

STUDENT HAND BOOK

Academics Year 2022-23





ITU VISION

To become an internationally recognized research-intensive university focused on developing society through excellence in education, research, and entrepreneurship.

ITU MISSION

ITU aims to advance knowledge and pursue excellence in science, technology, engineering and other areas of scholarship, with an encompassing commitment to develop Pakistan and promote human welfare.

ITU seeks to foster cross-disciplinary research, grounded in a culture of integrity and collaboration, with a sharp focus on providing real-world solutions. As a center of excellence in education, ITU intends to emerge as a strategic arm of the Government of Pakistan. By harnessing cutting-edge technology, ITU faculty and students will play a key role in facilitating the creation of sophisticated and efficient systems for sustainable development.

ITU aspires to educate the next generation of innovative and entrepreneurial change-makers.

MESSAGE FROM THE VICE CHANCELLOR



Prof. Dr. Adnan Noor Mian

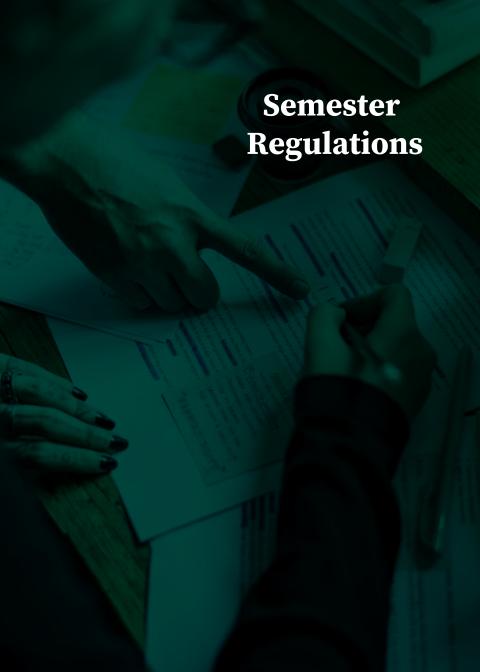
Ph.D. Sapienza University of Rome, Italy Post Doc. University of Cambridge, England "As the world copes with unprecedented changes to our daily lives and how we function, universities that provide high quality education and enable world-class research have become fundamentally vital for the society's functioning and well-being. ITU is, without doubt, a rising star among the universities in Pakistan. In just ten years since its inception ITU has achieved top placements for its graduating students at world's leading educational institutions and companies, produced research results that have been published at top international peer-reviewed conferences and journals, given birth to innovative start-ups, and made profound contributions in defining public policy and positively impacting our society.

ITU houses a world-class faculty who deeply appreciate their responsibility to provide their students education of the highest quality which prepares them to become exceptionally well-qualified leaders and brilliant innovators in their desired fields. ITU faculty and students work on cutting edge research to solve key problems, and have won many international awards, including highly competitive, most coveted research awards that are given to a very few select researchers across the world.

While ITU began as a specialized institute of higher education which centered around computer science, today it fields faculties in a broad range of disciplines that address many important issues and problems we face in today's world. ITU provides an outstanding opportunity for transdisciplinary education, research, innovation, and policy development which breaks the traditional silos of academic exploration and allows chartering new territories that open a wealth of opportunities for all citizens irrespective of their background, financial standing, or social status.

ITU looks forward to continuing its role as a trailblazing university that makes long-term impactful contributions in Pakistan and abroad!"

Prof. Dr. Adnan Noor Mian Vice Chancellor, ITU – Punjab





1. Short Title and Commencement

These regulations may be called The ITU Semester Examinations Regulations 2022. These shall come into force at once and be applicable to diploma, undergraduate, graduate and post graduate degree programs with effect from Fall 2022 Semester to all enrolled students.

Definitions

In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions shall have the meaning hereby assigned to them:

I. Credit Hour:

- (1) One hour of classroom or direct faculty instruction and a minimum of two hours of out of class student work each week for approximately fifteen weeks for one semester, or ten to twelve weeks for one quarter hour of credit, or the equivalent amount of work over a different amount of time; or
- (2) At least an equivalent amount of work as required in paragraph (1) of this definition for other academic activities as established by the institution including laboratory work, internships, practical, studio work, and other academic work leading to the award of credit hours.

OR

One credit hour in laboratory or practical work / project would require lab contact of three hours per week throughout the semester.

II. Grade Point Average (GPA):

A weighted average of grades for courses taken at ITU in one semester.

III. Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA):

CGPA is a weighted average of grades for all semesters up to the latest semester.

IV. External Examiner

An examiner of teaching staff and subject experts, other than ITU to review portfolios/projects, thesis and equivalents.

V. Registrar:

"Registrar" means the Registrar of the University.

VI. Controller of Examinations

"Controller of Examinations" means the Controller of Examinations of the University.

VII. Semester:

A division of academic duration lasting between 15-18 weeks.



VIII. Teacher:

"Teacher" means Professor, Associate Professor, Assistant Professor, and Lecturer /Teaching Fellow engaged by the University for teaching graduate and postgraduate classes and such other persons as may be declared as "Teachers" by the regulations.

IX. Teaching Department:

"Teaching Department" means a teaching department established and maintained by the University.

X. Vice Chancellor:

"Vice Chancellor" means the Vice Chancellor of the University.

XI. ACM:

ACM stands for Academic Council Meeting of Information Technology University.

2. Schedule of Semester

An academic year shall be divided into two full and one summer semester:

1. Fall Semester: September – December.

Spring Semester: January – May.
 Summer Semester: June – August.

2.1 Fall/Spring Semester

 There will be two regular semesters (fall, spring) in an academic year. Fall/Spring semesters will spread over 15-18 weeks (inclusive of 1 – 2 weeks for exams).

2.3 Summer Semester

- A student who has either failed or has been stopped from taking examination due to shortage of class attendance or wishes to improve his/her grade is allowed to register in summer.
- A student will only be allowed to register in 1-3 courses of up to 10 credit hours for remedial work.
- Summer Semester will be of 8 9 weeks of concentrated study for completing remedial course work.
- IV. The contact hours per week during the Summer Semester will be doubled to ensure that the course is completely taught in a summer session with half of the duration as compared to a regular (Fall/Spring) semester.

2.2 Foreign Students

 Foreign students under student exchange program will be enrolled for any semester or for any single course and HEIs will issue transcript with letter grades



at the end of the semester. Admission offer letter of the foreign student will be forwarded to HEC for issuance of NOC.

3. Academic Calendar

ITU will publish an academic calendar for its Undergraduate and Graduate catalogues including the schedule of its entire academic year (including fall, spring semesters and summer semester (if offered). The calendar will include the following information:

- Semester starting date.
- II. Holidays during the semester.
- III. Semester termination date.
- IV. Mid-Term examination week.
- V. Final examination week.
- VI. Thesis/project/dissertation submission deadline
- VII. Course add/drop deadline
- VIII. Each transcript will have course grades, semester Grade Point Average (GPA), Cumulative GPA (CGPA) and Result notification date.
 - IX. Examinations office will provide provisional transcripts to all students before the start of the next semester registration.

In case the university is closed due to unusual circumstances, then special makeup classes must be arranged converting weekends or holidays to working days to cover the lapsed period of the students.

4. Class Attendance

Students are expected to attend all classes, laboratories, or class meetings officially designed for a particular course. If a student has less than 75% attendance, then the student will not be allowed to sit in the final examination. The student might also be dropped from that course and will have to repeat it when the course is being offered next. If a student remains absent from a class for eight lectures, then the student's name will be dropped from the course.

- The record of assignments, question papers, marked scripts shall be maintained by the department and be handed over to examinations department at the time of result submission.
- The University shall follow the internationally recognized letter grade system with the numerical equivalent of 4.0.
- III. A student may apply for 'W' grade till the last week of the semester through written application with approval of the Chairperson/HOD of the concerned faculty.
- IV. For special cases, the Registrar may relax the attendance up to 10%.
- V. If a new intake student fails to attend any lecture during the first four weeks after the commencement of the semester as per the announced schedule, then the student's admission shall be canceled.
- VI. For all subsequent semesters, if any student does not enroll for any course or chooses to freeze till the end of the eighth week of the semester, an email will be sent to him/her to



submit the valid reason within three days, so the student status could be updated accordingly. If there is no reply from the student, another extension of three days will be given to the student via email to back-up his/her data from the ITU email account and his/her status will be updated as "LEFT".1

5. Course Layout

Course Layout for Undergraduate Program

Credit Hours Range	124 – 140*	
Semester Duration	15 -18 weeks including 1 - 2 weeks of final examinations	
Course Duration	8 Semesters (4 years)	
Course Load per semester for Regular students	15 - 18 Credit Hours In exceptional cases, minimum limit of credit hours can be reduced up to 12 and maximum limit can go up to 21 subject to the approval of the Dean upon recommendation of HOD of concerned faculty.	

Course Layout for Graduate Program

Credit Hours Range	30 (including a minimum of 24 credit hours of coursework and 6 credit hours for thesis work)
Semester Duration	15 -18 weeks including 1- 2 weeks of final examination
Course Duration	4 Semesters (2 years)
Course Load per semester for Regular students	9-12 Credit Hours In exceptional cases, minimum limit of credit hours can be reduced to 6 CH and maximum limit can go up to 15 CH subject to the approval of the Dean and upon recommendation of HOD of concerned faculty.

¹ Approved in the 17th ACM, Agenda Item No. 7



- a. Minimum passing grade for BS degree is D. In case of any grade below than D, the student must repeat the course.
- b. Minimum passing grade for M5 degree is C. In case of any grade below than C, the student mustrepeat the course.
- c. Minimum passing grade for Ph.D. degree is B. In case of any grade below than B, the student mustrepeat the course.
- d. In case of a grade below the minimum criteria mentioned above, the student will be given that grade in the transcript, but the student must repeat the course.
- e. Credit hour limit will remain fixed for a particular batch.

Probation Policy²

For Undergraduate Students:

- First-year students are required to earn a minimum 1:00 CGPA; and from Second year onwards, 1.50 CGPA to continue their studies at ITU and as a result of failing to achieve so. their admission will be revoked.
- II. For 2nd year and onwards, undergraduate students who earn a CGPA less than 2.00 shall be placed on Academic probation. The students on probation shall receive their results with a warning. After two warnings, if a student fails to improve his/her CGPA to 2.00 or above, and receives an academic probation for the third time, his/her name shall be removed from the University rolls.

For Graduate Students:

- First-year students are required to maintain a minimum 1.50 CGPA; and from Second year onwards 2.00 CGPA to continue their studies at ITU and as a result of failing to achieve so, their admission will be revoked.
- II. For 2nd year and onwards, graduate students who earn a CGPA less than 2.50 shall be placed on Academic probation. The students on probation shall receive their results with a warning. After two warnings, if a student fails to improve his/her CGPA to 2.50 or above, and receives an academic probation for the third time, his/her name shall be removed from the University rolls.

Note: All students on 2^{nd} probation will be allowed to enroll only for repeat courses in the next semester.

Level & Year	Regular	Probation	Revoke
Level & Teal	(CGPA)	(CGPA)	(CGPA)
Undergraduate 1 st Year	2.00 & above	1:00-1.99	Less than 1.00
Undergraduate 2nd Year and Above	2.00 & above	1.50-1.99	Less than 1.50

² Approved in the 19th ACM, Agenda Item No. 1



Graduate 1 st Year	2.50 & above	1.50-2.49	Less than 1.50
Graduate			
2 nd Year and Above	2.50 & above	2.00-2.49	Less than 2.00

7. Minimum Degree Requirement

Each department in the University shall certify its students to the Examinations Department for the award of degrees. The minimum requirement for the award of an undergraduate degree shall be a CGPA of 2.00 (on 4.00 scale) and for the award of a Master's/MPhil degree, a CGPA of 2.50 (on 4.00 scale).

8. Re-Registration of Thesis for MS students³

- The due date for results submission of the Thesis will be the add/drop deadline of next semester.
- II. At the end of every semester, the teaching department will forward a signed for Thesis I and II for all registered students. The department will assign CR (Continued Research) for all those whose grades are not final.
- III. It is mandatory for a student enrolled in Thesis-I to achieve S/U/CR grade by the end of the semester in which he/she is enrolled.
 - Upon receiving S grade, the student will be eligible to enroll in Thesis-II.
 - Upon receiving U grade, the student will re-register for Thesis-I and will pay full fee.
 - Upon receiving CR grade student will re-register for Thesis-I and will be charged Rs.1000/- (thesis re-register fee) and student will be bound to achieve S grade in the next semester otherwise will be awarded U grade and has to re-register for Thesis-I with full fee.
- IV. Students enrolled in Thesis-II for the first time, are required to attain a grade by the end of the semester otherwise they will be awarded CR grade every semester and will be required to pay Rs. 1000 as thesis re-registration fee until final grade is awarded.

