



SDG-10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES

Sustainable Development Goal 10 (SDG 10) focuses on reducing inequalities within and among countries. The goal aims to ensure that economic growth is inclusive and that no one is left behind. Here are some key aspects and targets of SDG 10:

Income Inequality, Social, Economic, and Political Inclusion, Regulation and Monitoring, Facilitate Migration and Remittances, Financial Inclusion, Policy Coherence, Representation in Decision-Making, and Global Partnership

The idea behind SDG 10 is to create a world where opportunities and benefits of development are accessible to all, regardless of gender, age, race, socioeconomic status, or other factors. Reducing inequalities is seen as a fundamental aspect of sustainable development, contributing to social harmony, economic stability, and overall well-being.

There is a uniform admission policy that is entirely non-discriminatory. According to COMSATS University Islamabad's Act of 2018, the University has maintained a

non-discriminatory admission policy, and as per clause 5 of the act "The university shall be open to all persons of either gender and of whatever religion, race, creed, class, color or domicile, and no person shall be denied the privileges of the University on the grounds of religion, race, caste, class, color or domicile".

COMSATS University Islamabad tracks the applications and admissions of under-represented groups through various systems and portals. The CU-online system, online admissions system, and the portal for admissions of international students are utilized for this purpose. These platforms, namely cuonline.comsats.edu.pk, admissions.comsats.edu.pk, and http://islamabad.comsats.edu.pk/international_students.aspx, enable efficient tracking and management of applications and admissions, ensuring that under-represented groups are given due consideration in the university's admission process

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Admissions

Admission to various degree programs at CUI is open to all eligible candidates without discrimination of any kind and with equal opportunities for all; hence all admissions are regulated on the basis of merit.

Application Procedure

Applications are made in response to the admission notices in the press. Admissions are conducted according to an admission schedule, which is prominently displayed in these admissions notices. The procedure consists of following steps:

1) Online Admission Application

- ◆ Candidates are required to apply on CUI Online Admission System by following the link <http://admissions.comsats.edu.pk>
- ◆ After submitting the online application, the copy of the same along with the required documents, as mentioned in Online Admission Portal, must be submitted online within due date of admissions. Candidate may mention upto seven program preferences for admission on one application form.
- ◆ All admissions at CUI will be offered provisionally and will be confirmed once all the desired formalities are met and all the required documents are submitted by the student.
- ◆ In case the final result of previous examination is awaited, then provision of a Hope Certificate/affidavits (if applicable), from the school/college last attended can provide the basis for a conditional provisional offer of admission at CUI. This provisional offer is confirmed once the final result has been submitted and eligibility criteria fully met and all the other desired formalities are met, including the submission of required documents by the student. A specimen of a 'Hope Certificate' is available on the Admission portal.
- ◆ Admission applications must be submitted

within due date advertised at the time of admission. Late submission shall not be entertained.

- ◆ Candidates must check the eligibility criteria before submitting their online application forms to confirm that they are academically eligible for admission into the program of their choice

2) Entrance Test

Applicants are needed to have valid relevant NTS Test score (NAT-I/ NAT-II) at the time of application. However, after the last date of submission of Admission Forms, entrance test will be conducted by NTS according to the admission schedule OR on a given date as notified by NTS through their website www.nts.org.pk and the print media. All admissions shall be regulated on the basis of merit determined by the weightage criteria as mentioned below:

For Engineering and Non-Engineering Programs

In the year 2019, due to COVID-19 outbreak, all the Boards/institutions were failed to conduct F-Sc/FA/A-levels (Part-1/AS1) exams and students were promoted to Part II of HSSC and A Levels. Hence, Part I results were not available for merit calculation, therefore, the following criteria is applicable at CUI for result awaiting applicants;

Degree Programs	Percentage Weightage
For Bachelor Degree	
Matric or equivalent	50%
NTS Test	50%

The admission criterion for undergraduate programs of the Faculty of Architecture and Design including B. Arch, B. Design and Fine Arts across CUI System is as below:

General Merit weightage

- ◆ 30% weightage (Past Academic Score including matriculation and NTS)

Islamabad follows a merit-based recruitment policy for students, staff, and faculty. According to clause 5 of the COMSATS University Islamabad Act, the university is open to individuals of any gender, religion, race, creed, class, color, or domicile. The university does not discriminate against anyone based on these factors and ensures that no person is denied the privileges of the university on such grounds.

COMSATS University Islamabad has an anti-harassment policy in place to address issues of harassment, sexual harassment, and abuse of authority. The university has established an anti-harassment committee that is responsible for implementing the policy and handling any reported incidents. This committee is dedicated to creating a safe and respectful environment for all members of the university community and ensuring that any instances of harassment are appropriately addressed and resolved. CUI follows the anti-discrimination and anti-harassment policies at all levels.

<https://www.opentoall.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/OTA-Zero-Tolerance-for-Hate-Speech-and-Discrimination-Policy.pdf>

COMSATS University Islamabad has established the Faculty Development Academy (FDA) and the Center for Policy Studies (CPS) with the approval of the statutory bodies. These offices have been set up with the specific mandate of conducting seminars and training for the faculty, as well as for governmental and non-governmental organizations. The FDA focuses on enhancing the professional development of the faculty members, while the CPS is dedicated to policy research and analysis. Both entities play a crucial role in promoting continuous learning, skill development, and knowledge dissemination within the university and beyond. The Center for Policy Studies (CPS) at COMSATS University Islamabad aims to create awareness, & understanding, and foster societal debate on policy issues of vital importance. It achieves this through timely dialogues, conferences, seminars, and workshops. CPS also provides valuable input on policy matters related to diversity, equity, inclusion, and human rights.

