

Course Code	Pakistan Study	Credit Hours: 00
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University of Karachi

General Education Course

Pakistan Studies

Credits: 02

Description

This course intends to provide students with a comprehensive analysis of Pakistan's identity. The objective of this course is to instill in students a sophisticated comprehension of Pakistan's history, geography, culture, economy, current issues, and prospective future paths, allowing them to critically assess the intricate factors influencing the nation's development. Additionally, it examines the socio-cultural and political shifts occurring in Pakistan.

Course Learning Outcomes

By the end of this course, students will be able to:

1. Have enhanced knowledge of the geographical, historical, and political aspects of Pakistan.
 2. Understand the society and culture of Pakistan.
 3. Understand and explain the socio-economic developments in Pakistan.
 4. Explore contemporary issues and challenges faced by Pakistan and their implications for the future.
1. Geography of Pakistan
 - Location of Pakistan
 - Geostrategic importance of Pakistan.
 - Indus River System
 - Physiographic features of Pakistan
 2. History of Pakistan
 - Ancient period
 - Ghaznavids, Ghauri and Sultanate Period
 - The Great Mughals
 - Factors leading to creation of Pakistan
 - Military interventions and democratic transitions.
 3. Cultural Heritage of Pakistan
 - Socio-cultural diversity
 - Art and architecture of Pakistan
 4. Pakistani Languages and Literature
 - Significance of Urdu in the Freedom Movement
 - 'Urdu' lingua franca of Pakistan
 - Folklore of Sindhi, Baluchi, Punjabi and Pushto
 5. Economy of Pakistan
 - Agriculture and industrial sectors of Pakistan
 - Economic challenges of Pakistan

6. Pakistan and World Affairs

- Pakistan's foreign relations with neighboring countries (China, Iran, India and Afghanistan)
- United Nations Organization (UNO), South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC), Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO) and Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO)
- Security and environmental challenges: Terrorism, extremism, Climate Change

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