9. Repeating a Course

There are two categories of students who will be required to repeat the courses:

- A student shall repeat all mandatory/major courses in which he/she obtain an 'F' grade.
- In case of an elective course, students may repeat the same elective or take a new elective in place of previous one, in order to fulfil the degree requirement as laid down in scheme of studies

³Approved in the 27th ACM, Agenda Item No. 25



- i. All BS Students earning any grade can repeat a major/mandatory/elective after approval of the concerned Chairperson.⁴
- All MS Students earning grade C- or less either in a major/mandatory/elective course must repeat the course.
- All PhD Students earning a grade less than B in a major/mandatory/elective course must repeat the course.
- iv. Students may repeat up to 18 semester credit hours during their course of study for a program. If a student has attained "W" a course because of low attendance, then he/she will have to repeat the course whenever it is being offered next.
- v. In case a student repeats the course, the higher grade obtained in both the attempts will be considered as final grade. In the calculation of GPA and CGPA, an '*' in front of the repeat grade will indicate that the course has been repeated. This '*' will be mentioned in the notes of the transcript.
- vi. Undergraduate students may repeat a maximum of 6 courses and Graduate students may repeat a maximum of 3 courses during their degree duration.

10. Final Examinations

- In each semester, students may be required to appear in quizzes, tests, midterms, final
 examinations, presentations (individual/group), group discussion, and submit
 projects/assignments/lab reports etc. These assessment marks (to be determined by
 the teacher concerned) will have different weightage contributing towards the overall
 assessment in percent marks.
- Final examination shall normally be held in December/January for fall semester and May/June for spring semester.
- III. The final examination shall be a requirement in all courses except those in which examinations are not used to evaluate a student's performance.
- IV. The final examination schedule/ academic calendar shall be provided to all students by the academic office at the beginning of each semester. Examinations are required to be taken on the scheduled dates.
- V. Each teacher shall provide students with the criteria on which the final grade is to be calculated i.e. weightage of test, assignments, examinations or any other work which contributes to the final grade.
- VI. This weightage may be determined on the basis of following guidelines:

Nature of Examination	Weightage (Min/Max)
Mid Semester Examinations	20 - 25%
Sessional Examination (Assignments/Presentations/ Practical, Quizzes)	15 - 25%
Final Examination	35 - 50%

⁴ Approved in the 26th ACM, Agenda Item No. 2



Note: In case of a course with the composition of 4(3+1), (03 credit hour theory and 01 credit hour practical) the weightage for the practical may be considered 25%. However, for engineering disciplines the course codes and Cr.Hrs. for theory and practical will be given separately as Theory= 3 Cr.Hrs., and for practical/lab work = 1 Cr.Hr. in line with the Pakistan Engineering Councilguidelines.

- VII. In the beginning of a semester, the Instructor of each course should hand out a syllabus providing information to students that defines, grade distribution policy, assessment criteria, paper specification, schedule of material to be taught, take home assignment policy, required and recommended reading materials and any other information important for the successful completion of the course and its requirements.
- VIII. There will be no Supplementary/Special Examination/Re-take in a Semester System under normal circumstances; if a student fails in a course, s/he is required to repeat it.

11. Grading System

Performance of students will be assessed throughout the semester with mid-term tests, assignments, quizzes, case studies or any other evaluation methods considered appropriate by the course instructor and the University.

A letter grade will be awarded to each student based on his/her overall academic performance in a course.

11.2 Description of Grades⁵

The Grade Point Average calculation ensures a continuous scale for the respective grades. The grade issued by the University will be considered final.

Two types of averages will be computed for the grades obtained by each student: The Semester Grade Point Average (SGPA) and the Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA).

The CGPA is calculated for all semesters cumulatively using grade points of all the courses taken by a student. For such courses that have been repeated, only the most recent grade points are used, even if they are less than the earlier attempts.

SGPA is the weighted average of grade points earned in a semester. The weights are taken as the ratio of course credits to the total credits taken by the student in the semester. For example, a student who takes four courses in a semester with credit hours of C1, C2, C3 and C4 obtaining grade point of P1, P2, P3 and P4 respectively will score an SGPA of:

The following points or grades may also appear against a course in the transcript.

⁵ Approved in the 19th ACM, Agenda Item No. 2



Letter Code Interpretation

Grade	Points	Percentage Range
A+	4.00	90.00-100.00
A	4.00	85.00-89.99
A-	3.67	81.50-84.99
B+	3.33	78.00-81.49
В	3.00	74.50-77.99
B-	2.67	71.00-74.49
C+	2.33	67.50-70.99
С	2.00	64.00-67.49
C-	1.67	60.50-63.99
D+	1.33	57.00-60.49
D	1.00	50.00-56.99
F	0.00	00.00-49.99
I	0.00	0.00
Р	Pass	

Grade's Interpretation for MS

Grade	Interpretation	
С	The student is advised to repeat the course	
C-, D+, D	The Student must repeat the course	

Note: Minimum passing grade for MS degree is C. In case of any grade below than C, the student must repeat the course.

Grade's Interpretation for BS (Honors) and MS

Grade	Interpretation	
F	Fail - the student must repeat the course	
I	Incomplete	



w	Withdrawn	
S/U	Satisfactory/ Unsatisfactory	
CR	Continuing Research	
Р	Pass	

- "W" will appear as a grade in the transcript like any other grade.
- Repeat courses will be indicated on the transcript together with the repeat count.
- "S" or "U" will only be awarded for Graduate Thesis work and will not be considered towards CGPA calculation

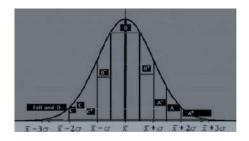
11.3 Relative Grading Methods (Grading on the Curve)

For all classes like undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate, relative grading system may be used for grade assignment.

Relative Grading System Guidelines:

In relative grading a histogram of total marks obtained by eligible students is taken and ranges for assigning various grades are decided for awarding the letter grades. These "ranges" for assigning grades are based on upper and lower limits of percentage of students in a course that can have a particular grade. For this purpose, mean class scores and standard deviation (STD) will be computed over all eligible students.

Figure 1: Mean score (x and Standard Deviation (σ) based grading scheme as recommended by HEC. Horizontal axis shows the student grade and the vertical axis shows the frequency of each grade according to the Normal distribution. The students who have withdrawn from a course or have remained absent in most of the course modules, especially in the final examination are considered ineligible for grade assignment other than W and F. Mean and STD will be computed only for the eligible students. All eligible students will be assigned grades by using the following rules which are also shown in the following figure:





- A+ grade may be assigned to the students above (x 2σ). Around 2.5% students in a class can be assigned A+ grade. For classes having less than 25 students, A+ grade may not be assigned.
- II. A grade may be assigned to the range between $(\bar{x}+3\sigma/2)$ and $(\bar{x}+2\sigma)$. Around 4.4% students in a class can get A grade.
- III. A- grade may be assigned to the range between (\bar{x} + 3 σ /2) and (\bar{x} + σ). Around 9.2% students can be assigned A- grade.
- IV. B+ grade may be assigned to the range between $(\bar{x}+\sigma)$ and $(\bar{x}+\sigma/2)$. Around 15% students can be assigned B+ grade.
- V. B grade may be assigned to the range between $(\bar{x}+\sigma/2)$ to $(x-\sigma/2)$. Around 38.2% students will get B grade.
- VI. B- grade may be assigned to the range between $(\bar{x}-\sigma/2)$ and $(\bar{x}-\sigma)$. Around 15% students can be assigned B- grade.
- VII. C+ grade may be assigned to the range between $(\bar{x} \sigma)$ and $(\bar{x} 4\sigma/3)$.
- VIII. C grade may be assigned to the range between $(\bar{x}-4\sigma/3)$ and $(x 5\sigma/3)$.
- IX. C- grade may be assigned to the range between $(\bar{x}-5\sigma/3)$ and $(\bar{x}-2\sigma)$.
- X. D and F grade may be assigned to the scores below $(\bar{x}-2\sigma)$.
- XI. Instructors may adjust the bin boundaries from the recommended ones, however significant deviations from the recommendations should be avoided.

12. Medical Emergencies / Unavoidable Circumstances

If a student is unable to appear in the end-of-semester examinations due to some unforeseen circumstances such as family tragedy, serious accidents and serious health ailments etc., then the student may be allowed to repeat the course when that course is being offered next time according to the rules stated below.

- The student may be given an Incomplete Grade("1" Grade) on the recommendation of the HOD and approval of the Dean of the concerned Faculty.
- II. The student must have fulfilled the required number of lectures.
- III. The student must have completed the midterm examination and the sessional work during the semester.
- IV. The student will only have to appear at the end of semester examination and may be allowed on the recommendation of the Head of Department and approved by the Dean, within the course add/drop deadline of the upcoming semester or within 1 month (whichever is earlier).
- If a student misses the final exam due to a genuine unforeseen circumstance or emergency, then he/she is eligible to apply for an exam retake.
- He/she must submit the required Examination Retake form after the department's approval.
- VII. Examination retake fee will be applicable as per policy.6

⁶ Approved in the 26th ACM, Agenda Item No. 18



13. Semester Freeze

- In case of a valid reason, a student may freeze his/her studies for a maximum of one year (two semesters) on the recommendation of the Head of Department and with the permission of the Dean.
- II. Semester freeze applications must be received before the start of the semester.
- III. Applying for a semester freeze in the 1st semester is not allowed. If a student freezes a semester(s), s/he will resume his/her studies from the same stage where s/he left (froze). The maximum duration of the degree program shall remain the same.
- IV. During the "freezing period", the applicant will lose his/her student status and shall not be entitled to any facilities such as hostel/medical/transport which the University extends to its regular students. The student will also not be eligible for any academic awards.
- V. The student will rejoin the University in the next semester after paying the semester fees.
- VI. If a student is not enrolled in any course in a semester, s/he will not be considered a regular student of university in that period. The student may then enroll in these courses in a subsequent semester; however, s/he will have to meet pre-requisites of any course taken. In addition, it is understood that the university is not required to offer all courses in each semester.
- VII. The duration of Freezing is one year; a candidate who gets a semester freeze can rejoin next year with the upcoming session but hardship cases can be considered by the competent authority only.
 - VIII. In case of semester freeze, if the student has paid the fee, s/he will be required to submit the fee again when registering for the frozen semester again.
 - IX. Under special/hardship circumstances mentioned below, freezing of the first semester can be considered by the approval of competent authority.
 - Iddat
 - Maternity/Delivery
 - · Death in the immediate family
 - Any other subject to acceptance on justified rationale

Note: Freezing of Semester will only be abwed after successful completion of the \$\frac{4}{2}\] Semester. A student will not be allowed to enroll in any course that requires clearance of a course as a prerequisite butwas not studied because of the semester freeze.

14. Indiscipline in Examinations

Any candidate found guilty of following matters, his/her case will be submitted to the Unfair Means Cases (UMC) Committee constituted by the University. The UMC committee meeting will be held after termination of examination well before the result declaration. This committee will be constituted of:



Controller of Examinations I.

- Convener

Head/Manager of Academic Affairs II.

- Member

Ш Concerned Chairperson - Member

IV 01 Professor/Associate Professor - Member

(nominated by Vice Chancellor) Deputy Controller of

Examinations

Secretary

Note. The tenure of the Unfair Means Committee will be 2 years from the date of notification with the approval of the Vice Chancellor on the recommendation of the Controller of Examinations.

An Unfair Means Case will be registered in following scenarios:

- Removes a leaf from his/her answer book, the answer book shall be cancelled. I.
- II. Submits forged or fake documents in connection with the examination.
- Ш Commits impersonation in the examination.
- IV. Copies from any paper, book or notes.
- V. Mutilates the Answer Book.
- VI Possesses any kind of material, which may be helpful to his/her in the examination unless instructed by the teacher.
- VII. Does anything that is immoral or illegal in connection with the examination and which may be helpful to him/her in the examination.
- VIII Refuses to obey the invigilation staff or refuses to follow the instructions issued by the university in connection with the examination.
- IX. Misbehaves or creates any kind of disturbance in or around the examination centre
- Χ. Uses abusive or obscene language on the answer script.
- XI. Possesses any kind of weapon in or around examination centre and may be referred to the disciplinary committee of ITU.
- XII. Possesses any kind of electronic device which may be helpful in the examination.
- XIII. Academic dishonesty may include plagiarism, dishonesty in examination or assignments, and falsification of data. These cases are reported to the Head of the concerned Department, who then places the case before the Unfair Means Committee so necessary actions can be taken.
- XIV. Any unauthorized material will be confiscated by the invigilator for using unfair means for presenting before the UMC committee.

