

## 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 professionals 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.

### Master of Library and Information Sciences (MLIS)

#### Objectives

This programme intends to provide an opportunity to enhance the knowledge and skills as well as qualifications in the field of library and information sciences (LIS). It is designed to enhance the students' abilities to identify opportunities, make firm and clear-cut decisions, plan and control library functions. The programme seeks to promote a high degree of professionalism and a deep sense of integrity and social responsibility in students.

#### Eligibility Criteria and Procedure of Admission

An applicant having bachelor's degree with any subject(s) in second division (at least 45% marks) from any HEC recognized university is eligible to get admission. There is no age limit and merit determination. Interested candidates should visit the AIOU website <<https://aiou.edu.pk/>> for admission procedure.

### Pre-requisites from MLIS Students

An MLIS student must have a computer with internet connection to successfully complete this programme. Study guides and further study guidance along with unit-wise and other links to various online, free resources are available at LIS Department's website <<https://lis.aiou.edu.pk/>>.

The University will not send any hard copy material to students. Rather download study guides in soft form either from AIOU or LIS Department's website. Most updates are available at AIOU website <<https://aiou.edu.pk/>>. 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 workshops. We are also providing guidance to students on daily basis via our Facebook page <LIS@AIOU official>; hence join this page as well.

### Scheme of Studies (MLIS)

#### Duration

The Duration of MLIS programme is four semesters, i.e. two years.

#### Mode of Study

The MLIS program is offered in ODL mode as per AIOU policy. Visit AIOU website or contact your AIOU Region concerned or LIS Department for further information in this regard.

#### Courses

A student will have to complete 20 courses comprising 60 credit hours in four semesters.

#### Assessment

Written examination	= 70% weight
Assignments	= 30% weight

**Note:** *The AIOU has uniform criteria for grading, examination pass marks, etc.*

**1<sup>st</sup> Semester**

S. No.	Course Title	Course Code	Credit Hours
1	Foundation of Librarianship	5500	3
2	Introduction to Library and Information Sciences	5501	3
3	Information Sources and Services	5502	3
4	Classification: Theory and Practice	5503	3
5	Cataloguing: Theory and Practice	5504	3

**2<sup>nd</sup> Semester**

1	Collection Development	5505	3
2	Management of Libraries and Information Centres-I	5641	3
3	Management of Libraries and Information Centres-II	5642	3
4	Library Automation, Information Storage and Retrieval-I	5643	3
5	Library Automation, Information Storage and Retrieval-II	5644	3

**3<sup>rd</sup> Semester**

S. No.	Course Title	Course Code	Credit Hours
1	Resource Sharing and Networking-I	5645	3
2	Resource Sharing and Networking-II	5646	3
3	Advanced Technical Operations-I	5647	3
4	Advanced Technical Operations-II	5648	3
5	Research Methods & techniques for Librarians-I	5649	3
6	Research Methods & techniques for Librarians-II	5650	3

**4<sup>th</sup> Semester**

1	Public Records, Rare Material and	5651	3
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	Their Conservation-I		
2	Public Records, Rare Material and heir Conservation-II	5652	3
3	Management of Serial Publications-I	5653	3
4	Management of Serial Publications-II	5654	3

The university reserves the right to introduce changes, additions, withdrawal or restructuring of courses without any prior notice.

**Internship**

All MA (LIS) students will undergo a 45 working days' unpaid internship training in a library of repute during or after their final semester. Visit LIS Department's website <<https://lis.aiou.edu.pk/>> for complete guidelines regarding internship procedure, internship application form, and degree requirements.

**Fee Tariff**

Registration Fee: (once at the time of 1 <sup>st</sup> admission in University)	Rs.500/-
Admission Fee:	Rs.1000/-
Technology Fee:	Rs.500/-
Per 3 credit hours course fee Rs.2250/- (Rs.2250×5)	Rs.11250/-
<b>Total fee for 1<sup>st</sup> Semester</b>	<b>Rs.13250/-</b>

**Medium of Instruction & Examination:**

English/Urdu.

*Note:* Candidates are advised to keep in contact with their AIOU Region concerned for updates as well. They are also advised to keep on watching websites of AIOU <<https://aiou.edu.pk/>> and LIS Department <<https://lis.aiou.edu.pk/>> for updates. Our Facebook page is: LIS@AIOU official.

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