of wide interest around the world. Global warming and related trends have led to an awareness of the need to preserve natural resources such as clean

water and fertile soil around the world. This degree will give students the comprehensive technical knowledge to formulate minerals, chemical and bioproduct indigenous materials available on farm. The students will be able to select/identify material indigenously available on farms and have capacity to convert them into valuable products for enhancing crop productivity.

b) Aims:

MPhil Agricultural Technology is an entrepreneurship-based degree. It will generate highly technical manpower who will be job producers not job seekers. Each course in this program is a complete entrepreneurship. After obtaining this degree, the students will be engaged in the flower industry, seed industry, organic agriculture industry, food industry, milk meat and dairy industry.

c). Objectives:

- i. To generate, integrate, and apply knowledge to individuals pursuing a higher degree in agriculture technology.
- ii. To enable MPhil Agricultural Technology holders to work as the technical experts for progressive farmers, agro-based industries to increase products and improve quality of production.
- iii. The degree holders will play important roles in greater efficiencies and lower prices of agricultural produce, safer growing conditions, and safer foods as well as reduced environmental and ecological impact.

d) Admission Requirements:

The candidates possessing B.Sc. (Hons.)/BS Agriculture, B.Sc. (Hons.)/BS Agriculture Biotechnology, B.Sc. (Hons.)/BS Animal Husbandry and B.Sc. (Hons.)/BS Food Technology degree with at least 2nd division or equivalent CGPA/GPA from national and international HEC recognized institutions will be eligible for admission in MPhil Agricultural Technology.

Courses of MPhil Agricultural Technology:

1st Semester

Sr. No.	Code	Title of Course	Credit Hours
1	AGSI 7501	Commercial Flower Production	3(2+1)
2	AGSI 7502	Seed Production and Technology	3(2+1)
3	AGSI 7503	Entrepreneurship in Agriculture	3(2+1)
4	AGSI 7504	Digital Agriculture	3(2+1)

2nd Semester

1	STAT 7501	Experimental Statistics	3(2+0)
	AGSI 7505	Plant Nutrition and Bioproduct Development	3(2+1)
2	AGSI 7507	Value Added Agriculture	3(2+1)
3	AGSI 7506	Animal Nutrition and Feed Technology	3(2+1)

3 rd Semester	AGSI 8501	Thesis-1	6
4 th Semester	AGSI 8502	Thesis-2	6

Total 36 Credit Hours

3. MSc (Hons) Livestock Management

a) Introduction:

Being a part of Agriculture, the Livestock sector plays great role in the progress of a country. One cannot deny the importance of livestock because it produces a huge quantity of food, such as beef, mutton, poultry meat, milk, yogurt and a lot of other milk and animal by-products. Millions of acres are still being cultivated with the help of farm animals in this mechanized era. Livestock and poultry yields can be further increased if people involved in this field are better and skillfully educated regarding modern techniques.

At present, higher education in livestock is imparted by formal agricultural and veterinary universities in Pakistan, which are not catering in-service personnel. However, AIOU has its character having varieties of educational methodologies within itself. The AIOU conducted a survey to get an idea about higher education in Livestock Management and received a positive response from candidates who could not improve their qualification from formal institutes. After which the department of Agricultural Sciences (DAS) decided to offer MSc (Hons)

in Livestock Management through a distance learning system, especially for those who could not enhance their qualification through formal system.

b) Objectives:

1. To develop human resources necessary for transferring the subsistence scale of livestock farming into commercial livestock production.
2. To provide an opportunity for continued professional development for the scientists in the area of marketing.
3. To provide information on the concepts of livestock development, public health, and their integration in livestock production practices.
4. To create awareness about livestock farming production, practices which will in turn promote community-based livestock development.

c) Eligibility:

Candidates possessing a DVM degree or BSc (Hons) Animal Husbandry degree equivalent to the second division in Annual System (not less than 2.5 CGP) in the semester system will be eligible for admission.

d) Scheme of Studies

1st Semester

Sr. No.	Code	Title of Course	Credit Hours
1.	780	Biochemistry	3(2+1)
2.	9475	Statistics	3(3+0)
3.	0774	Meat Production	3(2+1)
4.	9476	Rangeland Management in Pakistan	3(3+0)

2nd Semester

Sr. No.	Code	Title of Course	Credit Hours
1.	778	Dairy Production	3(2+1)
2.	775	Livestock Management Practices	3(2+1)
3.	773	Small Ruminant Production	3(2+1)
4.	782	Livestock Industry	3(3+0)

Research Work (3rd and 4th Semester of 12 Cr Hrs.)

8031	Thesis-1	6
8032	Thesis-2	6

Total 36 Credit Hours

4. MSc (Hons) Agricultural Extension

a) Introduction

Agriculture is the principal occupation and source of livelihood of great majority of rural population of the country and it is the basic and largest component of our economy in terms of production, employment and export earnings. For agricultural development in a country like Pakistan, strong linkages amongst institution human resource development and technology transfer are very important. The technology transfer being a continuous process cannot possibly take place in a vacuum. It needs to be done in a well-organized system of agricultural extension where role of the scientist, the extension agent, and the farmer are all too important. The scientist must develop better yielding varieties and breeds of crops and animals, the extension agent must, on his part, equip himself with better and effective methods to convince the farmer about the product's utilitarian importance. Once convinced, the farmer will certainly adopt innovations for his own economic betterment.

Allama Iqbal Open University being concerned with the educational part of the Agricultural Extension system has initiated master level courses in agricultural extension for enhancing the knowledge and skill of the Agricultural Scientist.

The program is design to produce graduates capable of planning and managing agricultural project and extension services.

b) Objectives

Main objectives of the program are:

1. To improve the level of knowledge and skills of the prospective students.
2. To provide skills for improving diffusion and adoption of innovations among the farming community.
3. To improve the ability and self-confidence of students of Agriculture Extension to critically analyze the Agriculture Extension service and technology transfer system with a view to identify difficulties, problems and issues in promoting applied research in farming systems research and extension.
4. To promote human resource development in agricultural extension and help to meet training needs of extension field staff and rural communities.

c) Eligibility

Candidates possessing BSc (Hons) Agricultural Extension degree with 2nd division.

OR

Other related discipline like BSc (Hons) Agriculture, Rural Sociology, Animal Husbandry, DVM, BSc Agricultural Engineering Degree in second division are also eligible for admission in MSc (Hons) Agricultural Extension, but the Admission Committee may define deficiency courses for them, if necessary.

e) **Scheme of Studies: Agricultural Extension Courses**

1st Semester

Sr. No.	Code	Title of Course	Credit Hours
1	795	Agriculture Extension Education	3(3+0)
2	796	Extension Program Development	3(3+0)
3	2525	Evaluation Research	3(3+0)
4	2526	Agricultural Extension Systems	3(3+0)

2nd Semester

Sr. No.	Code	Title of Course	Credit Hours
1	2518	Scientific & Technical Writing in Agriculture Extension	3(3+0)
2	799	Adult Learning & Rural Development	3(3+0)
3	2533	The Process & Strategies of Communication in Agriculture Extension	3(3+0)
4	1793	Human Resource Development	3(3+0)

Research Work (3rd and 4th Semester of 12 Cr Hrs.)

8033	Thesis-1	6
8034	Thesis-2	6

Total 36 Credit Hours

5. MSc (Hons) Rural Development

(a) Introduction

Despite the existence of large urban centers, Pakistan is still predominantly a rural society with approximately 70 percent of the population living in the rural areas. Rural development implies comprehensive and sustainable development for people and places in rural areas. It depends on several interrelated components including development appropriate production technology, dissemination of modern technology to the farming community, formulation of suitable policies for growth in the farm and rural non-farm economies, conservation and sustainable use of natural resources, and provision of infrastructure and social services. All countries in the world are subject to continual social and economic change, and the rural sectors of developing countries and countries in transition are pivotal in this process. It is recognized that in a context of increasing globalization and understanding of the underlying driving forces of this process and its consequences is critical.

Achieving rural development and responding to these global challenges will require trained professionals with a wide range of relevant expertise. These are needed to work in government agencies, non-governmental organization (NGOs) and in the private sector. Professionals are needed who can formulate appropriate policies, plans, design and implement development projects, disseminate appropriate technology and information to farmers and small-scale entrepreneurs and manage business and the efficient delivery

of services in rural areas. Recognizing the growing needs and requirements for trained professionals in rural development AIOU has decided to initiate a Masters level program in Rural Development. This program provides graduates with an interdisciplinary base from which to approach the diverse issue involved in rural change. It is designed for students interested in pursuing careers that are interactive with the potential and problems associated with the rural sector. The program is multidisciplinary in its course contents, and will provide an opportunity for in depth study of the key elements of rural development and relevant professional practice.

b) Objectives

The program gives students the opportunities to develop:

1. A critical awareness of the social, economic and management issues underlying socio-economic change.
2. Conceptual and analytical skills relevant to the social and economic dimensions of agriculture and related industries.
3. A set of potential skills pertinent to working in the public private or NGO domains.
4. The ability to change with, and influence, rational debates concerning the optimal direction of rural sector change.
5. Sufficient knowledge and understanding of the major problems socio-cultural and economic conditions of rural areas in Pakistan.

c) Eligibility

BSc (Hons) Agriculture/D.V.M./Animal Husbandry/ Agriculture Engineering degree in 2nd division or MA/MSc in Social Work/ Sociology/Rural Sociology/Anthropology/ Forestry/ Forestry Extension/ Developmental Studies/ Environmental Sciences/

Economics/ HRD/ NRM/ Business Management degree with second division/ 2.5 CGPA.

e) Scheme of Studies

1st Semester

Sr. No.	Code	Title of Course	Credit Hours
1.	1790	Sustainable Rural Development	3(3+0)
2.	1791	Regenerating Agriculture	3(3+0)
3.	1792	Rural Poverty Alleviation	3(3+0)
4.	1793	Human Resource Development	3(3+0)

2nd Semester

Sr. No.	Code	Title of Course	Credit Hours
1.	1794	NGO Management	3(3+0)
2.	1795	Research for Development	3(3+0)
3.	1796	Natural Resources Management	3(3+0)
4.	1797	Managing Projects in Rural Development	3(3+0)

Research Work (3rd and 4th Semester of 12 Cr Hrs.)

