

HABIB UNIVERSITY

OVERVIEW 



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shaping futures

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HABIB UNIVERSITY (HU) IS CHARTERED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF SINDH AND RECOGNIZED BY THE HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION (HEC) OF PAKISTAN AND THE PAKISTAN ENGINEERING COUNCIL (PEC).



Shaping Futures

A PREMIER LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES INSTITUTION, HABIB UNIVERSITY PROVIDES A COMPREHENSIVE UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION TO NURTURE FUTURE INNOVATORS AND LEADERS.



Habib University is redefining higher education in Pakistan to meet the challenges of the 21st century.

Habib University aims to produce critically-conscious graduates who will have a positive impact on society through programs designed to address the complex developmental, economic and cultural conditions of Pakistan.

90% OF HU STUDENTS BENEFIT

FROM A GENEROUS SCHOLARSHIP & FINANCIAL AID PROGRAM

12:1 STUDENT-FACULTY RATIO

OFFERS AN IMMERSIVE AND ENGAGED EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE

100% OF HU FACULTY

HAVE ADVANCED DEGREES FROM LEADING INSTITUTIONS AROUND THE WORLD

♀ 56% FEMALE **♂ 44% MALE**

STUDENT BODY GENDER RATIO

4 MAJOR PROGRAMS

RANGING ACROSS THE HUMANITIES AND SCIENCES

98+ COMPANIES

HU STUDENTS HAVE INTERNED WITH THIS YEAR

ENROLLING THE BRIGHTEST YOUNG MINDS
AND ENABLING THEM TO THRIVE DURING AND BEYOND
HABIB UNIVERSITY

FOSTERING A DIVERSE AND INCLUSIVE STUDENT COMMUNITY
THROUGH MERIT-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS, GENEROUS FINANCIAL AID PACKAGES AND
COMPREHENSIVE ACADEMIC SUPPORT SERVICES

PROMOTING YOUNG WOMEN'S PARTICIPATION
IN THE SCIENCES AND ENGINEERING DISCIPLINES

ENSURING THAT STUDENTS HAVE ACCESS
TO A VIBRANT AND INSPIRATIONAL NETWORK. HU'S GLOBAL PARTNERS INCLUDE:



25 STUDENTS VISITED 11 RENOWNED INSTITUTIONS

ACROSS THE GLOBE THIS YEAR FOR SUMMER ABROAD AND RESEARCH PROGRAMS.

Message From The President

In an increasingly polarized world, the need for broad humanistic engagement is more important than ever. Reflecting on the disconnect and indifference prevailing in the world today, it seems ever more vital to foster ties built upon diversity, both within our community and with the world outside.

In an age of building walls, Habib University is working towards breaking barriers. Each year, HU's diverse and inclusive student community flourishes as we induct some of the brightest minds from Pakistan and abroad. Within the classroom, we are adapting innovative pedagogical methods that allow our students to explore multiple perspectives and draw exciting solutions. Through the use of technology in the classroom, we are enabling our students to interact with their peers around the world.

Our study abroad programs empower our students to become globally competent citizens. We have also expanded our partnerships to enrich the global academic landscape of Pakistan. Through our public engagement, Habib University is redefining the role of the university in Pakistan as a space for catalyzing conversation and collectively engaging students, scholars and the wider community in discussions on vital local and global issues.

At Habib University, we not only aim to create leaders in but also engaged citizens, not only of this country but of the world. Leaders from within the people, empathetic to the local but also equipped with the global.

Wasif. A Rizvi
Founding President
Habib University



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YOH SIN
EXCELLENCE . PASSION . RESPECT . BEAUTY . SERVICE

HU's philosophy is based on an Arabic saying which translates to **"Every human being's worth is in their Yohsin, or thoughtful self-cultivation"**. The Yohsin philosophy encompasses a worldview where the worth of an individual is based both on their technical expertise and in terms of their positive contribution to the world around them. In order to live along the principles of Yohsin, one must aspire to be engaged in thoughtful self-cultivation at all times.

The foundation of Yohsin is based on five distinct characteristics: the pursuit of **Excellence**, a **Passion** for learning and action, a **Respect** for diversity, an appreciation for **Beauty** and **Service** to the community.