14 1 Penalties:

His/her case shall result in penalties keeping in view the nature and intensity of offence.

- I. Cancellation of paper*.
- Ш Suspension from the program for one semester.
- Fine up to Rs. 20,000/- depending upon the offence. III.
- IV. Expulsion from the University.
- ٧. Any other.



* The Unfair Means Committee will decide whether the student will have to appear in summer semester/with regular semester for the cancelled paper.

14.2. Appeal against the decision of the Unfair Means Cases Committee

If a student is not satisfied by the decision of the Unfair Means Cases Committee, s/he can submit his/her appeal with the fee of Rs. 2000/- within a week after the decision of the Committee to the Vice Chancellor. No appeal shall lie against the decision of the Vice Chancellor. The appeal against the UMC is submitted to the VC which will be forwarded to the Grievance Redressal Committee.

15. Maximum duration to retain students' final examinations answer sheets⁷

- For Undergraduates Degree Programs, the maximum retention period for examination record will be 06 years (degree duration) + 01 year (additional year)
- II. For Graduate and Postgraduate Degree Programs, the retention period for examination record will be 03 years (degree duration) + 01 year (additional year)
- III. To discard the old record (as per above mentioned policy), a three-member committee will be constituted by the Registrar which will ensure the proper disposal of the exam papers.

16. Paper recheck Policy

Each department shall ensure that the academic performance of a student is evaluated in a fair and impartial manner, consistent with the university regulations. The teachers shall exercise their best professional judgement in evaluating student's performance.

- The answer book of a student shall not be re-assessed/re-evaluated under any circumstances
- II. However, if a student is willing to check his/her answer sheet, he/she may submit a written request for recheck to the office of HOD within two weeks after the receipt of the provisional transcript/result declaration along with a fee of Rs. 2000/- for each course.
- III. The Head of Department shall forward the application to the department of examinations.
- IV. The Department of Examinations can arrange for re-checking of examination script(s) by the deputy controller. The officer appointed shall see that:
 - There is no computational mistake in the grand total on the title page of the answer book.
 - The total of various parts of a question has been correctly made at the end of each question.
 - All totals have been correctly brought forward on the title page of the answer book.
 - No portion of any answer has been left un-marked.
 - Total marks in the answer book tally with the marks sheet. The hand-writing of the candidate tally in the questions/answer book.

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 $^{^{\}rm 7}$ Approved in the 12th ACM, Agenda Item No. 3



- V. Nobody on the candidate's behalf has the right to see or examine the answer books for any purpose.
- VI. The marks of a candidate could even decrease in light of (c) above. In the event of reduction of marks, the record shall be corrected accordingly and revised result/transcript will be issued.
 - VII. The outcome of the paper rechecking, if changed, will be shared with the concerned department and final grade will be provided by the respective department.

17. Transcript Policy

- Transcripts shall be issued only at the written request of a student. Verbal or telephonic requests shall neither be entertained nor accepted.
- II. Final transcripts of the student's complete record shall be issued on the University's security stationery, bearing the official embossed seal of the University.
- III. An incomplete transcript will be issued to those students who are unable to complete their degree within stipulated degree duration, after receipt of duly filled clearance form.
- IV. Transcripts shall not be issued to the students who are in debt to the University. Each student shall obtain a clearance from concerned departments on the Clearance Form prescribed by the Examinations department.

18. Transfer Policy for Internal and External Students

Requests for internal transfer will be forwarded to the concerned chairpersons for the review and further processing. Board of study of the concerned department will evaluate the cases and recommend the transfer of approved courses and credit hours to be carried forward to consider to complete the degree requirements in the new discipline.

Transfer cases of the external students who want to apply for transfer of credit hours at Information Technology University of the Punjab, will be forwarded to the transfer committee. The transfer committee will give its decision after reviewing the case.

Transfer committee will be consisting of the following:

- I. Dean, Faculty of Sciences or their nominee
- II. Dean, Faculty of Engineering or their nominee
- III. Dean, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences or their nominee
- IV. Dean, Faculty of Business & Management or their nominee
- V. Controller of Examinations
- VI. Manager Academics



19. Matters Related to Degrees Conferment

The university shall conduct Convocation once in a year to award the degrees to the qualified students as per HEC approved criteria.

- The Academic Council recommended that degrees should be prepared batch-wise. However, an urgent degree can be issued as per policy of the University upon the request of the student by paying requisite fee and duly filled application form.
- II. Duplicate Degree may be issued (with completion of all requirements) to a candidate in case the original degree is lost/damaged or in case of change in the name of the candidate. The candidate has to apply to the Office of Examinations for the issuance of a duplicate degree along with the relevant documentary proof as per University rules issued from time to time.

20. Deans' Honor List

- Students with an excellent academic performance in a semester shall be placed on the Dean's Honor List. The eligibility criteria are given below:
- II. 3.5 GPA in a semester for undergraduate and Master's degree.
- III. Student will have to take a full workload for a semester as prescribed by his respective department.
- IV. Students who get an incomplete 'I', 'F' and 'W' grade shall not be eligible for the Dean's Honor List.

21. Award of University Gold Medal

- The student with an outstanding performance and with the highest CGPA in each degree program, but not less than a CGPA of 3.5.
- II. There should be no 'F', 'I' and 'W' grade in the academic record of the student.
- III. There should be no repeat course and semester freeze in the academic record of the student.
- IV. There should be no disciplinary case or warning against him/her in the records.
- If two students attain the same highest cumulative grade point average (CGPA), then each
 of them will receive a University Gold medal.
- The student must have passed all semester with prescribed course load limit and in minimum duration.
- VII. While considering a student for the award of University Gold Medal, students' attendance and disciplinary record may be considered and decided accordingly.

22. Time Limit for the Completion of Degree

Time limit for the completion of the 4 years' Undergraduate degree and Graduate/M.Phil. shall ordinarily be four years and two years respectively from the beginning of the first course counted towards the degree. However, a 4 years' degree program can be extended up to 6 years and a 2 years' degree program can be extended up to 4 years.



22.1 Extension of Degree Period⁸

In case of valid reason / excuse, the period of study may be extended for one additional year (Two Semesters) in all university programs. The student(s) who will not complete studies within stated periods including extension shall be struck off from the rolls of the university. The students who have been given the right to extend the duration of study for one additional year are required to pay a new registration fee along with normal fee for that academic year.

23. Instructions for Invigilators of Examination

- I. An invigilation schedule for invigilators to be prepared by the Office of Examinations.
- II. Concerned faculty members or course instructors and invigilators on duty are required to reach ITU 30 minutes before the start of the paper.
- III. The Invigilators should collect the answer sheets from the concerned department at least 15 minutes before the commencement of the examination.
- IV. An invigilator will have to ensure suitable alternate arrangements, well in advance, if s/he is unable to invigilate.
- Invigilators are expected to instruct students to keep manuals, notebooks, guides, programmable calculators, text books and cell phones outside the examination hall.
- VI. Open book papers require separate arrangements and must be indicated by the concerned course instructor to the Department in advance.
- VII. Answer sheets should be issued to the students after they are seated. Before distributing the question paper, students will have to be advised to read the instructions printed on the answer sheet carefully.
- VIII. After distributing answer sheets the invigilator must sign the answer sheets of all the students. Exam attendance sheet must be circulated among the students to make sure that all students have signed their attendance on the attendance sheet. Please mark 'ABSENT' for students who are not present.
- IX. Attendance of the students may be verified from the Examination Attendance Sheet for a particular paper. Serial number of the Answer Sheets should also be verified.
- X. Invigilator must announce that the paper is to be attempted on the Answer Sheets that have been provided. Objective part of the paper (MCQs) may however be attempted on the question paper only.
- XI. No short break will be given to any student. In case of emergency the invigilator may depute a staff member with the suffering examinee to resolve the problem; grant of extra time (if required) depends on the severity of the situation with intimation to Office of Examinations.
- XII. Students are not permitted to leave the examination hall during the examination for any purpose. They can leave after handing over the answer sheet.
- XIII. All unused answer sheets should be handed over to the Office of Examinations with a consumption report. Use of answer sheets for any other official or personal work is strictly forbidden.

⁸ Approved in 10th ACM, Agenda Item No. 3



- XIV. Invigilators on duty will ensure that all the students have handed over their answer sheets to the invigilator before leaving the examination room.
- XV. To make invigilation more effective the invigilator should take rounds in the examination room and avoid sitting (as far as possible).
- XVI. The invigilator should concentrate on invigilation. Reading a book or newspaper, working on a computer MUST be avoided.
- XVII. The examinees should be warned before the start of every paper to refrain from unfair means and not to carry any material that could help them in copying the answers.
- XVIII. Case of unfair means should be promptly reported in writing to the respective Head of the Department who will then forward the case to the Office of Examinations for placing in the UMC committee.
- XIX. A representative of the Office of Examination or any member of the Disciplinary Committee may visit the examination rooms during the examination.

24. Examination Regulations for Students

In the interest of maintaining the discipline at ITU all students are reminded of the following Examination Regulations

- I. Students must have with them their valid ITU student I.D. card.
- II. Students must provide all the required information, including his/her name and Registration No. on the first page of the answer sheet before he/she receives the question paper.
- III. Students will not be allowed to enter the examination hall, 30 minutes after the start of the examination.
- IV. No student will be allowed to leave the examination hall before the end of the first one hour of the examination.
- V. No student is allowed to take a cell phone or a similar device in the Examination hall.
- VI. Students are not allowed to borrow or share calculators or stationery during the examination.
- VII. No student is permitted to talk, hum or use any other means to communicate with each other during the examination.
- VIII. Students are not allowed to write anything on the question paper. All written work, rough or fair, should be done on the answer sheets. Only black and blue ink is allowed for written answers.
- IX. To draw the attention of the Invigilator, a student must raise his/her hand.
- X. Violation of the Invigilator's instructions can lead to registration of UMC.
- XI. Cheating in any examination in any manner is a very serious offence which can lead to registration of UMC.
- XII. Any violation of the Examination Rules and Regulations are to be reported to the Office of Examinations by the invigilator in writing.



25. Degree Issuance Fee for the Graduates9

An amount equivalent to one-credit hour fee will be charged from all students as a convocation fee with the fee of their last regular semester (BS 8th, MS 4th & Ph.D.) via other dues fee bill under the head "Convocation Fee".

26. Vice Chancellor's Authority in Special Cases.

Notwithstanding anything contained in these regulations, the Vice Chancellor shall have the powers to issue orders, directions or instructions for the smooth working of the semester/examination system where the Regulations are silent, ambiguous or deficient. The decision of the Vice Chancellor shall be final with regard to the interpretation of the regulations.

⁹ Approved in the 27th ACM, Agenda Item No. 4



ITU MS/M.Phil. Regulations



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1. Short Title and Commencement

- I. These regulations may be called ITU MS/MPhil Regulations.
- II. These shall come into force at once and applicable to all graduate degree programs and applicable with effect from semester Fall 2025 to all enrolled students.

Definitions

In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions shall have the meaning hereby assigned to them:

I. University:

The University means Information Technology University of the Punjab (ITU).

II. Vice Chancellor:

The Vice Chancellor (VC) means the Vice Chancellor of Information Technology University of the Punjab (ITU).

III. Credit Hour:

- (1) One theory credit hour will require one hour of classroom or direct faculty instruction and a minimum of two hours of out of class student work per week for sixteen weeks in one semester, or an equivalent amount of total time.
- (2) One credit hour of lab will consist of three contact hours in lab per week for sixteen weeks in one semester or equivalent amount of work. For other academic activities as established by the institution including laboratory work, internships, practical, studio work, and other academic work leading to the award of credit hours, the Lab Credit hour definition will be used.

IV. Grade Point Average (GPA):

GPA is an average of grade per credit hour for all courses getting a grade letter taken at ITU in one semester.

V. Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA):

CGPA is an average of grade per credit hour for all completed semesters.

VI. External Examiner

An examiner is a teaching staff or subject expert, other than ITU to review portfolios/projects, thesis, and equivalents.

VII. Registrar:

"Registrar" means the Registrar of ITU.



VIII. Controller of Examinations

"Controller of Examinations" means the Controller of Examinations of university.

