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FOREWORD

Gomal University, Dera Ismail Khan, stands as the largest and the second oldest university of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, carrying a proud legacy of academic excellence and intellectual contribution. Traditionally, the University followed the term system, where evaluation was largely dependent on external sources. This approach, though functional in its time, often led to serious challenges including delays, inefficiency, and procedural complications, making it archaic in comparison to contemporary academic practices.

In line with the global trends and the practices of renowned and top-ranking universities of Pakistan, Gomal University has adopted the semester system. The semester system has proven to be more effective, student-centered, and resource-efficient. It enables continuous assessment, ensures timely feedback, promotes effective management, and reduces unnecessary costs. Above all, it creates an academic environment where learning is not confined to final examinations but is cultivated throughout the semester, fostering responsibility, critical thinking, and holistic growth among students.

The implementation of the semester system at Gomal University has been successful. However, like any transition, it initially presented certain glitches and lacunas. With consistent effort and careful review, these challenges have been identified and systematically addressed, making the system more robust, quality-centered, and efficient in terms of both management and finances.

In this regard, I would like to express my profound gratitude to the Academic Directorate of Gomal University, which, under the dedicated leadership of **Prof. Dr. Mohammad Safdar Baloch**, Dean Faculty of Agriculture/Director Academics, worked tirelessly to refine, reform, and strengthen the semester system. By revising its rules and regulations, his team has ensured that the University derives maximum benefit from this academic model. Their collective efforts deserve not only my appreciation but also the applause of the entire administration, faculty, and student body of the university.

I extend my best wishes to Prof. Dr. Mohammad Safdar Baloch, his committed team, and all those who contributed in any capacity to this transformative process. I am confident that the improved semester system will continue to serve our students, faculty, and institution at large with excellence and distinction.

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Gomal University

Semester System Rules & Regulations-2025 (Updated 2026)

TITLE, COMMENCEMENT AND APPLICATION

These regulations shall be called the Gomal University Semester System Rules & Regulations-2025 (Updated 2026).

DEFINITIONS

In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions shall have the meanings hereby respectively, assigned to them;

- i. “Board” means the Advanced Studies & Research Board (ASRB);
- ii. “Graduate Studies Committee” or “Academic Committee” (in case of Centres) means a Committee of a Department/Centre/Institute, as the case may be;
- iii. “Head” means Head of Department/Chairperson/Director of a Department/Centre/Institute or Principal of a College;
- iv. “AD” means Associate Degree;
- v. “BS” means Bachelor of Studies;
- vi. “B.Sc (Hons)” means Bachelor of Science (Hons);
- vii. “MS” means Master of Studies;
- viii. “M.Sc (Hons)” means Master of Science (Hons);
- ix. “M.Phil” means Master of Philosophy;
- x. “PhD” means Doctor of Philosophy;
- xi. “Related Subjects” means subjects which are supportive of the major field of study;
- xii. “Research Scholar” means a person registered in MS/M.Sc (Hons)/M.Phil/PhD degree program;
- xiii. “Thesis” means original research work carried out by the MS/M.Sc (Hons)/M.Phil/PhD research Scholar;
- xiv. “University” means the Gomal University;
- xv. “Test” means test for admission to BS/MS/M.Sc (Hons)/M.Phil/PhD degree program;

- xvi. For theory courses, each credit hour means one hour of lecture (including 10 minutes break) per week throughout the semester, while for lab courses, each credit hour means 2-3 hours of practical work per week (depending upon the requirements of the degree program concerned) throughout the semester;
- xvii. The credit hours are denoted by two digits within brackets with a hyphen in between. The first digit represents the theory part while the second digit (right side) represents the practical, for example;
- a) The 3(3-0) means three credit hours of theory, whereas 4(3-1) means a total of four credit hours, of which three credit hours are of theory and one credit hour is of practical.
 - b) A 3(3-0) course shall have three contact hours per week, whereas a 4(3-1) course shall have six contact hours per week.

PREAMBLE

To align with the standard procedures provided by the Higher Education Commission (HEC), this document incorporates the Graduate Education Policy-2023 (GEP-2023) and Undergraduate Education Policy (V 1.1) in Gomal University Semester System Rules & Regulations. These policies were adopted in the 45th meeting of the Gomal University Academic Council held on 08-09-2023 to bring the semester rules in line with national and international academic standards. The aforesaid regulations are hereby amended in accordance with the HEC guidelines, in terms of Section 29(i) of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Universities Act-2016 (amended up-to-date).

1. TITLE

These regulations shall be called the Gomal University Semester System Rules & Regulations-2025 (Updated 2026), which shall regulate all academic matters for AD/BS/B.Sc (Hons)/MS/M.Sc (Hons)/M.Phil/PhD degree programs where the semester system is implemented.

2. COMMENCEMENT

These regulations shall come into force with effect from 2025 & onwards.

Standardized breakup of credit hours for AD/BS/B.Sc (Hons)/MS/M.Sc (Hons)/M.Phil/PhD degree programs*

Total number of credit hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 64-76 credit hours for 2-year/AD program○ 124-148 credit hours for 4-year program○ 164 credit hours for 5-year program○ 32 credit hours for course-based MS program**○ 32 credit hours for M.Phil or Equivalent program***○ 32 credit hours for PhD program****
Semester duration	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 16-18 weeks
Course duration	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Minimum 8 semesters (4 years) or as per the requirements of the study program for BS or Equivalent degree○ Minimum 4 semesters (2 years) or as per the requirements of the study program for the AD degree○ Minimum 3 semesters (1.5 years) or as per the requirements of the study program for MS/M.Sc (Hons)/M.Phil or Equivalent degree○ Minimum 6 semesters (3 years) for PhD degree

* See "Requirements for award of degree"

** 26 credit hours for core subjects (Major/Minor) and 06 credit hours for research-oriented subjects. For further details see "Course-based MS degree"

*** 26 credit hours for coursework & 6 credit hours for research thesis

**** 20 credit hours for course work & 12 credit hours for research thesis

Coursework load per semester for regular students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 15-21 credit hours for Undergraduate/2-year/AD programs ○ 09-12 credit hours for Graduate programs
Medium of instruction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ English shall be the medium of instruction and examination for all subjects except those of oriental languages ○ For Islamic Studies and Arabic, Urdu is also permissible

3. STRUCTURE OF 4-YEAR BACHELOR DEGREE PROGRAMS

The structure of all Undergraduate or Equivalent degree programs, irrespective of field of study, shall be comprised of the following set of mandatory requirements as per the guidelines of the HEC Undergraduate Education Policy;

- a. **General Education (Gen. Ed.) Requirements:** This component comprises the mandatory courses of general education. The minimum requirement for the general education component is 34 credits in the entire Undergraduate or Equivalent degree programs, including Associate Degrees.
- b. **Credit Hours:** The standard range prescribed to qualify for the Undergraduate or Equivalent degree is 124-148 credit hours with a normal range of 15-18 credit hours in each semester. The departments may, however, offer a maximum of 21 credit hours in a semester where there is a program-specific requirement of the same, provided that the total number of credit hours for the Undergraduate or Equivalent degree program with a single major must not exceed 148 credit hours. The range of credit hours for Undergraduate or Equivalent degree programs having different combinations of major(s) and minor(s) concentration must be followed as prescribed in this policy.

General Education Courses: All the Undergraduate or Equivalent degree programs shall be comprised of a mandatory set of 34 credit hours for general education courses, which must be covered in the first four semesters of the degree program. The list of such courses to be offered during the degree program is provided in Table 1.

Artificial Intelligence Course: In compliance with the directives of the Higher Education Commission, a 03 credit hours course on Artificial Intelligence (AI) shall be offered at both Undergraduate and Graduate degree programs, effective from the Fall 2026 semester. The course may be offered as a compulsory elective subject.

Table 1: General Education

Course Code*	Course Title	Credit Hours
GE-101	Arts and Humanities	02(2+0)
GE-102	Natural Sciences	03(2+1)
GE-103	Social Sciences	02(2+0)
GE-104	Quantitative Reasoning-I	03(3+0)
GE-105	Quantitative Reasoning-II	03(3+0)
GE-106	Functional English	03(3+0)
GE-107	Expository Writing	03(3+0)
GE-108	Islamic Studies	02(2+0)
GE-109	Ideology and Constitution of Pakistan	02(2+0)
GE-110	Pakistan Studies	02(2+0)
GE-111	Entrepreneurship	02(2+0)
GE-112	Civics and Community Engagement	02(2+0)
GE-113	Applications of Information & Communication Technology (ICT)	03(2+1)
GE-114	Fehm-e-Quran I**	01(0+1)
GE-115	Fehm-e-Quran II**	01(0+1)

Note: These course codes shall be treated as compulsory general education courses and shall remain uniform across all academic programs. Whereas HEC-developed standardized course outlines may be used, which are provided on the university and HEC websites.

**Fehm-e-Quran courses shall be mandatory in all degree programs (AD/BS/MS/M.Phil/PhD) for Muslim students only and optional for non-Muslim students. Non-Muslim students may choose alternative courses in lieu of Fehm-e-Quran. Initially, the same level of courses will be offered at both the Undergraduate and Graduate levels. However, the existing Undergraduate students, who will study these courses in their BS degree programs, when promoted to the Graduate level, they will be offered advanced-level courses as approved by the HEC.

Major Courses: These courses are specific to the main field of study in which the degree program is offered. The requirement to satisfy a single major is a minimum of 72 credit hours for the Undergraduate or Equivalent degree program.

Interdisciplinary/Allied Courses: All the Undergraduate or Equivalent degree programs shall be comprised of a mandatory set of minimum 12 credit hours for interdisciplinary/allied courses. This is valid for all Undergraduate or Equivalent degree programs except for Associate Degrees, where the credit hours of interdisciplinary/allied courses may be less or more than 12 credit hours. It is also possible that an Associate Degree has no

interdisciplinary or allied course(s).

Minor (Optional): Minor is an option that comprises a secondary concentration of courses, ordinarily in an academic discipline. The requirements and prerequisites for a minor shall be determined by the department concerned, provided that a minor must not be less than 12 credit hours.

Offerings: An Undergraduate or Equivalent degree program may be offered with a number of combinations, such as (i) a single major; (ii) a single major with one minor; (iii) a single major with two minors; or (iv) double majors without any minor. The structure of these combinations is given below;

a. **Single Major:** An Undergraduate or Equivalent degree program with a single major is focused on a single specialization and comprises a minimum of 124 credit hours, including the requirements of field experience/internship and capstone project. The breakup of credit hours is as under;

- i. General education courses: 34 credit hours
- ii. Major: minimum 72 credit hours
- iii. Interdisciplinary/allied courses: minimum 12 credit hours
- iv. Field experience/internship: 03 credit hours
- v. Capstone project: 03 credit hours

b. **Single Major with One Minor:** An Undergraduate or Equivalent degree program with a single major and one minor is focused on single specialization and one secondary but supporting combination, comprises a minimum of 136 credit hours, including the requirements of field experience/internship and capstone project. The breakup of credit hours is as under;

- i. General education courses: 34 credit hours
- ii. Major: minimum 72 credit hours
- iii. Interdisciplinary/allied courses: minimum 12 credit hours
- iv. Minor: minimum 12 credit hours
- v. Field experience/internship: 03 credit hours
- vi. Capstone project: 03 credit hours

Note: Minor will be offered subject to the approval of the relevant statutory bodies upon the recommendation of the department concerned.

c. **Single Major with Two Minors:** An Undergraduate or Equivalent degree program with a single major and two minors is focused on single specialization and two secondary

but supporting combinations, comprises a minimum of 148 credit hours, including the requirements of field experience/internship and capstone project. The breakup of credit hours is as under;

- i. General education courses: 34 credit hours
- ii. Major: minimum 72 credit hours
- iii. Interdisciplinary/allied courses: minimum 12 credit hours
- iv. Minor 1: minimum 12 credit hours
- v. Minor 2: minimum 12 credit hours
- vi. Field experience/internship: 03 credit hours
- vii. Capstone project: 03 credit hours

Note: Minors will be offered subject to the approval of the relevant statutory bodies upon the recommendation of the department concerned.

d. **Double Majors:** An Undergraduate or Equivalent degree program with double majors without any minor is focused on two related or unrelated specializations, comprises a minimum of 196 credit hours, including the requirements of field experience/internship and capstone project. The breakup of credit hours is as under;

- i. General education courses: 34 credit hours
- ii. Major 1: minimum 72 credit hours
- iii. Major 2: minimum 72 credit hours
- iv. Interdisciplinary/allied courses: minimum 12 credit hours
- v. Field experience/internship: 03 credit hours
- vi. Capstone project: 03 credit hours

Note: A second major will be offered subject to the approval of the relevant statutory bodies upon recommendation of the department concerned. Additional semester(s) will be required to complete the degree requirements in case two majors are offered, provided that the total duration to complete the Undergraduate or Equivalent degree program shall not exceed the maximum duration prescribed in HEC semester guidelines. Where two majors have common courses, a student can get an exemption for a maximum of 30 credit hours for the second major; in which case, the minimum requirement to complete the degree program with a double major shall be 166 credit hours, including the requirements of field experience/internship and capstone project.

Field Experience/Internship: The field experience of six to eight weeks (preferably undertaken during semester or summer break) must be evaluated/graded by a faculty

member in collaboration with the Supervisor in the field. This is a mandatory degree award requirement of 03 credit hours for all Undergraduate or Equivalent degree programs.

Capstone Project: A capstone project is a multidimensional body of work that serves as a culminating academic and intellectual experience for students. The capstone project (preferably undertaken after the 4th semester) must be supervised and evaluated/graded by a faculty member as per the protocols prescribed by the department concerned. This is a mandatory degree award requirement of 03 credit hours for all Undergraduate or Equivalent degree programs except for Associate Degrees.

4. STRUCTURE OF ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAM

An Associate Degree is a 2-year post higher secondary school certificate (HSSC) academic degree offered by the universities primarily in the market-driven subjects based on local and regional community and industry needs from the Session 2020. An Associate Degree program is comprised of four regular semesters over a period of two years, extended up to three years, and consists of 64-76 credit hours. After completion of the Associate Degree, the qualification holder will have the option of seeking admission in the 5th semester of a relevant Undergraduate or Equivalent degree program through exemption of courses already studied in the Associate Degree. The courses to be exempted in this case shall be decided by the admitting university on a case-to-case basis. The minimum eligibility for admission in the 5th semester in the above cases is 2.00/4.00 CGPA. Other basic requirements of the Associate Degree, following HEC Undergraduate Education Policy 2020, aligned with the approved courses of Gomal University, shall be as under;

- i. General education courses: 34 credit hours
- ii. Major: 30-42 credit hours
- iii. Field experience/internship: Only applicable where prescribed by the respective Accreditation Council, National Curriculum Review Committee or the university concerned.

5. STRUCTURE AND ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS FOR ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAMS

- a) **Credit Hours:** The standard range prescribed to qualify for the Associate Degree is 64-76 credit hours, with a normal range of 15-18 credit hours in each semester. The university may offer a maximum of 21 credit hours in a semester.
- b) **General Education Courses:** All Associate Degree programs shall be comprised of a mandatory set of 34 credit hours for general education courses as prescribed in

this policy.

