

DEPARTMENT OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCES

Introduction

Postgraduate library education in Pakistan started in 1956 by the University of Karachi. In the mid-eighties there were six library science departments all over the country. But they were not producing the required number of trained professional graduates as per demand. Moreover, the rate of technological change created by television, computer and other mass media was so stunning that many librarians had been unable to assess clearly its far-reaching effects on the sphere of their services and operation. Thus keeping in view the demand of professional staff and mission of AIOU, the Department of Library and Information Sciences was established in 1985 within the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities to cope with this shortage and change. It contributes to meeting the professional requirements of the existing libraries and training skilled manpower scattered all over the country in accordance with the emerging need and trend.

BS (Library and Information Sciences) Program**Objectives**

This is a new 4-year program. This scheme of study focuses to give students an understanding of the general subjects and theories, principles and methodologies that form the foundation of LIS. This program intends to enhance student's abilities in planning and controlling library functions. The new scheme of study will produce highly skilled professional human resource to serve the libraries, resource centers, documentation centers, archives, museums, information centers, and LIS schools. This

gives students a proficiency in the skills of management, research, ICT, advocacy, problem-solving, and decision making relevant to information work in a rapidly changing environment along with integrity and social responsibility.

Eligibility Criteria and Procedure of Admission

An applicant having intermediate/higher secondary school pass certificate or equivalent in second division (at least 45% marks) with any subject(s) from any recognized institution is eligible for admission. There is no merit and age determination. All students who fulfil above criteria will be given admission. Students are required to fill the admission form available in AIOU prospectus. The filled admission form and the required attested documents (e.g. copies of CNIC or B form, domicile, certificates of matriculation and intermediate, and photographs, along with prescribed admission fee should be deposited in any designated nearby bank on or before the closing date.

Note: All the eligible candidates across Pakistan will be given admission provided they have fulfilled the required formalities. But, the tutorial classes and workshops will only be held in Islamabad and Lahore. There is also hostel facility at AIOU Main Campus, Islamabad, for students at nominal charges.

Pre-requisites from BS (LIS) Students

A BS (LIS) student must have a computer with internet connection to successfully complete this program. The University will provide helping books (for some courses only) or study guides (for some courses only) or links to online resources (for some courses only) to students. Most updates are available at AIOU website <<https://aiou.edu.pk>> such as matters relating to admission, exam and result, tutorials, workshops, assignments,

and so on. A student should willingly be hard-working enough to get information and knowledge. Consult your AIOU-appointed tutors for technical and conceptual guidance. Take full benefit from your tutorial classes and workshops. We are also providing guidance to students via our website <<http://lis.aiou.edu.pk/>> and our Facebook page <LIS@AIOU official>; hence join our Facebook page as well.

Scheme of Studies (BS-LIS)

Duration

The Duration of BS (LIS) program is eight semesters, i.e. four years. However, AIOU reserves the right to make any change(s) anytime in this program partly or wholly without prior notice.

Courses

A student will have to complete 42 courses comprising 129 credit hours. All courses are of 100 marks each except Research Project (Code 9227) which comprises 200 marks. The semester-wise break-up of these courses is as under.

1st Semester (Autumn)

Sr#	Course	Code	CrHrs
1	English-I	9407	3
2	Pakistan Studies	9374	3
3	Basics of Information and Communication Technology	5403	3
4	Introduction to Logic	8413	3
5	Soft Skills (Personality Development)	9201	3

2nd Semester (Spring)

Sr#	Course	Code	CrHrs
1	English-II	9408	3
2	Islamiyat (اسلامیات) OR Ethics (اخلاقیات) (for non-Muslims)	9401 OR 5437	3
3	Language Skills and Communicative Abilities	9266	3
4	Introduction to Psychology	8411	3
5	Introduction to Library and Information Professions	9202	3

3rd Semester (Autumn)

Sr#	Course	Code	CrHrs
1	English-III	9409	3
2	Pre-calculus	4431	3
3	General Science	6404	3
4	Introduction to Sociology, Culture & Society	9410	3
5	Economy of Pakistan	8432	3
6	Information Literacy	9204	3

4th Semester (Spring)

Sr#	Course	Code	CrHrs
1	English-IV	9416	3
2	Introduction to Statistics	4485	3

3	Planning Library Building, Space and Services	9205	3
4	Collection Development and Management	9206	3
5	Classification and Subject Headings	9208	3
6	Cataloguing and RDA	9209	3

5th Semester (Autumn)

Sr#	Course	Code	CrHrs
1	Information Architecture	9203	3
2	Information Science in Transition	9207	3
3	Integrated Library Automation Systems	9210	3
4	Library Public Services	9211	3
5	Library and Web Technology	9212	3
6	Library and Database Technology	9213	3

6th Semester (Spring)

Sr#	Course	Code	CrHrs
1	Modern Information Retrieval Systems	9214	3
2	Communication Skills for Information Professionals	9215	3

3	Developing Digital Library	9216	3
4	Emerging Trends in Library and Information Services	9217	3
5	Management Basics for Information Professionals	9218	3
6	Library Analytics and Big Data	9219	3

7th Semester (Autumn)

Sr#	Course	Code	CrHrs
1	Library Security and Safety	9220	3
2	Marketing of Library and Information Services	9221	3
3	Archives, Records, and Information Management	9222	3
4	Knowledge Management	9223	3
5	Auditing Information Systems	9224	3
6	Development of Library and Information Professionals	9225	3

8th Semester (Spring)

Sr#	Course	Code	CrHrs
1	Research Methodology in Library and Information Sciences	9226	3
2	Research Project	9227	6

Mode of Study

This BS (4-year) in LIS will be offered in blended mode. Face-to-face tutorial classes for each 3-credit hour course in every semester with non-compulsory attendance and workshop (03 days for each 3-credit hour course in every semester with at least 70% compulsory attendance) support will also be provided. Face-to-face tutorial classes and workshops will only be held in Islamabad and Lahore. Matters related to Research Project (Code 9227) will be dealt with in accordance with AIOU rules/practice.

Medium of Study

English language only will be the medium of study for any of the components of this program. However, Urdu and/or English language can be opted for a course on Islamiyat OR Ethics only.

Assessment/Evaluation Criteria

Multiple criteria have been adopted to assess students' work for all courses, except Research Project, as under.

- Written examination to be assessed by the Examination Department, AIOU at the end of each semester = 70% marks (pass marks 50%).
- Two assignments and/or equivalent to be assessed by the relevant tutor/resource person = 30% marks (pass marks 50%

collectively). students' work may also be checked with Turnitin for plagiarism.

Pass marks for Research Project (Code 9227) are 50% both in evaluation of project report and viva voce examination separately.

Fee Tariff

Item	Fee
Registration Fee (once, if not already registered with AIOU)	500
Admission Fee	500
Technology Fee + Postal Charges	135
Tuition fee per 3 Credit Hours course = Rs.1,510 ×5 courses	7,550
Total fee for 1st Semester Rs.	8,685

Fee for subsequent semesters will be informed at the time of their admission.

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