8037	Thesis-1	6
8038	Thesis-2	6

Total 36 Credit Hours

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DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE



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Department of Computer Science is an established department under the Faculty of Sciences. The Department of Computer Science has developed curricula of the academic programs at various levels to meet the national and international standards as defined by Higher Education Commission. The curricula include PhD (Computer Science), MS (Computer Science), BS (Computer Science) and Post Graduate Diploma (PGD) in Computer Science. Department is equipped with latest computer and hardware labs. We practice the multi-method teaching methodology i.e. face-to-face regular classes for BS (Computer Science), MS (Computer Science) and Ph. D (Computer Science). The online methodology is practiced for PGD (Computer Science / Data Science) program. The facilities of Video/Audio Conferencing are also in use for

lectures/consultations in research-oriented degrees. Department is actively involved in research and development in the following areas:

- Ubiquitous Computing
- Software Defined Networks
- Image/Video Processing
- Data Analytics/Big Data
- Data Science
- Artificial Intelligence
- Information Security and E-learning

PhD (Computer Science)

The PhD (Computer Science) program is offered at the Department of Computer Science, Main Campus Islamabad. It comprises of 18 credit hours of course work, followed by 36 credit hours of research work (Thesis). The PhD in Computer Science program at AIOU is a rigorous and advanced academic endeavor that provides students with the opportunity to delve deeply into the multifaceted world of Computer Science. This program is designed to cultivate exceptional researchers and scholars who will contribute to the cutting-edge advancements and innovations in the field. Through comprehensive coursework, intensive research, and collaborative mentorship, students in this program acquire profound expertise and critical thinking skills, preparing them for influential roles in academia, industry, and beyond.

Program Objectives:

The objectives of the program are to:

1. Promote research excellence through original and impactful investigations in specific subfields of Computer Science.
2. Facilitate scholars with indigenous research and development projects for better training and education.
3. Encourage interdisciplinary collaboration for innovative problem-solving.

Eligibility:

A candidate is eligible to apply for admission in PHD (Computer Science) program having MS/MPhil (18 years) of education in Computer Science or in any other computing related discipline with research thesis and securing a minimum of:

- CGPA of 3.00/4.00 (Semester System) or
- First Division, 60% (Marks) Annual System

Scheme of Studies:

Semester 1

Course Title	Cr. Hours
PhD Elective- I	3 (3 + 0)
PhD Elective -II	3 (3 + 0)
PhD Elective -III	3 (3 + 0)

Semester 2

PhD Elective -IV			3 (3 + 0)
PhD Elective -V			3 (3 + 0)
PhD Elective -VI			3 (3 + 0)
3rdSemester	Thesis-1	8199	9
4thSemester	Thesis-2	8200	9
5thSemester	Thesis-3	8201	9
6thSemester	Thesis-4	8202	9

PhD Courses List (Elective):

The following is the list of elective courses for PhD (CS) course work.

Course Code	Course Titles	Credit Hours
7701	Software Development Tools & Processes	3
7702	Advanced Database System Design	3
7703	Advance Data Mining	3
7704	System Simulation	3
7705	Internet Systems and Application	3
7706	Topics in Video Computing	3
7707	Image and Video Compression	3
7708	Digital Image Processing	3

7709	Multimedia Systems	3
7710	Computer Animations in Education	3
7711	Philosophy of Cognition	3
7712	Educational Technology: Design & Evaluation	3
7713	Topics in Machine Learning	3
7714	Knowledge Engineering	3
7717	Computer Vision	3
7718	Data Analytics	
7715	PhD Research Seminar I Research Paper I	NC
7716	PhD Research Seminar II Research Paper II	NC
	Advances in Next Generation Networks	3
	Computer and Cyber Security	3
	Research Trends on AI	3
	Social Media Content Analysis	3

Note:

PhD seminars will be delivered by students so that their program is effectively monitored. The department will monitor and make arrangements for this noncredit activity. Conference presentations will be encouraged.

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DEPARTMENT OF NUTRITIONAL SCIENCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN



Dr. Zaheer Ahmed
Chairman



Pakistan is a developing country, and it is the need of the hour to improve standard of education in all disciplines especially in science and technology to better cope with the challenges of 21st century. The Department was first established in 1981. During last few decades the Department has developed a range of professional programs in Health and Nutrition, Environmental Design and Home Economics. Multipurpose teaching/ research labs for Environmental Design and Food and Nutrition programs have been set up to provide a comprehensive environment for imparting practical training and research at the main campus.

Aims and Objectives

1. To upgrade and update the skills & knowledge of professionals in various fields of applied sciences, engineering & architecture.
2. To prepare learners for the career related disciplines considering the professional interests of individuals in the areas of Environmental Design, Engineering & Architecture, Health, Food Science, Nutrition, Dietetics, and Home Economics.
3. To prepare the individuals/professionals for the development and up gradation of community & sustainable environment.
4. To enable the individuals to integrate and apply knowledge and skills of Basic Sciences, Home Economics & Applied Sciences for their professional development.

The Department has produced scientific/value added and professional programs/courses in the areas of Environmental Design, Health, Food & Nutrition and Home Economics and. The courses are now being offered at undergraduate, postgraduate, MS and PhD level programs. Many of these courses are supported with audio-visual programs.

Currently the Department is offering following programs:

1. PhD Food and Nutrition
2. MS Community Health & Nutrition
3. MS Environmental Design

4. MSc Public Nutrition (Continuing students only)
5. MSc Sustainable Environmental Design (Continuing students only)
6. Postgraduate Diploma in Environment, Health & Safety
7. Certificate Courses in Public Health
8. Postgraduate Diploma in Sustainable Environmental Design.
9. A range of courses at SSC and HSSC level

MS Environmental Design

(Minimum 2 years and maximum 4 years)

a) Introduction:

The word environment has become a popular catchphrase in the global and national context. In Urban Design and Architecture, the environmental revolution manifests itself as sustainable design and planning. This program aims to take a holistic view of 'environment' examining both the physical and psychological aspects. It takes an interdisciplinary approach, fusing technical and scientific knowledge with philosophical and ethical issues. It is only through the sensitive consideration of the design of our cities and landscapes that we will create places that respond to both the spiritual/psychological and health/physical needs of all sectors of humanity. Optimum environmental design can generate economic development and embrace the best of technological innovation while recognizing and respecting the importance of cultural

heritage and the obligation to address the ecological agenda.

Pakistan is a developing country and it is the need of time to improve standards of education in all disciplines especially in of the 21st Century. The introduction of Environmental Design course is a major contribution towards achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This degree makes the professionals a responsible citizen towards valuing the optimum use of resource, minimizing the waste generation, sustainable design, urban ecology, Environmental Policy & Planning. This program offers research based value added degree to upgrade professional practice of engineers, planners, scientists, geologists and designers and to provide better job prospects home and abroad.

Note: Pakistan Engineering Council has endorsed the MSc /MSdegree of Environmental Design as value added professional qualification for Engineers, which may be considered for CPD credit points for PEC registered engineers.

b) Objectives:

The new emerging concept of environmental design (in developing/under developed countries) concentrates on promoting:

- Balance between built environment and ecosystem (soil, air, and water).
- Environmental up gradation in sustainable building

infrastructure.

- Conservation of resources (building materials, energy supply and resource recovery).
- Environment friendly building materials and healthy building design.
- Optimum use of resources to mitigate climate change.

Salient features:

Development of this program was facilitated by British Council under the DFID Higher Education Link Scheme. Experts from a foreign university (Roland Ashcroft, Prof. Jeanette Paul, University of Dundee) and local Engineering/Architecture Universities/Colleges (UET, Lahore, NED University, UET Taxila, MUET, Jamshoro, NCA, Lahore) have participated in curriculum designing. Research based degree is offered to address local issues and to evolve local theories.

c) Eligibility:

General admission criteria for MS Program will be as per HEC requirement.

Sixteen years of education with at least 2nd class in following disciplines:

- BE/BS Civil, Electrical, Mechanical, Chemical, Transportation, Industrial & Manufacturing, Electronics, Mechatronics, Petroleum, Earthquake & Geotechnical, Aeronautical, Textile, Metallurgical, Architecture, Urban & Environmental.
- Bachelor in Architecture and Planning.

- MSc/BS in Geology, Geography, Geophysics, Environmental Sciences, Environmental Planning & Management, RS&GIS, Environmental Design & Home Economics.

d)Offering:

Proposed scheme of study for MS Environmental Design(Duration Two Years)

Scheme of Studies:

Semester I

Course Code	Title of Course	Credit Hours
EDHN 7501	Principles and Theories of Environmental Design	3 (3+0)
EDHN 7502	Research Method	3 (2+1)
EDHN 7503	Waste Management	3 (2+1)
EDHN 7504	Sustainable Practices and Ecological Building Materials	3 (2+1)

Semester II

EDHN 7510	Ecological Design: Cities Transport & Landscape	3 (3+0)
EDHN 7511	Statistics in Environmental Health	3 (2+1)

- B.Tech (Hons.) in Civil, Architecture, Mechanical, Electrical.

After the completion of course work, the students will be allowed to undertake research work. Minimum duration for submission of thesis is two Semester (one year).

