Lahore - A Safe, Secure and Historic City

Lahore is one of the most diversified, pluralistic and peaceful cities of Pakistan. It is situated on the bank of River Ravi that flows into Pakistan from the snow captivated hills and mountains of the Kashmir Valley. It is the second most prosperous city of Pakistan with a population of 11,126,285 people. It is well known as the historical, cultural and educational capital of the country. The city has seen the comings and goings of many kings, emperors and rulers from different cultures and backgrounds from all around the world. Lahore has absorbed these diverse influences achieving a unique sense of history and diversity.

The city is famous for its historical landmarks. The Lahore Fort, Badshahi Mosque and Gurdwara are a testament to the Mughal and Sikh legacy of the city. Other places of interest are the mausoleum of Emperor Jehangir, Pearl and Golden Mosques, the tomb of Ranjit Singh, the Wazir Khan Mosque and Lahore Museum. The Old Walled City, with its narrow cobble-stoned streets and old houses, is a museum in itself.

The city has produced countless scholars, Nobel Laureates, poets, writers, intellectuals and scientists. Lahore is thus the centre of higher education in Pakistan. Medical schools, universities, professional colleges and art schools can be found dotting the city landscape. The city has got state-of-the-art transportation facilities, internet connectivity, stadiums of various sports, huge parks, swimming pools, entertainment spots and dozens of food streets, and hundreds of restaurants that offer all sorts of indigenous, continental and fast foods.

From the security perspective, Lahore is one of the safest and greenest cities of Pakistan. The city operates under an integrated command, control and communication system that virtually guarantees public safety through the use of technology, infrastructure, personnel and processes.

The city has got a number of world-class shopping centres, such as Fortress Square and Packages Mall. Other than these shopping malls, all facilities are available at a short walk from the University, ensuring that students have easy access to everything they need.
Established in 1985, the Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS) is a pioneer school in Business Management in Pakistan. Over the years, the University has established a reputation for academic excellence and has received great acclaim for its programmes from within and outside the country. The last three decades have seen an accelerated rate of development almost in every direction. Keeping in mind the national and international needs and trends, education has been kept current and relevant. State-of-the-art Research Systems and Centres have been established in the University to tackle the emerging fields more efficiently, and well in time. All teaching courses are updated on a regular basis to meet global standards.

LUMS has played a key role in setting high standards of academics and producing professionals who can compete globally. LUMS advocates a culture of academic excellence, tolerance, research, diversity, pluralism and freedom of thought.

LUMS houses five schools, the Suleman Dawood School of Business, the Mushtaq Ahmad Gurmani School of Humanities and Social Sciences, the Syed Babar Ali School of Science and Engineering, the Shaikh Ahmad Hassan School of Law and the Syed Ahsan Ali and Syed Maratib Ali School of Education. The academic programmes offered at LUMS include undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate degrees in various disciplines. All courses are taught in English and students have the freedom to explore their interests in a variety of subjects before choosing their majors.

LUMS also offers a wide array of executive courses through the Rausing Executive Development Centre (REDC), which was established with support from the Rausing family of Sweden. Since its inception, the centre has maintained its position as one of the finest institutes offering executive education in Pakistan.

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LUMS is located in a serene part of the city that is readily approachable by various modes of transportation. It is located some 6 kms from the Allama Iqbal International Airport. Various taxi services such as Uber and Careem are easily available at the airport to take a ride to the campus. The inter-city and intra-city transportation is also available at a close distance.

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

| QS World university ranking       | 701-750 |
| QS World ranking by subject (Business & Management) | 251-300 |
| QS World graduate employability ranking | 201-250 |
| Student population at LUMS        | 4200    |
| Distance to LUMS (by car) from the airport | 6 km |

**APPLICATION FOR EXCHANGE**

Eligibility for Undergraduate Exchange Programmes

1. Students must have proficiency in English. We rely on our partner universities to nominate students who are fluent in English.
2. Successfully completed at least one (1) year of education, with good academic standing within a relevant field of studies at the home institution, with proven leadership qualities.

**GETTING TO THE CAMPUS**

**IMPORTANT DATES**

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FACT SHEET: Study Abroad & Exchange 2018-19

Nomination

Exchange partners nominate their selected students via email.

Application

All nominated students will receive an acceptance email/letter with the application instructions and practical information about the exchange programme at LUMS. Students may complete the application form and send it back via email and courier along with the required documents as under:

1. LUMS student application form
2. *HEC, Pakistan student information sheet
3. **Clearance/Recommendation letter from your respective embassy
4. ***Visa Form
5. Transcript of records
6. Certification of provisional grade point average (GPA)
7. Proficiency Certificate in English
8. Nomination/Recommendation Letter from the Home University
9. Passport Size Photographs (3 Copies)
10. Scanned Copy of Passport
11. Medical Certificate

*NOC & Visa

In order to study at LUMS, foreign nationals must obtain a ‘Study Visa’ from the Pakistani Embassy/Consulate, working in their country. The Pakistani Embassy/Consulate will only issue a study visa for students’ stay at LUMS upon receipt of the Higher Education Commission’s (HEC) ‘No Objection Certificate’ and ‘Clearance’ from the Ministry of Interior, Pakistan. In order to obtain the NOC from HEC, the applicant will have to submit a clearance/recommendation letter from their respective embassy to the Exchange Programme Officer at LUMS. The International Officer will help you through every step of the process by dealing with your application on an individual basis and attaining the said documents within 10 – 12 weeks for the issuance of the study visa.