The Habib Liberal Core

In today's increasingly technology-dependent world, humanities and design students are required to have a level of proficiency in science and technology and a comprehensive understanding of the role they play in society. At the same time, rapid development means that engineers and scientists are required to have a deep understanding and awareness of their society, its culture and their surroundings.

The significance of integrating HU's curriculum with the Liberal Arts and Sciences is to help students venture beyond a focused field of study, step out of their comfort zones and gain exposure to a broad and inclusive range of subjects while developing their cognitive skills. It will also help students develop a critical understanding of the world they live in by giving them the opportunity to engage with, think critically about and be able to solve the complex problems of today.

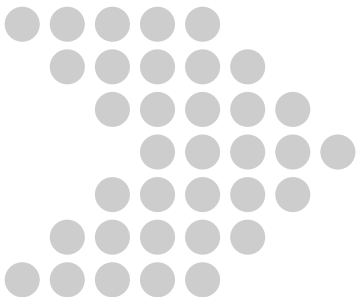
The **Habib Liberal Core** is an integral part of HU's educational model and comprises of eleven courses, based on seven unique forms of thought, which all students are required to take. These courses allow students to engage with an interdisciplinary range of subjects and to graduate with a comprehensive understanding of science, society and the world around them. Through the Habib Liberal Core, students are taught to think, act and, most importantly, create logically.



Yohsin Lecture Series: Dr. Deborah K. Fitzgerald
"Enhancing Impact and Effectiveness of University Education: The MIT Story"

“ **Humanities enable us to understand how human beings will use and abuse the powerful new technologies that are to be introduced in the next few decades.** ”

Dr. Deborah K. Fitzgerald,
former Kenan Sahin Dean, School of Humanities,
Arts, and Social Sciences
Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)



The diagram features a central white star-like shape with eight points, surrounded by eight overlapping white petals. Each petal contains a specific area of study. The background is a solid purple color with a faint, repeating pattern of a university crest.

HISTORICAL AND
SOCIAL THOUGHT

FORMAL
REASONING

CREATIVE
PRACTICE

PHILOSOPHICAL
THOUGHT

HABIB LIBERAL CORE

NATURAL SCIENTIFIC
METHOD AND ANALYSIS

LANGUAGE AND
EXPRESSION

QUANTITATIVE
REASONING

Programs

The School of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

BA (Honours)

Communication and Design

Communication and Design are fundamental human activities that bind us to each other and to the societies in which we work and play. Communication refers to any process that transmits, produces, reproduces, structures, embodies or transforms culture, and that shapes and influences our interpersonal and social behaviors and relationships. Design refers to any human practice that requires the thoughtful, methodological, coherent reconstruction or reproduction of our material or abstract worlds. While both emerge from historically grounded expressive practices, these activities are mutually interdependent; we rarely separate our perceptions and judgments about design from the meanings these designs provoke.

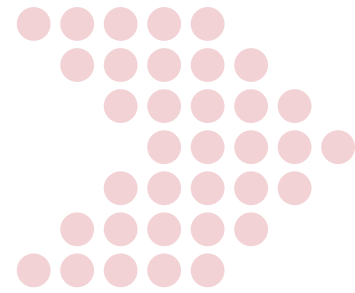
HU's **BA (Honours) Communication and Design (C&D)** program will introduce students to texts, movements, thinkers, designers, visual artists and writers from diverse cultures, geographical regions and historical periods. This introduction will help students develop a range of methodological approaches for rigorous comparative analyses of artistic, cultural and social forms. Studio work forms an essential component of most courses so that students can learn how to build and shape even as they refine their critical sensibilities in purpose-built spaces. C&D students will become acutely aware of how to responsibly design and innovate while taking into account the social, cultural and economic ramifications and expanding their scientific and technological knowledge and expertise.

BSc (Honours)

Social Development and Policy

HU's **BSc (Honours) Social Development and Policy (SDP)** program aims to equip students with the knowledge and technical expertise required to find new methodologies and avenues to approach the challenges of development, the multi-faceted process of social, economic and political transformation, at home and abroad. The first program of its kind in Pakistan, SDP aims to nurture an interdisciplinary and comprehensive understanding of development and social change. Students will explore how major development concerns such as poverty, gender inequality, urbanization and human rights are shaped by historical forces and processes of political power.

