

ALLAMA IQBAL OPEN UNIVERSITY
Department of Library and Information Sciences

MPhil (LIS) Assignment Guidelines: First Semester

Your written assignment is a review of related literature comprising 3000 to 5000 words (MS Word processed, 12 font, Times New Roman, 1.5 line spacing, 1 inch page margins on all sides, black toner for text, justified text, no underlining/italics/indentation). With proper citation and reference, use at least ten different sources available elsewhere (preferably research articles, textbooks and reference material) including readings recommended and suggested in MPhil-LIS course outlines to complete your assignment. Use your own words while working on your assignment, therefore, Turnitin similarity index (plagiarism) should not exceed 19% as per HEC guidelines; hence, check it before sending the assignment to your tutor by due date. Follow APA-6 style manual for citations, referencing, tables, figures, quotations, and headings as well as guidelines to avoid plagiarism. APA and literature review guides and MPhil-LIS course outlines are available at LIS Department website <<http://lis.aiou.edu.pk>> under MPhil (LIS) Resources. You also require to prepare a PowerPoint presentation of your assignment (max 10 slides).

There are plenty of free resources available on Internet. Links to these resources have been given at LIS Department website. HEC Digital Library can be accessed within AIOU Main and Regional campuses and campuses of other universities or degree awarding institutes.

Note: You may see Wikipedia and watch YouTube videos for guidance only but not for preparation of your assignments and coursework. Hence, these may not be cited/referenced.

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Same guidelines as above except use at least 20 different sources or as advised by your tutor.