Courses

LUMS offers a broad variety of undergraduate level courses to exchange students. Our incoming exchange students are allowed to take courses offered by all Schools, provided that they will meet the prerequisites of the courses. We offer courses within the fields of:

- Economics
- Political Science
- Anthropology
- Physics
- Computer Science
- Education
- Sociology
- History
- Accounting and Finance
- Electrical Engineering
- Chemical Engineering
- Mathematics
- Biology
- Chemistry
- English
- Law

* The applicant is required to submit this document (E-copy & Courier) to us for the issuance of a No Objection Certificate (NOC) from the Higher Education Commission (HEC), Pakistan which is necessary for security clearance from the Ministry of Interior Pakistan, visa processing and enrolment at LUMS.

The e-copy is to be submitted at international@lums.edu.pk and the original document is to be posted at the Office of Student Affairs, Lahore University of Management Sciences, Opposite Sector U, DHA, Lahore 54792, Pakistan.

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Grading Policy

Letter Grades and their Numeric Equivalents

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Grading at LUMS is based on relative performance. However, for some courses, absolute grading is used. This information is mentioned in the course outline.

* P grade will contribute towards the earned credits and will not affect the CGPA.

Cost of Living

The cost of living per semester (5 months) is approximately PKR 140,500 i.e. € 980 and $1,115. Below is a general overview of your cost of living at LUMS per semester. These are estimated costs and can vary from person to person.

Cost of living per Semester (estimate)

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- Euro calculated at the rate of PKR 143.53
- USD calculated at the rate of PKR 126
On-campus Accommodation

LUMS offers on-campus accommodation for both male and female students with a capacity of nearly 2,500 students housed across twelve (12) modern residential buildings. Each hostel block offers a friendly and secure environment to its inhabitants and is equipped with a wide range of facilities including WiFi, TV lounges, laundry rooms, kitchens and easy access to dining facilities. A dedicated housing staff is available day and night to ensure that students are safe and comfortable.

Student Organisations

An integral part of the Office of Student Affairs, the Extracurricular Activities Office acts as the core facilitating and governing body for all the clubs and societies administered by student representatives. The key to the success of this programme and each club is student leadership, interest, involvement, broad participation and collaboration.

LUMS promotes student participation in a variety of physical, intellectual, athletic and recreational activities as well as provides students with opportunities to engage in the activities of their choice at various skill levels, providing an environment that directly contributes to the development of student leadership amid increased collaboration between the individual clubs. These activities also enable students to compete at national/international events and coordinate a large number of intra-school sports events and inter-university tournaments throughout the year, involving the campus community as well as students from other universities.

The Office of Sports, Wellness and Recreation also provides and promotes athletics, physical fitness and personal well-being for the entire LUMS community. Yoga classes are a regular feature.

LUMS has likely the most active female participation in sports of any university in Pakistan, with LUMS female teams active and competitive in 12 different sports.

The Sports at LUMS (SLUMS) Society has established itself as one of the most active student sports’ bodies at the university level in the country, hosting more than 15 plus national level sporting events each year.

LUMS’ athletic facilities are among the best of any university in Pakistan. These facilities include the Syed Maratib Ali Sports Complex, which houses the most modern male and female gymnasiums, four squash courts, an indoor basketball court, badminton courts, and an indoor volleyball court. Outdoor sports facilities at LUMS include two volleyball courts (including a beach volleyball court), tennis courts, football (soccer), hockey and cricket fields. The use of the aforementioned facilities falls under the jurisdiction of Office of Sports, Wellness and Recreation and is fully equipped to accommodate the entire LUMS Community.

LUMS Coca-Cola Aquatic Centre is a state-of-the-art facility at LUMS. The Aquatic Centre is a four-season indoor 25m swimming pool in line with universal FINA specifications. The Centre facilitates the recreational and training needs of the LUMS Community members, and is manned by highly professional, well-trained and motivated coaching staff to assist the students, faculty and staff in developing and improving swimming skills and aquatic sports. Agile, vigilant lifeguards are always around to ensure safe swimming during the entire time the pool is in operation.

Sports

LUMS, as one of Pakistan’s premier educational institutions, is not only expanding its curve of excellence in academics but is also an established name in the realm of sports. The Office of Sports, Wellness and Recreation within the OSA strives to motivate the entire campus community to come together to realise its sporting potential within a large variety of games and tournaments, played both inside and outside of the LUMS campus.

- Nearly 40 indoor and outdoor sports are played on campus.
- Our students actively participate in more than 16 rigorous sports, which include badminton, basketball, boxing, cricket, football, hockey, netball, rugby, handball, squash, table tennis, tennis, softball, snooker, weightlifting and volleyball. Many of these sports have their own professional coaches who help and train teams for higher levels of competition.
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https://osa.lums.edu.pk/student-society
This is a multidisciplinary library serving the faculty, students, researchers and staff of the University. The library has a rich and diverse collection of materials, especially, in terms of the breadth and depth of coverage. The collection is ideally suited to encourage and support, both scholarly pursuits and practical research activities. The library has an extensive collection of 268,000 printed and 180,000 online books, 36,000 journals, and 30,000 other materials including audios, videos, CD-ROMs, DVDs, etc. The library is managed by qualified and experienced professionals, all dedicated to provide high-quality innovative services.