EDHN 7512	Sustainable Management	Recourse	3 (2+1)
EDHN 7513	Environmental Health in Building Design		3 (3+0)

List of Approved elective courses for Semester I

Course Code	Title of Course	Credit Hours
	Waste Management	3 (2+1)
EDHN 7504	Sustainable Practices and Ecological Building Materials	3 (2+1)
EDHN 7503	Waste Management	3 (2+1)
EDHN 7505	Environmental Psychology	3 (3+0)
EDHN 7506	Building Evaluation Technique	3 (2+1)
EDHN 7507	Environmental Consideration in House and Housing Design	3 (3+0)
EDHN 7508	Energy and Built Environment	3 (3+0)
EDHN 7509	Ethics in built Environment	3 (3+0)

List of Approved elective courses for Semester II

EDHN 7512	Sustainable Management	Recourse	3 (2+1)
EDHN 7513	Environmental Building Design	Health in	3 (3+0)
EDHN 7014	Environmental Assessment	Impact	3 (3+0)
EDHN 7515	Architectural Design	Engineering	3 (3+0)
EDHN 7516	Sustaining Culture & Design		3 (3+0)
EDHN 7517	Environmental Law		3 (3+0)
EDHN 7518	Computer Based Assessment of buildings	Environmental	3 (2+1)

Semester III

EDHN 8501	Thesis – I		6
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Semester IV

EDHN 8502	Thesis – II		6
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Note: Student failing to opt any course in any particular semester amongst the courses offered in that semester will have to wait for at least one semester in order to get admission in that particular course since all the courses are being offered on alternate basis.

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DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS



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The department's greatest resources are the people that fill its classrooms, labs, offices, and state-of-the-art facilities. The undergraduate graduate students at AIOU feature a complete range of opportunities to engage in world-class Physics forms from theoretical to experimental.

The department has established several research laboratories on campus, including Renewable Energy, Modeling and Simulation, Nanotechnology and Materials Science. Several collaborations and projects are also being carried out by Physics' departmental faculty and graduate students outside, at centers of NCP, NILOP, PAEC, IST and other R&D organizations. The department is executing interdisciplinary research with strong links to the fields of Astronomy, Biophysics, Chemistry and Cellular Biology.

Realizing the need for technology and scientific education in Pakistan the Department of Physics at AIOU began in 1998 with technological needs in areas like Modeling & Simulation, Materials Science, Energy, Energy Efficiency, Climate, Energy for Sustainable Development, Renewable Energy, Hydrogen Energy, Environment, Astronomy, Nanotechnology, Plasma Physics, Medical Physics, Cosmology, Geophysics, Density Functional Theory (DFT), and Nuclear Physics. A major emphasis of current research activities is on the promotion of Modeling & Simulation, Materials Science, Renewable energy, Nanotechnology, and related areas in which the department has led to innovations.

The Department is presently running BS 4 years, MPhil & Ph.D. degree programs with specialization in various disciplines. Apart from capacity-building activities, the Department of Physics has been involved in several

International, National and Regional research projects. The physics department has developed research linkages with other National and International Universities and research organizations of repute to ensure two-way flow of knowledge.

The faculty today is engaged in research that will contribute significantly to the development of human capacity, science, and technology in Pakistan. Departmental research seeks to explore and explain fundamental questions that range from understanding the origin of the universe, including String Theory, Cosmology and Astrophysics, to understand the visible world of colloids and the world of on an ever-diminishing scale, from the mesoscale to the nanoscale, condensed matter and atomic, molecular and particle physics.

Our faculty strives to push the boundaries of our understanding in a wide variety of fundamental and applied Physics areas while providing the best research opportunities for our majors. The blending of classroom learning with training in 21st century front-edge research facilities allows our graduates and postgraduates to become successful researchers, teachers, and applied scientists in the nowadays-competitive marketplace. At the same time, we are fully committed, as the physics department of the major research university in our border region, to contribute to the public appreciation and respect for scientific work and knowledge.

The Area of specialization in the Department of Physics

Energy, Energy Efficiency, Energy Conservation, Energy for Sustainable Development, Electric power system

Management, Energy Economics, and Planning Renewable energy, Hydrogen Energy, Environment, Climate Change, Astronomy, Nanotechnology, Materials Science, Plasma Physics, Medical Physics, Lasers & Optics, Cosmology, Geo Physics, Density Functional Theory (DFT), Modeling & Simulation and Nuclear Physics.

MPhil Physics Program

1. Eligibility

- i. The minimum entry requirements for admission to **MS/MPhil/ or equivalent** programs shall be minimum of 16 years of schooling or 4 years of education in the **relevant subject** after Higher Secondary School Certificate with at least second division or equivalent CGPA/GPA (120 credit hours from HEC recognized institution).
- ii. Passed a test equivalent to GRE/GAT general conducted by the department concerned with minimum of 50% cumulative marks or as further advised by HEC from time to time.
- iii. The criteria for admission to MPhil program is based on the following components:

Component	Weightage
Academic Qualification + Research + Experience	30+5+5=40
Written Test (per HEC/AIOU Policy)	40
Interview	20
Total	100

2. Scheme of Studies

Semester-wise Course Offering

Coursework during 1 st year or 1 st & 2 nd Semester	24 Credit Hours.
Thesis / Project / Dissertation during Second-year or 3 rd &4 th semester	12 Credit Hours.
Total credit hours required for Completion.	36 Credit Hours

Semester 1 (Core Courses)

S.#	Course Title	Course Code	Credit Hours
1	Mathematical Physics	1701	3+0
2	Electrodynamics	1703	3+0
3	Solid State Physics	1722	3+0
4	Experimental Techniques	1718	3+0

(Four courses will be offered in 2nd Semester depending on the needs and availability of the experts)

Semester 2 (Optional Courses)

S.#	Course Title	Code	Cr. Hrs.
1	Advanced Quantum Mechanics	1702	3(3+0)
2	Computational Physics	1704	3(3+0)
3	Atomic & Molecular Physics	1705	3(3+0)
4	Laser Physics	1710	3(3+0)
5	Quantum Optics	1711	3(3+0)
6	Plasma Physics	1712	3(3+0)
7	Nuclear Physics	1716	3(3+0)
8	Experimental Techniques	1718	3(3+0)
9	Semiconductor Physics	1720	3(3+0)
10	Quantum Field Theory	1721	3(3+0)
11	Crystallography	1724	3(3+0)
12	Physics of Glasses	1726	3(3+0)
13	Physics of Solar Cells	1727	3(3+0)
14	Physics of Metals & Alloy	1728	3(3+0)
15	Non-Crystalline Materials	1729	3(3+0)
16	Renewable Energy Resources	1730	3(3+0)

17	Research Methodology	7791	3(3+0)
18	Environmental Physics	7792	3(3+0)
19	Antenna Theory	7793	3(3+0)
20	E.M. Field Analysis	7794	3(3+0)
21	Microelectronics	7795	3(3+0)
22	High-Frequency Electrodynamics	7796	3(3+0)
23	Quantum Information Theory	7797	3(3+0)
24	Electron Microscopy	7798	3(3+0)
25	Climatology	8771	3(3+0)
26	First-Principles Computation	8772	3(3+0)
27	Theory and Practice of DFT Calculations	8773	3(3+0)
28	Introduction to Nanoscience and Nanotechnology	8774	3(3+0)
29	Condensed Matter Physics	8775	3(3+0)
30	Statistical Mechanics	8776	3(3+0)
31	Physics of Semiconductor Devices	8777	3(3+0)
32	Magnetism in Condensed Matter	8778	3(3+0)
33	Quantum Theory-I	8779	3(3+0)
34	Quantum Theory-II	8780	3(3+0)

3rd Semester & 4th Semester (Research)

1.	Thesis-1	8073	06
2.	Thesis-2	8074	06
Total Credit Hours of Thesis			12

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FACULTY OF EDUCATION



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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 the 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
4. Secondary Teacher Education
5. Science Education
6. Special Education

Distance, Non-Formal Education and Continuing Education

The department was established in 1984 and was later renamed as Distance, Non-Formal and Continuing Education. This department offers PhD, MPhil, master's, and specialized courses in the B.Ed. 1.5 program. The department also offers certificate courses in literacy and non-formal education.

Educational Planning, Policy Studies, and Leadership (EPPSL)

The department was established in 1976 and was renamed as EPPSL in 2008. It offers programs in educational planning, management, and leadership. These programs are aimed at producing a managerial cadre of professionals for the educational institutions and organizations in the country. Programs of EPPSL include B.Ed., Postgraduate Diploma, MA (EPM), MPhil and PhD in Educational Planning and Management as well as online courses. The courses of these programs are in accordance with the field requirements of

target personnel in the areas of educational planning, management, and leadership.

Secondary Teacher Education

The Department of Teacher Education was established in 1985 and was bifurcated into Secondary and Elementary Teacher Education Departments in July 2003. Its programs aim at imparting academic and professional knowledge and training to in-services and preservice teachers and scholars.

The programs/courses of this department comprise MA, MEd B.Ed (4 years) and BS Instructional Design and Technology as professional degree programs. The department also offers MPhil and PhD in Education, which are aimed to prepare highly skilled professionals and leaderships in the field of teacher education.

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 to Early Childhood Education and Elementary Teacher Education Department. The Department offers associate degree in education, Post Graduate Diploma in ECE, BEd (1.5 year), BEd (2.5), BEd (4 years), MPhil and PhD program, it also offers "Education" as subject at Matric, Intermediate and Graduate level. The department is planning to launch, BS (ECCE) and Certificate of Entrepreneurship in ECCE. The department also plans to offer non-credit research courses and postgraduate diploma for teaching in higher education.

Science Education

The Department of Science Education was established in 1988. The programs and courses of the department are mainly focused on education and training of mathematics and science teachers. Presently the department offers specialized courses in science education at undergraduate and postgraduate level. Specialized courses provide conceptual framework and insight into the teaching of science. The department offers BEd (4 year) BEd (2.5 year) and specialization of Science Education in BEd (1.5 year) and MEd. MPhil and PhD programs; in science education are also offered at the department.