- c) **Major Courses:** All Associate Degree programs shall be comprised of a mandatory set of 30-42 credit hours for major or disciplinary courses.
- d) **Field Experience/Internship:** The field experience of six to eight weeks (preferably undertaken during semester or summer break) must be evaluated/graded by a faculty member in collaboration with the Supervisor in the field. This requirement of 03 credit hours is applicable only in cases where the same is prescribed by the respective Accreditation Council, National Curriculum Review Committee, or the university concerned. Where this requirement is prescribed, the courses within the major will comprise of 30-39 credit hours.
- e) **CGPA Requirement:** The minimum CGPA required for the award of the Associate Degree program shall be 2.00/4.00.
- f) **Program Duration:** The minimum and maximum duration to complete the Associate Degree program is four and six regular semesters, respectively. In extraordinary circumstances, and subject to approval of the concerned statutory bodies of the university, the maximum duration to complete the degree program may further be extended to another semester.

6. ENTRY AND EXIT PROVISIONS OF ASSOCIATE DEGREE

Pathway for Associate Degree Holders

- a) Students having completed Associate Degrees shall be allowed admission in the 5th semester of the Undergraduate or Equivalent degree program offered in the same discipline without any deficiency course.
- b) Where the disciplines of the Associate Degree and the Undergraduate or Equivalent degree program are different, students shall be required to complete deficiency courses (at least 6 credit hours of bridging courses) after getting admission into the 5th semester.
- c) The minimum eligibility for admission in the 5th semester in the above cases is 2.00/4.00 CGPA in the prior qualification, i.e. Associate Degree.

7. PATHWAY FOR CONVENTIONAL 2-YEAR BA/B.Sc OR EQUIVALENT DEGREE HOLDERS

- a) Students having completed a conventional 2-year BA/B.Sc or Equivalent degree programs shall be allowed admission in the 5th semester of the Undergraduate or

Equivalent degree program, in which case students shall be required to complete deficiency courses after getting admission into the 5th semester through a bridging semester (15-18 credit hours) as determined by the admitting university.

- b) The minimum eligibility for admission in the 5th semester in this case is 45% cumulative score in the prior qualification, i.e. conventional 2-year BA/B.Sc or Equivalent degree programs.
- c) A 2-year Bachelor degree (BA/B.Sc or Equivalent) will be equivalent to 50 credit hours under the semester system. The candidate can get the benefit of a maximum of 50 credit hours on case-to-case basis.
- d) A Bachelor (Hons) degree program will consist of 124-148 credit hours.
 - i. A student after a 2-year Bachelor degree may be enrolled in BS/B.Sc (Hons) to complete the remaining 70-90 credit hours, if the courses taken by the student during the 2-year Bachelor program are relevant to the BS/B.Sc (Hons) degree program. However, 10 credit hours will be devoted to bridge courses for admission in a non-relevant/different degree program.
 - ii. A student of Arts with a 2-year Bachelor's degree may not be eligible for BS/B.Sc (Hons) in Science.

8. EXIT FROM UNDERGRADUATE OR EQUIVALENT DEGREE PROGRAM WITH AN ASSOCIATE DEGREE

Students enrolled in the Undergraduate or Equivalent degree program shall be allowed to “Exit” from the program with an Associate Degree, provided that the following requirements are fulfilled;

- i. The student must have completed a minimum of 64 credit hours in at least four semesters of the Undergraduate or Equivalent degree program, including general education courses comprised of 34 credit hours.
- ii. BS students will be eligible for the Associate Degree who will apply for that before completion of their 5th semester; however, other rules for the Associate Degree will remain intact.
- iii. The minimum CGPA shall be maintained at 2.00/4.00.
- iv. The name of the subject field on the degree shall remain the same in which a student was initially enrolled for the Undergraduate or Equivalent degree program. For example, the degree shall be titled as “Associate Degree in Physics”, “Associate Degree in Urdu”. This nomenclature shall be applied uniformly for the university and

its affiliated colleges.

- v. The case of “Exit” from the Undergraduate or Equivalent degree program with an Associate Degree is only applicable where approved by the concerned statutory bodies of the university.
- vi. In case of Associate Degree (Exit), all the previous results notifications shall be re-notified with the revised results.
- vii. Similarly, all the DMCs shall be re-issued with the program name as Associate Degree instead of the BS program by paying the prescribed fee.
- viii. In addition, a consolidated Associate Degree (Exit) transcript shall be prepared, reflecting courses and grades from semesters 1-4 that fulfill Associate Degree requirements by paying the prescribed fee.
- ix. Each BS program shall have an approved “Exit pathway” mapping semesters 1-4 to the corresponding Associate Degree and Associate Degree (Exit) curriculum to avoid course conflicts.
- x. Upon successful completion of the 4th semester of a 4-year BS/B.Ed. degree program, if a student cannot continue studies and fulfil the required “Exit pathway”, he/she shall be considered eligible for the award of an Associate Degree in the relevant subject; such students may resume their studies right from the 5th semester within the prescribed timeframe.
- xi. These rules shall take effect for all BS students of the university as well as its affiliated colleges for the Associate Degree (Exit) option.

Note: The option of “Exit” from the Undergraduate or Equivalent degree program with an Associate Degree is allowed in disciplines accredited under the Councils only if the Councils allow it, for example, National Computing Education Accreditation Council (NCEAC), National Business Education Accreditation Council (NBEAC), National Accreditation Council for Teachers Education (NACTE), etc.

9. AWARD OF BS DEGREES TO STUDENTS ADMITTED AFTER BA/B.SC/AD OR EQUIVALENT

- i. The title of the degree and transcript will be as, for example, “BS in Zoology” & “Session: 2022-2024” in all such cases.
- ii. Only those semesters, credit hours, GPA, CGPA, session and other particulars will be shown in degree or transcript which the student has completed during his/her this admission i.e. BS 5th to 8th semesters from Gomal University and his/her previous

semesters, credit hours, GPA, CGPA, session of BA/BSc/AD/Equivalent must not be merged or added with this program.

- iii. At the end of the transcript of such students, a note will be written, for example, “the student was admitted based on..... (name of degree title) and (number of credit hours) were transferred”.
- iv. The BA/B.Sc/AD or Equivalent degree/testimonial of such students shall not be cancelled or merged; rather, these documents shall have their own worth separately.

10(a). FALL & SPRING SEMESTER

- i. There will be two regular semesters (Fall & Spring) in an academic year. Each semester will be spread over 16-18 weeks, inclusive of examinations.
- ii. Sixteen weeks will be reserved for teaching, and the 18th week will be reserved for the Terminal examination.
- iii. The number of weeks may be adjusted by the university under any special circumstances.
- iv. Departments/Institutes/Centres/Colleges may enroll students fulfilling the prescribed criteria for any semester or for any single course.

10(b). SUMMER SEMESTER

- i. Summer Semester is not a regular semester. It is mainly utilized for deficiency/failure/additional/repetition of courses.
- ii. A student who has failed or has stopped taking the examination due to shortage of attendance or who intends to improve his/her grade is allowed to register in the Summer Semester.
- iii. The Department/Institute can offer a course at the student’s demand in circumstances where five or more students have requested for the course.
- iv. All Heads of Departments shall scrutinize and forward Summer Semester registration cases to the Directorate of Academics within one week of the closing date of registration.
- v. The credit hours during each week of the Summer Semester (8-9 weeks) will be doubled to ensure that the course is completely taught in a semester to cover the deficiency of duration compared with a regular (16-18 weeks) semester.
- vi. The students may register up to 02 subjects (i.e. 06 credit hours) of any semester; however, a maximum limit of 03 subjects (i.e. 09 credit hours) in total may be

permitted in the Summer Semester, subject to the provision of valid justification, duly recommended by the Head of Department and approved by the Dean concerned.

- vii. Re-registration fee for courses (improvement/re-appear) for the Summer Semester will be charged as per university rules.

11. BS OR EQUIVALENT DEGREE PROGRAMS

11(a). RULES & REGULATIONS FOR BS OR EQUIVALENT DEGREE

- i. BS or Equivalent degree programs will extend over a period of 04 years (08 semesters) and shall not extend beyond 5.5 years (11 semesters).
- ii. If the degree duration exceeds the maximum time limits, the case will be dealt by the Time-Barred Committee of the university.

11(b). ADMISSION REGULATIONS FOR BS OR EQUIVALENT DEGREE

A. Eligibility

- i. The program of study of various disciplines will be offered subject to the availability of seats, qualified staff, and all other required facilities. All reserved seats will be decided as per the admission policy of the university.
- ii. Admission to all Bachelor (Hons) and Diploma in Physical Education level programs shall be open to candidates who have passed the relevant Intermediate examination from any recognized Board with at least Second Division in aggregate (in case of Engineering Programs, First Division).
- iii. Admission to DVM shall be open to candidates who have passed the F.Sc Pre-Medical examination from any recognized Board.
- iv. Admission to Engineering programs shall be open to candidates who have passed the Intermediate or Equivalent examination from any recognized Board as per Council policy.

Admission to Teachers Education programs shall be open to candidates as under;

- a. M.Ed.: having passed B.Ed. or Equivalent examination
- b. B.Ed.: having passed AD/BA/B.Sc examination

Note: Separate seats are reserved for Commerce, Agriculture, Home Economics, and candidates who have passed the MA/M.Sc examination.

- v. Foreign students shall be eligible for admission only if they are sponsored by the Federal Ministry concerned/HEC and fulfill the admission criteria of the university.

B. Procedure

- i. A general advertisement will be circulated through the University Website, the University's Official Social Media Platforms, and related prevailing platforms for

admission to various programs of studies, inviting applications on the prescribed forms to be received by the Directorate of Admissions.

- ii. All applications shall have attested photocopies of all the previously obtained degrees/certificates/DMCs (of all parts)/CNIC as well as domicile certificate and any other documents mentioned in the advertisement and/or in the application form.
- iii. A candidate may apply for admission to more than one program on separate application forms.
- iv. A candidate who is employed in the Govt./autonomous/semi-autonomous/incorporated bodies or firms, etc., will be required to obtain necessary permission and leave for the duration of the program.
- v. Applications will be scrutinized for basic admission eligibility. All eligible candidates will be required to appear in the Admission Entry Test, for which the minimum qualifying score will be 40%. Thereafter, the general merit list of eligible candidates will be displayed on the Notice Board of the Directorate of Admissions and on the University website.
- vi. Interviews of the eligible candidates will be held on the days mentioned in the advertisement.
- vii. Fee slips will be issued by the Directorate of Admissions for the deposit of fees in the designated banks within the prescribed dates, and deposit slips shall be submitted to the Directorate of Admissions for admission confirmation. In case of failure of submission of slips within the prescribed time, admission will be offered to the next candidate on the waiting list.

12. COURSE REGISTRATION

- i. Students will be required to register their courses for each semester by filling out the registration form.
- ii. In 1st semester, students will register their courses during the first week of the commencement of the classes, whereas in subsequent semesters, they will register their courses either in the semester break or during the first week of the commencement of the classes.
- iii. Complete registration will include fulfilling all financial obligations for the course.
- iv. All payable dues have to be paid at the time of course registration. The paid student list will be handed over to the teacher concerned for the attendance register record.
- v. If a student fails to deposit the fee within a week after completion of the registration

process, he/she will have to pay Rs. 50 per day extra as a late fee charge.

13. ACADEMIC CALENDAR

The Directorate of Academics will notify a uniform Academic Calendar for its Fall/Spring/Summer Semester with the following details;

- a) Semester start date (the Head of Department will arrange an orientation session during the 1st week of the semester to make the students aware of all relevant rules and regulations).
- b) Course registration and deposition of fee.
- c) Midterm examination date.
- d) Sports week.
- e) Terminal examination date.
- f) Semester break (for marking answer sheets and declaration of results, etc.).
- g) All academic activities in the Fall/Spring/Summer Semester will be carried out by observing the schedule of vacations of the university. The Government-affiliated colleges may follow the holidays' schedule of the Higher Education Department; however, the classes missed during such holidays may be rescheduled by the Principals concerned.
- h) All teaching departments, institutes, centres, and constituent colleges shall strictly adhere to the approved academic calendar.

14. CHANGE/WITHDRAWAL OF COURSES

A student, on the recommendations of the Head of Department and approval by the Dean concerned, will be allowed to;

- a) Change a course within 07 days of the commencement of a semester.
- b) Withdrawal from a course within 15 days of the commencement of the semester.

15. STUDENTS' MIGRATION, TRANSFER OF COURSES AND CREDIT HOURS

The migration and transfer of courses, credit hours, or admission shall be allowed forthwith, under certain conditions, as given below;

S. No.	Category Name
1	Justification of Migration/Transfer of Admission
	<p>All migration applications shall be properly scrutinized on merit and through the Migration Committee of the Directorate of Admissions, Gomal University, on the following grounds;</p> <p>a) In case of (i) Transfer of father/guardian (ii) Marriage (iii) Genuine health issue (iv) Threats or law and order situation (v) Other genuine grounds where migration may be allowed by the Vice Chancellor on the recommendation of the Department/Institute/Centre/College concerned provided further that the incoming student can be adequately adjusted in the existing scheme/program of study, and that he/she was otherwise eligible for admission in the said Department/Institute/Centre/College as far as merit and other conditions are concerned.</p> <p>b) The valid documents of justification for migration, such as Transfer order, Nikah nama, FIR, or Medical certificate, etc., are duly verified by the concerned authority, i.e. SHO, Director Hospitals/DHO, Nikah Registrar, etc.</p>
2	From Campus-to-Campus Transfer of Admission
	<p>a) Transfer of admissions is allowed from the Main Campus to the Sub Campus.</p> <p>b) Transfer of admission from Sub Campus to Main Campus is not allowed except in the most exceptional cases with strong evidence/justification duly recommended by the Director of Tank Campus.</p>
3	Transfer within the Govt. Affiliated Colleges (Within the Jurisdiction) and Gomal University
	<p>a) Transfer of Admission from Govt. Affiliated Colleges to Gomal University is allowed.</p> <p>b) Transfer of Admission from Gomal University to Govt. Affiliated Colleges is not allowed.</p>
4.	Migration Within the Govt. Affiliated Colleges (Out of Jurisdiction) and Gomal University
	<p>a) Migration from the Govt. Affiliated Colleges (out of jurisdiction) to Gomal University is allowed.</p>

	b) Migration from Gomal University to Govt. Affiliated Colleges (out of jurisdiction) is not allowed.
5.	Migration Within the Public Sector University and Gomal University
	a) From the Public Sector University to Gomal University is allowed. b) From Gomal University to any other Public Sector University is allowed, subject to the payment of all remaining semester dues. However, the applicant will also take prior permission or NOC from the university in which he wants to seek migration.
6.	Migration Within the Private Sector University and Gomal University
	a) From Gomal University to any Private Sector University is not allowed. b) Form Private to Gomal University is allowed.
7	Migration/Transfer Within the Private Affiliated Colleges
	a) Transfer of admission within the Private Affiliated Colleges of Gomal University is allowed. b) Migration from a Private Affiliated College of another Public Sector University to a Private Affiliated College of Gomal University is allowed. c) Migration from Private Affiliated College of Gomal University to Private Affiliated College of another university is not allowed.
8	<p>Mandatory Requirements for Migration and Transfer of Courses/Credit Hours</p> <p>Migration and transfer of courses allowed in Undergraduate programs, subject to the following conditions;</p> <p>a) If the Departmental Board of Studies (BoS) verifies that the course contents passed by the candidate are at par with the course being taught in the Department, the same will be allowed to be transferred; else he/she will have to register for deficiency courses whenever offered.</p> <p>b) No course passed with a grade of less than " B " is transferred.</p> <p>c) Migration from any HEC recognized university shall not be accepted in 1st and final semester of the degree program OR if his/her merit is less than the last students admitted during that academic year.</p> <p>d) Complete the subjects' deficiency report by the local members of the Board of Studies (BoS), the Head of Department, and the respective Dean must be attached.</p> <p>e) Rs. 5000 (non-refundable) application processing fee. Deposited slip must be attached with the application.</p>

