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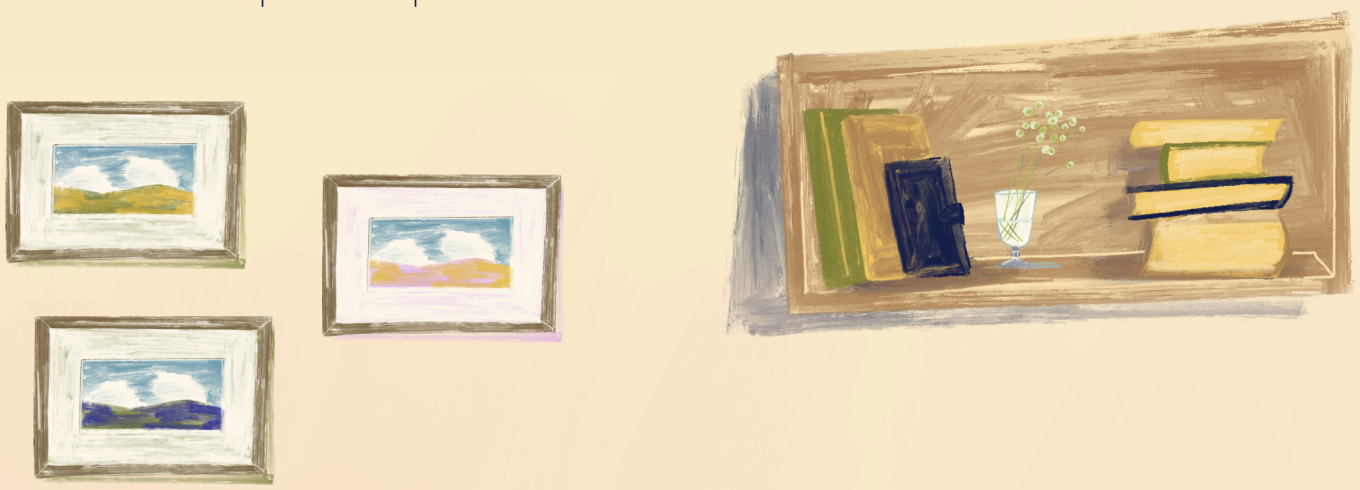


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UNIVERSITY IDENTITY CARD

1. It is compulsory for every University student to obtain his/her Identity Card from the University office immediately after his/her admission. Students are directed to contact Incharge ID Card Office (DP & IM) in this regard.
2. If an Identity Card is lost kindly report and apply for duplicate (https://sfc.gcu.edu.pk).
3. A student should always display his/her Identity Card. Anyone not in possession of a card will be fined. Refusal to show the Identity Card can entail a heavy fine, which will not be condoned.
4. Student's Identity Card is the property of the University. It is compulsory for every student to hand over his/her Identity Card to the University Office for record, if she/he is dropped from the University Rolls, or migrates to another college or at the termination of the University session.
5. For travelling purposes, another Identity Card can be obtained from the University Office after admission by the students who may need it.
6. No certificate/degree will be issued unless the students have deposited their Identity Cards to the University.

ATTENDANCE AND LEAVE RULES

Attendance Rules

Attendance rules are strictly observed in the University. Attendance requirements for each degree level are as follows:

1. Intermediate: The minimum attendance percentage in each subject to qualify for final examination is 75% as per the Board of Intermediate & Secondary Education Regulations.
2. Undergraduate: The minimum attendance percentage in each subject to qualify for the semester examination is 80%. If the attendance percentage in a subject is below 80%, the student is ineligible to sit the final exam for that subject.
3. MPhil/PhD: The minimum attendance percentage is 85%.

Leave Rules

Students must realize that the attendance requirement is necessary and obligatory, irrespective of leave taken during the semester or academic year.

1. Intermediate: In case of illness or any other emergency, a student must apply for leave, with supporting documents, to the Director, Intermediate Studies (Room No. MB-8/NB-104), immediately upon returning to the University. There shall be a maximum of 4 days' leave in a month.
2. Undergraduate and postgraduate: Leaves are regulated at the department level. In no case would a student be considered eligible for the final examination of the semester if attendance

is lower than the minimum required percentage, even if he/she has been granted leave under any category.

Duty Leave

1. Duty leave will only be granted by the Registrar on the recommendation of the incharge of a game/society duly countersigned by chairman societies or sports board.
2. Such recommendation must be sent to the Registrar by the incharge of a game/society before a student proceeds for participation in a game/co-curricular activity.
3. An incharge of a game/society will in no case recommend an application for duty leave after the applicant's participation in the game/activity.