IX. Semester:

A division of academic duration lasting between 15-18 weeks.

X. Faculty:

"Faculty" means Professor, Associate Professor, Assistant Professor, and Lecturer / Teaching Fellow engaged by the ITU for teaching graduate and postgraduate classes and such other persons as may be declared as "Faculty" by the regulations.

XI. Teaching Department:

"Teaching Department" means a department established and maintained by the University with a primary goal of teaching.

XII. ACM

ACM stands for Academic Council Meeting of Information Technology University of the Punjab.

XIII MS

MS Stands for Master of Science.

XIV. MPhil:

MPhil stands for Master of Philosophy.

2. Guidelines to Launch a Graduate Program and Awarding Degree

Organizational autonomy is crucial for developing self-reliance and resilience within an organization. In an academic context, it creates an environment conducive to research. The HEC recognizes the importance of universities' autonomy in accordance with their Act.

However, regulatory constraints are also necessary to ensure that the objectives of the sector align with the national goals. This policy seeks to strike a balance between academic autonomy and regulatory requirements. The Graduate Education Policy-I provides a broad framework for achieving national goals through academic and research excellence, and universities are expected to program graduate degree awards within the guidelines set forth in this policy.

- 2.1 To launch a new graduate program, the university is required to ensure the following:
- I. The Act of the university allows the program to be offered.
- II. The rationale for launching the program is established. It delineates that the need, scope, and objectives of launching the degree program in terms of market demand and supply (both students and resources) have been assessed; societal problems expected to be resolved have been identified, and employability of graduates that the prospective program is expected to enhance has been determined, satisfactorily through all the statutory bodies keeping in view the national research agenda and sustainable development goals.



- The title of the program is defined in light of the "Criteria for Use of Titles/Nomenclature for the Degree" as listed in the National Qualification Framework (2015).
- The curriculum of the program is consistent with the guidelines issued by the HEC and international best practices.
- V. Admission policy with the following information:
 - i. An Academic Calendar as per HEC and University policy
 - Procedures and processes to submit application for admission explaining the manual and electronic ways.
 - Processes ensuring the dissemination of admission information to prospective students.
 - iv. The documentary requirements for admission
 - v. Merit determination criteria defined and explained.
 - vi. Minimum eligibility criteria for granting admission.
- The program completion requirements satisfy the HEC's minimum criteria for awarding graduate degrees.
- VII. The other requirements of HEC regarding the arrangement of relevant faculty (in terms of numbers, level, student-to-teacher ratio, student-to-supervisor ratio etc.), establishment of a library and laboratory have been met.
- The degree program has been approved for launch by all relevant statutory bodies of the university.
- If applicable, any necessary approvals are obtained by accreditation councils to launch the program.
- X. Policies to inculcate a research culture by incorporating a system of research supervision that has been approved by relevant statutory bodies and governed following the guidelines delineated in this policy.
- Policies to ensure academic research ethics have been developed, approved by the relevant statutory bodies and implemented as prescribed in this policy.
- XII. Policies to address academic grievances of graduate students have been outlined, approved by the relevant statutory bodies and implemented through a grievance management system, as advised in this policy.
- XIII. If applicable, HEC's permission has been sought to launch a new graduate program.

3. Advertisement

The opening of the admissions cycle will be announced by ITU. This announcement may be made on the ITU website and/or through print and/or electronic media. Admissions may also be advertised through social media including Facebook, Linkedin, Twitter etc.

4. Eligibility Criteria

- Sixteen years of schooling or 4 years' education (minimum 120 credit hours) after HSSC/F.A./F.Sc/Grade 12 or equivalent shall be required for admission in the MPhil/MS/Equivalent program.
- Only those candidates who have submitted complete applications and meet the Elizibility Criteria will be considered.
- III. Eligible applicants may be invited to take the ITU Admission Test with a passing score



as decided by the University but not less than 50%.

- IV. Applicants for some of the graduate programs may be exempted from the ITU Admissions Test if they have taken alternate exams as approved by the relevant department. The required level in these exams will also be decided by each department.
- V. The number of shortlisted candidates will depend upon the available seats in each department. These candidates may also be called for interviews in addition of the other evaluation criteria. The weightage for admission criteria will be decided by the University.

4.1 Inter/Intra-disciplinary Qualifications:

The Board of Studies of each academic department of the university will assess and decide about the relevance, eligibility and pre-requisites for inter/intra-disciplinary qualifications.

5. Process of Admission Application

Applicants will register and apply through the online admission portal available on ITU website.

5.1 Admission Decision

Selected candidates will be informed of the admission decisions through the Merit Lists displayed on ITU webpage.

5.2 Admission Confirmation

All admissions will be provisional, and shall be confirmed after receiving proof of academic requirements and requisite documentation. If a selected applicant fails to meet the Eligibility Criteria in Bachelors (or equivalent examination) as specified for their degree program, their admission will immediately stand cancelled.

5.3 Admission Cancellation

ITU reserves the right to cancel the admission of students involved in any undesirable or illegal activity. ITU also reserves the right to cancel admission of a student at any time if the student is found to have submitted false, forged or incorrect information/documents.

6. Schedule of Semester

An academic year is divided into two regular semesters and a summer semester (optional):

- 1. Fall Semester
- 2. Spring Semester
- 3. Summer Semester



7. Course Layout

Course Layout for Graduate Program

Required Credit Hours for degree completion	Minimum 30 CH are required for degree completion (31 CH for Faculty of Sciences) which will include
	 24 credit hours of course work (25 CH for FoS) and 6 credit hours for research based thesis
Semester Duration	15 -18 weeks including 1- 2 weeks of final examination
Course Duration	4 Semesters (2 years)
Course Load per semester for Regular students	9-12 Credit Hours
	6-12 Credit Hours (FoS)
	In exceptional cases, minimum limit of
	credit hours can be reduced to 3 CH
_	subject to the approval of the
	Chairperson of the concerned department.

- a. Minimum passing grade for the MS degree is `C' in each course. In case of a grade below than `C', the student must repeat that course to improve his grade.
- In case a student gets a grade less than 'C' in a course, his grade will appear in his result sheet and on his transcript.
- Scholarships and honors will be awarded on prescribed workload.

7.1 Credits Transfer, Evaluation and Grading

 The credit transfers of coursework from one university/DAI/HEI to another as well as to evaluate students' academic performance (both formative and summative) and award of grades will be governed through ITU's transfer of credit policy.

8. Degree Completion Timeline

- Time limit for the completion of the MS/M.Phil. shall ordinarily be two years from the beginning of the first course counted towards the degree. However, a 2 years' degree program can be extended up to 4 years.
- II. In case a student is unable to secure an MS/MPhil within the prescribed timeframe and claims for extension in duration, the university may constitute appropriate authority and determine the causes of delay. In the event of force majeure (i.e., delay on account of circumstance beyond the control of student), the university may grant an extension in the period of award of MS/MPhil degree in accordance with the



duration limiting factor(s) and shall also take corrective measures in case the delay is caused by process or administrative reasons.

9. Research Work/Thesis Policy

Following points constitute the research work/thesis enrollment policy for the MS program:

9.1 Thesis Work

MS program at ITU expects that students will perform high quality research work during their thesis and will make meaningful contribution to the area of their research. Regular time allowed for MS thesis work is 12 months from the date of thesis registration. In the third and fourth semesters each MS student will enroll in Thesis-I and Thesis-II respectively.

It is mandatory for a student enrolled in Thesis-I to achieve S/U/CR grade by the end of the semester in which he/she is enrolled.

- I. Upon receiving S grade, the student will be eligible to enroll in Thesis-II.
- Upon receiving U grade, the student will re-register for Thesis-I and will pay full fee.
- iii. Upon receiving CR grade student will re-register for Thesis-I and will be charged Rs.1000/- (thesis re-register fee) and student will be bound to achieve S grade in the next semester otherwise will be awarded U grade and has to re-register for Thesis-I with full fee.

Students enrolled in Thesis-II for the first time, are required to attain a grade by the end of the semester otherwise they will be awarded CR grade every semester and will be required to pay Rs. 1000 as thesis re-registration fee until final grade is awarded.

9.2 Thesis Time Limitation

Students are advised to complete their coursework and thesis work in two years (four semesters) time to avoid getting time-barred. Students are further encouraged to plan their coursework such that they register for Thesis-I in the 3rd semester of their MS at ITU. A time-barred student's degree shall be unsuccessful and he/she shall not be conferred the degree by ITU. Maximum duration to complete MS degree at ITU is four years. The time barred student may be allowed to get diploma i.e. DAS-AI if enrolled in MSDS.

10. Minimum Eligibility Requirement for Thesis Registration

- Minimum 15-18 course work credits (as prescribed by the concerned faculty) must be earned by the student to register for the thesis. Exceptional cases may be forwarded to the concerned Chairperson and thesis advisor.
- A student on Academic Probation will not be registered in thesis unless he improves his grade to remove the probation.

11. Thesis Defense and Submission

I. Students are encouraged to register for Thesis-I in 3rd semester of MS at ITU. For this



a student must submit the following form:

- TH-1 form to be submitted to the respective department/coordinator's office.
 TH-1 form includes a brief research synopsis, and is duly endorsed by the Supervisor and Co-Supervisor (if any).
- If the Supervisor is from a different faculty within ITU, then the Co-Supervisor must be selected from the student's faculty.

A student's GEC will be formed by his/her supervisor before the Thesis I presentation. The composition of the GEC differs for each faculty.

FoS	FoE	FBM	FHSS
Two (02) members	Co-supervisor (optional), At least One (01) PhD Faculty Member, One External Evaluator	Supervisor & two members (of which at least one should be a PhD)	Supervisor, Co- Supervisor, External Evaluator & at least two faculty members

- At this stage Synopsis Approval shall be required to be taken from Board of Advance Studies & Research (BASR).
- III. Completion of Thesis-I is subject to successful Thesis-I defense. In Thesis-I Defense, the student is required to carry out a presentation in order to defend his/her thesis progress. The student is expected to defend his problem statement along with necessary support from the literature survey and share his/her research plan.

Thus following shall comprise the Thesis-I Defense:

- An official synopsis defense presentation to the Graduate Examination Committee (GEC);
- ii. A poster highlighting the findings of Thesis-I (if required); and
- iii. Thesis-I report submission to the supervisor. The report should comprise the following sections:
- Introduction: Introduce your research problem, provide its motivation and the intended contribution.
- Literature Survey: A detailed literature survey providing up-to-date and comprehensive review of prior work related to the thesis.
- Preliminary Analysis/Results: Details of any preliminary work carried out and its analysis/results.
- Thesis-II plan: A detailed plan that identifies the various thesis tasks and their timelines for next semester.
- IV. Thesis II can only be registered after clearing Thesis I with a Satisfactory (S) grade. The processes require submission of the following form:
 - i. Thesis II enrollment will be done through CMS.
 - TH-II registration form to be submitted to the respective department/coordinator's office duly endorsed by the Supervisor and Co-Supervisor (if any).
- V. After successful registration of Thesis-II, the next step is the final Thesis Defense presentation. The Student is expected to defend his Thesis achievements during the thesis defense presentation. The student is also required to submit draft of his/her Thesis prior to defense to his supervisor and GEC. Thesis is evaluated by supervisor.



and GEC (external member may become part of GEC). Based upon the evaluation the student shall be allowed to conduct his thesis defense presentation and will later awarded thesis grades.

12. Re-Registration of Thesis for MS students

- The due date for results submission of the Thesis will be the add/drop deadline of next semester.
- II. At the end of every semester, the teaching department will forward a signed result for Thesis I and II for all registered students to the Examinations Office. The department will assign a "CR" grade (continued research) for all those students whose grades are not final, or the Examinations Office will do so if the grades are not received by the department till the due date.
- III. It is mandatory for a student enrolled I Thesis-I to achieve S/U/CR grade by the end of the semester in which he/she is enrolled.
 - Upon receiving S grade, the student will be eligible to enroll in Thesis-II.
 - ii. Upon receiving U grade, the student will re-register for Thesis-I and pay full fee.
 - iii. Upon receiving CR grade, the student will re-register for Thesis-I and will be charged Rs. 1000/- (thesis re-registration fee) and student will be bound to achieve S grade in the next semester, otherwise will be awarded U grade and has to re-register Thesis-I with full fee.
- IV. Students enrolled in Thesis-II for the first time, are required to attain a grade by the end of the semester otherwise they will be awarded CR grade every semester and will be required to pay Rs. 1000/- as thesis re-registration fee until final grade is awarded.