	<p>f) Seat vacant report by the Head of Department.</p> <p>g) Prior NOC from both the Universities/Institutions/Colleges, etc.</p> <p>h) Basic eligibility and merit report of the applicant issued by the Head of Department.</p> <p>i) The subject deficiency report must be within the limit of 6 to 8 subjects.</p>
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ADMISSION THROUGH TRANSFER/MIGRATION

S. No	From	To	Status
1	Main Campus Gomal University	Sub Campus Tank	Allowed
	Sub Campus Tank	Main Campus Gomal University	Not allowed (except genuine case)
2	Gomal University	Govt. Affiliated College with Gomal	Not allowed
	Gomal University	Govt. Affiliated College with Other Govt. University	Not allowed
	Govt. College Affiliated with Gomal University	Gomal University	Allowed
	Govt. College Affiliated with other Govt. University	Gomal University	Allowed
3	Any Public Sector University	Gomal University	Allowed
	Gomal University	Any other Public Sector University	Allowed (by fulfilling all requirements)
4	Gomal University	Private University	Not allowed
	Private University	Gomal University	Allowed
5	Private Affiliated College of Gomal University	Private Affiliated College of Gomal University	Allowed
	Private Affiliated College of another University	Private Affiliated College of Gomal University	Allowed
	Private Affiliated College of Gomal University	Private Affiliated College of another University	Not allowed

16. EXEMPTION OF COURSES

The course exemption shall be allowed with certain conditions, as given below;

- i. M.Phil or Equivalent and PhD students who had completed their respective coursework from Gomal University with at least 3.00/4.00 CGPA but could not complete the research and the degree will be fully exempted from coursework.

- ii. Such students, as mentioned above, will have to get new admissions in their respective disciplines at Gomal University by fulfilling the requisite formalities and at their own risk & cost.
- iii. After their admissions, the Departmental Board of Studies will check the relevance of their already completed courses and requisite credit hours. In case the courses as well as the credit hours are the same, then full exemption from the already studied coursework will be granted.
- iv. Such students will have to spend at least 1.5 years in M.Phil or Equivalent and 3 years in PhD to complete their degree program.
- v. They will pay the prescribed fee up-to-date of the submission of a soft copy of the thesis to the Quality Assurance Directorate, subject to the plagiarism score within the acceptable range.
- vi. The session of such students will be considered from their new/fresh admission.

17. NON-CREDIT COURSES

On the recommendation of the Head of Department, non-credit courses can be taken on a pass/fail basis. These courses can be selected only from elective courses, and the grade awarded in these courses will not be considered in calculating the GPA or CGPA. If a student fails in these courses, he/she will have to repeat the courses, and the “Repeat Course Policy” will apply.

18. DEGREE RELEVANCE COMMITTEE

There will be a Degree Relevance Committee to streamline cases of degree relevance in the university, comprising the following;

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| ▪ The Director Academics | Convener |
| ▪ The Dean concerned | Member |
| ▪ The Director Quality Assurance Directorate | Member |
| ▪ Head of Department/Institute concerned | Member |
| ▪ Two senior faculty members of the Department/Institute concerned | Subject experts |

The Committee shall review and process applications of the students, which will be received through their respective Departments/Institutes, for the issuance of relevance certificates of their completed degree programs.

Note: The admission in any university for further education and the determination of suitability in relation to job requirements rest with the university concerned and employing

agency, respectively, and Gomal University will have no role in such issues.

19. CLASS ATTENDANCE, CANCELLATION OF ADMISSION & RE-ADMISSION

- i. A student is required to attend at least 75% of classes held in a course to be eligible to appear in the semester's Terminal examination.
- ii. In case of absence as a result of late admission, medical grounds, or change of course, the teacher will give extra (make-up) materials to the students to meet the deficiency.
- iii. The teacher concerned will display the list of the students who do not fulfill the requirements of attendance at least one week before the examination, and such students shall not be allowed to appear in the Terminal examination of the course if they have less than 75% attendance.
- iv. At the end of each month, the teacher concerned shall send a statement giving the total number of lectures delivered and practicals conducted to the Head of Department/Centre/ Institute/College.
- v. If a student on rolls remains absent from any program/course continuously for 10 days or more or if his/her attendance in any one or more courses falls below 50% at the end of each month without a reasonable cause for which prior permission is essential, his/her admission shall be cancelled/struck off by the Head of Department/Institute/Centre/College concerned and the same be notified.
- vi. The struck-off students will have to get re-admission within 15 days on the recommendation of the Head of Department after the approval of the Dean concerned, subject to payment of prescribed charges (fee, fine, etc.). However, he/she will not be allowed to appear in the Terminal examination having less than 75% attendance. If a student fails to apply for restoration of his/her admission within 15 days, he/she will be allowed re-admission with students of the next session in the same semester by paying late admission charges (Rs. 10000/-) in addition to the re-admission fee and regular semester dues.
- vii. Only two chances of re-admission are allowed in the whole period of his degree program.

20. EXAMINATION

- a. There shall be Sessional (Tests/Assignments/Quizzes/Presentations/Projects), Mid-Term, and Terminal examinations in each course in every semester.

- b. The weightage of these examinations and Sessional (theory) shall be as follows;
- i. The weightage of the Sessional (Tests/Assignments/Quizzes/Presentations/Projects) during the whole semester will be 10-20% of the assigned theory marks.
 - ii. When almost 50% of the course content is covered, a Mid-Term examination shall be conducted (in 8th – 9th weeks) with 30% weightage. A major portion of the papers should preferably be based on conceptual questions.
 - iii. If a student secures less than passing marks in that examination, he/she can appear in all other examinations, including Terminal/Sessional.
 - iv. Terminal examination covering the whole course will be conducted (in 16th – 18th weeks) with a weightage of 50-60%.
 - v. The student shall submit Projects/Assignments/Lab reports. These will have different weightage contributing towards the overall assessment in percentage marks as determined by the teacher concerned.

This weightage can be determined based on the following guidelines;

Nature of examination	Marks%
Sessional (Tests/Assignments/Quizzes/ Presentations/Projects/ Participation)	10-20%
Mid-Term examination	30%
Terminal examination	50-60%

- vi. Research thesis marks will be counted while calculating the overall CGPA and will be included in the transcripts of MS/M.Sc (Hons)/M.Phil/PhD degree programs.
- vii. The weightage contributing towards the overall assessment in percentage marks will be determined on the following guidelines;
 - Theory courses 100%
 - Practical 100%
- viii. Similarly, passing theory and practical courses independently will be compulsory; if a student fails in any one of them, he/she will be declared fail in the course.
- ix. In case a student joins after the start of the semester, he/she will be responsible for any missed quizzes, assignments, and lectures. The marks in missed quizzes, etc., will be considered zero, while make-up tests, projects, and labs can be arranged in

consultation with the Teacher/Head of Department.

- x. There will be no Supplementary/Special examination in a semester system; if a student fails in a course, he/she is required to repeat the course whenever offered.
- xi. An incomplete grade “I” shall be awarded to a student only if he/she has missed the Mid or Terminal examination, Project report, etc., due to exceptional cases beyond the control of a student, such as serious accidents, family tragedy, and serious health ailments, but has completed all other requirements of the course successfully. The award of grade “I” shall not cover a student’s lethargic attitude, willful absence, or bad performance in class. Grade “I” shall be converted into an appropriate letter grade within one year; otherwise, it shall be changed to grade “F”. The teacher concerned shall specify the conditions for conversion of the grade.
- xii. A student shall be required to complete the coursework within the semester in which he/she takes that course. If a student fails to complete the course within the prescribed period, including extension (if any), the course shall be marked as “incomplete” on the Scholar’s record and shall not be credited towards the CGPA.

21. POLICY GUIDELINE FOR THE PRIVATE AFFILIATED COLLEGES REGARDING CONDUCT OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION

The following policy guideline shall be implemented forthwith for Private & Govt. Affiliated Colleges;

a) Weightage of Examinations

Sixty percent (60%) weightage will be given to the Terminal examination to be conducted by the Gomal University; whereas 40% weightage will be given to the internal exam (Mid-Term) by the respective Private & Govt. Affiliated Colleges.

b) Paper Marking

- i. The papers of Private & Govt. Affiliated Colleges will be checked by the relevant subject experts of the Private & Govt. Affiliated Colleges to be nominated by the Principal of the respective Colleges. Moreover, the Head Examiners will be deputed to the marking zones by the Controller of Examinations with prior permission of the Vice Chancellor.
- ii. At the end of exams, the Principals of respective Colleges of Gomal University will send the answer sheets directly to the marking zones for paper marking.

c) Attendance Record

In order to check and ensure the 75% attendance of Private & Govt. Affiliated Colleges, there may be surprise visits from the Committee or a person nominated by the Vice Chancellor.

d) Retaining Answer Sheets

- i. The Examinations Section, Gomal University, will keep the used answer sheets of Terminal examinations for three years after declaration of its final semester result for all Private & Govt. Affiliated Colleges.
- ii. Three years after the declaration of the final semester result, the Controller of Examinations or his nominee will dispose of all such records of the university and its Private & Govt. Affiliated Colleges.
- iii. The award lists of all exams will be kept as a record by the Departments and Colleges concerned, as well as by the Examinations Section, Gomal University.

e) Submission of Registration Return

The registration return will be routed through the relevant department. After vetting the documents and eligibility criteria, the department will submit a report and relevant records to the Examinations Section for further processing of registration number allotment on the analogy of the practice which was followed in the Directorate of Distance Education.

f) Model Papers

The Private & Govt. Affiliated Colleges concerned will provide two model papers of each subject to the Examinations Section, Gomal University, within the stipulated period, and the Exam Section will select one paper out of these two for the exam of that College.

g) Course Outline

A uniform course outline will be followed by both On-Campus and Private & Govt. Affiliated Colleges.

h) Duty Staff

- i. Only one Superintendent from Gomal University will be sent for exams duty at Private & Govt. Affiliated Colleges.
- ii. The TA/DA to the superintendent will be paid by the university as per its approved rates.
- iii. It must be avoided in assigning the duties to the same staff who have already

notification.

- ii. The teacher concerned will display the final award list on the Department/Institute/Centre/ College Notice Board within 10 days of the Terminal examination by retaining one copy for record in the course file. In case a student is not satisfied with the teacher's evaluation, then his/her case will be sent to the Departmental Examination Committee (DEC) for a decision. If DEC cannot settle the issue, then the case will be sent to the Central Semester Implementation Committee for a final decision.
- iii. Answer sheets, award lists, and unfair means cases will be submitted to the Controller of Examinations for further processing within 07 working days after the Terminal examination.
- iv. The Controller of Examinations will declare the result of each course within 15 days after the receipt of the final award list, except for the unfair means cases.
- v. The Department/Institute concerned will keep the used answer sheets of the Terminal exams for 30 days after the declaration of the semester result.
- vi. Forty days after the declaration of semester results, the record of used answer sheets will be sent to the Controller of Examinations for proper disposal of all such records at the proper time.
- vii. The award lists of all exams will be kept as a record by the Teacher/Department/ Institute/Centre/College concerned, as well as by the Examinations Section of the university.

25. UNFAIR MEANS CASES

- i. Any candidate found guilty of misconduct in giving or receiving assistance, or found guilty of copying from any paper, book, or note, or allowing any other candidate to copy his answer book, or using/attempting to use these or any other unfair means, shall be decided by the Departmental Examination Committee as per the University Students' Disciplinary Rules.
- ii. The teacher concerned/Superintendent examination centre will report unfair means cases to the Head of Department/Principal, who will forward the cases within a week to the Departmental Examination Committee for necessary action.

26. GRADING

a. The grading of the students in the semester system shall be as follows;

Marks obtained	Numerical Grade	Letter Grades	Remarks
90% – 100%	4.00	A+	Outstanding
80% – below 90%	4.00	A	Excellent
75% – below 80%	3.50 – 3.99	B+	Very Good
70% – below 75%	3.00 – 3.49	B	Good
65% – below 70%	2.50 – 2.99	C+	Fair
60% – below 65%	2.00 – 2.49	C	Fair
55% – below 60%	1.50 – 1.99	D+	Pass
50% – below 55%	1.00 – 1.49	D	Pass
Less than 50%	0.00 – 0.00	F	Fail
NA	NA	W	Withdrawn from the course
NA	NA	I	Incomplete
NA	NA	R	Re-appear

b. Numerical Grade/GPA/CGPA shall have to be rounded up to two decimal fractions only.

c. Calculation of Grade Point Average (GPA) of each course shall be made according to the example as given below in Section 27 of this regulation.

27. CALCULATION OF GRADE POINT AVERAGES AND CUMULATIVE GRADE POINT AVERAGES

Consider the following example where a student has completed courses of 3, 3, 3, and 4 credits respectively in the 1st semester and courses of 2, 3, and 4 credit hours in the 2nd semester.

Suppose he/she obtains 52% marks in Test/Assignment, 55% marks in Mid-Term examination, and 67.7% marks in Terminal examination in subject I of 3 credit hours, his/her final percentage on subject I shall be as follows;

$$52.0 \times 0.2 = 10.40\%$$

$$55.0 \times 0.3 = 16.50\%$$

$$67.7 \times 0.5 = 33.85\%$$

Total = 60.75%, which is equivalent to a “C” grade.

The Grade Points associated with this percentage, as given in the Ready Reckoner Table, come out to be 2.07%.