Special Education

The Department was established in 1985. The department imparts education and training to teachers for the special children in four specializations namely visual impairment, hearing impairment, intellectual disabilities, physical disabilities, and mental retardation with particular emphasis to facilitate inclusive education. Parents of special children are also admitted to these programs. Present programs/courses of this department comprise B.Ed (4 years), MEd, MA, MPhil and PhD in the field of Special Education.

All Programs of Faculty of Education are recognized by HEC.

**Fee Tariff for PhD Programs
Faculty of Education**

Sr. #	Items	Rate
1.	Admission fee (At the time of first admission)	Rs.3050/-
2.	Registration fee (At the time of 1st admission only)	Rs.3050/-
3.	Technology fee (per semester)	Rs.600/-
4.	Course Fee (3 credit hours)	Rs.9090/-
5.	Tuition Fee 9 credit hours (9090 x 3 courses) = 27,270	Rs.27270/-
6.	Total Fee First Semester	Rs. 33,970/-
7.	Thesis Fee: (3 rd , 4 th , 5 th , 6 th Semester)	Rs. 27270/-
8.	Thesis Evaluation Fee (at the time of submission of thesis)	Rs.109,080/-

**Fee Tariff for MPhil Programs
Faculty of Education**

Sr. #	Items	Rate
1	Admission fee (At the time of first admission)	Rs.1800/-
2	Registration fee (At the time of 1st admission only)	Rs.1200/-
3	Technology Fee (per semester)	Rs.600/-
4	Course Fee (3 credit hours)	Rs.5070/-
5	Fee for 12 credit hours (5070 x 4= 20280)	Rs.20280/-
6	Total Fee for First Semester	Rs.23,880/-
7	Research Thesis fee in 3 rd & 4 th Semester Each	Rs. 10140/-
8	Thesis Evaluation Fee (at the time of submission of thesis)	Rs.23,880/-

The University reserves the right to change the fee tariff in the coming semesters. This can be done without any prior notice as deemed fit for the expected expenditure which is to be incurred on the semester based academic and operational activities of the program.

DEPARTMENT OF SPECIAL EDUCATION



Dr. Hina Noor
Incharge



Introduction:

The department of Special Education at Allama Iqbal Open University was established under the umbrella of Faculty of education in 1985, in response to the desperate need of trained staff to provide services to special people.

Department of Special Education at Allama Iqbal Open University prepares the special education teachers for a wide variety of roles and specialization in special education. The aim of the department is to impart education and training to the teachers for the special needs children studying either in special schools or in mainstream schools. There is growing demand for professionals in this field in Pakistan and across the world. Our Special Education Faculty are at the leading edge of research and practice and have helped the thousands of students to become special education professional. We develop and offer the programs with special focus on the field of special education and students with disabilities. Our graduates have expertise in teaching techniques of special education, policy development, research and practices related to the persons with disabilities. Our goal is to provide the professional and intellectual experiences that broaden dispositions, skills and knowledge associated with teacher preparation, disability rights advocacy and special education scholarship.

MPhil Special Education

i. Eligibility

Applicants having MA/MED/BS/BED or 16 years of education in Special Education with at least 2nd division are eligible to apply:

Students with below mentioned qualification are eligible. Only if they have completed 18 credit hours courses i.e. certificate in Special Education from AIOU.

- a) MA/MED/BS/BED (4-Years) or 16 Years of Education.
- b) MA/MSc/BS/BA (4-Years) or 16 Years of Education in Sociology/ Social Work/ Psychology/ Child Development.
- c) MSc /BS (4-Years) or 16 Years of Education in Speech and Language Therapy / Speech and Hearing Sciences / Physiotherapy / Physical Rehabilitation / Opthamology /Audiology/ Audiometry.

Admission to MPhil Education in Special Education will be made on merit as per approved criteria, the applicants having MA/MEd in Special Education be given priority.

ii. Program Structure

Students enrolled in MPhil have to pass the make-up courses prescribed by the department if they are not MA/MEd in Special Education. MPhil Education specialization in Special Education programme is comprised of 24 credit hours course work and a Research Thesis of 12 credit hours.

Semester-1

S. No.	Code	Courses	Credit Hours
1.	3701	Trends and Issues in Education	3
2.	3706	Advanced Course on Educational Research and Statistics	3
3.	3748	Qualitative Research in Education	3
4.	3709	Trends & Issues in Special Education	3

Semester-2

S. No.	Code	Courses	Credit Hours
1.	3716	Advanced Study on Exceptionality-I	3
2.	3717	Advanced Study on Exceptionality-II	3
3.	3718	Career Planning and Rehabilitation-I	3
4.	3719	Career Planning and Rehabilitation-II	3

Semester-3

8077	Thesis	6
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Semester-4

8078	Thesis	6
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PhD Special Education:**PhD Admission Criteria**

- i. Applicants holding MS/MPhil or equivalent, in the Special Education completed with minimum 30 credit hours of coursework and research thesis/ project; and achieved at least CGPA 3.0/4.0 or 1st Division will be eligible for applying in PhD program.
- ii. Application and processing fee along with copies of credentials will be uploaded online.
- iii. If a candidate wishes to apply in more than one specialization, he/she has to apply separately for each specialization/program. Short listing is done on the basis of subject specific criteria as mentioned in the sections below.
- iv. Merit will be determined based on educational qualification, experience, as well as score of subject test and interview conducted by the department.
- v. Selected candidates will be intimated by the Directorate of Admission with the advice to deposit fee according to the schedule.

Admissions in PhD are merit based as per criterion approved by HEC and University Statutory bodies.

PhD Course Work: 18 Credit Hours

Semester-1

a. Common Courses 9 Credit Hours

Sr. No	Code	Courses	Credit Hours
1.	4802	Qualitative Research Method	3
2.	4792	Qualitative Research Methods in Education	3
3.	4793	Preparing Critiques in Educational Research	3

Semester-2

b. Specialization Courses 6 Credit Hours

Sr. No	Code	Courses	Credit Hours
4.	4780	Programming and Planning for Exceptional Youth	3
5.	4781	Emerging Trends in Special Education	3

c. Collateral Area

Each student will take a course (3 credit hours) from this area

Sr. No	Code	Courses	Credit Hours
6.	4776	Discourse Analysis	3
7.	4777	Emerging Trends in Pedagogy	3
8.	4783	Educational Leadership & Management	3

Semester-3

Sr. No	Code	Courses	Credit Hours
1	8139	Thesis	9

Semester-4

1	8140	Thesis	9
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Semester-5

1	8141	Thesis	9
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Semester-6

1	8142	Thesis	9
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DEPARTMENT OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION & ELEMENTARY TEACHER EDUCATION



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Chairman



Introduction:

The Department of Elementary Teacher Education was established in 2003. In April 2008, the name of Elementary Teacher Education Department was changed to Early Childhood Education and Elementary Teacher Education Department. The Department offers associate degree in education, Post Graduate Diploma in ECE, B.Ed. (1.5 year), B.Ed. (2.5), B.Ed. (4 years), MPhil and PhD program, it also offers "Education" as subject at Matric, Intermediate and Graduate level. The department is planning to launch, BS (ECCE) and Certificate of Entrepreneurship in ECCE. The department also plans to offer non-credit research courses and postgraduate diploma for teaching in higher education.

MPhil Elementary Teacher Education

Eligibility:

MA (Education), MEd/MSEd or BEd/BSEd (4 year) with at least 2nd Division. Admission will be granted on merit as per approved criteria of AIOU.

Coursework: 24 Credit Hours

Thesis: 12 Credit Hours

Semester-1

(12 Credit Hours)

Sr. No.	Code	Courses	Credit Hours
1.	3751	Advanced Research Methods	3
2.	3752	Educational Leadership & Supervision	3
3.	3753	Curriculum & Instruction	3
4.	3754	Assessment & Evaluation in Education	3

Semester-2

(12 Credits Hours)

(Core courses 6 credits & Specialization Courses 6 Credits)

1.	3755	Foundations of Education	3
2.	3756	Trends and Issues in Elementary Education	3

Student can select any one cluster from below clusters:

Specialization Courses			
Curriculum	3757	Curriculum Design	3
	3758	Curriculum Evaluation	3
Assessment	3759	Test & Scale Development	3
	3760	Assessment & Reporting of Student Learning	3
Educational Psychology	3761	Psychological Testing	3
	3762	Social Psychology	3
Educational Research	3763	Educational Statistics	3
	3764	Critiques in Educational Research	3
Educational Administration	3765	Organizational Theory & Behaviour in Education	3
	3766	Economics & Finance of Education	3

3rd and 4th Semester:

Code	Course	Credits
8071	Thesis-I	6
8072	Thesis-II	6

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DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE EDUCATION



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Introduction:

Faculty of education recognized the need for promotion of science education and established Department of Science Education on 1988. Initially department worked on different science education programs and produced competent teachers for the country. At present the programmes and courses of the department are mainly focused on education and training of science and mathematics teachers. Presently, the department offers specialized courses in science education at different levels. Specialized courses provide conceptual framework and insight into the teaching of science. The department also offers BEd (4Years), BEd (2.5 Years), BEd (2ADE+ 2 Years), Specialization of Science Education in BEd (1.5Years) MEd, MPhil and PhD programs in Science Education. Department has so far produced a great many PhDs, MPhil, MEd and BEd graduates who are serving in education departments of the country and abroad.

MPhil Science Education

i. Eligibility

Applicants for MPhil Science Education must possess B.Ed (4 year) with Science Education or BS Science Education, or MSED, MEd/MA (specialization in Science Education) or equivalent at least with 2nd division. Admission to MPhil will be granted on merit basis (Test and Interview) according to the approved criteria of AIOU.

ii. Program Structure

MPhil Education Specialization in Science Education comprises 24 credit hours course work and 12 credit hours Research thesis.