13. Plagiarism Policy

All graduate students are expected meet the highest standards of academic integrity. Plagiarism, fabrication, falsification, cheating, and other acts of academic dishonesty, or abetting the academic dishonesty of another will result in sanctions and may lead to academic dismissal.

Using ChatGPT and similar Generative Al-tools for thesis writing will be strictly considered as plagiarism. Researchers may use Generative Al-tools to understand basic phenomena of anything and should not replace the key researcher tasks such as producing scientific insights, analyzing and interpreting data or drawing scientific conclusions. The authors are responsible and accountable for the contents of the work and should not rely solely on Al-generated content. In any case, the contents copied from such tools should not exceed 5 to 15% (depending on the concerned faculty's policy).



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Definitions

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1. Credit Hour:

- (1) One hour of classroom or direct faculty instruction and a minimum of two hours of out of class student work each week for approximately fifteen to eighteen weeks for one semester, or ten to twelve weeks for one quarter hour of credit, or the equivalent amount of work over a different amount of time; or
- (2) At least an equivalent amount of work as required in paragraph (1) of this definition for other academic activities as established by the institution including research work, laboratory work, internships, field work, practical, studio work, and other academic work leading to the award of credit hours.

OR

One credit hour of laboratory or practical work / project would require lab contact of three hours per week throughout the semester.

II. Grade Point Average (GPA):

A weighted average of grades for courses taken at ITU in one semester.

III. Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA):

CGPA is a weighted average of grades for all semesters up to the latest semester.

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An examiner of teaching staff and/or subject/industry experts, other than ITU to review portfolios/projects, thesis and equivalents.

V. Registrar:

"Registrar" means the Registrar of University.

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"Controller of Examinations" means the Controller of Examinations of the University.

VII. Semester:

A division of academic duration lasting between 15-18 weeks.

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IX. Teaching Department:

"Teaching Department" means a teaching department established and maintained by the University.

X. Vice Chancellor:

"Vice Chancellor" means the Vice Chancellor of the University.

XI. ACM:

ACM stands for Academic Council Meeting of Information Technology University.

XII. BASR:

BASR stands for Board of Advanced Studies and Research of Information Technology University.

XIII. MS:

MS Stands for Master of Science/Studies.

XIV. MPhil:

MPhil stands for Master of Philosophy.

XV. PhD:

PhD stands for Doctor of Philosophy.

XVI. Adjunct Faculty:

A contractual faculty member, temporary or part-time, hired outside their full time profession such as researchers and scientists at any R&D or public/private sector organization, by educational institutions, typically colleges or universities, to teach specific courses or provide instructional support.

Ph.D. Regulations of Information Technology University of the Punjab

A detailed roadmap for the PhD Engineering and Computer Science programs has been approved by the Academic Council (ACM), Board of Advanced Studies and Research (BASR) and other competent authorities at ITU. Following regulations regarding PhD programs have been approved for the smooth functioning of the Teaching, Academic and Examinations departments.

2. Doctoral Program Review Committee (DPRC)

The role of the Doctoral Program Review Committee is to ensure that all rules and procedures that are set forth are duly followed. The DPRC will also revise the program and procedural rules whenever needed, in order to update them with new HEC rules and regulations that come into effect. The DPRC will also ensure that the doctoral program undergoes both formative and summative evaluation.

- a. The committee comprises full-time faculty members of the university. The Vice-Chancellor will formulate, and notify, a DPRC of the following faculty:
 - i. Dean of the Faculty as Chair
 - ii. Chairperson(s) of the departments in the relevant Faculty as members



- One PhD faculty, from same faculty, will be nominated as Secretary DPRC by Dean of the concerned Faculty
- DPRC will ensure conformity of PhD being carried out in that faculty to the rules set forth
- DPRC will also ensure the quality of the PhD program being carried out in the concerned faculty.

3. PhD Eligibility Requirements

- a. A student must have completed 18 years of education by completing M.Phil./MS/Equivalent degree (with at least 6 credits hours of master's research thesis) in a relevant discipline from an HEC recognized university.
 - The relevant disciplines will be approved by the Central Admission Committee via concerned faculty's Doctoral Program Review Committee (DPRC).
 - The student must hold a valid accredited degree, for admission in the PhD program of FoS and FoE.
- b. Students pursuing MS/MPhil studies and interested in admission to PhD may be granted provisional admission provided that confirmation of the admission shall be subject to the fulfillment of the following conditions:
 - MS/MPhil degree completion within three months from the date of provisional admission, as prescribed in this policy otherwise his admission will be revoked.
 - ii. Clearance of the admission test, as prescribed in this policy.
 - A student with provisional admission will not get PhD stipend until his/her admission is confirmed.
- c. Tuition fee waiver and/or stipend will be determined from case to case basis. The mandatory other university dues will remain applicable.
- for foreign qualified students, an equivalence certificate issued by HEC will be required.
- e. Admission Criteria:
 - Internal criteria for admission is given below and it can be changed by the Central Admission Committee: 40% Academic History + 40% Test Score + 20% Interview. Academic history will consider grades in SSC, HSSC, BS, and MS degrees with weightages defined by the Central Admission Committee.
 - The candidate is required to secure at least 60% marks in each of the academic history (combined), interview, and the ITU admission test.
 - In place of ITU admission test, a test equivalent to GRE General, conducted by testing bodies accredited by HEC, with a passing score of 60% or as approved by ACM, might be accepted.
 - iv. For admission into the PhD program, a minimum CGPA 3.0 out of 4.0 in the Semester System or equivalent, as per HEC CGPA-Percentage conversion formula, in the Annual System in MS/MSc./M.Phil/Equivalent degree is required.
- f. The admission is conditional to the acceptance of an ITU faculty member to being the PhD supervisor, alongwith fulfillment of other criteria and standards.



4. PhD Admission Tests

- a. Admission tests will be conducted by ITU.
- b. Tests will be prepared by the relevant faculty.
- All admission tests will be conducted as per rules approved by DPRC keeping in view HEC guidelines
- d. Any change in the test format will be recommended by DPRC and approved by CAC.

Statement of Purpose

As part of the admission process to PhD programs, applicants shall be required to submit a statement of purpose, which shall form an integral part of the application. The admissions committee shall use the information provided to ascertain the preparedness and interest of the candidate in pursuing doctoral studies, and whether the department has the requisite resources to train and supervise the doctoral candidate in the subspecialty in which the applicant is interested. A statement of purpose shall, at least, include the following:

- i. Title of the potential research proposal
- Clear articulation of the current understanding of the intended field and ideas for potential research.
- iii. Explanation of the intended impact of the proposed research.
- The prospective candidates shall demonstrate passion and enthusiasm for the area of research.
- The candidate is required to submit original academic documents to the Academics department for the duration of the Phd program.

5. PhD Fees and Scholarships

- a. Students may join ITU on regular fees, tuition fee waiver, external scholarships and/or ITU scholarships.
- To get ITU PhD scholarship, a candidate needs to be a full time student with at least six registered credit hours in each semester.
- In case of external scholarships, a student has to follow the requirements of the relevant funding agency in addition to the university's policies.
- All students getting ITU scholarship are required to observe the residency requirement of 40 hours per week for a minimum duration of four years.

6. PhD Supervisor and Co-supervisors

- A supervisor must be ITU approved with an allowable limit of the number of PhD students set forth by HEC.
- b. A supervisor should be a regular PhD faculty member of ITU at the time of supervisor
- If the supervisor is from a different faculty within ITU, then a co-supervisor must be selected from the student's faculty.



- d. Co-supervisors must have PhD Degree and may be selected from ITU or any other local
 or foreign university/institute of good repute as approved by the DPRC.
- e. Approval of Supervisor/Co-supervisor will be obtained from DPRC and endorsed by
- f. Any change of Supervisor or Co-supervisor of a PhD student will also be approved by BASR through DPRC.
- g. Any changes in GEC will be approved by DPRC.
- h. If a supervisor leaves ITU after the synopsis defense of his/her PhD student, he/she may continue as a supervisor after approval of DPRC and BASR. The supervisor may be hired as an adjunct faculty member and he/she will continue supervision in the adjunct faculty rule. A co-supervisor from the concerned department must be appointed in this case.

7. Graduate Evaluation Committee (GEC):

- The Graduate Evaluation Committee (GEC) will be formed during the first semester of the PhD program.
- b. GEC will have at least two members in addition to the main supervisor.
- c. All co-supervisors will be part of the GEC committee.
- d. At least one GEC member should be an ITU faculty member.
- e. All GEC members must have completed PhD degrees from well reputed universities.
- Supervisor will propose names of potential GEC members to the DPRC for approval from BASR.
- g. Any change in GEC members will need to be approved by DPRC and endorsed by BASR.

8. PhD Student's Course work:

- a. Students will take at least six subjects comprising 18 credit hours, within the first three semesters, following the recommendations of the supervisor and the GEC. Graduate level courses will be counted in the credit hours of a PhD student.
- b. A supervisor may require a student to take extra courses to improve his/her skills. Courses taken below graduate level will not be graded, rather only marked Pass/Fail.
- c. Students have to maintain a minimum CGPA of 3.0 in his coursework.
 - i. If the CGPA falls below 3.0, that student will be on probation.
 - ii. A PhD student on probation will be given one more semester to recover 3.0 GPA.
 - If the student fails to recover it in the next semester, his/her case will be referred to DPRC.
 - DPRC will make a decision if more time should be given to the student or termination from the program.
- d. If a student gets a grade less than C+ in a course, he/she must repeat that course. If that particular course is not offered in the next semester, then the student's supervisor will decide a replacement course in consultation with GEC.



e. PhD Students may be offered one-to-one courses by the approval of the supervisor and GEC. Maximum of two such courses can be counted towards the coursework requirement of the PhD student.

9. Pre Synopsis Research Credit Hours:

- If enough relevant courses are not available before the synopsis, then the student may register in Pre Synopsis Research Credit Hours to have at least six credit hours in each semester to maintain his or her full-time status.
- b. A student can take a maximum of 12 Pre Synopsis Research Credit Hours in total. However, the PhD student cannot register more than six Pre Synopsis Research Credit Hours in each semester before the completion of coursework.
- c. Pre Synopsis Research Credit Hours will be graded as Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory.
- d. Pre Synopsis Research Credit Hours grade will not count towards GPA/CGPA.
- e. Minimum of 06 Pre Synopsis Research Credit Hours with a satisfactory grade is one of the requirements for the successful completion of a PhD degree.

10. PhD Comprehensive Exam

- a. Comprehensive exam would be taken after completing the course work.
- Comprehensive exam is recommended to be conducted aligned with the midterm of every semester, or final term.
- PhD students may be given two opportunities to clear comprehensive exams within 4 regular semesters.
- d. The defense of synopsis/research proposals should be completed within six semesters. In case of non-compliance, the registration shall be cancelled and a transcript for completion of coursework may be issued to the student.
- e. The following are the guidelines for conducting Comprehensive Examination:
 - The exam should be based on recapitulation of the in depth knowledge of the discipline to which the student is admitted.
 - ii. The evaluation shall be expressed in terms of pass/fail and shall be shown on transcript.
- f. The PhD comprehensive exam has two parts of equal weightage:
 - i. "Major Exam" examining the depth of the PhD student's knowledge
 - ii. "Minor Exam" examining the breadth of the PhD student's knowledge.
- g. The content of both the major and minor exams will be decided by the student's supervisor in coordination with GEC.
- The exam content will be communicated to the student by the relevant department and scheduled with the Examinations department.
- Both parts of the exam will be conducted as a written exam and can be taken the same day or on separate days.
 - Any change in the format of the exam will be approved by DPRC.

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- The result will be submitted by the supervisor and GEC through the Examinations
 department
- Maximum two attempts of Comprehensive exam will be allowed in each part of the exam separately. In case a student fails one part of the exam but passes the second part, then the student has to repeat only the failed part.
- A student must obtain absolute 60% marks in each part of the exam (major and minor).

11. PhD Synopsis Defense:

- A student must have passed the Comprehensive Exam before appearing for the synopsis defense.
 - Once a student is ready for the synopsis defense, the student will submit an application on a prescribed form to the department.
 - ii. The schedule of synopsis will be communicated to the Examinations department.
 - iii. Synopsis presentation will be announced and open to the ITU community.
 - iv. Synopsis defense is meant to ensure that the identified research problem is worthy of PhD-level research as determined by GEC. Synopsis defense will be conducted by the department and evaluated by the GEC and supervisor.
- b. A synopsis report and presentation will also be submitted to the department outlining the details of the synopsis. It must contain a sufficiently broad area survey and identification of the potential research gaps. It must also contain the potential solutions of the problem with preliminary results which the student will explore in future.
- c. The result of the synopsis defense will be declared as satisfactory/unsatisfactory by the supervisor and the GEC committee members on prescribed forms and submitted to the Examinations department.
- d. If the synopsis defense is unsatisfactory, the student will be allowed to re-appear after a minimum of one month. Maximum two attempts of synopsis defense will be allowed.
- e. Synopsis summary will be recommended by DPRC and approved by BASR.