STRUCK OFF AND RE-ADMISSION

1. The name of a student will be struck off from the University rolls if he remains absent in a subject for three days or more in a month, continuously or otherwise.
2. A student whose name has been dropped from the University rolls may be allowed re-admission, provided he applies for re-admission within the due date (mentioned in the struck off notification).
3. The re-admission Fee will be Rs. 1000/-.
4. In case he does not apply for re-admission within the due date, his admission will be cancelled and his application for re-admission will not be considered.
5. Re-admission can be granted only once in the entire session. If for some reasons, the Re-admitted student's name is struck off from the University rolls again, he will not be eligible for a second re-admission.

UNIVERSITY LEAVING RULES

1. A student who wants to leave the University should apply to the Registrar on the prescribed proforma. His/her application must be countersigned by his/her father/guardian.
2. The University leaving certificate will only be issued to the student whose case is verified and authenticated by all the concerned departments of the University and has deposited the University leaving certificate fee and there is nothing outstanding against him.

PROCTORIAL SYSTEM AND RULES

Proctorial System

To maintain discipline an order in the university there is a proctorial bold comprising staff members. Cases of violations of university discipline should be reported to the chief Proctor, who will immediately take appropriate action. Any fine imposed by the chief Proctor or the proctorial board cannot be remitted or reduced.

General Guidelines

1. All teachers (Regular and Visiting Faculty) act as Proctors.

2. Students should not misbehave with faculty members, staff, and security officers of the University.
3. Students should not participate in harassment, eve teasing, ragging, bullying or any other unethical activity.
4. Students should display their University Identity Card at all times. Non-display of Identity Card is a violation punishable with fine.
5. Students should avoid singing, dancing, or playing sports in undesignated areas.
6. Students should avoid sitting late in undesignated or unlit areas and in the dark.
7. After 09:00 pm no student is allowed except by special permission of the Chief Proctor. And from 08:00 pm onwards students waiting for their parents / pick & drop service providers are expected to wait in the designated area (beside security office at Main Gate).
8. Students should not litter.
9. Smoking is strictly prohibited in the University premises.
10. Students should not use mobile phones and cameras in classrooms
11. No one is allowed to bring arms, even if an arms license has been issued.

Dress Code

For intermediate, the University has prescribed the following uniforms:

Winter (November 01 to March 31)	**Summer (April 01 to October 31)**
White Shirt	White Shirt
Grey Trousers	Khaki Trousers
University Tie	University Tie
Traditional Maroon College Blazer, along with College Badge/ Crest, or Maroon Sweater and Black Shoes	Black Shoes

For undergraduate and postgraduate, the University has prescribed the following guidelines:

1. T-Shirts, jeans, and joggers are not allowed for both male and female students.
2. Male students must dress up in dress pants and shirts.
3. Female students should observe simplicity. They are directed to wear only cotton dresses.
4. Students are expected to dress up decently.

Note: Students not dressed up in the prescribed manner can be checked by any proctor within University premises and be fined.

EXAMINATION AND ASSESSMENT

Intermediate

1. The office of the Controller of Examinations of the University conducts Send-up Tests for the students of Intermediate Part-I and Part-II during the month of December.
2. Every student must appear in all the Tests/Examinations conducted by the Office of the Controller of Examinations, GC University, Lahore. In case a student remains absent in any Test/Examination due to unavoidable circumstances, he should apply to the Controller of Examinations for a Makeup Test along with the documentary proof of his absence, failing which, he will be fined Rs. 200/- per paper, maximum of Rs. 200/-
3. The internal grade of each student is calculated on the basis of his performance in the Tests/Examinations, co-curricular activities, and his general conduct during the stay at the University. The same is forwarded to BISE Lahore for onward printing on the Intermediate Certificate.
4. A student must attend 75% of the lectures delivered in each subject, to be eligible to appear in the Final Examination of Intermediate Part-I & Part-II, conducted by Lahore Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education.
5. The Examination Admission Forms for Part-I and Part-II Final Examination are submitted to BISE Lahore provisionally. In case a student fails to fulfill the following two conditions, his admission form is withdrawn from BISE Lahore before the commencement of the Final Examination:

- If he does not attend 75% of the lectures delivered in each subject.
- If he fails to qualify or remains absent in the Tests/Examination conducted by the University.