The detailed breakup of courses is as follows:

Semester-1

a. Core Courses (12 Credit Hours)

S. No.	Code	Courses	Credit Hours
1.	3701	Trends and Issues in Education	3
2.	3748	Qualitative Research in Education	3
3.	3706	Advanced Course on Educational Research and Statistics	3
4.	6771	Trends and Issues in Science Education	3

Semester-2

b. Specialization (12 Credit Hours)

S. No.	Code	Courses	Credit Hours
1.	6772	ICTs in Science Education	3
2.	6773	Teaching Models & Strategies in Science Education	3
3.	6774	Assessment and Evaluation in Science Education	3
4.	6775	Curriculum Development in Science Education	3

3rd Semester

1.	8069	Thesis – I	6
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4th Semester

1.	8070	Thesis – II	6
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PhD Science Education

Eligibility:

Graduate holding MS/M. Phil in the relevant area or equivalent with GPA3:00/1st Division will be eligible for admission in PhD program. Admission to PhD program will be strictly based on merit and on approved criteria by the university/HEC

Program Structure:

PhD Education with specialization in Science Education comprises of 18 credit hours course work and 36 credit hours Research Thesis.

Semester 1

Common Courses

9 Credit Hours

Sr. No.	Code	Courses	Credit Hours
1.	4802	Qualitative Research Methods	3
2.	4792	Quantitative Research Methods in Education	3
3.	4793	Preparing Critique in Educational Research	3

Semester 2

Specialization Course

1.	6779	Nature of Science in Science Education	3
2.	6777	Professional Development of Science Teacher	3

Collateral Area Courses (any one from the following)

1.	4782	Human Resources Management	3
2.	4783	Educational Leadership & Management	3

3rd Semesters

1.	8163	Thesis – I	9
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4th Semesters

1.	8164	Thesis – II	9
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5th Semesters

1.	8165	Thesis – III	9
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6th Semesters

1.	8166	Thesis – IV	9
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At least one article is to be published before viva voce exam as per HEC approved policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF EPPSL



Dr. Afshan Huma
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Introduction:

The department was established in 1976 with the name Educational Planning and Management and it was renamed as Educational Planning Policy Studies and Leadership (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. Programs of EPPSL include four year undergraduate degree in School Leadership and Management; 1.5 years B.Ed in Educational Leadership and Management; two Postgraduate Diploma programs in ELM and EPM, MA, MPhil and PhD-EPM.

1. MPhil in Educational Planning and Management (EPM)

Eligibility

- i. Student possessing MA EPM/ELM will be eligible to apply.
- ii. Student having MA Education (in any specialization other than MA EPM) MA in Management Science must possess PGD EPM/ELM.
- iii. Applicants for M.Phil-EPM must possess above mentioned MA Degrees with at least 2nd Division.
- iv. Department will conduct admission test and interview.
- v. Previous experience and research publications shall be given weightage.
- vi. Candidate will apply for admission online through aiou website.
- vii. Admission will be strictly on merit and approved criteria.

Admission will strictly be made on merit basis as per approved criteria.

Program Structure

Semester-1

a. Core Courses

12 Credit Hours

S. No.	Code	Courses	Credit Hours
1.	3701	Trends and Issues in Education	3
2.	3702	Trends and Issues in EPM	3

3.	3706	Advanced Course on Educational Research and Statistics	3
4.	3748	Qualitative Research in Education	3

Semester-2

S. No.	Code	Courses	Credit Hours
1.	3707	Advanced Course on Educational Planning	3
2.	3708	Advanced Course on Economics and Financing of Education	3
3.	3734	Advanced Course on Educational Management -I	3
4.	3735	Advanced Course on Educational Management –II	3

Semester-3

1.	8063	Thesis	6
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Semester-4

1.	8064	Thesis	6
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PhD Educational Planning & Management

Eligibility to Apply:

- i. Candidates who have passed MS/MPhil in EPM/ELM with 3.0 CGPA or above are eligible to apply.
- ii. Candidates who have passed MS/MPhil in Education; with at least 9 credit hours courses of Educational Planning, Policy Studies, Leadership and Management; with 3.0 CGPA or above are eligible to apply.
- iii. Candidates who have passed MS/MPhil in policy studies, Project Management or Business Management, must have MA Education to stand eligible to apply for PhD in EPM.

Semester-1

a. Common Courses 9 Credit Hours

Sr. No.	Code	Courses	Credit Hours
1.	4802	Qualitative Research Methods	3
2.	4792	Quantitative Research Methods in Education	3
3.	4793	Preparing Critique in Educational Research	3

Semester-2

b. Course Work (Specialization)

Any two of following: 6 Credit Hours

1.	4782	Human Resource Management	3
2.	4783	Educational Leadership and Management	3
3.	4791	Policy Analysis	3

c. Any one collateral area courses:

(Subject to offering)

3 Credit Hours

Sr. No.	Code	Courses	Credit Hours
1.	4776	Discourse Analysis	3
2.	4777	Emerging Trends in Pedagogy	3
3.	4771	Adult and Life Long Education	3
4.	4774	Comparative Education	3

Semester-3

1.	8159	Thesis	9
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Semester-4

1.	8160	Thesis	9
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Semester-5

1.	8161	Thesis	9
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Semester-6

1.	8162	Thesis	9
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- f. At least one article is to be published before viva voce exam as per HEC approved policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF SECONDARY TEACHER EDUCATION



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Introduction:

The Department of Teacher Education was established in 1985 and was bifurcated into Secondary and Elementary Teacher Education Departments in July 2003. Its programs aim at imparting academic and professional knowledge and training to in-services and pre service teachers and scholars. The programs/courses of this department comprise MA, MEd, BEd (4 Years, 1.5 year) and BS Instructional Design as academic and professional degree programs. The department also offers MPhil and PhD in Education, which are aimed to prepare researchers and practitioners in the field of teacher education.

MPhil Teacher Education

i. Eligibility

Applicant for MPhil Education in Teacher Education must possess a degree of MEd/MA Education or MEd/BEd at least with 2nd division. Admission to MPhil Education (Teacher Education) will be granted on merit as per approved criteria.

ii. Program Structure

MPhil Education specialization in Teacher Education program comprises 24 credit hours course work and 12 credit hours thesis.

Semester-1

a. Core Courses 12 Credit Hours

S. No.	Code	Courses	Credit Hours
1.	3701	Trends and Issues in Education	3
2.	3704	Trends and Issues in Teacher Education	3
3.	3748	Qualitative Research in Education	3
4.	3706	Advanced Course on Educational Research and Statistic	3

Semester-2

b. Any two clusters from the following:

S. No.	Code	Courses	Credit Hours
1.	3736	Advanced Approaches to Curriculum Development I	3
	3737	Advanced Approaches to Curriculum Development II	3
2.	3739	Teaching Strategies-I	3
	3740	Teaching Strategies-II	3
3.	3742	Measurement & Evaluation in Education-I	3
	3743	Measurement & Evaluation in Education-II	3

Semester-3

1.	8065	Thesis	6
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Semester-4

1.	8066	Thesis	6
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FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES & HUMANITIES



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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 fourteen departments offering masters Programs in major areas of Social Sciences and Humanities like, Business

Administration, Economics, Mass Communication, Sociology, Gender and Women Studies, 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 Programs in Pakistani Languages and Law. The Commonwealth-collaborated master's Programs 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 Programs in Iqbaliat, Urdu and Mass Communication, Pakistani Languages, MPhil in Economics, History and Pakistan Studies. MS in Business Administration, PhD in Business Administration, Applied Linguistics and History.

The Faculty of Social Sciences & Humanities also offers several bachelors' level Programs in such professional areas like bachelor's in library & Information Sciences (BLIS), BS-Business Administration, BS-Commerce and Mass Communication. Thousands of students comprising all demographic grounds from all over the country, enroll each year in these bachelor's level Programs.

The faculty has expanded vitally, and its Programs have gained a high popularity as is clear from rapidly rising trend of enrolment during the past decade. During the mentioned period under report, the faculty accorded high priority towards quality

improvements and to modify its Programs in accordance with the current challenges of 21st century.

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

Fee Tariff for MS/MPhil Programs
Faculty of Social Sciences & Humanities

Item	Rates
Admission Fee (at the time 1 st semester)	Rs.1800/-
Registration Fee	Rs.1200/-
Course Fee (3 credit hours)	Rs.5070/-
Fee for 12 credit hours (5070 x 4= 20280)	Rs.20280/-
Technology Fee per semester	Rs.600/-
Total Fee (First Semester)	Rs.23,880/-
Research Thesis fee in 3 rd & 4 th Semester Each	Rs. 10140/-
Thesis Evaluation Fee (at the time of submission of thesis)	Rs.23,880/-
Fee forMS Programs	
Course Fee (3 credit hours)	Rs.9090/-
Fee for 12 credit hours (9090 x 4= 36360)	Rs.36360/-
Total Fee (First Semester)	Rs.39,960/-
Research Thesis fee in 3 rd & 4 th Semester Each	Rs. 18180/-
Thesis Evaluation Fee	Rs.36360/-

Fee Tariff for PhD Programs
Faculty of Social Sciences & Humanities

Item	Rates
Admission Fee (at the time 1 st semester))	Rs.3050/-
Registration Fee	Rs.3050/-
Course Fee (3 credit hours)	Rs.9090/-
Tuition Fee 9 credit hours (9090 x 3 courses) = 27,270	Rs.27270/-
Technology Fee per semester	Rs.600/-
Total Fee (First Semester)	Rs. 33,970/-
Thesis Fee (in 3 rd ,4 th ,5 th ,6 th Semester)	Rs.33970/- Per semester
Thesis Evaluation Fee (at the time of submission of thesis)	Rs.109,080/-

The University reserves the right to change the fee tariff in the coming semesters. This can be done without any prior notice as deemed fit for the expected expenditure which is to be incurred on the semester based academic and operational activities of the program.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE



Prof. Dr. Syed Muhammad Amir Shah
Chairman



a) Introduction:

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 2022, with the successful launch of the MS Commerce program after obtaining the necessary NOC from HEC. A pinnacle achievement in 2023 saw the accreditation of the BS Accounting & Finance program by a world-renowned professional Accountancy body recognized by the HEC, cementing the Department's commitment to global standards.