12. PhD Research Credit Hours:

- a. PhD research credit hours will be enrolled after successful synopsis defense.
- The students should take a total of 42 research credit hours apart from the course work and comprises Pre Synopsis Research Credit Hours (6-12 CHs) and PhD Research Credit hours (30-36 CHs).
- PhD Research Credit Hours will be graded as Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory.
- d. PhD Research Credit Hours grade will not count towards GPA/CGPA.



13. Publication Requirement Towards Completion of PhD:

- For the award of a PhD degree, a PhD researcher shall be required to publish a minimum of one research article in a W category journal.
 - i. Only first authored papers presenting scholarly research will be counted.
 - ii. Survey papers or review papers will not be counted.
 - The paper must get accepted after the synopsis defense to be counted/considered towards fulfilment of PhD requirement.
 - iv. The papers published by the PhD student, if included in his thesis, must be properly cited and may be excluded from the thesis similarity report as determined by the supervisor as per HEC rules.
- In coordination with GEC, the supervisor may increase the publication requirement in terms of the number of conference/journal papers or specify certain top venues in

14. PhD Thesis Evaluation:

- a. The supervisor will nominate at least three foreign experts and four local experts to the DPRC as potential thesis evaluators. Supervisor will preferably obtain the consent of these evaluators beforehand.
 - i. The relevance of the potential experts will be reviewed by DPRC.
 - All potential evaluators must belong to reputable institutes and must satisfy the requirements set forth by the HEC.
 - iii. Evaluators should not have co-authored papers with the PhD student.
- DPRC will select one foreign/external expert and two local experts/examiners to review the thesis. One expert in each category to be selected as reserved.

The one foreign/external expert shall be:

 PhD faculty members from the world top 500 universities ranked by the Times Higher Education or QS World Ranking in the year corresponding to dissertation evaluation year.

OR

- ii. Pakistan-based Distinguished National Professors, Meritorious Professors from any national university; or professors from top universities ranked by HEC; or professors from any Pakistani University having a minimum H-Index 30 for Sciences, 15 for Social Sciences or 8 for Art & Humanities as determined by Web of Science and approved by BASR.
- c. The secretary of DPRC will request the expert/examiners to review the thesis.



- Final approval of selected local and foreign experts will be endorsed by BASR.
- e. At least one foreign expert and two local experts must recommend the work done in the thesis to be sufficient for the award of a PhD degree in well reputed Universities as one of the requirements of PhD completion.
- Both the local and the foreign evaluators will be offered compensations as approved by the competent authority.
- g. All evaluators will submit their recommendations on specified forms to DPRC which will be submitted to the Examinations department.

15. Plagiarism

A similarity test, in accordance with ITU's Anti-Plagiarism Policy, must be conducted on the dissertation before its submission to the external experts by the student.

The thesis will be checked using Turnitin by Supervisor and GEC for plaglarism. A copy of the originality report should be attached with the thesis and submitted to DPRC. The similarity found should be within limits as per HEC plaglarism policy and instructions. According to the HEC Anti-Plaglarism policy, HEC allows the Similarity Index to be less than or equal to 19% and less than 5% from a single source.

16. PhD Thesis Defense:

- Before public PhD thesis defense, an in-house defense will be scheduled by the supervisor and GEC members approved by DPRC.
 - Supervisor and GEC will ensure that all changes recommended by the evaluators have been incorporated in the thesis.
 - ii. Student has completed all requirements for the award of the PhD degree.
 - Results of in-house thesis defense will be announced on approved forms and communicated to the Examinations department.
 - The proposed date of public defense will also be communicated by the department to the Examinations department through DPRC.
- Public PhD defense will be announced by the Examinations Department after ensuring that all requirements are completed.
 - Public defense will be announced at least 10 working days before the final public defense.
 - ii. The public defense will be conducted on campus and online.
- The Review Committee will comprise local PhD thesis evaluators, supervisor and GEC members.
- iv. The public defense will be announced publicly.
- Relevant recommendations given by the evaluators are required to be incorporated in the PhD thesis.
- The result of the public PhD defense will be submitted on approved forms to the Examinations department.



17. PhD Degree Award

- Candidate must have passed the Public PhD defense.
- b. Three hard bound copies of the PhD thesis duly signed by the supervisor, cosupervisor, GEC members, and local evaluators will be submitted to the Examinations office. These copies will be saved for record as follows:
 - i. Examinations Department copy
 - ii. Library Copy
 - iii. Supervisor copy
- A student must have completed a minimum of total 60 credit hours including research and coursework.
- All requirements (public defense and thesis) set forth for the completion of PhD at ITU must be completed within 8 years.
- The completion date of the PhD degree shall be reckoned with the date of notification of the award of PhD degree.
- f. The maximum PhD duration shall be determined from the date of student enrollment until the date of the completion notification of the PhD degree.
- g. In case a student is unable to secure a PhD degree within the prescribed time frame and claims for extension in duration, the DPRC will recommend and BASR will decide considering the causes for delay. In event of force majeure i.e., delay on account of circumstance beyond the control of student, the university may grant an extension in the period of award of PhD degree in accordance with the duration limiting factor(s) and shall also take corrective measures in case the delay is caused due to process or administrative reasons.
- Clearance from all relevant departments is required for the award of degree.
- The student's PhD file having the original documents and approvals will be submitted to the Examinations department after completion of degree requirements for issuance of notification.

18. Deferment of PhD Program:

- A student who has secured admission, may get his PhD program deferred for the first semester only.
- b. Deferment of admission cases will be decided by the supervisor and department and communicated to the Examinations department. DPRC may decide to revoke the admission if the student fails to Join the program.
- c. In the deferred semester, the student will not pay the tuition fee, however he will pay all Other Dues before deadlines set forth by the university.
- Maximum duration of PhD program will be considered from the date of admission.
 All other requirements required for the completion of PhD will remain the same.
- If such a student fails to join the department from the second semester, his admission to the PhD program will be cancelled.



 The student will be responsible for all academic consequences of the semester deferment.

19. Semester Freezing During PhD Program

- Under special circumstances, freezing of a semester can be considered for at most one semester in each academic year.
- Semester freeze requests will be submitted to the advisor and referred to DPRC who will decide on the semester freeze application.
- c. A PhD student cannot get a semester freeze for the first semester. If the student has got the first semester deferred, the student cannot request a semester freeze for the second semester.
- For a semester freeze, the student will not pay the tuition fee, however he will have to pay the Other Dues.
- All milestones and requirements set for the successful PhD completion will remain the same. Maximum duration of the PhD program will remain the same.
- The student will be responsible for all academic consequences of the semester freeze.

20. PhD Fellowship at Faculty of Engineering/Sciences

- a. Only selected/enrolled PhD students will be offered a PhD fellowship.
- Each PhD fellow will be paid a stipend of Rs. 80,000 per month with an annual increment of 10 percent. The stipend amount may change as per university policies without prior notification.
- Tuition fee of the PhD fellows will be waived off; however, they will pay Other Dues as per university rules.
- d. A PhD fellow must be a full time PhD student with six credit hours in each semester and must maintain a minimum CGPA of 3.0.
- In case of employment, a PhD fellow would require obtaining leave from his employer to join ITU on a full-time basis.
- f. A PhD fellow shall sign an agreement with ITU on non-judicial paper (stamp paper) to the effect that in case the awardee fails to complete his/her study, s/he will refund ITU the total amount released on his/her studies by the ITU. That amount will include the stipend amount and the amount of tuition fee waiver availed by him/her.
 - In addition, a personal guarantee of a person of means on non-judicial (stamp)
 paper to the effect of ensuring the recovery in case of default would need to be
 furnished
- g. Supervisor of a PhD fellow would monitor the academic progress/performance of the PhD fellow on a monthly basis. In case of poor performance, the supervisor may recommend partial/full deduction in the stipend.
 - In case of PhD fellows not obtaining stipend, performance will be monitored at the end of each semester. Tuition fee waiver will only be offered for the next



semester if the supervisor certifies a satisfactory performance during the last semester.

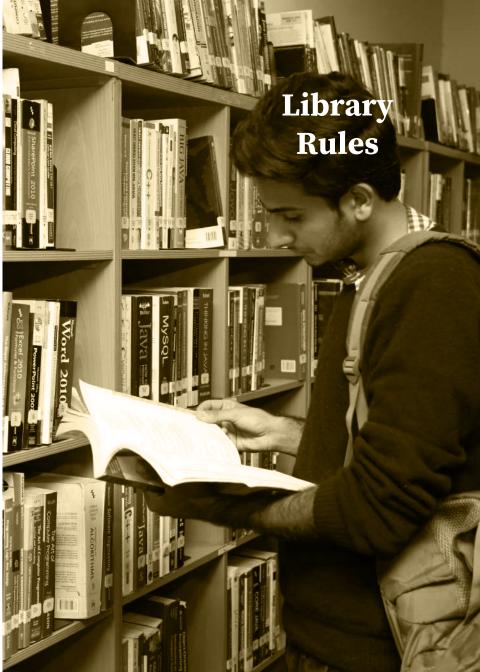
- h. If a PhD fellow gets a semester freeze, the PhD student stipend will be kept on hold and may continue on the recommendation of the supervisor.
- A PhD Scholar will have to obtain a 'No Objection Certificate' (NOC) from his/her parent department, where applicable.

21. Honorarium for PhD Supervisors

The supervisor will be entitled to an honorarium on completion of different stages of the PhD programme. The three stages and their honorarium amounts are attached at Annexure A which can be amended from time to time with the approval of the Vice Chancellor.

22. Unsuccessful Exit from the PhD Program

- In case of an unsuccessful exit of a PhD fellow, the case will be referred to the DPRC who will determine the responsibility of failure of the student.
- Depending upon the responsibility of failure, DPRC may recommend reduction in the recovery of the amount of fellowship.
- In case of death/acute medical conditions or on compassionate grounds, DPRC may recommend complete/partial waiver of recovery of the amount.
- In case a student leaves the PhD program, he / she will have to refund the total amount
 of fellowship to ITU.
- In addition to the refund amount, he will obtain clearance from all concerned ITU departments before release of his securities.





RULES & REGULATIONS FOR THE USE OF THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

A. Circulation Policy:

1. Relationship forms separately designed for faculty, Staff and Students contains a declaration of intention to obey the rules of the Library and to pay any fines or charges which may be incurred through their infringement.

Fellows of the University, Members of the Teaching Staff of the University and University Research Fellows, Research Associates, Research Assistants and Administrative Staff Members can get ITU membership.

Under Graduate, Graduate and Ph.D. Students of the University shall deposit a security of Rs.5000/ at the time of admissions which will be refunded on return of books and settlement of dues, if any.

 Such other applicants who are permitted for special reasons to be recorded by the Library Committee without having to make a deposit.

- 2. A Card known as the Borrower's card will be issued to each of the persons permitted to draw books from the Library. Such cards shall be strictly "non-transferable", and shall have to be presented at the counter at the time of drawing or returning books, etc. A borrower, who loses his card, shall at once inform the Chief Librarian in writing. A duplicate card will be issued to him on payment of a fee of Rs. 1000/-
- Provided that no book will be issued to a student member unless he/she presents his/her Borrower's Card in person.
- Library cards of all borrowers other than those of confirmed University employees shall be renewed every year.
- Undergraduates, Graduates and Ph.D students from other institutions may obtain the special written permission of the Chief

Librarian to use library for a specific period.

- An under-graduate student will be entitled to have in his possession at one time not more than four books for two weeks. Same conditions shall apply for graduate students to have in his possession not more than five books for one month.
- A whole-time University Professor, Associate Professor, Assistant Professor and Research Fellow may have in his possession a maximum number of 10 books at one time and may return these within a period of 4 months from the date of their issue.
- The books purchased through any project shall be property of ITU Library and will be issued to project head till project life. All books will be returned to library at the expiry of project.
- Sub-lending books drawn from the Library on Borrower's card to any other person shall not be allowed.



