

FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES

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

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

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

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

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

DEPARTMENT OF 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 **Programme Code: 0438**

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 fulfill above criteria will be given admission.

Interested candidates are advised to follow the admission procedure as laid down by the AIOU. For this purpose, visit AIOU website <<https://aiou.edu.pk>> or contact your Regional Office concerned or the LIS Department in this regard.

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

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

Sr#	Course	Code	CrHrs
1	English-II	9408	3
2	Islamiyat (اسلاميات) OR Ethics (اخلاقيات) (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

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

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

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

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

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

Sr#	Course	Code	CrHrs
1	Research Methodology in Library and Information Sciences	9226	3
2	Research Project/Project (OR two courses in lieu thereof)	9227	6

Mode of Study

This BS (4-year) in LIS will be offered in ODL mode. There are tutorial meetings and compulsory workshop as per AIOU Policy. Visit AIOU website or contact your Region concerned or LIS Department for further information in this regard.

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/Project, as under.

a) Written examination to be assessed by the Examination Department, AIOU at the end of each semester = 70% marks (pass marks 50%).

b) 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.

All the matters relating to Research Project/Project will be dealt with as per AIOU rules. However, the pass marks for Research Project/Project is 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	200
Tuition fee per 3 Credit Hours course = Rs.2,000 ×5 courses	10,000
Total fee for 1st Semester Rs.	11,200

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

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