Now, suppose the Grade Points calculated in a similar fashion for subjects II, III, and IV of the same student are those given in the following table to calculate Grade Point Average (GPA):

Course	Credits	Grade	GP	Total GP credits
Subject I	3	C	2.07	6.21
Subject II	3	B	3.33	9.99
Subject III	2	B+	3.56	7.12
Subject IV	4	B+	3.89	15.56
Total	12			38.88

Grade Point Average = $38.88/12 = 3.24$

Similarly, his/her Grade Point Average of the second semester is;

Course	Credits	Grade	GP	Total GP credits
Subject I	2	B	3.24	6.40
Subject II	3	B+	3.67	11.01
Subject III	4	B+	3.83	15.32
Subject IV	3	A	4.00	12.00
Total	12			44.73

Grade Point Average = $44.73/12 = 3.72$

Cumulative Grade Point Average after completion of courses of 24 credits is calculated as under;

Cumulative Grade Point Average = $83.61/24 = 3.483 = 3.49$

READY RECKONER TABLE FOR DETERMINATION OF GRADE POINTS

%AGE	GRADE POINT
50.00 - 50.99	1.00 – 1.09
51.00 - 51.99	1.10 – 1.99
52.00 - 52.99	1.20 – 1.29
53.00 - 53.99	1.30 – 1.39
54.00 - 54.99	1.40 – 1.49
55.00 - 55.99	1.50 – 1.59
56.00 - 56.99	1.60 – 1.69
57.00 - 57.99	1.70 – 1.79
58.00 - 58.99	1.80 – 1.89
59.00 - 59.99	1.90 – 1.99

60.00 - 60.99	2.00 – 2.09
61.00 - 61.99	2.10 – 2.99
62.00 - 62.99	2.20 – 2.29
63.00 - 63.99	2.30 – 2.39
64.00 - 64.99	2.40 – 2.49
65.00 - 65.99	2.50 – 2.59
66.00 - 66.99	2.60 – 2.69
67.00 - 67.99	2.70 – 2.79
68.00 - 68.99	2.80 – 2.89
69.00 - 69.99	2.90 – 2.99
70.00 - 70.99	3.00 – 3.09
71.00 - 71.99	3.10 – 3.99
72.00 - 72.99	3.20 – 3.29
73.00 - 73.99	3.30 – 3.39
74.00 - 74.99	3.40 – 3.49
75.00 - 75.99	3.50 – 3.59
76.00 - 76.99	3.60 – 3.69
77.00 - 77.99	3.70 – 3.79
78.00 - 78.99	3.80 – 3.89
79.00 - 79.99	3.90 – 3.99
80.00 and above	4.00

28. PROBATION/DROP DOWN/DROP OUT POLICY

- i. A student in BS/MS/M.Sc (Hons)/M.Phil or Equivalent and PhD degree program who obtains a CGPA less than 2.00 and 3.00 respectively in the first academic year (Fall, Spring & Summer Semester) and in any subsequent semester, he/she will be put on probation and shall be issued a written warning by the Dean concerned (for Undergraduate students) and the Head of Department (for Graduate students). A copy of the warning letter shall also be sent to the parents/guardians.
- ii. If he/she fails to maintain succeeding GPA/CGPA above or equal to 2.00/4.00 (for Undergraduate students) and 3.00/4.00 (for Graduate students), he/she will not be allowed to register in the next semester (a copy of the letter shall also be sent to the parents/guardians). Instead, he/she will be re-registered in the semester where he/she was put on probation by paying the entire financial obligation like that in the regular semesters. Only two such chances will be given to the student during the whole course of study to improve his/her CGPA; otherwise, he/she will be dropped out of the roll.
- iii. If the CGPA of a student remains below 2.00/4.00 (for Undergraduate students) and 3.00/4.00 (for Graduate students) at the end of last semester, he/she will be required to improve some/all subjects of any semester with two chances succeeding to the first attempt so that he/she meets the minimum requirement of CGPA, but not exceeding to maximum duration required for that degree program.

29. REPEATING/IMPROVEMENT OF COURSES

- i. A student with an “F” grade in any course will be required to re-register/re-appear in that course whenever offered. However, a student with a grade “D” or “D+” (less than 60% for the Semester System and less than 50% for the Annual System) in a course may also re-register in that course whenever offered to improve the grade by paying the re-registration fee in addition to the regular examination fee as per his/her respective session. In Bachelor’s degree programs, a student shall be allowed to repeat or improve a maximum of six courses.
- ii. A student in MS/M.Sc (Hons)/M.Phil/PhD degree program who obtains passing marks but less than 70% in a course, then he/she can repeat the course to improve the grade. In MS/M.Sc (Hons)/M.Phil/PhD degree program, a student shall be allowed to repeat or improve two subjects (06 credit hours); however, a maximum of three subjects (09 credit hours) is allowed in special circumstances, subject to the recommendations of the Head of Department and approval of the Dean concerned before thesis defense.
- iii. A student who fails in a course shall be allowed a maximum of two subsequent chances to pass the course, in addition to one chance for improvement.
- iv. For awarding subject grades for re-appeared/improved subjects, as in the case of failed subjects, i.e. “R” will be concatenated to the subject grade in the new transcript after improvement.
- v. Letter grade “W” will be awarded for the withdrawn course and shall appear in his/her transcript against the specific course and shall not be considered for computation of GPA.
- vi. A student having “W” on the transcript shall not be considered for any academic distinction/award/medal.

30. FAILURE/REAPPEARING IN EXAMINATION

- i. If a student fails in securing 50% marks (D-grade) in any subject, he/she will be declared Fail (F-grade) in that subject and will have to pass that subject. He/she will be required to re-register for that course whenever offered.
- ii. If a student fails in all subjects of the 1st semester, he/she will have to repeat all subjects whenever offered.
- iii. Only two chances, succeeding to the first attempt, will be allowed to the student.
- iv. If this student is unable to opt for the course during that period, he/she will have to pay for an additional semester (up to a maximum of two) to pass his/her fail subject(s). The marks sheet for that semester will be re-prepared by showing the

obtained subject grade with “F”.

Example;

Subject	Credit Hours	Marks %	Grade	Grade Point	GP x Credits
Algorithm	3	60	C	2	6
C Language	3	70	B	3	9
Physics	3	80	A	4	12
Chemistry	3	60	C	2	6
Microprocessor	3	40	F	0	0
Statistics	3	50	D	1	3

$$\text{GPA} = 36/18 = 2.0$$

After passing the subject;

Subject	Credit Hours	Marks %	Grade	Grade Point	GP x Credits
Algorithm	3	60	C	2	6
C Language	3	70	B	3	9
Physics	3	80	A	4	12
Chemistry	3	60	C	2	6
Microprocessor	3	70	BF	3	9
Statistics	3	50	D	1	3

$$\text{GPA} = 45/18 = 2.5$$

31. REQUIREMENTS FOR AWARD OF DEGREE

a. For AD/BS/B.Sc (Hons)/BCS/DVM or Equivalent degree programs: A student must have regular admission in the Undergraduate program of the institution, pass all the courses of study prescribed in the relevant scheme of studies, and obtain a Cumulative Grade Point Average of at least 2.00/4.00.

b. For MS/M.Sc (Hons)/M.Phil or Equivalent degree programs: A student must have regular admission in the MS/M.Sc (Hons)/M.Phil or an Equivalent degree program of the institution, pass all the courses of study prescribed in the relevant scheme of studies, and obtain a Cumulative Grade Point Average of at least 2.50/4.00.

c. For PhD: A student must have regular admission in the PhD degree program of the institution, pass all the courses of study prescribed in the relevant scheme of studies, and obtain a Cumulative Grade Point Average of at least 3.00/4.00.

32. MINIMUM & MAXIMUM DURATION FOR VARIOUS DEGREE PROGRAMS

The minimum and maximum duration for completion of various degree programs shall be as follows;

Name of Degree Program	Duration of Degree Program	
	Minimum	Maximum
BS (4-year program)	04 year	5.5 year
BS (5-year Program)	05 year	6.5 year
MS/M.Sc (Hons)/M.Phil or Equivalent (2-year program)	1.5 year	3.0 year
PhD program (3-year program)	03 year	5.0 year

In case of M.Phil or Equivalent degree program, students may defend their theses after completion of 1.5 years; however, they will have to deposit dues of all four (04) semesters.

33. AWARD OF MEDAL

In every session, in every BS or Equivalent degree program, a gold medal shall be awarded to students who fulfill the following requirements;

- i. The student must pass all his/her examinations (both Mid-Term and Termination examinations) in the first attempt and complete the degree program within eight consecutive semesters, and have never withdrawn and repeat any course.
- ii. If the student has “W” or “R” grades in any semester of the study program, he/she will not be considered for any distinction/medal.
- iii. The student must secure at least a 3.50/4.00 CGPA.
- iv. The minimum number of students in the degree program must not be less than 10 in a session in order to be eligible for a gold medal.
- v. The student must have the highest CGPA for the award of the gold medal. In case of a tie on CGPA, the percentage of obtained marks shall be considered for the award of the gold medal.
- vi. In general, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd position holders in each discipline (Undergraduate programs) will be awarded Gold, Silver, and Bronze Medals, respectively, provided that each category of medal winners obtains the highest CGPA in the first attempt in any subject.
- vii. A student if charged with unfair means/misconduct or issued a show cause notice on disciplinary grounds and subsequently punished, he/she will not be entitled to any

medal/distinction/merit certificate.

- viii. There will be a separate gold medal in each discipline (Undergraduate programs) for all Govt Colleges collectively; however, the identification, calculation, and submission of the report regarding position holders will be done by the Colleges for the Exam Section of the university.
- ix. There will be a separate gold medal in each discipline (Undergraduate programs) for the students of the Sub-Campus (Tank) of the university.
- x. There will be a separate gold medal for the students who complete BS (5th to 8th semester) degrees from Gomal University, its Sub-Campus (Tank), OR from Govt Affiliated Colleges.
- xi. The students of M.Sc (Hons) Agriculture will be awarded a gold medal based on their 1st class 1st position in the entire Faculty of Agriculture, as per the previous practice of Gomal University in vogue and following the academic norms of all other universities in the country.

34. FORMAT OF FINAL TRANSCRIPT

The transcript for the award of a degree will include the following information;

- a) Name of student (front side of the transcript).
- b) Father name (front side of the transcript).
- c) Registration No (front side of the transcript).
- d) Roll Number (front side of the transcript).
- e) Session (front side of the transcript).
- f) Semester Fall/Spring/Summer Semester (front side of the transcript).
- g) Subjects detail along with credit hours (front side of the transcript).
- h) GPA/CGPA (front side at the end of the transcript).
- i) Total marks, obtained marks and overall percentage. Here, the percentage will be calculated on the basis of total acquired marks only (front side at the end of the transcript).
- j) Signature of issuing officer(s) of Examination Section (front and back side at the end of the transcript).
- k) Grading Table (back side of the transcript).
- l) Degree/Certificates of semester system examinations will be issued without mentioning the words “As a Whole/In-Parts”.

35. CENTRAL SEMESTER IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE

There will be a Central Semester Implementation Committee, comprising the following;

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| • Dean concerned | Convener |
| • The Controller of Examinations | Member |
| • Head of Department concerned | Invitee |
| • Director Academics | Secretary |

The Committee shall perform the following functions;

- i. Provide consultation to the Department/Centre/Institute/College converting to a semester system from the Annual/Term or any other examination system.
- ii. Provide support in the implementation of the semester system by arranging orientation sessions/short courses for the faculty on various aspects.
- iii. Monitor the implementation of the semester system.
- iv. Address various issues arising with regard to the implementation of the semester system.
- v. Recommend necessary amendments in the semester regulations for approval from the relevant bodies, if necessary, and to settle disputes arising out of the semester system.

36. COURSE FILE

Maintenance of the Course/Project/Internship file will be compulsory for the teacher. The course file will contain;

- a) Description of course/course contents/textbook (as approved by the relevant Board of Studies)
- b) List of enrolled students
- c) Timetable
- d) Weekly teaching schedule
- e) Academic calendar
- f) Study material given by the teacher in class
- g) Copy of each Assignment/Quiz/Presentation
- h) Copy of the Mid and Terminal examinations date sheet
- i) Copy of the Mid and Terminal examinations results
- j) Students' attendance record
- k) Students' examination results

37. FREEZING OF THE SEMESTER

If a student freezes a semester, he/she will resume his/her studies from the same stage where his/her semester was allowed to be frozen. Semester freezing will be allowed with certain conditions;

- i. There must be solid reasons on record (with documentary proof) up to the satisfaction of the Head of Department, the Dean concerned, and the Director Academics for consideration and decision of the case.
- ii. 1st semester in any degree program shall not be allowed to be frozen.
- iii. Freezing of the semester will only be allowed after successful completion (i.e. 75% class attendance, timely submission of tests/assignments/quizzes, passing of the Mid and Terminal examinations with a minimum 2.00/4.00 GPA) of the 1st semester.
- iv. Semester freezing will be allowed during the first 4 weeks after the commencement of the semester. No freezing after the first 4 weeks will be allowed.
- v. A student will be able to freeze two semesters in his/her respective course of study in the whole degree program.
- vi. The maximum duration of the degree program will remain the same as approved by the university.
- vii. The student will pay 25% of the semester fee in advance for freezing of semester(s).
- viii. A student, during the semester freezing period, will not be allowed to stay in the university hostels.

38. TEACHER EVALUATION

- i. The Head of Department will make sure that each teacher of the respective department is properly evaluated by the class students.
- ii. The evaluation should be done using a standardized proforma of the university on what the teacher has taught in the class during the semester.
- iii. The evaluation must be carried out in the last week of the semester without the presence of the course teacher so as to maintain impartiality.
- iv. Evaluation done by the students will be completely anonymous. The student will not be required to indicate name or roll numbers, registration numbers, or by any other means whatsoever.

Note: The rules/regulations/proforma for teacher evaluation shall be followed as per HEC criteria.

39. AWARD OF DOUBLE DEGREE

The award of two degrees shall be allowed with certain conditions, as given below;

S #	Degree I	Degree II	Policy Decision
1	Bachelor/Master degree obtained in regular mode in the Morning session in one university.	Bachelor/Master degree obtained in regular mode in the Morning session in the same university.	Degrees with time clash are not allowed.
2	Bachelor/Master degree obtained in regular mode in the Morning session at one university.	Bachelor/Master degree obtained in regular mode in the Morning session at different university.	Degrees with time clash are not allowed.
3	Bachelor/Master degree obtained in regular mode in the Morning session at one university.	Bachelor/Master degree obtained in regular mode in the Evening session at the same university.	This combination of degrees is allowed provided that: a) Admission requirements are met. b) Written permission is obtained from the university before joining programs.
4	Bachelor/Master degree obtained in regular mode in the Morning session at one university.	Bachelor/Master degree obtained in regular mode in the Evening session at a different university located in the same city.	This combination of degrees is allowed provided that: a) Admission requirements are met. b) Written permission is obtained from both universities before joining
5	Bachelor/Master degree obtained in the regular mode at one university.	Bachelor/Master degree obtained in the private mode in the same university.	This combination of degrees is allowed.
6	Bachelor/Master degree in the regular mode at the same university.	Bachelor/Master degree obtained in the private mode at different university.	This combination of degrees is allowed.
7	Bachelor/Master degree obtained in the regular mode in the same session/year.	Bachelor/Master degree obtained through Distance Learning mode in the same session/year.	This combination of degrees is allowed.
8	Bachelor/Master degree obtained in the private mode in one university in the same	Bachelor/Master in the private mode in the same university in other discipline in the same	This combination of degrees is allowed.

	session/year.	session/year.	
9	Bachelor/Master degree obtained in the private mode at one university.	Bachelor/Master degree obtained in the private mode at different university.	This combination of degrees is allowed.
10	1-year B.Ed degree obtained in the private mode from a university in one academic year/session.	2-year M.A in any discipline obtained in the private mode from the same university in the same academic year/session.	This combination of degrees is allowed.
11	2-year degree (Science) obtained in the regular mode in one university in one academic session/year.	2-year degree (Arts/ Social Science) in the private/Distance Learning mode in the same or different university in one academic session/year.	This combination of degrees is allowed.