Books prescribed by the Information Technology University for various examinations will not be issued without the permission of the Chief Librarian. These when borrowed, must be Returned as soon as the vacation is over.

- A fine of [Rs.50/-] per volume per day will be [charged for an ordinary book] in case books are retained longer than the period prescribed for each category of borrowers.
 The fine will in all cases be calculated from the date on which the books should have been returned.
- Provided that in the case of the text-books, current periodicals and books issued with the special permission of the Chief Librarian, the fine shall be [Rs.100/-] per volume per day.
- Provided further that a borrower's right to draw books from the Library may be suspended during the period he does not return overdue books or pay the amount due from him.

- Roll numbers/registration numbers of such borrower who fails to return the university library books or pay their dues shall be sent to Authorities, Controller Examinations for suspension of student status.
- Books not returned on due date laid down under the Regulations and reported to the have been lost, shall be paid for immediately on the expiry of the prescribed limit of time, and his amount shall in no case be refundable. The amount payable to the library shall be determined by the Chief librarian.
- The Chief Librarian may, at his discretion reduce or remit the delay fine incurred by a borrower.
- A security deposited under any of the foregoing regulation shall lapse to the university if it remains unclaimed for a period of one year from the date on which a borrower ceases to be a member of the Library.

- 3. All the employees including permanent, contractual visiting faculty & staff shall have to take library clearance before relieving from duties and final clearance of dues/salaries.
- 4. All the undergraduate and graduate students shall have to get library clearance for issuance of Transcript/degree or Migration/NOC certificate.

B. General Regulations

1. Readers and members shall not damage, mark or write upon any book, periodical, nor shall hey trace or perform mechanical reproduction of any material belonging to the Library Without written permission of the chief librarian, Readers and members who violate this Regulation shall be required to pay the fine imposed by the chief librarian or to replace the damaged material, or to pay its price as determined by the chief librarian. If one volume of a set is injured and it is not



available separately, the whole set shall have to be replaced or paid for. A damaged book or set, which has been replaced or paid for by a Borrower, shall become his property.

- 2. Borrowers and readers are advised to inspect books at the time of issue and to call the attention of the Circulation Librarian to any defects.
- 3. Leave your personal belongings such as handbags, briefcases, etc., outside the library entrance, on your own responsibility. The library disclaims any liability for loss or damage
- 4. After reading, leave books on the table Please do not shelve the books.
- 5. Complete silence should be observed except for brief and subdued talk with the library staff
- 6. Drinks and eatables are not allowed in the library.
- Smoking is strictly prohibited inside the library.
- 8. Keep your mobiles silent within the library premises.

To encourage timely return of library materials and to provide optimal sharing of the collections, fines are charged for overdue items. Borrowers are responsible for returning or renewing items by the due date. If items are not returned within the due date, fines will be charged from the first overdue day, at the following rates.

- Overdue General Books:
 Rs.50 per book per day
- Course Reserve: This material is issued for three hours only. If the material is not returned within the allocated time, a fine of Rs.50/- for each extra hour will be charged.
- Lost Books: In case of loss or damage, the student will be charged three times the current price of the item.

Disciplinary Fine

Fine will be imposed on those students who violate the library code of conduct for maintaining silence and discipline in the library. Rs. 500 will be charged on first time violation, Rs. 1,000 on second time violation. If a patron continues the violation, the case will be referred to ITU Library Committee. In case of serious misconduct, the case will be referred to University disciplinary committee

Book Lost or Replacement Charges

In case of loss of library book or any other material the patron will be charged three times the current price of the item plus the processing charges. The patron can also provide a replacement copy to the library. In this case the patron will only be charged for processing charges. If member accumulates a fine of over five thousand in your account, your library membership privileges will be automatically blocked by the system.

Payment of Fines or Book Lost Charges

Payment of fines and other library charges is



simple. All type of fines can be paid at Punjab Bank at Arfa Software
Technology Park Branch.
The member must present the receipt of the paid fine or charge to the circulation staff so that your library fines may be updated accordingly.

Appeal of Library Charges

If the member thinks that the library has made an error or if he faced a special situation that made it difficult for him/her to return or renew materials on time, the member may file an appeal. After thorough investigation charges may be upheld, reduced or waived off.
Appeals must be filed within one week of billing of any charge. You can send an email at reference. librarian@ itu.edu.pk or you can give an application addressing the Chief Librarian in hard format.





	Un	dergraduate – BS
Top 3 Merit Scholarship – New Intake	Merit	 - Tuition Fee Waiver for first semester - For each discipline - Top 3 of the admitted students for regular admissions cycle (Scholarship holders will be announced after two weeks from the commencement of classes
CGPA Merit Scholarship - Existing Students	Merit	- Tuition Fee Waiver for following semester - For each discipline Slabs: 1. 3.8 – 4.0 will be awarded a 100% scholarship for the following semester 2. 3.65 – 3.79 will be awarded a 75% scholarship for the following semester 3. 3.5 – 3.64 will be awarded a 50% scholarship for the following semester
		Graduate – MS
Top 3 Merit Scholarship – New Intake	Merit	- Tuition Fee Waiver for first semester - For each discipline - Top 3 of the admitted students for regular admissions cycle (Scholarship holders will be announced after two weeks from the commencement of classes
CGPA Merit Scholarship - Existing Students	Merit	- For each discipline Slabs: 1. 3.85 – 4.0 will be awarded a 75% scholarship for the following semester 2. 3.75 – 3.84 will be awarded a 50% scholarship for the following semester
Graduate Student Fellowship	Stipend	- Upto 10% of the admitted class size - Awarded in the 2nd Semester on the basis of merit, - Stipend of Rs. 60,000 / month for one year - Conditions to retain GSF: Full time student, Full prescribed Cr.Hrs, CGPA of 3.0 - For following each semester, GSF is competed on the basis of CGPA
ITU Graduate Discount – New Intake	Scholarship	- 20% Scholarship on Tuition Fee - For standard duration of the program



Post-Graduate - PhD		
Pre-Doctoral Fellowship	Stipend, Scholarship	- For all enrolled full-time, doctoral candidates - For four years - Stipend of Rs. 80,000 / month - Tuition Fee waived off
		EMBA
Govt. Employee Concession	Scholarship	- Government servants or armed forces personnel can avail - For two years - 50% Tuition Fee Waiver
Top 3 Merit Scholarship – New Intake	Merit	- Tuition Fee Waiver for first semester Top 3 of the admitted students for regular admissions cycle (Scholarship holders will be announced after two weeks from the commencement of classes



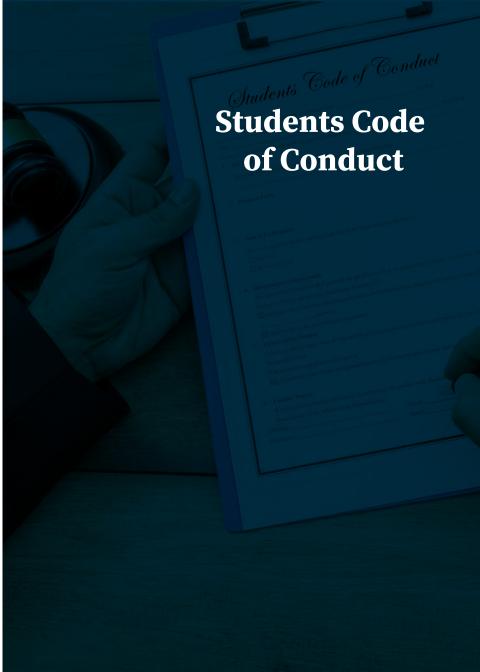
ITU Employee Scholarship (For Regular Degree Programs)

П	O Employe	e Scholar	ship (For Regular Degree Programs)
	ITU Employee Scholarship	Scholarship	Open to faculty and staff at ITU - Competed and awarded on open-merit basis - 100% Tuition Fee Waiver for the standard duration of the program - Regular student in any program affiliated with any Department/Center/Institute - Scholarship applies for program duration, as long as student remains an ITU employee Open to spouses/children of faculty and staff - Competed and awarded on open-merit basis - One seat in each degree program - 50% Tuition Fee Waiver - Regular student in any program affiliated with any Department/Center/Institute - Scholarship applies for program duration, as long as the relative remains an ITU employee
	ITU Em	ployee So	cholarship (For Short Courses)
	ITU Employee Scholarship	Scholarship	- 50% Fee Waiver for ITU Employees - 40% Fee Waiver for spouses/blood relatives of ITU Employees
		Exte	ernal Scholarships
	Punjab Education Endowment Fund (PEEF)		- Award criteria as per PEEF rules & Regulations (Maximum 100 scholarships) - 24 MS ITU students - 76 BS ITU students
	HEC Need Based Scholarship		Award criteria will be as per HEC rules & Regulations with subject to HEC's funds allocation and release.
	EHSAAS Undergraduate Scholarship	Discontinue by HEC	Award criteria and number of scholarships will be as per EHSAAS / HEC rules & Regulations
	Pakistan Engineering Council Scholarship		Rs. 4000 and Rs. 6000 per month awarded to students of Graduate Engineering and MS Engineering studies. Award criteria will be as per PEC regulations.



Note: Financial Assistance for students is presently offered under two groups (External and Internal) in the categories of merit scholarship, discount, rebate or stipend. An awardee has to comply with the terms and conditions of the financial assistance they are availing, and will not be allowed to benefit from multiple modes of financial assistance at the same time/simultaneously.

- All these scholarships will be applicable only during the regular Degree Duration.
- Academic records of any student eligible for the award of merit based scholarship should meet the following requirements at the time of award of scholarship:
- · There should be no repeat course
- · There should be no Disciplinary Case
- At least one-year continuous study (in case of Freeze Semester in past)
- · Student must have full prescribed workload in all semester
- · There should be no W or F grade





ITU Students Code of Conduct

1. General

a. ITU is Pakistan's leading research-oriented IT University. The university is dedicated to its mission of leading, inspiring, and serving humanity, graduating culturally enlightened, technologically knowledgeable, academically skilled, and research-oriented productive citizens. With all its resources, the University pursues her sublime confidence and accountability wholeheartedly.

b. In the perspective of the University, the prescribed sets of laws, rules, and safeguards outlined in this section are essential for creating and maintaining an educational climate in line with the university community's teaching, learning, and developmental efforts.

2. Defining the terms

- a. 'Complainant' indicates an individual making a complaint or reporting a breach of the rules and policies of the University Code of Conduct.
- b. 'Intentional' indicates deliberate.
- c. 'Respondent' indicates an individual convicted of violating the Code of Conduct of the University.
- d. 'Student' indicates any individual presently enrolled for whom the organization preserves academic records as specified by the laws of the university.
- e. 'Reckless' indicates carelessness or ignorance about the possibly damaging effects of one's behavior, when there is a danger of damage to humans, property or normal university activities.
- f. 'University Official' is a person employed in an administrative, management, academic, research or support staff position.

3. Moral Dishonesty

Moral dishonesty is an act that does not comply with recognized decency standards.



4. Conduct

a. Use of the ITU Code of Conduct

The ITU Code of Conduct refers to behavior shown on the premises of the University, activities sponsored by ITU, and off-campus conduct that adversely impacts the reputation of the University and its goals. Every ITU member is liable for his / her behavior.

b. Classroom Standards

The primary responsibility of the individual faculty member is to manage the classroom atmosphere. If a student engages in any forbidden or illegitimate act or other behavior resulting in a class being disrupted, the faculty member may direct the student to leave the class for the rest of the duration of the class.

c. University ID Card

- i. A photo identification / registration card or visitor pass is awarded to each member of the university society, which must be worn at all times at university premises or at university sponsored operations. Upon entering university building, identification / registration cards must be presented.
- ii. Identification cards cannot be transferred. The card owner will be called upon to account for any fraudulent use of his / her identity card and will be subject to University disciplinary action if he / she has helped with such fraudulent use. The card will be surrendered if any other person is allowed to use it by the student to whom it was issued.
- iii. Upon withdrawal from the University by a card owner, all rights and privileges related to the ID card will automatically cease. The identification card must be surrendered to the organization if the student withdraws or is suspended or expelled from the university.

5. Visitors & Guests

Students may be held responsible for their guests' misconduct during their presence at university premises or in university operations. Visitors, including guests, shall conduct themselves on a university campus at all times in an orderly manner.

6. Discipline Matters

The University is a place where students are taught not only as a means of graduating, but also of developing their characters and enriching the community in which they belong. It is therefore highly essential to have disciplined and structured life on campus. In order to generate and maintain an orderly and decent atmosphere on the premises of University, it is important to establish laws and regulations. The Discipline Committee is established for this purpose. The Discipline Committee heads are empowered to punish students found guilty of misconduct.