COMSATS University Islamabad is committed to providing support, mentoring, and counseling services to its staff, students, and faculty without any form of discrimination. The university has established the Counselling & Wellness Centre (CWC), which offers consultative services to individuals dealing with psychological and emotional issues within the university setting. The CWC aims to provide a safe and confidential space for individuals to seek guidance and support. Additionally, the Career Development Center (CDC) at COMSATS University Islamabad offers impartial and confidential advice to all visitors, treating everyone equally and without discrimination. The CDC assists individuals in exploring career options, providing guidance, and helping them make informed decisions about their professional paths.

CUI is committed to providing accessible facilities for people with disabilities. The university has implemented measures such as ramps, escalators, and specified car parking facilities to ensure ease of access for disabled individuals. The university has implemented various measures to ensure inclusivity and ease of access. This includes the installation of ramps and escalators to facilitate movement for individuals with mobility challenges. Additionally, specified car parking facilities are available for disabled persons, ensuring convenient access to the campus. These initiatives aim to create an inclusive environment that promotes equal opportunities and accessibility for all members of the university community.

COMSATS University Islamabad has a Counselling & Wellness Centre (CWC) that offers consultative services to individuals regarding their psychological and emotional problems within the university. The CWC provides support and guidance to help students and staff address their mental health concerns. Additionally, the Career Development Center (CDC) at the university provides impartial and confidential advice to all visitors, including disabled individuals. The CDC aims to assist students and alumni in making informed career decisions and offers various resources and services to support their career development.

COMSATS University Islamabad offers transport services to both

employees and students, promoting sustainable commuting practices. Additionally, the university is conveniently accessible through public transport, making it easily reachable from various locations within the city. Pedestrian access to all buildings is ensured, as many individuals choose to commute on foot within the campus. Moreover, all buildings are designed to be wheelchair-friendly, ensuring accessibility for individuals with mobility needs.

Celebration of World's Disable Day 2022

The COMSATS University Islamabad (CUI) Wah Campus jointly celebrated the International Day of Persons with Disabilities 2022 with Young's Muslim Inclusive Education System, Wah Cantt on December 2, 2022. The objective of this event was to spend some good time with the special children of “Young's Muslim Inclusive Education System” to show solidarity, reduce inequalities by raising awareness among youth towards their responsibility to special kids. This activity built the understanding among the students of CUI on mobilizing their support for the well-being of all those who are with any disability. The event was conducted under the guidance of Assistant Professor, Dr. Muhammad Yar Khan and Lecture, Ms. Sana Dar from the Department of Management Sciences. The students from CUI Wah Campus participated in the event with open heartedly. The event started with a half kilometer walk with special kids on the main GT road to their school to show unity with them. The students arranged a painting and gaming stalls to make this day special for special children. The kids enjoyed face painting and playing games. The students presented the token of collection of funds to the Principal of Young's Muslim Inclusive Education System to as a support of CUI Wah Campus. The visiting group faculty and students of CUI Wah Campus were shown the art and craft made by the kids which are very impressive. At the end gifts were distributed among the special children by the CUI Wah Campus students. Young's Muslim Inclusive System appreciated the efforts of the students and management of the CUI and presented a souvenir to CUI Wah campus.



Eid Gifts Distribution Ceremony

The eid gift distribution ceremony was held on April 25, 2022 in the new conference room to acknowledge the hard work in refurbishing of Campus facilities by the staff members of Services Section . The Director Campus, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Abid, T.I, appreciated and showed gratitude on good work done by the staff members. On the occasion, the Director Campus distributed Eid Gifts and praised them with “Shahbash”. The Incharge Student Affairs, Dr. Akmal Javaid, Incharge Services, Dr. Muhammad Nawaz, Additional Controller of Examinations, Mr. Muhammad Tariq Zafar Chishti and Incharge Stores, Mr. Farhat Mahmood were also present and appreciated staff for their dedication and loyalty that makes proud for the CUI Wah Campus family.



Certificate Distribution in Appreciation of VTI Trainees

An appreciation certificates distribution ceremony was

arranged on September 27, 2022 for the trainees of Vocational Training Institute, Taxila, including four female and two male who successfully completed their two months on job training (internship) at CUI Wah Campus in different departments Library, Examination, Academic Sections and Services department. The Director Campus, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Abid, T.I., awarded interneers with appreciation certificates in recognition of their dedication and hard work. On the occasion the Principal, Vocational Training Institute, Taxila, Syed Muzaffar Hussain was also invited and appreciated his institution's efforts in providing technical education to the low-income class students for the betterment of the community. The Director Campus mentioned the role of vocational training and self-employment. He motivated them and mentioned that in future CUI Wah Campus will fully support the VTI students in providing on job training and putting the role of CUI Wah Campus in eliminating poverty and equipping the youth in making them self-sufficient. He further mentioned that CUI Wah Campus is also aligned with sustainable development goals (SDGs) to benefit the community gender based and in poverty alleviation. At the end the Director Campus assured cooperation in facilitating the students of VTI. The ceremony ended with a vote of thanks.

