



FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE

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A Smooth Transition from
High School to Habib University
for a Successful Career



Habib University
shaping futures



Welcome to the Beginning of a New Journey!

Enrolling at university is an exciting and important phase of your life as you take the leap from a structured high school environment to a more open and diverse university learning environment.

Just the thought of being at university can be daunting. The diverse learning landscape, opportunities, expectations, and criteria for success require you to develop new skills and ways of working in order to be successful.

We are glad that you are considering Habib University (HU) as your destination for higher education. We care for our students and have developed an exciting **First Year Experience (FYE)**, not only to welcome you into the HU community but also to ensure that your transition from high school to university is **exciting, enlightening and enriching** from day one.

This brochure highlights a thoughtfully designed FYE, which will start even before you officially join HU. Read it and note down the important dates so that you can become part of the exciting process of embarking on your journey at HU.





WELCOME TO HABIB UNIVERSITY

Before Your Semester Starts



Weekly In-person/Zoom Advisory Meetings

You're probably asking yourself questions such as what program do I choose? What courses should I select? How will the HU experience help me in shaping my career? What are credit hours? and wondering where the answers are going to come from. You need not worry because as soon as you receive your admission offer, you will be introduced to your **First Year Advisor**.

Your First Year Advisor will be available to meet you and your parents during the **weekly in-person/Zoom meetings** and will help you find the right answers to all of your queries.

These optional meetings will be held every Friday between 2 pm and 5 pm. You may meet in-person or have a Zoom meeting. You may book an appointment by writing to the Advisor at OAPadvisor.2026@habib.edu.pk

First Year Webinar Series

The First Year Webinar Series will be launched from April 2022 to help you in understanding your programs, to meet with your future instructors, interact with seniors and alumni, and explore the exciting life Habib has to offer.



SPLASH - Summer Program for Language, Arts, Sciences and Humanities for Incoming Students

Settling in a new environment can be daunting and concerns about whether you will be able to adjust and make new friends are quite normal.

SPLASH is HU's summer program, especially designed for new students. Lasting a month, it will help you in learning new skills through exciting short courses, meet your future classmates, interact with Habib faculty, staff and senior students, and experience the vibrant student life and learning at Habib, all before the first official day of classes.

Keep yourself available for SPLASH from June 20, 2022 until July 23, 2022.



New Student Orientation Week (O Week 2022)

The New Student Orientation 2022 is a week-long program that aims to make YOUR transition to Habib University a smooth and joyful process. During NSO 2022, you will be engaged in a variety of interactive and exciting activities and events to help you build a better understanding of the Habib culture and community, make new friends, understand your four-year journey and get acquainted with the campus and its facilities. Your parents will also be a part of the process.

NSO 2022 week will start from August 15, 2022. Do not schedule anything else during this time.



During First Year

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Design Your Habib Experience

During semesters 1 and 2, you will be exposed to the cutting-edge concept of Design Thinking and apply it to design your four-year life at HU. **Design Your Habib Experience** classes will guide you to think about your career and learning aspirations and develop a thoughtful plan to achieve them. These highly interactive classes will boost your motivation and level of self-reflection to make the most of your university experience.

First Year Fundamentals

A major chunk of the First Year Experience in the Fall Semester consists of our First Year Fundamentals (FYF) program. This is a series of interesting workshops, informative lectures, and fun communal events, which will help you learn some essential skills, engage with faculty, and take part in healthy competitions with your own classmates and other batches too! The FYF workshops span a variety of topics such as study skills, time management, academic planning, teamwork, conflict resolution, problem solving, maintaining academic integrity, etc.



Learning Communities

At the start of the academic year, all first-year students will be divided and grouped into Learning Communities (LC). Your LC will consist of other students from your major, with whom you will study most of your first semester courses. In addition to providing a system of support and comradery and a ready-made study group (aka your fellow LC members), each LC will be assigned a senior student mentor who will act as a guide for your first year. Your mentor will be a student from the same major program as you and will help you in the following areas:

1. Learn about various aspects of Habib University including policies, processes, values, norms, etc.
2. Get involved and engaged in various campus activities
3. Keep your motivation level high during your new learning journey
4. Help you bond you with the campus community
5. Assist you in resolving your academic and other problems



Community Engagement Events and Activities

The Office of Student Life and Habib University's Student Council will engage you in a variety of community building activities based on sports, clubs and societies, music and art, science and technology, language and literature, etc. All these events will help you connect with the HU Community as well as demonstrate your unique talents and skills.

You will be encouraged to become a member of at least three clubs and actively participate in various club activities.





Ensuring Your Well-being

The Office of Health and Wellness encourages a healthy campus environment by empowering and helping the HU Community make positive and informed lifestyle choices. The office 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.

The Office of Health and Wellness will facilitate you in keeping yourselves physically and mentally healthy and fit. Exciting programs on learning to swim, gain fitness, and team sports will help you keep fit and energized. Mental Health Counselors and wellness peers will help you manage your stress levels and anxiety so that you are able to focus on your studies.



Academic Support and Help

You may find some of your courses challenging, and may need help enhancing some of your academic skills. To ensure that you successfully complete your first year at HU with a strong academic base, a number of on-campus resources will be available to you. These include:

- **The Writing Centre** to help you enhance your writing skills
- **Peer Tutors** to help you with various courses such as mathematics, programming, etc.
- **First Year Advisors** to help you navigate your academic journey
- **Faculty Advisors** to help you understand your learning journey at Habib
- **Faculty Office Hours** to meet your instructors in order to acquire additional help



Start Crafting Your Career Plan

You will also receive career advice and training from semester 1 to help you start thinking about and planning for your future. Our Office of Career Services will help you to reflect on your experience and start building your career plan. They will assist you in gaining industry experience, alumni advice and support for skill building.

This is just a glimpse of the plan designed to make you successful at HU. Your success is the central focus at Habib University. Looking forward to making your transition as smooth and effective as possible. Welcome to Habib University!



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