7. Ill-Disciplinary Practices

It is prohibited for all students to engage in behavior that results in any of the following:

a. Abuse, Assault, Threatening Behavior

These include acts that deliberately or recklessly endanger, threaten or cause physical or mental damage to any individual at university premises or at university-sponsored operations, or that deliberately or reasonably cause such damage but not restricted to abusive language, physical or verbal misconduct, harassment, violence.

b. Firearms, Explosives and Other Weapons

Use / possession of dangerous (biological / chemical) materials and weapons of any kind, firearms, explosives, crackers, etc.

c. Providing fake information, falsification or unauthorized use of documents

Intentionally providing fake data to the University and its representatives or misusing affiliation with the University to gain access to external agency / services or using fake data or resources of the University to compromise the University name. Falsification, unauthorized alteration or unauthorized use of any University document or electronic transmission, or academic and non-academic records, signatures, seals, or stamps.

d. Indecent Behavior

Engaging in disorderly or indecent behavior, violating peace, encouraging or involving another individual to break peace at university premises or functions / activities sponsored by universities. Any unauthorized use of electronic or other devices to record any person's audio or video without his/her prior knowledge / permission at university premises.

e. Theft

Theft of assets or services at university premises or activities sponsored by the university.

f. Damage to Property

Deliberately or recklessly destroying or damaging, or trying to destroy or harm, University property or other assets on University premises or activities sponsored by University. g. Non-Compliance with Official Direction Failure to comply with appropriate direction of University officials acting in performance of their duties.



g. Non-Compliance with Official Direction

Failure to comply with appropriate direction of University officials acting in performance of their duties.

h. Violation of University Regulations and Policies

Violating laws or policies of the university, including amendments and additions taken from the date of publication. For example, use/sale/possession/facilitation/distribution of drugs, narcotics, intoxicants etc. on the campus directly or indirectly.

i. Unauthorized Access to Facilities

Unauthorized access or use of the facilities and equipment of the University. Unauthorized possession, duplication or use of keys to any property, facilities or equipment at the university or unauthorized entry or use of property at the university.

j. Unauthorized Use of Computer or Electronic Communication Devices Robbery or any other misuse of computer equipment and assets include the following:

- i. Illegal access to a file, intended to use, read or modify the contents, or for any other purpose.
- ii. Illegal transfer of a file.
- iii. Illegal use of the identification or password of another person.
- iv. Disruption with another student's work, faculty member, or official at the university.
- v. Sending vulgar, abusive or threatening messages.
- vi. Computer virus transmission.
- vii. Disruption with the regular computing operation of the university.
- viii. Illegal software duplication or other violation of copyright laws.
- ix. Illegal access or unauthorized, malicious use of University computer equipment or networks or electronic communications devices or the use of such equipment or devices to obtain illegal access or use of off-campus computer equipment.
- x. Involvement in misuse of internet and cyber-crimes, i.e. uploading offensive material that leads to provocation or maligning anyone.

k. Inciting Others to Misconduct

Use of words or actions intentionally to incite or encourage violent or retaliatory behaviors or other acts of misconduct.

1. Identification/Registration Cards

Failure to wear, produce or surrender a University official's identification card upon request.

m. Animals

Bringing an animal to the university building is strictly prohibited.



n. Indulgence in Illegal Activities

Involvement in political / ethnic / racial / sectarian activities or membership of any banned organization and involvement in such organizations for furthering the cause of a political party.

o. Gambling

Illegal exchange of cash offers or services as a result of an organized or unorganized game or competition.

p. Smoking

Smoking is strictly prohibited on University premises. If any student is found smoking Or using/having drugs in any form will be presented to the Disciplinary Committee.

g. Abuse of the Student Conduct System

Abusing the student conduct system includes the following:

- i. Failure to comply with a University official's notice of appearing as part of the student conduct system for a meeting or hearing.
- $ii.\ Falsifying,\ distorting\ or\ misrepresenting\ data\ before\ a\ university\ hearing\ body\ or\ designated\ hearing\ officer.$
- iii. Interruption or conflict with the orderly conduct of a hearing proceeding.
- iv. Violation of the hearing of the University Code of Conduct.

r. Indulgence in Acts of Moral Turpitude

Indecent behavior conducted on campus, including classes, cafeterias, labs, etc., disobeying the standards of decency, ethics, and religious / cultural / social values by a single student or groups of students.

- s. Damage to university furniture / stuff, scribbling / carving, wall chalking, lab / university equipment etc.
- t. Use of mobile phones in classrooms, examination halls, laboratories and libraries thus disrupting the calm of these places.

8. Off-Campus Conduct

Conduct outside university premises should not affect the University's interest / image.

9. Enforcement of Code of Conduct

Matters of indiscipline would be referred to the concerned authorized to examine disciplinary matters and decide on them in accordance with the rules and regulations of the ITU. Parents of those students who disobey authority and violate the code of conduct will be informed. Students may be held responsible for their guests' misconduct while at university premises or events sponsored by the university. Students charged with violations of this Code are subject to disciplinary action under ITU rules / regulations / statutes.



10. Littering

It is everyone's responsibility to keep the campus environment clean and tidy. No littering or trash on the campus premises should be carelessly thrown or left. To deposit the refuse, the designated waste boxes should be used.

11. Sports.

It is expected that all individuals and teams involved in sports will always show sportsmanship, respect, consideration and appreciation to their opponents, teammates, officials and staff at the university.

- a. Under no circumstances should a player or sportsman react violently or use any form of foul or abusive language, whether it is directed at a staff member, official match, opponent, playing colleague, official team or spectator.
- b. Individuals who sign the player registration form agree to abide by this code of conduct and agree that any deviation from these guidelines will result in disciplinary action by the University.
- c. Persons under the influence of drugs are not allowed to participate in the University's sport activities and as such the defaulters shall be liable to ITU disciplinary action.
- d. Please remember, on a final note, that there is no ideal referee, umpire or official. You may not agree with any decision being taken and the umpires and sports officials may also make errors, just like players.

12. Dress Code

Students are supposed to wear decent and sober dress to sustain the academic dignity and sanctity of the educational institution.

- 13. All faculty members, administrative staff and support staff are expected to monitor this code of conduct and report any disregard or violations thereof to the institution for taking appropriate corrective action/remedial measures.
- 14. The following Code of Conduct has been formulated to provide a clear statement of the University's expectations of students in respect of all actions and activities relating to or impacting on the University (ASTP premises) or its students and employees. All students are required to be aware of and act consistently with requirements set down in this Code of Conduct.
- Students should display their cards at the main entrance of the building.
- Entrance is prohibited without a university card.
- Students should only use ITU Gate to enter the building.
- Main building entrance (Reception side) is highly restricted for the students to enter.



- Students are only allowed to use ITU Elevator/Lift to reach the campus (6th & 4th Floor).
- Main tower Lifts shall only be used for Prayer/Namaz (3rd Floor) and Lunch (3rd Floor).
- Any violation /misbehavior in the student lift will be prosecuted.
- Students are expected to show utmost discipline in the campus and the lifts.
- Students should stay in the campus area.
- Strict action will be taken against those students who are found on other floors.
- Keep your curricular and Extra-curricular activities in the campus area.
- Smoking is only allowed in smoking zones (Level 3 Tuck Shop area)
- Students are bound to show their student cards if asked by the facilitation officer.
- Keep all birthday celebrations in the food court area (Level 2 only).
- Playing cards at any place of the building is strictly prohibited.
- Nuisance is restricted in the building in any form.
- Sitting in stairs, sitting in windows etc... is prohibited.
- Student cars are not allowed in the building parking area. They can park their car at IttefagHospital paid-parking.
- Students should park their bikes properly. Follow instructions given by the support staff in the parking area for better parking management. Otherwise the bike will be retained until FCC decides for further action.
- Students are not allowed to bring visitors with them. Visitor entry will be entertained through the university management.
- Pick and drop stickers will not be issued to the students.
- In case a student's belongings get lost or stolen then firstly it should be reported to the university management
 and only after written approval they can come to FCC Room (Level 1) to initiate investigative measures.

Any type of harassment will be tackled under the ITU harassment policy under the HEC guidelines.



Hearing of Complaints

a. For minor complaints

A committee of proctors will be authorized to hear the minor complaints:

Committee: I Additional Registrar (Admin)

One Faculty Member (FoS) One Faculty Member (FBM) Academic Coordinator (FoS) Committee: II Additional Registrar (Admin)

One Faculty Member (FoE)
Coordinator (EE)
Coordinator (CE)

Committee: III 2nd & 3rd Level along Surrounding of the Building

Coordinator (FBM) Coordinator (Eco) Deputy Registrar (Academies) Program Manager (Admin)

Note: There must be at least one female member in each committee of Proctors

All above will be Proctors in their individual capacities and can charge fines to any student upon any violations. If the issues involve a number of students of 3 and above or issues of some serious nature, it requires to be listened by the proctors' committee. The Quorum of the committee should not be less than ½ of the above mentioned The committee will be authorized to hear the minor complaints and impose any one or more of the following Punishments if the accused if found guilty.

Minor Punishments

1. Warning in Writing.

Notice to the accused, orally or in writing that further disciplinary action may result in the continuation or repetition of prohibited conduct.

2. Probation.

Probation for a particular time period.

3. Fine.

Fine that can be up to Rs. 10,000.

4. Withholding of Certificate

Withholding of a certificate of good moral character.



5. Removal of Privileges

Deprivation from the advantages enjoyed by the student.

b. For Serious Complaints

If the nature of the incident is serious, the complaint will be forwarded to the Central Disciplinary Committee. The Central Disciplinary committee will be consisting of the following:

c. Discipline Committee

ITU Disciplinary Committee is composed of the following members:

One Faculty Member from each faculty:

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1. Faculty of Sciences	Nominee of the Dean
2. Faculty of Engineering	Nominee of the Dean
3. Faculty of Business & Management	Nominee of the Dean
4. Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences	Nominee of the Dean
5. Students' representative from the institution.	Member
6. Office in charge Student Affairs	Member
7. Additional Registrar/Dep. Registrar/Assist. Regis	trar (Admin) Member
8. Manager Academics/Dep. Registrar/Assist. Regis	strar (Acad) Member/Secretary

Quorum of the committee will be 50% from the both faculty and administration

d. In addition to all above the Registrar will be authorized to charge fine upto Rs. 25,000/- (which can be increased from time to time) in case of any violations or disobedience of any announced/informed guidelines/code/rules/regulations/policy from time to time. He is also authorized to waive any percentage or all of the fine(s).

After offering the defaulter complete chance to express his / her point of view, the Discipline Committee shall grant punishment any one or more of the following:

Major Punishments

1. Expulsion

Expulsion from the class for up to one semester for a particular period.

2. Fine.

Fine that can be up to Rs. 50,000.

3. Rustication

Rustication from the institution for a specific period.



15. Disciplinary Process

a. Case Referrals

Each ill-disciplinary case shall be reported to the Registrar/Additional Registrar/Manager Academics. Any charge should be submitted as quickly as possible after the alleged violation has occurred, preferably within 24 hours of the violation. Those referring cases are usually supposed to serve as a complainant and to present appropriate proof before the Proctors / ITU Discipline Committee in disciplinary hearings. Depending on the gravity of the situation, the concerned authority will decide to impose minor departmental penalty.

b. Hearing of Disciplinary Cases.

A disciplinary hearing is a formal method carried out by the Proctors / Disciplinary Committee of the Institution. This official process is intended to collect and consider appropriate data regarding the alleged violation/s of the Code and to determine and suggest a penalty.

c. Punishments.

Proctors / ITU Disciplinary Committee will suggest a penalty on the basis of the seriousness of the situation after giving the defaulter complete chance to express his / her point of perspective. This must be done before imposing the penalty.

d. Appeals.

An appeal against the Discipline Committee's decision may be lodged with the Vice Chancellor within seven working days of announcement of the decision.

16. Federal/Provincial Laws and Ordinances.

Violation of a Federal/Provincial law or ordinance will be treated accordingly under these laws.

Information Technology University of the Punjab Clearance Form for Students

		Student Information		
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Contact No:		Parent/Guardian Name:		
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	Signature :		Date	
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Signature:				

Instructions: The original form will be submitted to the (Student Services office) at the academic site.

Stamp:_

	Receiving Slip
It is to acknowledge that we h	ave received the clearance form of the following student:
Roll Number:	Student Name:
Received by:	Stamp & Date:

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