Undergraduate

1. Semester System: The University adopts the semester system for teaching and examination. A semester is a prescribed period of the academic year during which courses are taught and completed. There are two semesters in a year at the University, and each semester is of 18 weeks' duration, including 16 weeks of teaching and 02 weeks of examinations.
2. Types of Assessment: There are two types of assessment for each course during a semester: semester work and final examinations.

- Semester work consists of class test/quizzes/assignments given by the respective teacher to the students.
- Final examinations are conducted at the end of each semester covering the whole prescribed syllabus for each course.

3. Grading: Relative Grading System is used at GCU, which allows for screening students according to their performance relative to their peers.

SOCIETIES AND CLUBS

Patron-in-Chief: Prof. Dr. Muhammad Omer Chaudhry (Vice Chancellor)
Chairman, Societies' Board: Dr. Babar Naseem Assi
Secretary, Societies' Board: Muhammad Siddique Awan

List of Societies at University Level

Society/ Club	**Advisor**
Astronomy Society	Dr. Shakeel Mehmood
Ash-Shadhili Society for Sufism.	Dr. Hafiz Muhammad Naeem
Anti-Narcotics Society	Dr. Sidra Farid
Blood Donor Society	Dr. Babar Naseem Assi
Bano Qudsiya Society for Gender Sensitization	Dr. Almas Khanum
Debating Society	Mr. M. Siddique Awan
Dramatics Club	Mr. Muhammad Umer Dar
Discourse I – Discussion Forum	Mr. Fahad Mehmood
Disease Awareness & Prevention Society	Dr. Naila Malkani
Disaster Risk Management Society	Dr. Shakeel Mehmood
Environment Protection Society	Dr. Faiza Sharif
Film Study Circle	Mr. Tahir Ali Sadiq
GCU Book Club	Dr. Ahtesham Ali
GCU Green Youth Movement for Kamyab Jawan Program	Prof. Dr. Abdullah Yasir

GCU Knowledge Transfer Society	Mr. Haris Jamil
Hiking & Mountaineering Club	Mr. Syed Yasir Usman
Hifz e Rizq Society	Hafiz Umer Sardar
Prof. Dr. Zaheeruddin Khan Society for Horticulture	Dr. Memuna Ghafoor
Kashmir Society	Dr. Ahmad Raza Khan
Library Society	Ms. Samreen Latif
Majlis-e-Ameer Khusro	Dr. Ghulam Akbar
Nazir Ahmad Music Society	Prof. Dr. Khalid Mehmood Sanjarani
Peace Society	Dr. Kalyan Singh
Palestine Society	Mr. Manzoor Ilahi
Photographic Club	Mr. Yasir Dogar
Ravians Health & Sports Society	Mr. Waseem Akhtar
Ravians' Quiz Society	Dr. Nasima Rehman
Rovers' Club	Mr. Khawaja Musa
Society for Culture and Heritage	Mr. Noor ur Rehman
TED x GCU Lahore	Ms. Muhammad Usman
Welfare Society	Mr. Manzoor Ilahi
Women Development Centre	Dr. Arooj Ehsan
Al-Falah Society	Dr. Muhammad Naeem Anwar Nomani

Humanity Alliance Society	Prof. Dr. Syeda Salma Hassan
Youth development Centre	Dr. Farzana Riaz

List of Societies at Department Level

Society/ Club	**Advisor**
Arabic Society	Dr. Hafiz Khurshid Ahmad Qadri
Business Accounting & Finance Society	Mr. Sufiyan Majeed
Biology Society	Dr. Irfana Liaqat
Brett Philosophy Society	Ms. Mehek Ali
Chawla Mathematics Society	Dr. Asim Nasim
Commerce Society	Dr. Ali Raza Ilahi
Computer Science Society	Mr. Syed Ijaz Hussain Bukhari
Dr. Ajmal Psychology Society	Prof. Dr. Syeda Salma Hassan
Dr. Mehboob ul Haq Economics Society	Ms. Sarah Waseem
Dr. Rafi Physics Society	Dr. Ghulam Murtaza
Dunnicliff Chemistry Society	Dr. Zohaib Saeed
Ravian Economists Alumni Society	Mr. Muhammad Gulzaib Chaudhary
Education Society	Ms. Rubina Murtaza
Electronics Society	Mr. Yasir Noor
Fine Arts Society	Ms. Amna Anwaar Khan