- a. This policy shall come into force after a one-year gap from the previous degree obtained by a student, provided he/she secured a minimum of 75% marks in the previous degree.
- b. Since taking admission in two-degree programs concurrently in the Morning session is not permissible under the university rules and HEC policy, therefore, if a student had taken admission simultaneously in two-degree programs (i.e. Morning/Morning) then;
 - i. The student will be allowed to continue his/her studies only in that program in which he/she was first enrolled/admitted/registered by the university.
 - ii. The second admission of the student will be cancelled immediately.
 - iii. The student will be required to submit an affidavit clearly stating that he/she will not claim dual enrollment or benefit from both programs on any platform or forum at any stage in the future.

40. SPECIAL PACKAGE FOR PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED STUDENTS

The following special package shall be implemented forthwith exclusively for physically handicapped students in Gomal University;

- a) Age relaxation up to 10 years for taking admission in any degree program of the university.

- b) All institutional charges, including tuition fees, hostel fees, and utility bills, shall be waived off.
- c) Provision of ramps/special pathways, toilets and other basic facilities, retrofitting in the existing buildings, and ensuring the same in future construction.
- d) Special transport facility will be provided to special/physically handicapped students for mobility within the premises of the institution/college.
- e) At least one seat will be reserved for higher qualifications, i.e. M.Phil and PhD in the university.

Similarly, the following concessions will be given to blind students/teachers;

- i. Extra 45 minutes to blind students during taking examinations.
- ii. Exemption from payment of Exam fee/Amanuensis fee.
- iii. Issuance of Provisional Certificates, DMCs, and Degrees free of cost.
- iv. Issuance of a migration certificate without any fee.
- v. Exemption from payment of the name correction fee.
- vi. Allowed to attempt examination on braille/computer/any other means.
- vii. Allowed to engage a writer/helper in tests/examinations after getting permission from the Head of Department prior to the examinations.
- viii. The writer/helper must be from another discipline.

In the same way, an Accessibility Committee shall be constituted in order to deal with the matters of disabled students of the university.

41. REMISSION OF EXAMINATION FEE FOR PRISONERS

A special package (i.e. remission of examination fee) will be implemented for the prisoners, in the same analogy as being granted to the blind teachers and workers and physically handicapped students in the university.

42. FREE EDUCATION FOR THE CHILDREN OF SHUHADA

There will be free education for the children of martyrs (security forces)/shuhada, who will get admission on open merit in any academic program of the university.

43. MAINTENANCE AND IMPLEMENTATION OF SEMESTER RULES

- i. The rules/regulations will be modified from time to time under the supervision of the Directorate of Academics through the statutory bodies of the university.
- ii. The Dean and Head of Department concerned will ensure implementation of semester rules & regulations in true letter & spirit.

44. REMOVAL OF DIFFICULTIES

- i. If any question arises in the interpretation of any of the provisions of these regulations regarding implementation or operation, causing substantial hardship to the students, it shall be placed before the Hardship Committee of the Directorate of Academics, whose decision thereon, not inconsistent with the provisions of regulations-2025 (updated 2026), shall be final.
- ii. Any amendments/changes to the rule pertaining to Undergraduate & Graduate degree programs notified by the Higher Education Commission shall be implemented as per the laid down procedure in the university.

45. REPEAL AND SAVING

The Gomal University AD/BS/B.Sc (Hons)/MS/M.Sc (Hons)/M.Phil/PhD degree programs regulations 1999, 2005, 2012, 2015, and 2015-2016 are hereby repealed. All academic matters relating to these degree programs made prior to the promulgation of these regulations-2025 (updated 2026) shall be governed under the Gomal University semester rules & regulations 2015-2016.

46. CANCELLATION OF REGISTRATION

Registration of a student failing in the examinations(s) or failing in the fulfillment of the requirements of these regulations shall stand cancelled.

GOMAL UNIVERSITY



**GOMAL UNIVERSITY STATUTES & REGULATIONS
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Gomal University Statutes & Regulations for MS/M.Sc (Hons)/M.Phil and PhD Degree Programs-2025 (Updated 2026)

1. TITLE, COMMENCEMENT, AND APPLICATION

These regulations shall be called the Gomal University Statutes & Regulations for MS/M.Sc (Hons)/M.Phil and PhD Degree Programs-2025 (Updated 2026).

2. COMMENCEMENT

These regulations shall come into force with effect from 2025 & onwards.

3. M.Phil OR EQUIVALENT DEGREE PROGRAMS

The program of study of various disciplines will be offered subject to the availability of seats, qualified staff, and all other required facilities.

4. RULES & REGULATIONS FOR M.Phil OR EQUIVALENT DEGREE PROGRAMS

- i. M.Phil or Equivalent degree programs will extend over a period of 02 years (04 semesters) and shall not extend beyond 03 years (06 semesters). However, extension within the stipulated period of 03 years may be granted on the Supervisor's recommendations, duly approved by the Advanced Studies & Research Board (ASRB).
- ii. If the degree duration exceeds the maximum time limits, the case will be dealt by the Time-Barred Committee of the university.

5. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR M.Phil OR EQUIVALENT DEGREE PROGRAMS

The requirements for M.Phil or Equivalent degree programs shall be as follows;

- i. Candidates shall complete coursework in the major subjects for which they are registered.
- ii. Candidates shall complete coursework in the minor subjects for which they are registered.
- iii. Thesis shall be based on original research conducted under the supervision of the Student Supervisory Committee, on a title formally approved by the Directorate of Academics.
- iv. Evaluation of thesis by the Student Supervisory Committee concerned and submission to the Controller of Examinations, through Director Academics, for external evaluation, followed by viva-voce/public defense, as the case may be.

- v. The candidate ceases to be a student of the university on the day he/she successfully defends his/her thesis.

6. ADMISSION REGULATIONS FOR M.Phil OR EQUIVALENT DEGREE PROGRAMS

A. Eligibility

- i. A candidate who has at least Second Division or 2.00/4.00 CGPA in BS or Equivalent degree from any recognized institution in the relevant subject.
- ii. A candidate having 45% marks or equivalent grade in the subject of English Language and Literature (Annual System only) shall also be eligible for admission to M.Phil.
- iii. A candidate must have qualified/passed an entry test duly approved by the Gomal University with a minimum 50% cumulative score (if the test is conducted by the NTS, PTS, ETEA, or any other testing agency of national repute as approved by the university) or 60% cumulative score if the test is conducted by the university.

B. Procedure

- i. M.Phil or Equivalent degree program will be offered in subjects having two relevant full-time PhD faculty members available.
- ii. A general advertisement will be circulated through the University Website, the University's Official Social Media Platforms, and related prevailing platforms for admission to various programs of studies, inviting applications on the prescribed forms to be received by the Directorate of Admissions.
- iii. After receipt of applications for registration in degree programs, a Departmental Admission Committee, comprising the Head of Department, two senior-most teachers of the Department, and the Director Admissions or his nominee, will scrutinize the applications, conduct candidate interviews, and finalize their lists purely on merit.
- iv. The Admission Committee will forward the names of the suitable candidates to the Advanced Studies & Research Board for provisional selection of M.Phil or Equivalent program students.
- v. The provisionally selected candidates will be notified by the Advanced Studies & Research Board under intimation to the Department/Institute concerned.

C. Registration of Selected Candidates

- i. A candidate accepted in the M.Phil or Equivalent degree program by the Advanced Studies & Research Board must complete the registration process with the department within one month of admission notification.
- ii. Admission of the candidate will be confirmed by depositing the prescribed dues in the university account within the stipulated time, and submitting an undertaking that he/she will abide by the rules and regulations framed by the university from time to time, and by submitting all the required documents.
- iii. A student registered for the M.Phil degree program shall be called an M.Phil Scholar.

D. Intra-Disciplinary Qualifications

Intra-disciplinary admissions shall only be allowed if;

- i. The Departmental Board of Studies concerned allows for it, and
- ii. The applicant has a strong interest in pursuing an M.Phil or Equivalent and PhD in a different discipline.
- iii. The applicant must have qualified/passed an entry test duly approved by the Gomal University with a minimum 50% cumulative score (if the test is conducted by the NTS, PTS, ETEA, or any other testing agency of national repute as approved by the university) OR 60% cumulative score if the test is conducted by the university.
- iv. The applicant shall have to pass 09-15 credit hours of deficiency courses for both M.Phil (level 6) & PhD (level 7) degree programs.
- iv. The admission committee is satisfied that the applicant's knowledge of the primary area (level 6 & 7 as the case may be) has sufficiently prepared him or her to undertake the course of study of the study program (or, in the opinion of the admissions committee, the preparation can be deemed satisfactory by taking a few additional courses after starting the program).
- v. The applicant must have a RAC (Relevance Assessment Committee) certificate (for employees of Gomal University) and a DRC (Degree Relevance Committee) certificate (for all others) before granting admission in M.Phil or Equivalent and PhD degree programs.

Note: Intra-disciplinary refers to sub-disciplines that occur within one of the ten broad disciplines defined by UNESCO's International Standard Classification of Education (ISCED-F-2013).

7. COURSE-BASED MS DEGREE PROGRAM

Course-based MS degree program will be initiated with the following conditions;

- i. All Heads of Departments, who want to start a course-based MS degree program, must get approval of the degree programs/scheme of studies/semester-wise break up of courses by the relevant bodies, i.e. Departmental Board of Studies, Board of Faculty concerned, and Academic Council before advertisement of admission in order to safeguard the students' future and avoid litigation in this regard.
- ii. The candidates accepted in the course-based MS degree program need to complete 26 credit hours of coursework in core subjects (Major/Minor) and 06 credit hours in research-oriented subjects.
- iii. The candidates, holding a course-based MS degree and interested in improving their qualifications, will be granted admission to the PhD program based on their course-based MS degree, subject to fulfilling all other prescribed criteria for PhD admission.
- iv. Those candidates, holding course-based MS degrees with 26 credit hours (without studying 06 credit hours of research-oriented subjects), shall have to pass research-oriented additional 06 credit hours courses after getting admission to the PhD degree program before submission of synopsis/research proposal.
- v. The details of the additional 06 credit hours courses must be a part of the scheme of studies/semester-wise break-up, duly approved by the Departmental Board of Studies, Board of Faculty concerned, and the Competent Authority/Competent Forum (i.e. Academic Council).
- vi. The candidates will get admission only to the specialized MS degree program offered by the university.
- vii. Other rules for the course-based MS degree shall remain the same as laid down for M.Phil or Equivalent degree programs.

8. PhD DEGREE PROGRAM

The program of study of various disciplines will be offered subject to the availability of seats, qualified staff, and all other required facilities.

9. RULES & REGULATIONS FOR PhD DEGREE PROGRAM

- i. PhD program shall extend over a period of at least 03 years (06 semesters) and shall not extend beyond 05 years (10 semesters). However, extension within the stipulated period of 05 years may be granted on the Supervisor's recommendations, duly approved by the ASRB.

- ii. If the degree duration exceeds the maximum time limits, the case will be dealt by the Time-Barred Committee of the university.

10. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR PhD DEGREE PROGRAM

The requirements for the PhD degree program shall be as follows;

- i. The candidates accepted into the PhD degree program need to complete a minimum of 20 credit hours of coursework.
- ii. They must pass the written comprehensive examination (maximum two attempts) after completion of the coursework.
- iii. They must carry out a thesis, based on original research work, under the guidance of a Student Supervisory Committee on the synopsis approved by the Directorate of Academics.
- vi. Evaluation of thesis by the Student Supervisory Committee concerned and submission to the Controller of Examinations, through the Director Academics, for external evaluation, followed by public defense.
- vii. The candidate ceases to be a student of the university on the day he/she successfully defends his/her thesis.

11. ADMISSION REGULATIONS FOR PhD DEGREE PROGRAM

A. Eligibility

- i. For admission to a PhD program, a minimum CGPA of 3.0 (out of 4.0 in the Semester System) or 60% (in the Annual System) in the MS/M.Phil/Equivalent degrees is required, whether such degrees were obtained from Pakistan or any HEC-recognized foreign university.
- ii. The students having a strong demonstrated interest in obtaining a PhD degree, but their CGPA is below 3.00 (out of 4.0 in the Semester System) but above 2.5 or 60% marks (in the Annual System) in the most recent degree obtained, may be admitted to a PhD program after fulfilling the following requirements;
 - a. He/she shall have to study additional courses of 9-12 credit hours of level 7 (i.e. knowledge of primary area) by taking a zero semester at the Department concerned and score a minimum 3.00 out of 4.00 GPA, and
 - b. The admission committee is satisfied that the applicant's knowledge of the primary area (level 7) has sufficiently prepared him/her to undertake the course of the PhD program.
 - c. These requirements shall be in addition to any other requirements set in this policy for admission to the PhD program.

- iii. If the CGPA/percentage is not mentioned on the transcript, the candidate must produce equivalent weightage from the parent university.
- iv. A candidate must have qualified/passed an entry test duly approved by Gomal University with a minimum 60% cumulative score (if the test is conducted by the NTS, PTS, ETEA, or any other testing agency of national repute as approved by the university) OR 70% cumulative score if the test is conducted by the university.
- v. A candidate seeking admission into a PhD degree program is required to submit a one-page research proposal at the time of admission, in addition to fulfilling all other mandatory admission requirements.

B. Procedure

- i. A PhD degree program will be offered in subjects having three relevant full-time PhD faculty members available.
- ii. A general advertisement will be circulated through the University Website, the University's Official Social Media Platforms, and related prevailing platforms for admission to various programs of studies, inviting applications on the prescribed forms to be received by the Directorate of Admissions.
- iii. A written consent from the Head of Departments, duly signed by the Deans concerned, will be mandatory before announcement/advertisement of admission in any degree program so as to avoid any unpleasant and embarrassing situation.
- iv. After receipt of applications for registration in degree programs, a Departmental Admission Committee, comprising the Head of Department, two senior-most teachers of the Department, and the Director Admissions or his nominee, will scrutinize the applications, conduct candidate interviews, and finalize their lists purely on merit.
- v. The Admission Committee will forward the names of the suitable candidates to the Advanced Studies & Research Board for provisional selection of PhD students.
- vi. The provisionally selected candidates will be notified by the Advanced Studies & Research Board under intimation to the Department/Institute concerned.

C. Registration of the Selected Candidates

- i. A candidate registered for the PhD degree program shall be called a PhD Scholar.

- ii. A candidate accepted in the PhD degree program by the Advanced Studies & Research Board must complete the registration process with the department within one month of admission notification.
- iii. Admission of the candidate will be confirmed after deposition of the prescribed dues in the university account within the stipulated time, and by submitting an undertaking that he/she will abide by the rules and regulations framed by the university from time to time, and by submitting all the required documents.

12. REQUIREMENTS FOR ISSUANCE OF DEGREE

A. M.Phil OR EQUIVALENT DEGREE PROGRAMS

- i. The Scholar will be required to complete 26 credit hours of graduate courses (out of which at least 18 credit hours must be from the major subjects, not exceeding 12 credit hours in a semester) of coursework along with a minimum of 06 credit hours of research work for M.Phil or Equivalent degree.
- ii. Minimum 2.50/4.00 CGPA shall be required for the award of an M.Phil or Equivalent degree.
- iii. A research student who obtains passing marks but less than 70% in a course, then he/she can repeat the course to improve the grade. The student may enroll in up to two subjects; however, a maximum of three subjects (09 credit hours) is allowed in special circumstances, subject to the recommendations of the Head of Department and the approval of the concerned Dean, in research degree programs before thesis defense.