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.

MS Commerce

The emerging global scenario necessitates that organizations look for capable professionals and researchers in commerce and be competent in responding to the changing market needs and requirements. This unique program emphasizes a qualitative and empirical approach to dealing with issues in both financial and non-financial sectors. This program concentrates on contemporary issues in the field of insurance, trade, accounting and finance and the students will be able to analyze the problems and make rational and cost-effective decisions. This will be helpful to enhance the social sensitivity and sensibility of the students and facilitate them in strengthening their skills vis-a-vis commerce, industry, and trade nationally and internationally.

Program Objectives

MS Commerce program aims to familiarize the students with recent trends and issues in the field of commerce and enable them to critically understand and interpret the business environment and its prevailing realities critically. This program is designed:

- i. To develop the understanding of students about the theoretical, technical, strategic, and practical aspects.
- ii. To familiarize students with the emerging issues.
- iii. To provide an overview of new and fast-growing areas in the field of commerce.
- iv. To develop the necessary skills for creating computer-based models for analyzing various decision problems emerging in today's financial world.

Entry Requirements

The minimum entry requirements for admission to MS Commerce program shall be a minimum of 16 years of education in the discipline of Commerce/ Business or ACMA/CA/ACCA having an equivalence of 16 years of education from HEC as per Revised Postgraduate, Regulations and Procedures relating to MS/MPhil or Equivalent Program at AIOU.

Scheme of Studies- MS Commerce

Semester-I

Sr. No	Course Title	Course Code	Credit Hours
1	Corporate Financial Reporting	COMM 7501	3
2	Advanced Research Methodology	MGT 7501	3
3	International Business & Finance (<i>Elective-I</i>)	MGT 7502	3
4	Issues in Taxation System (<i>Elective-II</i>)	COMM 7502	3

Semester-II

1	Financial Markets and Institutions	COMM 7503	3
2	Applied Econometrics	ECO 7505	3
3	Investment and Securities Management (<i>Elective-III</i>)	MGT 7503	3
4	Risk Management and Insurance (<i>Elective-IV</i>)	MGT 7504	3

Semester-III

1	Research Thesis	COMM 8501	6
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Semester-IV

1	Research Thesis	COMM 8502	6
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Total Credit Hours: 36

List of Elective Courses*

Sr. No	Course Title	Course Code	Credit Hours
1	Issues in Taxation System	COMM 7502	3
2	Behavioral Finance	COMM 7506	3
3	Strategic Financial Management	COMM 7504	3
4	Financial Modeling	COMM 7505	3
5	International Trade Theory and Policy	ECO 7504	3
6	Investment and Securities Management	MGT 7503	3
7	International Business & Finance	MGT 7502	3
8	Risk Management and Insurance	MGT 7504	3

Note: The Department will offer the elective courses based on the availability of resources.

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DEPARTMENT OF MASS COMMUNICATION



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Introduction

The Department of Mass Communication was established in 1986 for fulfilling the educational needs of students, working journalists and media persons at various levels. The Department offered its specialized BA cluster program in Mass Communication in 1988. It was the first ever bachelor's level program in Mass Communication offered in the country. Students across the country are taking interest in the program

In 1997 the Department started its MSc Mass Communication Program. Keeping in view the trend of students in studying the phenomenon of Mass Communication, the Department launched advanced studies of MPhil in Mass Communication in 2000. The MPhil program imparts the knowledge of evolution and advances in mass communication theory and research, sociology of mass media, and the methods of behavioural research in social sciences.

The Department resumed offering of its PhD Program in semester Autumn 2014. The main objective of the program is to enable students to understand and explain the dynamics of the social phenomena of mass communication in Pakistani society, especially to enable them to independently investigate the contents, uses and effects of mass media in society.

In addition to the above degree programs, the Department also offers Post Graduates Diploma (PGD) and certificate courses in Journalism, such as Advertising and Public Relations in the University’s Short Term Educational Programs (STEPS)

MPhil Mass Communication

MPhil scheme in Mass Communication comprises twenty-four (24) credit hours of course work and twelve (12) credit hours of research thesis. The course work consists of Evolution of Mass Communication Research, Mass Media and Society (I & II), Foundations of Behavioural Research (I & II), Theories of Influence on Media Content and Media Effects and Advances in Theory and Research (I & II). This program will make students learn the social phenomena of Mass Communication and urge them to independently investigate the mass media effects on society

Eligibility for Admission

The minimum entry requirement for admission to MPhil program shall be Masters Degree in Mass Communication/ Media Studies with second division from any recognized University.

1. Merit will be determined by the Department of Mass Communication according to the approved criteria.
2. Only short-listed candidates will be called for test/interview.
3. The Department enrolls limited number of students to the program.
4. The Director BASR shall issue admission letter to the selected candidates for fee deposit.

Medium of Instruction

The medium of instruction and examination is English.

Scheme of Studies

There will be 24 credit hours course work and 12 credit hours of thesis. Details are given below:

1st Semester:

Sr. No.	Code	Course	Credit Hours
1	6630	Evolution of Mass Communication Research	03
2	5761	Mass Media and Society-I	03
3	5762	Mass Media and Society-II	03
4	6632	Behavioural Research-I	03

2nd Semester:

Sr. No.	Code	Course	Credit Hours
1	5763	Media Effects: Advances in Theory & Research-I	03
2	5764	Media Effects: Advances in Theory & Research-II	03
3	6634	Foundations of Behavioural Research-II	03
4	6635	Theories of Influence on Mass Media Content	03

3rd Semester

1	8075	Thesis – I	06
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4th Semester

1	8076	Thesis – II	06
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DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION



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Introduction:

Established in 1986, the Department of Business Administration has risen to international prominence in a remarkably short period of time, achieving widespread global recognition. Always striving for excellence, our strength lies in our full range of program offerings, our high-quality research, conducted by our world class faculty, and our diverse and high-caliber student. Our full suite of degree programs, including PGD, BBA, MSc, MBA, MS and PhD as well as a wide range of executive education programs, means that the Department of Business Administration is always at the forefront of educational development and business thinking. Our graduates strive to make a positive impact on both the business world and the wider society.

Aims and Objectives:

The major aims and objectives are to prepare students to:

- a) Communicate ideas effectively.
- b) Synthesize, analyze, and integrate their knowledge of business disciplines to provide innovative and credible solutions to organizational problems and opportunities.
- c) Assess the impact of globalization on business.
- d) Analyze ethical implications of business decisions.

Demonstrate effective leadership and collaboration skills for making decisions and accomplishing goals.

1. PhD Business Administration

The PhD (Business Administration) programme is offered in three specializations, i.e. Finance, Human Resource Management and Marketing. However, the department reserves the right to change its offering any time if needed so. The detail of scheme of studies and semester wise offering of courses is as under:

a) Scheme of Studies

1st Semester

Sr.#	Course Code	Course Title	Credit Hours
1.	9561	Advanced Management Thoughts	3
2.	9562	International Business	3
3.	9563	Research Design-I	3

2nd Semester

1.	9564	Public & Business Policy Interface	3
2.	9565	International Business	3
<i>Students are required to select only one course form the following three courses according to their Specialization</i>			
3.	9566	Seminar on Financial Management	3
OR			
3.	9567	Seminar on Human Resource Management	3
OR			
3.	9568	Seminar on Marketing Management	3
Course work Credit Hours			18

3rd Semester			
1	Thesis	9512	9
4th Semester			
1.	Thesis	9513	9
5th Semester			
1.	Thesis	9514	9
6th Semester			
1.	Thesis	9515	9

The course work for PhD (Business Administration) programme is spread over two (02) semesters covering six courses (18 credit hours) and a thesis (36 credit hours), as per AIOU and HEC guidelines. It will be offered with three specializations: Human Resource Management (HRM), Finance and Marketing. The minimum period required for completion of PhD will be three years while maximum period will be as per rules and regulations of AIOU.

a) Eligibility Criteria and Admission Procedure

- i. The MS MPhil or equivalent degree in Business Administration or related disciplines from any HEC recognized institution with 3.00/4.00 CGPA or 1st division in the annual system(60% marks) would be eligible to apply.
- ii. The program would be merit based therefore fee/dues should not be deposited by the student until the offer letter from AIOU Admission Office is received.
- iii. An applicant in relevant field with MBA degree (18years of education with research thesis) from HEC recognized university) with CGPA 3.00/4.00 or 1st

division 1st class Masters Degree (from a foreign recognized university) having recognized research experience, would be considered for admission.

- iv. In case of a foreign degree the candidate would be required to get equivalence from HEC and attach with application form.
- v. There shall be a Departmental Admission Committee under the Chair of Department of Business Administration to finalize the admissions, as per AIOU rules and regulations.

Any student, who was rusticated, expelled, or whose entry in any College/University Campus was banned for any reason whatsoever at any time during his/her academic career, shall not be admitted to any programme. Only limited seats are available strictly on open merit basis.
- vi. Preliminary selection of the candidates will be made strictly on the basis of criteria laid down by the Department/ University. The candidates are required to pass the written test/interview designed by Departmental Admission Committee for admission to PhD program.
- vii. Only admitted candidates would be informed by the Department to deposit fee.
- viii. For clarification about academic matters the students can contact

This program is merit based; therefore no fee/dues are required to be deposited until you receive the offer letter from Department of the University.