The SDP program employs an interdisciplinary approach to the study of social issues and integrates perspectives and skills drawn from a wide range of disciplines, including anthropology, history, economics, sociology, political science, religious studies, philosophy, literature and environmental studies. Students will be exposed to seminal ideas in social and economic thought through two specializations, **Political Economy** and **Social and Cultural Anthropology**, that will enable them to understand and critique the processes of economic growth, development and social change.



The School of Science and Engineering

BS Computer Science

With the integration of technology in our everyday lives, the study of computation has become increasingly important in order to successfully navigate the ever-changing technological and scientific landscapes. Computer scientists invent the future by developing infrastructure and techniques for more advanced computing, and by developing the applications that operate within those frameworks.

The **BS Computer Science (CS)** program at HU helps students develop an unparalleled understanding of the role technology plays in our society through a distinct curricular framework that educates students in the theory, systems and applications of computer science. The CS program prepares students to meet the challenges of a rapidly evolving field with a broader understanding of the humanities, social sciences and natural sciences. Graduates from the CS program will not only be proficient in the technical aspects of computer science, but will also be able to make impactful contributions to society.

BS Electrical Engineering

Modern engineers aim to address problems in the energy, health and information sectors; electrical engineers of today are responsible for creating all kinds of electrical and electronic devices and systems. The work of electrical engineers enriches our society through the microchips in our portable devices, which have become an intrinsic part of our daily lives, to the larger infrastructures, like power grids and communication networks.

The **BS Electrical Engineering (EE)** program at HU combines a rigorous science and engineering education with the liberal arts. It provides students with technical knowledge in Mathematics and Sciences, Computation, Electronics, Power and Energy Systems, Electromagnetics, Telecommunication Systems, Automation Systems and Control Systems. HU's Electrical Engineering students will also graduate with an awareness of their civic duties, contemporary issues and an understanding of economic, social, environmental, professional and ethical issues.

Minors

Minors Offered by HU Programs:

- Computer Science
- Social Development & Policy
- Comparative Liberal Studies (CLS)

Minors Offered by the Integrated Science and Mathematics (iSciM):

- Physics
- Mathematics

Minor Offered by the Arzu Program for Languages and Literature:

- English and Comparative Literature (ECL)



iSciM has also enabled me to pursue a Mathematics minor along with my Social Development & Policy major. Personally, I have been able to simultaneously pursue my interest in programming and social development.

Saad Sohail Khan,
Social Development & Policy,
Class of 2019

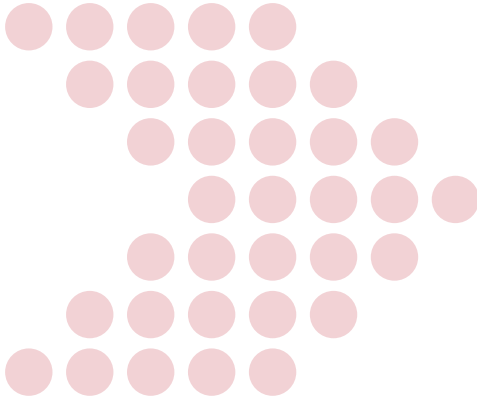
The Faculty

HU aims to foster students' intellectual and leadership potential, instill in them a passion for learning, an appreciation for diverse perspectives and a desire to positively contribute to the world around them. The development of these qualities in students is only possible through the mentorship of HU's faculty.

HU encourages student and faculty interaction through an open-door policy, small class sizes and a student-faculty ratio of 12:1. With faculty advisors assigned to each student on an individual basis, students are encouraged to build upon their curiosity and sharpen their analytical skills and critical thinking abilities.

Students will work with their advisors and professors to discuss ideas and initiatives, engage in interdisciplinary thinking and learn how to apply their knowledge and skills practically.

Faculty members at HU are pioneers in their fields; with advanced qualifications from leading institutions around the world, such as University of Oxford, Yale University, Harvard University, McGill University, University of Edinburgh, Stanford University and many more. Their unparalleled research expertise and real world experience, combined with their knowledge of current affairs and changing global issues, ensures students a diverse and unique learning experience.



Campus & Facilities

The HU Campus was designed with students, faculty and staff in mind. HU's campus was awarded the Merit Award for 'Excellence in Planning for a New Campus' by the Society for College and University Planning (SCUP) for its innovative design.

