DEPARTMENT OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCES

Introduction

The Department of Library and Information Sciences was established in 1985 within the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities. Besides MPhil (Library and Information Sciences), the LIS Department is offering/running six more programs as follows:

1. Master of Library and Information Sciences (MLIS)
2. BS (4-year) in Library and Information Sciences (BS4-LIS)
3. Associate Degree in Library and Information Science (AD-LIS) for continuing students only
4. Bachelor of Library and Information Science (BLIS) (for continuing students only)
5. Certificate in Librarianship (CLS)
6. PhD (Library and Information Sciences)

See more about the department, programs, faculty, and other information at https://lis.aiou.edu.pk/.

MPhil (Library and Information Sciences) Program

Objectives

The main objective of launching MPhil program was to contribute to the LIS literature internationally through high quality research particularly focusing on current and future needs. Secondly, there is a high demand from information professionals across Pakistan to have this program at the AIOU platform through unconventional means of education. Thirdly, there is a high number of LIS professionals working in Islamabad and Rawalpindi who intend to enhance their professional qualifications and they find no such program offered by public or private universities in this region. Other objectives include:

- To address the local issues in LIS and provide a viable solution through research.
- To enable LIS professionals to make informed decisions based on research.
- To promote evidenced-based LIS practice through the use of relevant research.
- To promote LIS research culture in Pakistan.
- To enrich Pakistani LIS research literature through quality research projects.
- To develop critical and analytical thinking skills of LIS research scholars.
- To develop advanced information literacy skills of research students.
- To improve academic writing skills of LIS research students.
- To improve soft skills of LIS research students.
- To provide a specialized manpower to the LIS job market. and
- To promote information entrepreneurship by establishing industry-academia linkages through need-based research.

Eligibility Criteria and Procedure of Admission

MPhil in LIS is a merit-based program. Any candidate having 16-year master's degree or 4-year education after HSSC (at least 124 credit hours) in Library and Information Sciences or equivalent discipline with at least second division (45% marks) or equivalent CGPA/GPA from an HEC-recognized institution

can apply for admission. The number of seats will be determined as per AIOU/HEC policy. The admission merit will be determined as per AIOU rules. To pass a prescribed admission test is compulsory with prescribed pass marks as per AIOU rules/policy. Prescribed processing fee applies as per AIOU policy.

Note1: No TA/DA or other expenses will be on the part of AIOU for admission test and interview. Interested candidates are required to apply as instructed in admission advertisement published in leading national dailies as well as on AIOU website <https://aiou.edu.pk/>.

Note 2: Candidates are advised to keep on watching websites of LIS Department <https://lis.aiou.edu.pk/> and AIOU <https://aiou.edu.pk> for updates. Our Facebook page ID is <LIS@AIOU official>.

Pre-requisites from MPhil (LIS) Students
An MPhil (LIS) student must have a latest computer and a smart phone both with internet connection to successfully complete this program.

MPhil Duration
This program spans minimum two years, one year for coursework and one year for thesis writing and submission. Maximum duration to complete this program is as per AIOU rules.

MPhil Coursework
There will be a two-semester MPhil coursework of 24 credit hours, consisting of eight courses of three credit hours each. All courses are of 100 marks each. The semester-wise breakup of the courses is as under:

1st Semester

Sr#	Course	Code	CrHrs
1	Advances in Library and Information Sciences	8731	3
2	Philosophy of Library and Information Sciences	8742	3
3	Quantitative Research	8734	3
4	Qualitative Research	8735	3

2nd Semester

Sr#	Course	Code	CrHrs
1	Emerging Trends in Information Behaviour Research	8736	3
2	Data Analysis Tools	8738	3
3	Aids to Research	8739	3
4	Academic Writing and Publishing	8740	3
Subsequent Semesters			
1	Thesis	8741	12

Research Proposal and Thesis (Third and subsequent semesters)
As per AIOU rules

Mode of Study
As per AIOU rules/policy.

Medium of Study

English language will be the medium of study. Students may not opt for any other language for any of the components of this program.

Assessment/Evaluation Criteria

Multiple criteria will be adopted to assess students' coursework and thesis as per AIOU rules.

Fee Tariff

Item	Fee
Registration Fee	1,000
Admission Fee	1,500
Technology Fee	500
Tuition fee per Credit Hour Rs.2,500 = (Rs.2,500×12 credits hours of 4 courses)	30,000
Total fee for 1st Semester Rs.	**33,000**

Fee for subsequent semesters and Thesis Evaluation fee will be informed at the time of their admission.

Note: The AIOU reserves the right to make any change(s) anytime in this program partly or wholly without prior notice.

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