B. PhD PROGRAM

- i. Coursework of 20 credit hours, preferably in the 1st year (two semesters, maximum 12 credit hours per semester) shall be required to be completed and followed by a comprehensive examination with a minimum of 60% score for granting PhD candidacy, and a minimum of 12 credit hours of research thesis in the relevant field.
- ii. Minimum 3.00/4.00 shall be required for the award of the PhD degree.
- iii. The thesis shall be evaluated by at least two external experts who shall be:
 - a. PhD faculty member from the world's top 500 universities ranked by the Times Higher Education or QS World Ranking in the year corresponding to the dissertation evaluation year; OR
 - b. Pakistan-based Distinguished National Professors, Meritorious Professors from any national university; OR Professors from top 25 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; OR

- c. At least one external expert qualifying any one of the conditions mentioned above if the PhD candidate publishes dissertation research in a peer-reviewed journal that is classified by the HEC in category “W” for Sciences and “X” OR above for Social Sciences.
- iv. For the award of a PhD degree, a PhD researcher shall be required to publish research article(s) meeting the following criteria;

At least;

- a. One research article in a “W” category journal (as categorized in HJRS at the time of acceptance of the research article) or two research articles in “X” category journals, for Science disciplines.
- b. One research article in a “X” category journal or two research articles in “Y” category journals, for Social Science disciplines.
- c. A research article appearing online with a valid DOI on the website of an HEC-recognized research journal shall be considered published with effect from the date it appeared online with a DOI.
- d. The PhD researcher shall be the first author of these publications.
- e. The research article shall be relevant to the PhD research work of the PhD researcher.
- f. The article shall be published after approval of the research synopsis.
- g. The article shall be published in a relevant research journal.
- v. Public defense

Note: The Dean, along with the Director Academics, may allow the external examiner to remain online for thesis defense of M.Phil and PhD degree programs in case of unavoidable circumstances, which they both consider genuine.

13. RESEARCH SUPERVISOR

- i. In consultation with the research Scholar, a faculty member/expert holding a PhD degree in the relevant field shall be appointed as the Supervisor.
- ii. A research supervisor shall be allotted to each Scholar in the 1st semester.
- iii. Supervisor allocation shall be processed through the Departmental Board of Studies and approved by the Dean concerned.

- iv. Provided that, if so required, one Co-Supervisor may be appointed from other Department OR Universities OR Research & Development Organizations where the Scholar can conduct his/her thesis research work after the approval of ASRB.
- v. Subject to the overall supervision by the Chairperson/Director/Head of Department/Centre/Institute, a Supervisor shall perform the following functions;
 - a. To guide the Scholar in research and assist him/her in preparing the research proposal/synopsis.
 - b. To submit a research synopsis of the Scholar to the Office of Research Innovation & Commercialization (ORIC) to see the nature of the research, whether basic or applied, as well as its commercial application.
 - c. To submit the research proposal of the Scholar to the ASRB for final approval.
- vi. HEC Indigenous or Split PhD scholarship awardees shall be directly considered for admission if otherwise eligible.

14. RESEARCH PERFORMANCE EVALUATION COMMITTEE (RPEC)

There will be a Research Performance Evaluation Committee (RPEC) for synopsis submission as well as thesis submission for review & evaluation in M.Phil or Equivalent and PhD degree programs. The RPEC will also review time-barred cases related to M.Phil or Equivalent and PhD degree programs. The RPEC will comprise the following;

- Supervisor (from the major field)
- Co-Supervisor*
- Member (from the major field)
- Member (from the minor field)
- Chairperson/Director/Head of Department
- Dean concerned

* In certain cases, a Co-Supervisor can be appointed from other Department or University or Research & Development Organizations where the Scholar of this university can conduct part of his/her thesis research work.

15. SUPERVISORY LIMITS IN M.PHIL/PHD DEGREE PROGRAMS

- i. Supervisory limits shall be strictly enforced as per HEC GEP-2023.
- ii. A research supervisor is allowed a maximum supervision limit of 12 Scholars (including a maximum of 5 PhD Scholars).

- iii. A supervisor found exceeding the prescribed limits shall be barred from supervising new M.Phil/PhD Scholars for a maximum period of five (05) years.

16. CHANGE OF SUPERVISOR OR TOPIC IN M.PHIL/PHD DEGREE PROGRAMS

- i. The Scholar may request a change of supervisor (in case of retirement or death of the allotted supervisor), or a supervisor may opt to withdraw from the supervision of a Scholar before writing a synopsis and/or starting research work.
- ii. The Scholar or the supervisor shall submit their request to the respective Head of Department for re-allocation of the supervisor through the Departmental Board of Studies.
- iii. The recommendations of the Departmental Board of Studies shall then be placed before the Board of Faculty concerned in order to strengthen academic governance, ensure transparency, and to align with the statutory requirements.
- iv. The final recommendations of the Departmental Board of Studies, as well as the respective Board of Faculty, shall be sent through the Dean concerned for approval by the Advanced Studies & Research Board.
- v. No relaxation in the maximum allowable time for completion of the M.Phil/PhD degrees would be granted to the candidate based on a change of research supervisor or topic.
- vi. In case of the death of the supervisor, the Head of Department concerned shall convene the meeting of Departmental Board of Studies for re-allocation. Other changes shall not be allowed ordinarily except in urgent circumstances as per university rules.

17. COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION

- i. A PhD Scholar shall have to pass a written comprehensive examination after completion of the coursework.
- ii. There will be one written paper of the comprehensive examination comprising of six questions (a minimum of 02 questions each from Major Subject-I, Major Subject-II, and Minor Subject) of study.
- iii. The comprehensive examination will be conducted under the supervision of the Student Supervisory Committee of the department and the Dean concerned.
- iv. The duration of the written comprehensive examination will be 3-4 hours.

- v. After passing the written comprehensive examination with 70% marks, the Head of Department will notify the result of the Scholars.
- vi. The evaluation shall be on an aggregate basis, expressed in terms of pass/fail, and shall not be graded.
- vii. Successful completion of the comprehensive examination and the PhD research proposal will be mandatory for granting candidacy as a PhD researcher.
- viii. The required coursework and comprehensive examination shall be completed within the 03 semesters of registration into a PhD program.
- ix. In case of noncompliance on account of circumstances beyond the control of the student, the university may consider the matter in accordance with the procedure prescribed at 3.12(iv) as given below.

“In case a student is unable to secure a PhD degree within the prescribed timeframe of 05 years and claims an extension in duration, the university may constitute an appropriate authority and determine the causes for delay. In the event of force majeure, i.e. a delay on account of circumstances beyond the control of the student, the university may grant an extension in the period of award of the 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.”

- x. In case of failing the comprehensive examination, after availing the additional chance, admission of the concerned research Scholar shall stand cancelled.

18. SUBMISSION AND EVALUATION OF SYNOPSIS AND THESIS IN M.PHIL/PHD DEGREE PROGRAMS

A. SYNOPSIS

- i. The Scholar shall submit the research synopsis not later than the end of his/her 2nd semester.
- ii. M.Phil synopsis shall be evaluated by the Student Supervisory Committee, comprising a Supervisor (from the major field), Co-Supervisor (if the Scholar of a department carries out his/her part of the thesis research in another department/university/research organization under the guidance of a researcher), Member (from the major field) and Member (from the minor field). After the initial evaluation, the synopsis will be thoroughly reviewed and recommended by the

members of the Departmental Board of Studies for proper notification by the Directorate of Academics.

- iii. The synopsis should not be less than 12-15 pages for M.Phil or Equivalent degree programs.
- iv. PhD synopsis shall be evaluated by the Student Supervisory Committee, comprising Supervisor (from the major field), Co-Supervisor (if a Scholar of a department carries his/her part of thesis research in another department/university/research organization under the guidance of a researcher), Member (from the major field) and Member (from the minor field). After the initial evaluation, the synopsis will be thoroughly reviewed and recommended by at least one Associate Professor/Professor from an HEC-recognized university, who may continue as an evaluator at the time of his/her thesis submission, for proper notification by the Directorate of Academics.
- v. The supervisor concerned shall send a panel of three external evaluators through the Head of Department to the Dean concerned. The Dean will select one from the panel to evaluate the PhD synopsis.
- vi. After proper evaluation and revision, the Student Supervisory Committee will send its recommendations along with a copy of the revised synopsis, forwarded by the Head of Department and countersigned by the Dean, to the Office of Research Innovation & Commercialization (ORIC) to see the nature of the research, whether basic or applied, as well as its commercial application.
- vii. The synopsis should not be less than 20-25 pages for the PhD degree program.
- viii. The final copy, complete in all respects, will be sent to the Directorate of Academics for notification after a successful synopsis presentation.

B. SEMINARS

- i. The PhD Scholar shall be required to present two seminars out of the thesis research work in addition to the synopsis presentation.
- ii. For the PhD program, a Seminar Evaluation Committee (SEC) shall be constituted for each department for the evaluation of the seminar.
- iii. A Scholar who presents a seminar must have at least 15 participants in his/her seminar presentation.

- iv. A minimum interval of 15 days is required between each seminar out of thesis research.

C. THESIS

- i. The Scholar shall conduct research and write a thesis according to the approved plan under the guidance of the Student Supervisory Committee.
- ii. English shall be the medium of instruction and examinations for synopsis/thesis of all subjects, except languages/theology, in which the medium shall be either the language itself or English.
- iii. Research thesis can be submitted by the Scholar only after passing the required coursework and passing of comprehensive examinations (in PhD only), not before a period of 03 years.
- iv. A minimum interval of 03 months is required between the successful defense of the synopsis and submission of the thesis for external evaluation.
- v. The thesis should not be less than 60 pages for M.Phil or Equivalent degree programs and 120 pages for PhD degree programs, right from “introduction” to the end citation, including appendices.
- vi. The soft copy of the thesis will be sent to the Quality Assurance Directorate for plagiarism check from the email ID of the supervisor concerned.
- vii. If the plagiarism score falls within the acceptable range, the Scholar shall submit one printed hardcopy in M.Phil or Equivalent (tape binding) and three printed hardcopies in the PhD degree program (press binding) for evaluation through the Student Supervisory Committee and Head of Department concerned to the Quality Assurance Directorate for plagiarism check and finally to the Controller of Examinations for external evaluation through the Directorate of Academics.
- viii. The Student Supervisory Committee, in consultation with the supervisor concerned, shall send a panel of evaluators to the Controller of Examinations, duly recommended by the Head of Department and the Dean concerned, comprising qualified persons having a PhD degree in the relevant field.
- ix. From the recommended panel of 03 evaluators, the Director Academics shall appoint an external evaluator for the evaluation of the M.Phil or Equivalent thesis. For the PhD thesis, the Vice Chancellor shall appoint external evaluators for the evaluation of the thesis from a panel of 06 evaluators, in light of Section 12(B)(iii) of these rules.

- x. The Controller of Examinations shall send the thesis to the approved evaluators, who shall evaluate it and communicate the result on the university-approved/prescribed proforma.
- xi. After evaluation by the external evaluator(s), the Controller of Examinations shall send the evaluation report(s) to the supervisor concerned for correction of the thesis and fixing a date for the thesis defense, in case the external examiner approves the thesis, which shall be conducted by the Student Supervisory Committee and the external evaluator.
- xii. If the external evaluator finds that the thesis is inadequate, the Scholar may be permitted to revise and resubmit the thesis for a new evaluation within the stated dates.
- xiii. If the external evaluator feels that the thesis, though defective but is of sufficient merit, the Scholar may be permitted to correct his/her thesis for resubmission within three months. The re-submitted thesis must carry a certificate from the Supervisor to the effect that the shortcomings, so identified, have been properly rectified.
- xiv. Only one chance of resubmission shall be allowed to the Scholar, and if the revised thesis is not approved under the aforesaid procedure, the thesis shall finally be rejected.
- xv. If the thesis is adjudged as adequate but the Scholar fails in the thesis defense, he/she shall be permitted to reappear once in the thesis defense within a period not exceeding six months.
- xvi. Thesis defense will be conducted in a public presentation in which the Scholar will present his/her research work and answer questions from the audience. Any member(s) of the faculty shall be allowed to sit during the defense and put questions to the Scholar. However, they will not have any influence on the defense result.
- xvii. In M.Phil or Equivalent thesis, 120 marks will be awarded on an average basis by the Student Supervisory Committee and the external evaluator.
- xviii. Thesis marks and grade awarded will be mentioned in the final transcript of the Scholar and will be added to the CGPA.
- xix. If the Scholar successfully passes thesis defense, he/she shall be required to submit five hard-binding copies (inclusive at least one copy for the Scholar) of his/her M.Phil or Equivalent thesis and seven hard-binding copies (inclusive at least one copy for the

Scholar) of his/her PhD thesis to the department concerned before he/she is recommended for award of degree by the Directorate of Academics which after approval shall ask Controller of Examinations for result notification.

- xx. The Scholar shall also submit one copy of the PhD thesis/dissertation (both hard and soft) along with the country directory proforma in the Directorate of Academics. This hard and softcopy of the thesis, along with the country directory proforma, will be sent to HEC for record and attestation of the PhD degree in the future.
- xxi. The research Scholar shall be required to publish a research paper from his/her PhD research work and shall produce a copy of such publication along with a paper verification certificate from the Quality Assurance Directorate for approval of the PhD degree in the Directorate of Academics.

D. FEE/DUES

- i. The fee/dues of 04 semesters in M.Phil or Equivalent and 06 semesters in PhD programs are compulsory to be charged.
- ii. If a Scholar exceeds the minimum time duration of 02 and 03 years in M.Phil and PhD programs, respectively, then the fee/dues for the extended period will be calculated/charged up to the date of soft copy thesis plagiarism check by the Quality Assurance Directorate, subject to the plagiarism score within the acceptable range.
- iii. In such cases, the fee for the extended period will be charged on a daily basis up to 60 days (two months), and in case the soft copy of the thesis was checked for plagiarism after 60 days, then the full semester fee will be charged.
- iv. If a Scholar submits his/her thesis within 15 days of the next semester, he/she shall be exempted from payment of the normal fee, special fine, and other charges of that semester.
- v. The admission of a research Scholar may be cancelled if his/her academic progress or conduct is found unsatisfactory at any stage.
- vi. The Scholar shall abide by these regulations and others with regard to conduct and discipline framed by the university from time to time.

19. GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR SELECTING EXTERNAL EXAMINERS

The following general guidelines shall, at least, be observed while selecting external thesis examiners;

- i. **Relevance of Expertise:** in the same or related fields as in the dissertation.