Students at HU benefit from state-of-the-art laboratories, innovative studios and recreational facilities where they can explore and gain a better understanding of their courses and have access to sophisticated equipment. Laboratory, studio and field work plays an integral role in HU's curricular framework and students can hone their practical skills in spaces like the Circuits & Electronics Lab, Power Systems Lab, Film Studio and Design Studio.

The HU Library

HU's Library has a rich and diverse collection of print and digital 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 HU Library is one of the finest repositories of knowledge and plays a critical role in the growth of scholarship and innovative research in the region. It is a center of knowledge where people from diverse fields can come together, engage, learn and discover by utilizing its various facilities and resources.



HU Laboratories

At HU, students learn to put theory to practice in 14 laboratories that enable and encourage them to explore, experiment and innovate. All the laboratories are designed according to international standards of equipment, safety and work space. HU students have the opportunity to build customized team projects and equip themselves with the practical knowledge required for a comprehensive undergraduate experience.

The Playground

The Center for Transdisciplinarity, Design and Innovation, The Playground, at HU was designed exclusively for creative collaborative work that helps to transform the teaching and learning experience. The Playground is a physical space for students and faculty to engage in cross-disciplinary research and innovation, explore and collaborate as they share knowledge, work on projects and network. Through workshops, pop-up classes, external projects and augmented curricular activities, students will be able to learn and apply their learning, across disciplines and media - from sewing to 3D printing, photography to film, board games to phone apps, woodwork to metalwork and beyond.



Academic Centers

HU has multiple independent academic centers to aid in student learning, innovation and research. These spaces allow students to explore the world around them through inspirational innovative talks, specialized workshops and dedicated events that allow students to break pre-set boundaries and broaden their perspectives.

All HU students have the opportunity to engage with innovative scholars, academics, professionals and individuals through the following Academic Centers:

Arzu Center

The Arzu Center for Regional Languages and Humanities contributes to HU's institutional mission by fostering pedagogy, research and scholarship in various languages from Pakistan. The Arzu Center's scope of work covers a wide range including language instruction, translation from and into the regional languages, development of pedagogical material, cultural and literary preservation and the promotion of language-based literature.

CMD

The Center for Media and Design (CMD) provides an interdisciplinary platform for research, practice and critical reflection in the fields of media, expression and design. The multifaceted activities attempt to respond adequately to new communication technologies, media, expressive forms and the rapid transformation of social structures. CMD's work aims to be socially responsive, open to experimentation and keenly aware of historical and local contexts.

IDRAC

The Interdisciplinary Development Research and Action Center (IDRAC) fosters thoughtful research and action on key challenges faced by Pakistan and the larger South Asian region. It aspires to bring together academic scholars, policy-makers and development practitioners so that these critical arenas of social analysis and change can benefit from collaborating instead of operating in isolation.

ARZU
THE ARZU CENTER FOR REGIONAL LANGUAGES AND HUMANITIES

CMD
Center for Media & Design

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Interdisciplinary Development Research and Action Center



Global Learning

HU is constantly expanding its network through collaborations with innovative and ground-breaking institutions such as **Stanford University, University of Michigan - Ann Arbor, University of California - Berkeley, Pitzer College and Harvey Mudd College** in order to connect campus to the global academic community. These global collaborations allow for diverse and extraordinary learning opportunities for our students, collaboration and development opportunities for faculty and the exchange of critical global knowledge for the wider community.

Learning Across the Globe

Students have access to a unique Study Abroad program, through HU's extensive global linkages, which allows students to apply for exchange programs at renowned institutions such as Stanford University, University of Michigan - Ann Arbor and University of California - Berkeley. Students are simultaneously encouraged to explore other academic and research programs across the globe with the support of the Office of Global Engagement.

Learning Outside the Classroom

HU values global conversations and critical dialogue and aims to ensure that the HU Community, and the wider public, have access to both through workshops, lectures and visits from notable scholars and industry professionals.

The Yohsin Lecture Series is based on HU's philosophy of thoughtful intellectual engagement, and brings leading international scholars to Pakistan. Notable individuals hosted in the past include Dr. Deborah K. Fitzgerald - the former Kenan Sahin Dean of the MIT School of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences (2006-2015), and Dr. Vali Nasr - the Dean for the School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) at Johns Hopkins University.



