Government College University Lahore

Government College Lahore began its journey on January 1, 1864, with a class consisting of nine students. It was twelve years later with 115 pupils, a staff of able scholars, painstaking tutors and prescient educationists having a vibrant vision for the future, that GC was shifted to its present location in Anarkali. After 138 years of meritorious evolution and achievement, Government College, Lahore was raised to the status of a University in 2002. It was renamed as GC University Lahore. This institution takes pride in being the oldest educational institution of higher learning in Pakistan, having presently 9,390 students and 415 teaching faculty. It is a centre of academic excellence and intellectual development in the country. Graduates from the University continue to be leaders in all walks of life, steered by three basic guiding principles: efficiency, relevance and quality. We shall continue to produce graduates who are equipped to contribute to the intellectual, social, political, moral and material development of the societies in which they are to live; and to recognize that the development of contemporary societies reflects diversity alongside consensus and acknowledgement of the past as well as concern for innovation.

You will find GCU an inviting place to pursue your academic goals while practicing personal, recreational and scenic exploration. The academic programmes at the University aim at imparting interdisciplinary knowledge, a broader vision and a critical awareness of current issues. Students at GCU discover new insights and employ logical approaches to solve problems.

GC University Lahore has attained a distinguished place among Pakistani Universities due to its strong commitment to teaching and research pursuits. Committed to specialized and disciplined education, at the Undergraduate level, the University offers BA/BSc 4-Year (Hons.) Degree Programmes in 26 disciplines of Science & Technology, Arts and Social Sciences and Languages. At the Postgraduate level, the University offers MA/MSc, MBA & EMBA, MPhil/MS and PhD degrees in various disciplines of science & technology, arts & social sciences and languages in a highly research-conducive environment.

All departments are well equipped with the necessary resources required for research work. Computer labs., internet facility, multimedia, overhead projectors, a massive collection of books, journals, professional periodicals, a digital library, research labs and seminar rooms are available to our scholars.

The University is a liberal, co-educational institution, providing a congenial atmosphere to students to study and conduct research in areas of their choice. The University believes in undertaking research, consultancy and other forms of services to local and regional communities which will enrich our teaching and advance our quest for wisdom and truth.

GCU has long established traditions of consistent, first-rate academic and co-curricular activities and has made life at GCU quite colourful and vibrant. The University takes pride in its pioneering work in histrionics under the GCU Dramatics Club, its inspiring orators from the Debating Society, its galaxy of respected editors of the prestigious publication The Ravi, editorial boards of The Gazette and The Scientific Ravi, its sports galas, and in its other bustling co-curricular activities round the year. The University thus provides ample opportunities to its students to discover themselves, to realize their potential and prepares them for the challenges of life.

Commitment to Excellence

GC University expects from its students a commitment to excellence in all activities to get the best out of the University, and in turn make a valuable contribution to society and help in the spread of knowledge, enlightenment and social well-being, just as countless other old students of the University have done before them.
GCU Vision
Government College University Lahore is a modern, demand-driven, futuristic, quality conscious and affordable public university. The University wishes to build its future through internationally recognized research work, scholarship and learning within a distinctive scholarly environment. The vision will inspire GCU to strive hard in competing globally for a better Pakistan based on Knowledge Economy characterized by high levels of skills, lifelong learning and innovation.

Mission Statement
Government College University Lahore is committed to create and disseminate knowledge leading to academic and research excellence along with developing individuals, self-actualize for a better tomorrow in consonance with its liberal traditions of pluralism and scholarship.

Development Strategy (2005-2020)
In pursuing the GCU vision, we focus on achieving the following aims:

- To achieve research excellence in all academic areas
- To increase the number and proportion of Postgraduate research students.
- To continue to recruit, develop and retain staff members of high quality.
- To develop and implement a sustainable Infrastructure Development Programme across the University.

Development Plan for new Campus of GCU at Kala Shah Kaku (KSK)
Government of the Punjab has provided 367 acres of land for the GC University Lahore to build a New Campus at Kala Shah Kaku (about 19 km from the existing Campus). We plan to provide the nation with a solid scientific base, an innovative mind-set, and a reliable work force in the emerging and demand driven disciplines. The University is planning to introduce the following schools/college/institute and departments at KSK campus:
- School of Chemical Sciences, Environmental Sciences & Engineering, Mathematical Sciences, Economic Sciences, Psychology, Law, Arts and Design, Communication and Media Studies and Performing Arts.
- Applied Centre of Biological Sciences, Institute of Biophysics, and departments of Geology and Earth Sciences, Mechatronics Engineering, Architecture, Chemical Engineering and Technology are also planned. GCU also plans to set up a Medical College and Hospital at the New Campus.
The vision entails to compete with the world in the 21st century for a prosperous future of the nation with educational excellence, quality research and outreach in these selected areas of endeavour.