- ii. **No Conflict of Interest:** in personal, financial, or professional stakes in a particular decision or outcome.
- iii. **Objectivity:** capable of making unbiased evaluations.
- iv. **Diversity:** in terms of geography, culture, professional backgrounds, etc.
- v. **Reputation:** must be good in the field, with a track record of fair and thorough evaluations.
- vi. **Availability:** should have the time and availability to review the dissertation.
- vii. **Professionalism:** capable of conducting themselves in a professional and respectful manner throughout the evaluation and defense process (if applicable).
- viii. **Communication:** capable of providing clear and constructive feedback on the dissertation.
- ix. **Confidentiality:** capable of maintaining confidentiality and protecting the intellectual property of the dissertation.
- x. **Compatibility:** well-versed with the research methodology, approach, and theories used in the dissertation.

20. STUDY LEAVE AND NO OBJECTION CERTIFICATE

An employed person may be considered as a whole-time regular Scholar without obtaining study leave to the effect subject to the production of a “No Objection Certificate” from the employer concerned, to the effect that studies of the Scholar shall not be affected by his/her official duties during the time as prescribed by the Department/Center/Institute. A copy of the application submitted to the employer for NOC or acknowledgement thereof must be produced at the time of admission.

21. CANCELLATION OF REGISTRATION

Registration of a Scholar failing in the examinations(s) or failing in the fulfillment of the requirements of these regulations shall stand cancelled.

22. REMOVAL OF DIFFICULTIES

- i. If any question arises in the interpretation of any of the provisions of these regulations regarding implementation or operation, causing substantial hardship to the students, it shall be placed before the ASRB, whose decision thereon, not inconsistent with the provisions of the regulations-2025 (updated 2026), shall be final.
- ii. Any amendments/changes to the rule pertaining to Graduate degree programs notified by the Higher Education Commission shall be implemented as per the laid-down procedure in the university.

23. REPEAL AND SAVING

The Gomal University MS/M.Sc (Hons)/M.Phil/PhD regulations 1999, 2005, 2012, 2015, and 2015-2016 are hereby repealed. All academic matters relating to these degree programs made prior to the promulgation of these regulations-2025 (updated 2026), shall be governed under the Gomal University semester rules & regulations 2015-2016.

**DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR THE APPROVAL OF M.Phil OR EQUIVALENT
SYNOPSIS IN THE DIRECTORATE OF ACADEMICS**

- Covering letter by Head of Department.
- ORIC report regarding the nature of research, whether basic or applied, as well as its commercial application.
- RPEC proforma duly signed by the Student Supervisory Committee, Head of Department, and the Dean concerned.
- Satisfactory report on synopsis presentation duly signed by the Seminar Evaluation Committee.
- Hard copy of synopsis along with paid dues slips.
- Plagiarism report by the Supervisor concerned.

**EVALUATION PROFORMA SUBMITTED BY THE SUPERVISOR OF RESEARCH
SCHOLAR FOR M.Phil/PhD RESEARCH CARRIED OUT BY THE SCHOLAR**

1	Program (M.Phil/PhD)	
2	Department/Institute/Centre	
3	Name of Scholar	
4	Name of Supervisor	
5	Type of Research (Basic/Applied)	
6	Field of Study	
7	Title of Research	
8	Aim/Objectives of Research	
9	Novelty of the Research/Study	
10	Potential for Patent / Commercialization	

Signature of Supervisor _____

Signature of Head of Department _____

**DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR THE APPROVAL OF M.Phil OR EQUIVALENT
THESIS IN THE DIRECTORATE OF ACADEMICS**

- Covering letter by Head of Department.
- RPEC proforma duly signed by the Student Supervisory Committee, Head of Department, and Dean concerned.
- Proforma for submission of thesis (13-point proforma).
- Copy of admission entry test result.
- Supervisor letter regarding the number of research Scholars under his/her supervision, along with student's admission and attendance record.
- Copy of course work passing notifications/result sheet of all semesters of M.Phil or Equivalent degree program from the Controller of Examinations.
- Copy of DMCs of all semesters of M.Phil or Equivalent degree program.
- Updated dues clearance certificate up to the date of submission of thesis in the Directorate of Quality Assurance, duly signed by the Head of Department and Director Finance.
- Copy of synopsis approval notification from the Directorate of Academics.
- Extension in study period (if applicable).
- Plagiarism report and one hard copy of the thesis through the Directorate of Quality Assurance.
- Panel of 03 examiners (with contact numbers and official email addresses) for thesis evaluation, duly signed by the Head of Department and the Dean concerned.

**DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR ISSUANCE OF M.Phil OR EQUIVALENT AWARD
OF DEGREE NOTIFICATION IN THE DIRECTORATE OF ACADEMICS**

- Covering letter by Head of Department.
- Approval of defense from the Dean concerned.
- Successful thesis defense notification duly signed by the external examiner, internal examiner, Head of Department, and Dean concerned.
- Copy of admission entry test result.
- Copy of the front page of M.Phil thesis.
- Copy of computerized national identity card.
- Copy of last degree received (verified by the Controller of Examinations).
- Copy of reviewer's evaluation report.
- Copy of Committee rebuttal report.
- Dues clearance certificate duly signed by the Head of Department and Director, Finance.
- Copy of departmental clearance certificate.
- Copy of thesis distribution proforma.
- Copy of result notification (1st - 2nd semesters) issued by the Controller of Examinations.
- Copy of M.Phil thesis defense examination proforma.
- Copy of administrative approval from the Dean concerned for conducting the thesis defense.

**DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR THE APPROVAL OF PhD SYNOPSIS IN THE
DIRECTORATE OF ACADEMICS**

- Covering letter by Head of Department.
- ORIC report regarding the nature of research, whether basic or applied, as well as its commercial application.
- RPEC proforma duly signed by the Student Supervisory Committee, Head of Department, and Dean concerned.
- Satisfactory report on synopsis presentation duly signed by the Seminar Evaluation Committee.
- Hard copy of synopsis along with paid dues slips.
- Plagiarism report by the Supervisor concerned.

**DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR THE APPROVAL OF PhD THESIS IN THE
DIRECTORATE OF ACADEMICS**

- Covering letter by Head of Department.
- RPEC proforma duly signed by the Student Supervisory Committee, Head of Department, and Dean concerned.
- Proforma for submission of thesis (13-point proforma).
- Declaration by the Scholar.
- Copy of admission entry test result.
- Supervisor letter regarding the number of research Scholars under his/her supervision, along with student's admission and attendance record.
- Copy of course work passing notifications/result sheet of all semesters of the PhD degree program from the Controller of Examinations.
- Copy of DMCs of all semesters of the PhD degree program.
- Copy of the seminars notification.
- Satisfactory report on the seminars presentation duly signed by the Seminar Evaluation Committee.
- Copy of comprehensive exam passing notification.
- Updated dues clearance certificate up to the date of submission of thesis in Directorate of Quality Assurance, duly signed by the Head of Department and Director Finance.
- Copy of synopsis approval notification from the Directorate of Academics.
- Extension in study period (if applicable).
- Plagiarism report and three hard copies of the thesis through the Directorate of Quality Assurance.
- Panel of 06 examiners (with contact numbers and official email addresses) for thesis evaluation duly signed by Head of Department and Dean concerned.

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR ISSUANCE OF PhD AWARD OF DEGREE
NOTIFICATION IN THE DIRECTORATE OF ACADEMICS

- Covering letter by Head of Department.
- Approval of defense from the Dean concerned.
- Successful thesis defense notification duly signed by the external examiner, internal examiner, Head of Department, and Dean concerned.
- Copy of admission entry test result.
- Copy of the front page of the PhD thesis.
- Copy of computerized national identity card.
- Copy of last degree received (verified by Controller of Examinations).
- Copy of reviewers' evaluation reports.
- Copy of Committee rebuttal report.
- Dues clearance certificate duly signed by the Head of Department and Director Finance.
- Copy of departmental clearance certificate.
- Copy of thesis distribution proforma.
- Copy of paper verification from the Directorate of Quality Assurance.
- Copy of administrative approval from the Dean concerned for conducting the thesis defense.

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR PhD COUNTRY DIRECTORY PROFORMA (PCD)

Two sets of the following documents, in hard and soft forms, are required. One set will be sent to HEC, and the other for the university record in the Directorate of Academics. The documents must be received through a covering letter from the Head of Department.

1. 2 × soft copies (CDs) containing separate files of the following documents;
2. PhD thesis.
3. PCD proforma duly signed by the Controller of Examinations.
4. Research publication (s)' page showing the name of the PhD Scholar (author) clearly mentioned.
5. Award of degree notification (issued by Controller of Examinations).
6. PhD thesis evaluation reports.
7. Plagiarism report.
8. Copies of all degrees from HSSC to M.Phil.

THESIS CORRECTION CERTIFICATE / COMMITTEE'S REBUTTAL REPORT
M.Phil or Equivalent Degree Program

The Director Academics
 Gomal University, Dera Ismail Khan

Subject: **Correction Certificate on Thesis of Mr./Ms., MS/M.Sc (Hons)M.Phil Scholar in Department of**

The Student Supervisory Committee checked that Mr./Ms....., MS/M.Sc (Hons)M.Phil Scholar in Department of, Faculty of, Gomal University, Dera Ismail Khan has incorporated all the corrections as proposed by the external examiner. The detailed report of incorporation of corrections is given as under:

Suggestion/Recommendations of Thesis Evaluator	
Name of Evaluator:	
Designation:	
Address:	
Contact No.	
E-mail ID:	
General comments	Committee's rebuttals
1. General and critical features of the thesis (chapter wise)	
2. Scientific quality / technical content of the thesis	
i. Scientific quality of the research (chapter wise)	
ii. Mistakes/errors/amendments/changes or corrections proposed, if any (chapter wise)	
3. Quality of written presentation (Punctuation, grammar, spelling or language)	
4. Overall assessment	
a) Choice of topic and relevant research areas Relevant/Irrelevant	
b) Command of relevant literature Sufficient/Insufficient	
c) Adequacy of the research approach and methodology for the given problem(s) Adequate/Inadequate	
d) Quality of the research data and their analysis Good/Poor	

THESIS CORRECTION CERTIFICATE / COMMITTEE'S REBUTTAL REPORT
PhD Degree Program

The Director Academics
 Gomal University, Dera Ismail Khan

Subject: **Correction Certificate on Thesis of Mr./Ms., PhD Scholar in Department of**

The Student Supervisory Committee checked that Mr./Ms....., PhD Scholar in Department of, Faculty of, Gomal University, Dera Ismail Khan has incorporated all the corrections as proposed by the external evaluators. The detailed report of incorporation of corrections is given as under:

EVALUATOR-I

Suggestion/Recommendations of Thesis Evaluator	
Name of Evaluator:	
Designation:	
Address:	
Contact No.	
E-mail ID:	
General comments	Committee's rebuttals
1. General and critical features of the thesis (chapter wise)	
2. Scientific quality / technical content of the thesis	
i. Scientific quality of the research (chapter wise)	
ii. Mistakes/errors/amendments/changes or corrections proposed, if any (chapter wise)	
3. Quality of written presentation (Punctuation, grammar, spelling or language)	
4. Overall assessment	
a) Choice of topic and relevant research areas Relevant/Irrelevant	
b) Command of relevant literature Sufficient/Insufficient	
c) Adequacy of the research approach and methodology for the given problem(s) Adequate/Inadequate	



DIRECTORATE OF ACADEMICS GOMAL UNIVERSITY D. I. KHAN

CHANGE OF SUPERVISOR

Step 1: Student to Complete Section A

Step 2: Outgoing Supervisor(s) to complete Section B

Step 3: New Supervisor(s) to complete Section C

Step 4: College Dean/designated deputy to approve the change in Section D

A STUDENT

NAME in full (use capital letters) _____

REGISTRATION NUMBER

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PROGRAMME: _____

Date of entry: _____

STATUS: Full-time Part-time Continuation status (please circle)

SPONSOR (if applicable *): _____

* NB: Some Research Councils need to approve changes in supervision. Please refer to their Terms and Conditions.

RESEARCH TOPIC: _____

REASON FOR CHANGE: _____

B. OUTGOING SUPERVISOR(S)

Supervisor Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Co-Supervisor Name _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

C. NEW SUPERVISOR(S)

Supervisor Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Co-Supervisor Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

D. STUDENT'S SIGNATURE

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____

E. RESEARCH PERFORMANCE EVALUATION COMMITTEE:

New Supervisor: _____ Signature: _____

Member (Major): _____ Signature: _____

Member (Minor): _____ Signature: _____

Chairperson: _____ Signature: _____

Dean: _____ Signature: _____

GUIDELINES FOR SYNOPSIS PREPARATION

(M.Phil or Equivalent and PhD Degree Programs)

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Margins

1½ inches at the left side, 1 inch at the top, bottom and right side. New chapters should start on new pages with the first line indented. After the sub-headings, the first line is also indented

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Type Style

Times New Roman

Font Size

Text font size 12, main headings 14 (**bold**), sub-headings 12 (**bold**). Figures size 10 (single spaced)

Paper Size and Specification

A4 size paper, recommended quality 80-90 g. Use only one side of the page for printing

Length of Synopsis

The synopsis should not be less than 12-15 pages for M.Phil or Equivalent and 20-25 for PhD degree programs

Page Numbering

Preliminary pages of the synopsis (Certificate of approval from the Student Supervisory Committee, List of Contents, Abstract and Student's Declaration) are to be numbered in lower case Roman numerals (i, ii, iii...) and placed in the middle at the bottom of each page. All items following the text i.e. Introduction, Review of Literature, Materials and Methods, References sections should be numbered consecutively throughout in numeric (Arabic) numbers (1, 2, 3...) beginning with number 1 on the first page of introduction and shown in the middle at the bottom of each page. Page number should not be shown on the title page

Number of Copies

Four copies (1 for Student, 1 for Supervisor, 1 for Quality Enhancement Cell and 1 for Office record) are to be submitted by the student in department/institute

Reference Style

The approved style for citing reference is "Manual of the American Psychological Association-APA" (6th edition)

SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS

Composition of the Synopsis

The synopsis must be assembled in the following order:

→ **Title**

Synopsis must include title of proposed research, university logo, name of the student (with registration number), place of work, month and year of submission

→ **Certificate of Approval from the Student Supervisory Committee**

Synopsis must be signed by the Student Supervisory Committee

→ **Student's Declaration**

This page should contain declaration by the student on originality of the synopsis and proposed research work. Following the student's declaration, first page of the plagiarism report (if score is less than 20%) must be attached along with signature of the student and research Supervisor

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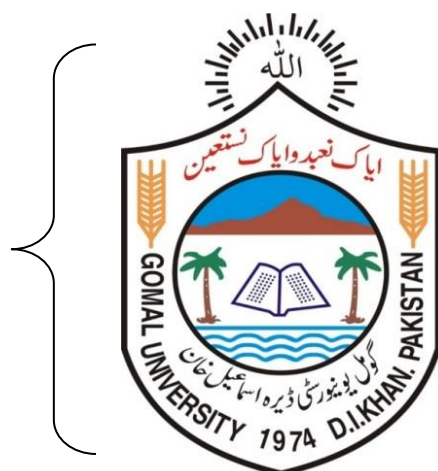
Chapter 4: References

The references should be in alphabetical order as per the APA format

SYNOPSIS FORMAT

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is my own work and has not been submitted previously by me for taking any degree from Gomal University, Dera Ismail Khan or anywhere else in the country/world.

I understand the zero-tolerance policy of the HEC and Gomal University, Dera Ismail Khan towards plagiarism. Therefore, I declare that no portion of my synopsis has been plagiarized and any material used as reference is properly cited.