Yohsin Lecture Series: Dr. Vali Nasr
"The Growing Role of Sectarianism in Muslim Politics"

“ It is wonderful to come to Habib University and see such a wonderful combination of vision and ambition, which is something Pakistan needs as it charts its way forward. I cannot say how heartwarming it is to see such an investment in Pakistan’s future. ”

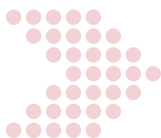
Dr. Vali Nasr,
Dean, School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS)
Johns Hopkins University

AVAILABLE STUDY ABROAD OPPORTUNITIES:

Stanford
Summer
INTERNATIONAL HONORS PROGRAM

M
UNIVERSITY OF
MICHIGAN

Berkeley
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA





Student Life

A vibrant student life experience is essential for an unforgettable undergraduate experience. To balance the rigorous HU curriculum, students have the chance to blow off some steam through various student spaces such as the Student Lounge, Swimming Pool, Sports Courts and Urban Forest. HU students also have the opportunity to participate in recreational events including concerts, movie screenings, impromptu jams, cultural celebrations, performance art shows and theater performances.

Support Services

Habib University runs academic and non-academic support centers, workshops and counseling services on campus to

ensure that HU students get all the help they need for a fulfilling and successful academic experience.

The Office of Academic Performance

The Office of Academic Performance (OAP) provides a variety of academic and advisory services through the **Educational Help, Services and Academic Support (EHSAS) Center**, where carefully selected and supportive peer tutors are available to help students learn concepts, techniques and strategies for specific courses, and **The Writing Center** which provides students with multiple services to improve their reading, writing, comprehension and communication skills.

The Wellness Center

The Wellness Center encourages a healthy campus environment by empowering and helping the HU Community make positive and informed lifestyle choices. The Wellness Center offers a range of services including wellness and stress management workshops, counseling services, sports centers and other recreational facilities, including two gyms and a beautiful swimming pool.



Scholarship & Financial Aid

Habib University is built on the belief that financial constraints should never limit brilliant students from pursuing exceptional learning opportunities. Habib University offers a comprehensive Scholarship and Financial Aid Program tailored to meet each student's individual financial needs.

Scholarship

All scholarships are awarded on the basis of overall merit assessed at the time of admission irrespective of the student's religious, ethnic, racial, gender or socio-economic background. Scholarships are awarded for a four-year undergraduate study at HU provided the student maintains the required CGPA each semester and a good conduct standing.

YOH SIN Scholarships

These are 100% scholarships available for exceptionally well-rounded and high merit students.

Habib Excellence Scholarships

These scholarships are available to students who demonstrate overall high merit and potential. These cover 60% to 80% of the tuition and fees of the recipients.

Habib Merit Scholarships

These are awarded to students who demonstrate good academic merit. These scholarships cover up to 50% of the tuition and fees of the recipients.

Financial Aid

Habib University's Financial Aid Program offers generous need-based grants and aims to ensure equal opportunities for all.

Grants are awarded based on the financial need assessed through the financial aid application at the time of admission. Grants are subject to a review of a student's financial circumstances and do not need to be repaid. Grants awarded at the time of admission will continue for the four years of a student's degree program provided the student maintains the required academic and conduct standing.



At Habib University, your socioeconomic background is never a problem. If you are a deserving student, HU will welcome you with open arms.

Hunza Irfan,
Class of 2019

Students are encouraged to apply for Habib University's Scholarship and Financial Aid program as soon as they complete their admissions application.

For more information, visit:

www.habib.edu.pk/admissions/student-finance

HABIB UNIVERSITY WELCOMES EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS FROM ALL BACKGROUNDS. WE RECOGNIZE THE TALENTS AND POTENTIAL OF STUDENTS BY OFFERING GENEROUS SCHOLARSHIPS AND PROVIDING NEED-BASED GRANTS.