2. MS Management Sciences

a) Duration:

As per HEC guidelines, MS (Management Sciences) program will spread over 4 semesters covering 8 courses (24 credit hours) and a research thesis (12 credit hours) OR Research Project and 2 courses in lieu of Research Thesis. It will be offered with three specializations: Human Resource Management (HRM), Banking & Finance (B&F) and Marketing. The program consists of 36 credit hours. The minimum period required for its completion will be as per AIOU rules.

b) Eligibility Criteria:

Applicants having 16 years of business education (Old MBA/MPA/M.Com/ACMA/ACA/4-Years B.Com/4-Years BBA) OR equivalent from any HEC recognized institution with minimum second division or equivalent with CGPA 2.0/4.0 or above would be eligible to apply.

d) Scheme of Studies

The MS (Management Sciences) program will be offered with three specializations, i.e., HRM, Banking & Finance and Marketing. The detail of courses and tentative semester wise offering of courses is as under:

First Semester

Sr. No.	Course Code	Course Title	Credit Hours
1	8701	Advanced Research Methods	03
2	8702	International Business and Finance	03
3	8703	Strategic Marketing	03
4	8704	Strategic Human Resource Management	03

Second Semester

<i>Elective Courses</i> (for details, see as given under Elective Courses for MS Management Sciences)	12
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e) Elective Courses for MS (Management Sciences) Program:

For selection of specialization courses in MS program, students would select elective courses from only one of the following specializations:

Second Semester

Elective Courses of Human Resource Management

Sr. No.	Course Code	Course Title	Credit Hours
1	8709	Strategic Human Resource Development	03
2	8710	Organizational Theory & Design	03

3	8711	International Human Resource Management	03
4	8712	Human Resource Change Management	03

Elective Courses of Banking & Finance

Sr . No .	Course Code	Course Title	Credit Hours
1	8715	Investment & Securities Management	03
2	8716	Risk Management & Insurance	03
3	8718	Islamic Banking	03
4	8721	Bank Management and Control	03

Elective Courses of Marketing

Sr . No .	Course Code	Course Title	Credit Hours
1	8706	Strategic Brand Management	03
2	8707	Retail Management	03
3	8708	Managing Non-Profit Organizations	03
4	8717	Small Business Marketing	03

Third Semester

Sr. No.	Course Code	Course Title	Credit Hours
1	8093	Research Thesis	06

OR

1.	8719	Research Project	06
2.	8722	Project Management	03
3.	8723	Corporate Governance	03

Fourth Semester

Sr. No.	Course Code	Course Title	Credit Hours
1	8094	Research Thesis	06

**COMMONWEALTH MASTER OF
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION AND
COMMONWEALTH MASTER OF
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM**

The COL MBA and MPA programs offered by Allama Iqbal Open University (AIOU) are dynamic, globally recognized degree programs designed to cater to the needs of professionals seeking to advance their careers in management and public administration. The MBA program equips students with essential business acumen, strategic decision-making skills, and leadership capabilities to excel in the corporate world. Meanwhile, the MPA program focuses on building expertise in public sector management, policy analysis, and governance to develop competent leaders for public administration.

A hallmark of these programs is their internationally benchmarked curriculum, designed in collaboration with Commonwealth of Learning (COL) to align with contemporary business and public administration trends. They emphasize practical, case-based learning, ensuring students acquire not only theoretical knowledge but also real-world problem-solving skills. Another distinctive feature is the affordability and accessibility, making quality education available to a broader audience.

Furthermore, the inclusion of research-driven projects empowers students to apply their learning in a practical context, while the flexibility of self-paced learning options ensures learners can

balance their studies with professional and personal commitments. Both programs emphasize practical knowledge, case-based learning, and research to ensure students gain a comprehensive understanding of their respective fields, making them competitive in local and international markets.

1. Objectives:

The mission of Common wealth MBA/ MPA Program is to provide experienced executives and professional with an applied and integrative business/public management education that develops their critical thinking and leadership abilities for better management of resources.

2. Duration:

As per guidelines of NCRC regarding Executive MBA Program. The revised scheme of studies is spread over 04 semesters covering 19 courses and 01 Research Project. The program consists of 63 credit hours. The minimum period required for its completion will be 2 years while maximum period 04 years. If student fails to complete the COLMBA/MPAProgramin04years, the University shall not be liable to award the degree.

3. Eligibility:

- Applicants having 16 years of education from any HEC recognized institution with a minimum 50% marks or 2 CGPA would be eligible to apply.
- A minimum of 03 years Professional Experience as per NCRC.

4. Scheme of Studies:

The detail of courses semester wise offering in Commonwealth MBA/MPA Program is as under.

Semester-I (Commonwealth MBA/MPA Program)

Common Semester

Sr.#	Course Title	Course Code	Credit Hours
1.	Managing Human Resource	6661	3
2.	Marketing Management	6662	3
3.	Accounting and Finance	6663	3
4.	EconomicEnvironmentfor Business	6664	3
5.	Electronic Commerce	6665	3

Semester-II (Commonwealth MBA/MPA Program)

Common Semester

1.	Quantitative Techniques	6666	3
2.	Management Information System	6667	3
3.	Operations Management	6668	3
4.	Management and Organization	6669	3
5.	Project Management	6670	3

Semester-III (Commonwealth MBA Program)

1.	Research Methodology for Management Decision	6671	3
2.	Total Quality Management	6672	3
3.	Corporate Finance	6673	3
4.	International Marketing	6674	3
5.	Disaster Management	6675	3

Semester-III (Commonwealth MPA Program)

1.	Research Methodology for Management Decision	6671	3
2.	Development Planning and Administration	6676	3
3.	Policy Analysis and Implementation	6677	3
4.	Contemporary Administrative System	6678	3
5.	Disaster Management	6675	3

Semester-IV (Commonwealth MBA Program)

1.	Strategic Management	6679	3
2.	Managerial Economics	6680	3
3.	Business Ethics	6681	3
4.	Business Sustainable Development	6682	3
5.	Research Project	6690	6

Semester-IV (Commonwealth MPA Program)

1.	Public Policy	6683	3
2.	Public System Management	6684	3
3.	Business Ethics	6681	3
4.	Business Sustainable Development	6682	3
5.	Research Project	6690	6

Medium of Instruction:

The medium of instruction and examination will be English only.

Classes

Commonwealth MBA/MPA programs have sixteen classes of three hours each for each course. The participation of the students in the classes is compulsory. The classes will be organized to

provide the students with proper guidance in course contents through intensive lectures, **class assignments and presentations** etc. The program of the classes will be chalked out by the Department and intimated to students well in time. Midterm and Final term examinations will be conducted on AIOU main campus only.

Evaluation Scheme

Assessment Component	Marks	Weight age in the Aggregate Result
Assignment No.1	100	10%
Assignment No.2	100	10%
Midterm	100	30%
Final Examination	100	50%

1. For successful completion of each course the student will be required to qualify each component
2. To take final examination, the student must pass in assignments and should have 75% attendance in the classes.
3. The conditions to qualify for each course are given below:

A minimum of 50% marks in all the above-mentioned components or amended by the AIOU Statutory Bodies

RESEARCH PROJECT

The research project course is a distinct feature of the Commonwealth MBA/MPA Program. Students are advised to submit project proposal/ synopsis to the COL MBA/MPA program office, AIOU Campus. This also allows the contribute

their own analysis and findings to the body of knowledge in Business Management or Public Administration domains.

Following are the requirements to be met by the students for opting and completing of project course CC- 6690.

1. The student must have a valid admission on the Research Project Course(CC- 6690)
2. The student will have to contact the faculty member whom he/she is willing to work under his/her supervision.
3. The synopsis must be duly signed by the supervisor along with Supervisor consent form while submitting for Research Project Committee (RPC) approval.
4. Only upon the acceptance/approval of the proposal from RPC the student will be allowed to start his/her research work.
5. Every draft (proposal and project) must be checked and signed by the supervisor before submission to the department.
6. Student needs to apply for extension through supervisor in case the project is submitted after six weeks from the date of topic notification. Extension fee paid challan must be submitted in department for extension notification.
7. The student will have to appear for viva voce in the department in front of RPC members. Minimum 50% marks must be secured in viva voce to pass. The students cannot challenge the panel's decision.
8. The supervisor must ensure that the student has incorporated the suggested changes by RPC before re submission.

Fee Structure for MBA Programs

Item	Fee
Registration Fee: (At the time of first admission)	Rs.1200/-
Admission Fee: (At the time of first admission)	Rs.1800/-
Course Fee :(per course)	Rs.10890/-
Project Fee: (6 credit hours)	Rs.21780/-
Project Evaluation Fee: (Once at the time of submission of Project)	Rs.21780/-
Technology Fee (per semester)	Rs.600/-

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MANDATORY INFORMATION

- i. The certificates/degrees of AIOU are equivalent to any other recognized Board/University.
- ii. If an applicant of post-graduate/research level program does not receive any information regarding admission within ten days after appearing in test of admission, he/she should presume non-selected.
- iii. **A student already admitted to any program, or a specialization of a program shall not be allowed to transfer or to get admission to another program unless he/she formally postpones it till the completion of the new program or withdraws from the previous program.**
- iv. A course taken by any student cannot be change during the semester.
- v. **Admission to courses for both the Spring and Autumn semesters are generally offered in the months of January and July each year respectively. Examinations will commence in May and November respectively. The continuing students will Enroll online on AIOU website and deposit fee within due date.**
- vi. The fee shall not be refunded once paid for admission nor will it be adjusted for any other program.
- vii. On payment of the registration fee, each student will be issued a student Id. This Id must be quoted in all the future correspondence, course(s), code numbers and semester.
- viii. Study material shall be available on the university website for study and download purposes.
- 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 its implementation.
- x. A student who fails in continuous assessment component, he/she 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 department regarding the selected program.
- xii. After completion of a program successfully, a student must apply to Controller of Examinations for issuance of certificate/degree.
- xiii. The university reserves the right to change the contents of this prospectus without any prior notice as per university policy.
- xiv. 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 shall be considered as correct name. The Examination Department shall also issue a certificate/ degree in the said name.
- xv. In the case of provision of forged documents for admission, not only the admission will be refused/ceased to the applicant, but the fee deposited by him/her will also be forfeited. The university may proceed further in the matter as deemed appropriate.
- xvi. The Candidates having GRE (Subject) conducted by ETS with minimum of 60 percentile score or an

equivalent as per HEC policy be considered for admission in PhD programs and shall not have to appear in the departmental admission test conducted by the university.