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Name of Scholar _____ Signature _____

Date _____

Name of Supervisor _____ Signature _____

Date _____

Chapter 1: Introduction (14, Bold, Center aligns)

Introduction should explain overview, historical perspective, problem statement, significance of the study, hypothesis (for Social Sciences), and objectives of the study. It must contain citations / references from the relevant literature. (12, Normal, Justify text, Line spacing 1.5, Paragraph spacing 6)

Chapter 2: Review of Literature (14, Title Case, Bold, Center aligns)

The concept base analysis of the existing studies in the research area should be the part of this section. If there are multiple aspects / experiments under the main research topic then each should be mentioned in separate headings along with review related to the topic of research in chronological (year-wise) order. Students are directed to make sure that every reference cited here is also present in the reference list (and vice versa). Recent review should be consulted and expressed in running / story form to avoid plagiarism. (12, Normal, Justify text, Line spacing 1.5, Paragraph spacing 6)

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Using in-text citation in APA

Example:

For single author: One study found that the most important element in comprehending non-native speech is familiarity with the topic (Derwing, 2002).

Or

Derwing (2002) found that the most important element in comprehending non-native speech is familiarity with the topic.

For two authors: One study found that the most important element in comprehending non-native speech is familiarity with the topic (Derwing & Munro, 2002).

Or

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For more than two authors: One study found that the most important element in comprehending non-native speech is familiarity with the topic (Derwing, Rossiter & Munro, 2002).

Or

Derwing et al. (2002) found that the most important element in comprehending non-native speech is familiarity with the topic.

Web page with author

Example: In-text citation

Role-play can help children learn techniques for coping with bullying (Kraiser, 2011).

Web page with no author

Example: In-text citation

The term Nittany Lion was coined by Penn State football player Joe Mason in 1904 (All things Nittany, 2006).

Web page with no date

Example: In-text citation

Establishing regular routines, such as exercise, can help survivors of disasters recover from trauma (American Psychological Association [APA], n.d.).

General Guidelines

In-text references should immediately follow the title, word, or phrase to which they are directly relevant, rather than appearing at the end of long clauses or sentences. In-text references should always precede punctuation marks. Below are examples of using in-text citation.

Author's name in parentheses

One study found that the most important element in comprehending non-native speech is familiarity with the topic (Derwing & Munro, 2002).

Author's name part of narrative

Derwing and Munro (2002) found that the most important element in comprehending non-native speech is familiarity with the topic.

Group as author

First citation: (American Psychological Association [APA], 2015)

Subsequent citation: (APA, 2015)

Multiple works: (Separate each work with semi-colons)

Research shows that listening to a particular accent improves comprehension of accented speech in general (Gass & Varonis, 1984; Krech Thomas, 2004).

Direct quote (include page number)

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Note: For direct quotations of more than 40 words, display the quote as an indented block of text without quotation marks and include the authors’ names, year, and page number in parentheses at the end of the quote.

Example:

This suggests that familiarity with nonnative speech in general, although it is clearly not as important a variable as topic familiarity, may indeed have some effect. That is, prior experience with nonnative speech, such as that gained by listening to the reading, facilitates comprehension. (Derwing & Munro, 2002, p. 77).

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The references should be in alphabetical order as per the APA format. Second and succeeding lines of each reference should be indented. (12, Normal, Justify text, Line spacing 1.5, Paragraph spacing 6)

HOW TO CITE A BOOK

Citing a book in print

→Author's name, abbreviated name. (Year of Publication). *Title of work*. Publisher

Example:

Newell, A. (1972). *Human problem solving*. Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice-Hall. (**For one author**)

Newell, A., & Simon, H.A. (1972). *Human problem solving*. Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice-Hall. (**For two authors**)

Newell, A., Rossiter, M.J., & Simon, H.A. (1972). *Human problem solving*. Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice-Hall. (**For more than two authors**)

Citing an e-book from an e-reader

E-book is short for "electronic book." It is a digital version of a book that can be read on a computer.

→Authors name, abbreviated names. (Year of Publication). *Title of work*. Retrieved from <http://xxxx> or DOI:xxxx

Example:

Eggers, D.(2008). *The circle* [Kindle Version]. Retrieved from <http://www.amazon.com/>

Eggers, D., & Simon, H.A. (2008). *The circle* [Kindle Version]. Retrieved from <http://www.amazon.com/>

Eggers, D., Rossiter, M.J., & Simon, H.A. (2008). *The circle* [Kindle Version]. Retrieved from <http://www.amazon.com/>

Citing a book found in a database

→Author's name, abbreviated name. (Year of Publication). *Title of work*. Retrieved from <http://xxxx> or DOI:xxxx

Example:

Eggers, D. (2008). *The circle*. DOI: 10.1596/978-1-4648-0403-8

Eggers, D., & Simon, H.A. (2008). *The circle*. DOI: 10.1596/978-1-4648-0403-8

Eggers, D., Rossiter, M.J., & Simon, H.A. (2008). *The circle*. DOI: 10.1596/978-1-4648-0403-8

Note: A DOI (digital object identifier) is an assigned number that helps link content to its location on the Internet. All DOI numbers begin with a 10 and are separated by a slash.

HOW TO CITE A JOURNAL ARTICLE

Citing a journal article in print

→Author's name, abbreviated name. (Publication Year). Article title. *Periodical Title*, Volume (Issue), pp.

Example:

Derwing, T.M. (2002). Teaching native speakers to listen to foreign-accented speech. *Journal of Multilingual and Multicultural Development*, 23(4), 245-259.

Derwing, T.M., & Munro, M.J. (2002). Teaching native speakers to listen to foreign-accented speech. *Journal of Multilingual and Multicultural Development*, 23(4), 245-259.

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Citing online journal article

→Author's name, abbreviated name. (Publication Year). Article title. *Periodical Title*, Volume (Issue), pp.-pp. DOI:XX.XXXXXX or Retrieved from journal URL

Example:

Jameson, J. (2013). E-Leadership in higher education: The fifth "age" of educational technology research. *British Journal of Educational Technology*, 44(6), 889-915. DOI: 10.1111/bjet.12103

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HOW TO CITE A GENERAL WEBSITE ARTICLE

Citing a general website article with an author

→Author's name, abbreviated name. (Year, Month Date of Publication). Article title. Retrieved from URL

Example:

Simmons, B. (2015, January 9). The tale of two Flaccos. Retrieved from <http://grantland.com/the-triangle/the-tale-of-two-flaccos/>

Simmons, B., & Simon, H.A. (2015, January 9). The tale of two Flaccos. Retrieved from <http://grantland.com/the-triangle/the-tale-of-two-flaccos/>

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Citing a general website article without an author

→Article title. (Year, Month Date of Publication). Retrieved from URL

Example:

Teen posed as doctor at West Palm Beach hospital: police. (2015, January 16). Retrieved from <http://www.nbcmiami.com/news/local/Teen-Posed-as-Doctor-at-West-Palm-Beach-Hospital-Police-288810831.html>

HOW TO CITE A MAGAZINE ARTICLE

Citing a magazine article in print

→Author's name, abbreviated name. (Year, month of Publication). Article title. *Magazine Title*, Volume (Issue), pp.-pp.

Example:

Tumulty, K. (2006, April). Should they stay or should they go? *Time*, 167(15), 3-40.

Tumulty, K., & Simon, H.A. (2006, April). Should they stay or should they go? *Time*, 167(15), 3-40.

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Citing online magazine article

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HOW TO CITE A NEWSPAPER ARTICLE

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Example:

Rosenberg, G. (1997, March 31). Electronic discovery proves an effective legal weapon. *The New York Times*, p. D5.

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Note: Mention page numbers for newspaper articles with p. (for a single page) or pp. (for

multiple pages).

Citing online newspaper article

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HOW TO REFERENCE AN INTERVIEW

A personal interview should not be included in a reference list in APA. They are not considered recoverable data (they cannot be found by a researcher). You should reference personal interviews as in-text citations instead.

Example: (J. Doe, personal communication, December 12, 2004)

There is a general structure if you want to cite a personal interview as part of your APA works cited list:

→Author's name, abbreviated name. (Year, Month Date). Interview type.

Example:

Marino, B. (2014, October 18). Personal Interview.

Marino, B., & Simon, H.A. (2014, October 18). Personal Interview.

Marino, B., Rossiter, M.J., & Simon, H.A. (2014, October 18). Personal Interview.

HOW TO REFERENCE A LECTURE

Citing online lecture notes or presentation slides

→Author's name, abbreviated name. (Publication Year). Name or title of lecture [file format]. Retrieved from URL

Example:

Saito, T. (2012). Technology and me: A personal timeline of educational technology [Powerpoint slides]. Retrieved from <http://www.slideshare.net/Bclari25/educational-technology-ppt>

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HOW TO CITE A TV/RADIO BROADCAST

Citing an episode from TV or radio show

→Writer, A. (Writer), & Director, A. (Director). (Year of Airing). Episode title [Television series episode]. In Executive Producer, A. (Executive Producer), *TV series name*. City, State of original channel: Channel.

Example:

Kang, K. (Writer), & Fryman, P. (Director). (2006). Slap bet [Television series episode]. In Bays, C. (Executive Producer), *How I met your mother*. Los Angeles, CA: Columbia Broadcasting System.

HOW TO REFERENCE AN ENCYCLOPEDIA

Citing an encyclopedia entry in print

→Author's name, abbreviated name. (Publication Year). Entry title. In *Encyclopedia title*, (Vol. XX, pp. XX). City, State of publication: Publisher.

Example:

Kammen, C. (2012). Monuments. In *Encyclopedia of local history*. (pp. 363-364). Lanham, MD: AltaMira Press.

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HOW TO REFERENCE A PHOTOGRAPH

Citing a photograph

→Photographer, A. (Photographer). (Year, Month Date of Publication). *Title of photograph* [photograph]. City, State of publication: Publisher/museum.

Example:

Roege, W.J. (Photographer). (1938). *St. Patrick's cathedral, fifth avenue from 50th street to 51st street* [photograph]. New York, NY: New-York Historical Society.

Citing a photograph retrieved online

→Photographer, A. (Photographer). (Year, Month Date of Publication). *Title of photograph* [digital image]. Retrieved from URL

Example:

Ferraro, A. (Photographer). (2014, April 28). *Liberty enlightening the world* [digital image]. Retrieved from https://www.flickr.com/photos/afer92/14278571753/in/set-72157644_617030616. (12, Normal, Justify text, Line spacing 1.5, Paragraph spacing 6)

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Thesis Binding

The colours prescribed for MPhil thesis binding is blue and red for PhD. degree

Number of Copies

Seven copies (1 for Student, 1 for Supervisor, 1 for Departmental/Faculty Library, 1 for Directorate of Academics, 1 for CE, 1 for Central Library and 1 for Office record) are to be submitted by the student for obtaining degree. PhD. students must submit an additional hardcopy of thesis in Directorate of Academics for onward submission to HEC.

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Basic Components

The following components must be attached as part of research thesis:

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- List of Illustrations (if applicable)
- List of Abbreviations
- List of Appendices (if applicable)
- Acknowledgement
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- 3.11 Statistical test used

Chapter 4: Results and Discussion

This section must be comprised of at least 1/3rd of the total thesis

Chapter 5: Summary, Conclusion, Recommendations (for all), Policy Implications (for Social Sciences)

This section should be short but comprehensive giving overall reflection of the work done

Chapter 6: References

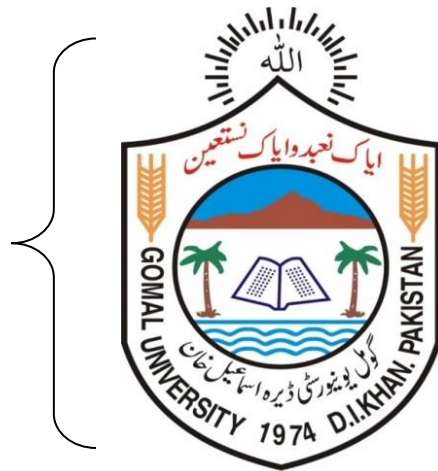
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PAKISTAN**

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Month and year in which thesis is submitted <<e.g. August 2017 >> (14, Bold, Center aligns)

Certificate of Approval from the Student Supervisory Committee (14, Title Case, Bold, Center aligns)

We, the Student Supervisory Committee, hereby certify that the contents and form of thesis submitted by <<Student Name>>, <<Degree Program Name>>, <<Department Name>> were checked and found satisfactory. As per directions of the Higher Education Commission, the thesis of the student was checked for plagiarism in which <<Plagiarism %>> similarities were found as per report attached hereto which is within the acceptable range. Thus, the thesis is submitted for further necessary process. (12, Normal, Justify text, Line spacing 1.15)

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Derwing (2002) found that the most important element in comprehending non-native speech is familiarity with the topic.

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Or

Derwing and Munro (2002) found that the most important element in comprehending non-native speech is familiarity with the topic.

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Role-play can help children learn techniques for coping with bullying (Kraiser, 2011).

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Research shows that listening to a particular accent improves comprehension of accented

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This suggests that familiarity with nonnative speech in general, although it is clearly not as important a variable as topic familiarity, may indeed have some effect. That is, prior experience with nonnative speech, such as that gained by listening to the reading, facilitates comprehension. (Derwing & Munro, 2002, p. 77).

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Newell, A., Rossiter, M.J., & Simon, H.A. (1972). *Human problem solving*. Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice-Hall. (**For more than two authors**)

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Eggers, D., & Simon, H.A. (2008). *The circle* [Kindle Version]. Retrieved from <http://www.amazon.com/>

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Simmons, B. (2015, January 9). The tale of two Flaccos. Retrieved from <http://grantland.com/the-triangle/the-tale-of-two-flaccos/>

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Teen posed as doctor at West Palm Beach hospital: police. (2015, January 16). Retrieved from <http://www.nbcmiami.com/news/local/Teen-Posed-as-Doctor-at-West-Palm-Beach-Hospital-Police-288810831.html>

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Tumulty, K. (2006, April). Should they stay or should they go? *Time*, 167(15), 3-40.

Tumulty, K., & Simon, H.A. (2006, April). Should they stay or should they go? *Time*, 167(15), 3-40.

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Rosenberg, G. (1997, March 31). Electronic discovery proves an effective legal weapon. *The New York Times*, p. D5.

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Rosenberg, G., Rossiter, M.J., & Simon, H.A. (1997, March 31). Electronic discovery proves an effective legal weapon. *The New York Times*, p. D5.

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Marino, B., & Simon, H.A. (2014, October 18). Personal Interview.

Marino, B., Rossiter, M.J., & Simon, H.A. (2014, October 18). Personal Interview.

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Saito, T. (2012). Technology and me: A personal timeline of educational technology [Powerpoint slides]. Retrieved from <http://www.slideshare.net/Bclari25/educational-technology-ppt>

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Example:

Kang, K. (Writer), & Fryman, P. (Director). (2006). Slap bet [Television series episode]. In Bays, C. (Executive Producer), *How I met your mother*. Los Angeles, CA: Columbia Broadcasting System.

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HOW TO REFERENCE A PHOTOGRAPH

Citing a photograph

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