Rafiq M. Habib
Chancellor, Habib University

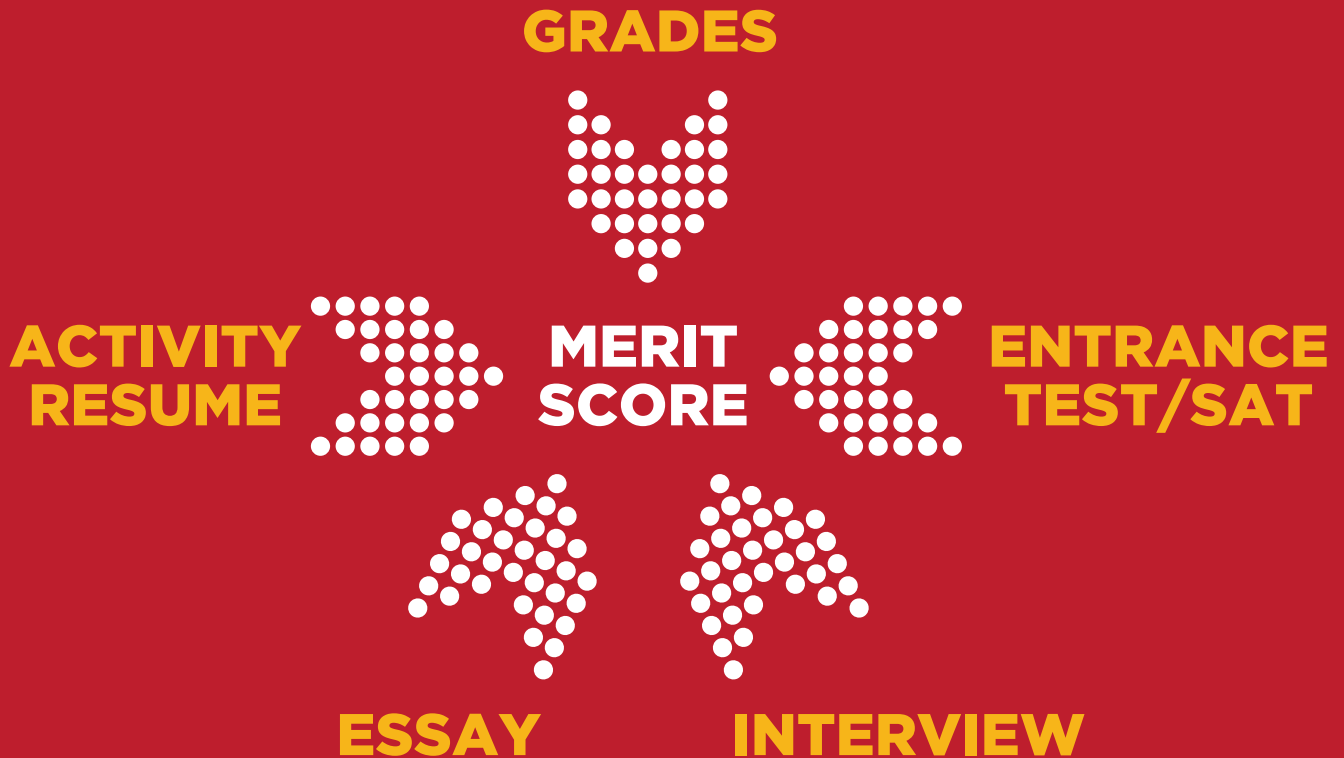




Admissions

Students who have successfully completed OR will complete Intermediate/A Levels/High School Diploma/International Baccalaureate Diplomas -- or any other equivalent qualification(s) -- and meet the relevant program specific requirements as per their educational system are eligible to apply.

Habib University has a holistic approach towards admissions. All applicants are given a Merit Score, which is calculated based on five distinct criteria: their Grades, their Activity Resume, a summary of their meta-curricular achievements, the results of their HU Entrance Test or the SAT, their Personal Essay and their Interview. The Merit Score will determine whether the individual will be accepted into Habib University, and will then determine the amount of scholarship they will receive. This process ensures that students are evaluated based on a spectrum of their skills and achievements in different areas.





**YOU WILL MEET PEOPLE FROM ALL OVER THE
WORLD WHO WILL ENHANCE YOUR EXPERIENCE.
YOU WILL DREAM, CREATE, DESIGN, INNOVATE.
YOU WILL CRAFT YOUR OWN JOURNEY, AND THIS
JOURNEY WILL BE WROUGHT WITH
UNCOUNTABLE SUCCESSES AND JOYS.**



Wasif Rizvi,
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