- xvii. Efforts have been made to ensure the accuracy of the information contained in the prospectus. The university would, however, not be responsible for any errors or omissions. The university reserves the right to introduce changes, without any prior notice, in the information given, including additions, withdrawal or re-structuring of courses. Admission to the university is subject to the university's registration procedure.

PROCEDURE FOR DEPOSITING FEE

1. Applicants will deposit admission processing fee (Rs.500) in designated banks or through Telcos.
2. Eligible candidates for (**Merit Based Programs**) are required to deposit admission fee in any branch of the following banks:
 - i. First Women Bank Limited (FWBL)
 - ii. Allied Bank Limited (ABL)
 - iii. Muslim Commercial Bank (MCB)
 - iv. United Bank Limited (UBL)
3. Fee can also be Deposited through Jazz Cash, Easy Paisa and Upaisa Mobile App/USSD String *786#, Retailer Agent, Franchise and Branches of Mobilink, Telenor and Ubank. For more details, please visit the university website.
The Banks/Mobile App/Retailer Agents/Franchise/Branches will provide Transaction ID of deposited fee.

Successful candidates are supposed to deposit their fee as per the procedure laid down by the university in the intimation.

Fee can neither be refunded nor be adjusted for future admission after finalization of admission.

CANCELLATION OF ADMISSION

Admission of already admitted student or a new candidate may be cancelled in accordance with University's Rules Regulation in the following circumstances:

- (a) In case the candidate is found guilty of having forged any of his/her degree or relevant documents presented to the University for Admission to MPhil/PhD program.
- (b) Disciplinary action against misbehavior/misconduct.
- (c) Plagiarizing
- (d) If he/she fails in fulfilling all the requirements of qualifying for the degree within the maximum time limit prescribed for the program.

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 designated bank branches. 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.

علامہ اقبال اوپن یونیورسٹی کا تعارف

نوعیت کی علمی، ادبی اور قومی تقریبات کے انعقاد کا اہتمام کیا جاتا ہے۔ جن میں ہمارے طلبہ و اساتذہ کے ساتھ ساتھ علاقے کے معزز و سرکردہ اراکین اور صاحبان علم و دانش شرکت کرتے ہیں۔ سائنس کے طلبہ کے لیے یونیورسٹی سائنس کمپلیکس کا قیام عمل میں لایا گیا ہے جس میں سائنس کے تمام شعبہ جات کے ریسرچ اسکالرز کے لیے بین القوامی میعار کی حامل جدید سائنسی تجربہ گاہوں کی سہولیات فراہم کی گئی ہے۔ موجودہ دور کے تقاضوں کو پورا کرنے کے لیے یونیورسٹی مرکزی لائبریری اور سٹوڈنٹس ہاسٹل میں انٹرنیٹ لیب کی سہولت بھی فراہم کی گئی ہے جہاں اس مقصد کے حصول کے لیے کمپیوٹرز مہیا کر دیے گئے ہیں تاکہ یونیورسٹی کے اساتذہ اور طلبہ اپنی علمی و تحقیقی کاوشوں کو جدید عصری تقاضوں سے ہم آہنگ کر سکیں۔

علامہ اقبال اوپن یونیورسٹی نے مستحق، ضرورت مند اور ہونہار طلبہ کے لیے مالی امداد کی مختلف اسکیمز وضع کی ہیں۔ جس میں ہر سمسٹر میں بہت سے طلبہ مستفید ہوتے ہیں۔

علامہ اقبال اوپن یونیورسٹی، ایک میگا یونیورسٹی ہے، جو 1974ء میں پارلیمنٹ کے ایکٹ کے تحت قائم ہوئی اس یونیورسٹی کا مرکزی کیمپس اسلام آباد کے سیکٹر میں واقع ہے۔ اپنے قیام کے وقت یہ دنیا کی دوسری اوپن یونیورسٹی اور ایشیا اور افریقہ میں اپنی نوعیت کی پہلی یونیورسٹی تھی۔ علامہ اقبال اوپن یونیورسٹی کے قیام کا بنیادی مقصد فاصلاتی نظام تعلیم کے ذریعے ان لوگوں کو جو بوجہ رسمی تعلیم سے استفادہ نہیں کر سکے یا جن کا سلسلہ تعلیم منقطع ہو گیا ہے، ان کے گھروں کی دہلیز پر تعلیمی سہولیات مہیا کرنا ہے۔ علامہ اقبال اوپن یونیورسٹی سمسٹر سسٹم کے مطابق کام کر رہی ہے۔ انڈر گریجویٹ طلبہ کے لیے دونوں سمسٹر میں داخلے ہوتے ہیں جبکہ پوسٹ گریجویٹ سطح پر داخلے طلبہ اور فیکلٹی ممبران کے تناسب سے کیے جاتے ہیں۔

اس وقت علامہ اقبال اوپن یونیورسٹی میٹرک سے پی ایچ ڈی کی سطح تک کے پروگرام پیش کر رہی ہے جو چار کلیات پر مشتمل ہے۔ یونیورسٹی نے ملک بھر میں مطالعاتی مراکز قائم کیے ہیں جہاں طلبہ کو ان کے مختلف مسائل کے حل میں مدد دی جاتی ہے۔ پوسٹ گریجویٹ (ایم ایس، ایم فل اور پی ایچ ڈی) کی سطح کے پروگرام تمام سرگرمیاں بشمول کلاسز، مڈٹرم اور فائنل امتحانات یونیورسٹی کے مین کیمپس میں پیش کیے جاتے ہیں۔

علامہ اقبال اوپن یونیورسٹی اور اس کے جملہ علاقائی دفاتر تعلیمی سال کے دوران میں نصابی اور تعلیمی سرگرمیوں کے ساتھ ساتھ ہم نصابی سرگرمیوں میں بھی بڑھ چڑھ کر حصہ لیتے ہیں اور مختلف

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شعبہ پاکستانی زبانیں

تعارف:

شعبہ پاکستانی زبانیں 1998ء میں قائم ہوا۔ علامہ اقبال اوپن یونیورسٹی ملک کی واحد یونیورسٹی ہے کہ جس میں پاکستان میں بولی جانے والی تمام زبانوں کے فروغ اور تدریس کے لیے شعبہ پاکستانی زبانیں کا قیام عمل میں آیا جو پاکستانی زبانوں کے تدریسی کورس پیش کرتا ہے۔ یہ کورس میٹرک، انٹر میڈیٹ اور بی ایس کی سطح کے ہیں۔ مزید برآں پاکستانی زبانوں اور ان کے ادب سے متعلق کتب کی اشاعت اور پاکستانی زبانوں کے کلاسیکی شعرا پر سیسی ناز کا اہتمام بھی شعبہ پاکستانی زبانیں کی سرگرمیوں میں شامل ہے۔ پاکستان کے مختلف علاقوں میں بولی جانے والی زبانیں مستحکم حیثیت کی حامل ہونے کے ساتھ ساتھ کئی مشترک عناصر بھی رکھتی ہیں۔ قومی یکجہتی کے فروغ میں کسی ایسے پروگرام کی ضرورت کافی عرصہ سے محسوس کی جا رہی تھی کہ جس میں پاکستانی زبانوں کا تقابلی مطالعہ، ادبیات پاکستان کا تقابلی مطالعہ اور ان زبانوں کے منفرد اور مشترک ادبی رجحانات کا احاطہ کیا گیا ہو۔ وقت کے

اس تقاضے کے پیش نظر علامہ اقبال اوپن یونیورسٹی کے شعبہ پاکستانی زبانیں نے سمسٹر بہار 2004ء میں ایم فل پاکستانی زبانیں وادب پروگرام متعارف کرانے کا اہتمام کیا جس کے چیدہ چیدہ مقاصد درج ذیل ہیں۔

- 1- قومی یک جہتی اور ملی ہم آہنگی کے فروغ کے لئے طلبہ و طالبات کو پاکستانی زبانوں کے مشترک نقوش، بین المذاہبی روابط اور مشترک ادبی رجحانات سے روشناس کرانا۔
- 2- طلبہ اور طالبات کو پاکستانی زبانوں اور ان کے ادب کے بارے میں مطالعاتی اور تحقیقی بنیادیں فراہم کرنا۔

3- پاکستان میں کثیر لسانی ماہرین کی کمی کو کسی حد تک پورا کرنے میں مدد دینا۔

- 4- پاکستانی زبانوں (پشتو، سندھی، بلوچی، براہوئی، پنجابی، سرائیکی) کے اساتذہ کی پیشہ ورانہ مہارت میں اضافہ کرنا۔

مطالعاتی سکیم

- 1- ایم فل (پاکستانی زبانیں وادب بہ تخصیص پشتو، سندھی، بلوچی، براہوئی، پنجابی، سرائیکی) پروگرام 24 کریڈٹ آرز کے کورس ورک اور 12 کریڈٹ آرز کے ریسرچ ورک پر مشتمل ہے۔
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ایم فل پاکستانی زبانیں وادب میں داخلے کے قواعد و ضوابط

امیدوار کسی بھی تسلیم شدہ یونیورسٹی سے ایم اے پنجابی/پشتو/بلوچی/سندھی/براہوئی/سرائیکی میں درجہ دوم یا اس کے مساوی قابلیت کا حامل ہونا لازمی ہے۔

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3	سندھی، سرائیکی، کشمیری، زبان ادب	2725
3	شمالی علاقہ جات کی زبانیں وادب (بلتی، شنا، کھوار، بروشکی، ونجی)	2726
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