Garrett Geography Society	Mr. Shahid Karim
Garrett History Society	Dr. Noor Rehman
GCU-ACM Students Chapter	Mr. Muhammad Hafeez
Griffins: the Public Policy and Governance Society	Dr. Muhmmad Usman Asghar
IEEE GCU Student Branch	Mr. Syed Ali Raza
IEEE WIE GCU	Dr. Ayesha Ata
Jones Physics Society	Dr. Farah Aziz
Kashyap Society for Biology	Dr. Muhammad Hanif
Khorana Society of Biology & Microbiology	Prof. Dr. Sikandar Ali
Linguistics Society	Dr. Saima Jabeen
Majlis e Iqbal	Dr. Safeer Haider
Majlis e Sufi Tabassum	Dr. Aqsa Sajid
Majlis e Uloom e Islamia	Prof. Dr. Farooq Haider
Punjabi Majlis	Prof. Dr. Saeed Khawar Bhutta
Quaid e Azam Political Science Society	Prof. Dr. Fozia Ghani
Ravians Forensic Society	Dr. Umar Shafique
Ravians Law Society	Mr. Hassaan Qadri
Students Society of Entrepreneurial Aspiration	Dr. Saima Sarwar

Ravians' Sociological Society	Dr. Sidra Maqsood
Safdar Mir English Literary Circle	Dr. Sameer Ahmad
Visual Arts Society	Mr. Tahir Ali Sadiq
Society for History of Art	Ms. Shifa Sahir
Society for Global Studies	Dr. Saima Khan
Society for Molecular Biosciences	Dr. Dil Ara Abbas Bukhari
Sondhi Translation Society	Prof. Dr. Saadat Saeed
Statistics Society	Dr. Abdur Razzaq
Urdu Majlis	Dr. Farzana Riaz
Young Journalists' Society	Dr. Mukhtar Ahmad
Zoological Society	Dr. Shoukat Ali
Undergraduate History Society	Dr. Huma Pervaiz

List of Societies at Intermediate Level

Society/ Club	**Advisor**
Young Ravians' Club	Mr. Siddique Awan
Young Speakers' Union	Mr. Fahad Mehmood Sokhta
Bazm e Shahab	Mr. Zohaib Alam
Syed Imtiaz Ali Taj Society for Dramatics	Ms. Seemab Shafique
Tariq Aziz Society for Quiz	Ms. Maham Manzoor

Dr. Imdad Hussain Society for English	Mr. Waleed Khan
Dr. Samar Mubarak Mand Society for Physics	Mr. Shahzad Saadat
Majid Khan Sports Club	Mr. Shahid Mirza
Dr. Khorana Society for Chemistry	Mr. Behram Shehzad
Dr. Salam Society for Mathematics	Mr. Khushhaal Ahmad
Dr. Sultan Society for Biology	Dr. Mina Illyas
Hajvery Society for Spiritualism and Religion	Dr. Syed Ahmad Saeed Shah
Dr. Leitner Society for History	Mr. Hamza Mufti
Prof. Hamid Dar Society for Economics	Mr. Muhammad Ali Khan
Khawaja Khursheed Anwar Society for Music	Dr. Khalid Mehmood Ataa
Geography Society	Mr. Ahsan Iqbal
Shamshad Ahmad Khan Society for Civics	Ms. Nighat Faseeh ur Rehman
Syed Babar Ali Society for Commerce	Ms. Saadia Anjum
Aslam Minhas Society for Fine Arts	Mr. Ali Raza Peerzda

List of Publications and Magazines

Publication	Advisor/ Manager
The Ravi	Prof. Dr. Saadat Saeed (Urdu section) Dr. Sameer Ahmad (English section) Mr. M. Siddique Awan (Manager)
The Scientific Ravi	Prof. Dr. Aziz ur Rehman
The Gazette	Mr. M. Siddique Awan (Urdu/Manager) Ms. Sabiha Anum (English Section)
Tukhleeq-e-Muqarar (A publication of the Sondhi Translation Society)	Prof. Dr. Saadat Saeed
Patras (A publication of the New Hostel)	Dr. Abdul Ghaffar
Iqbal (A publication of the Iqbal Hostel)	Dr. Faheem Qasim
Quaid (A publication of the Quaid-e-Azam Hostel)	Dr. Ayub Rashid

GOVERNMENT COLLEGE UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES: AN OVERVIEW

Introduction

Government College University Lahore Library dates to 1872. In addition to the Central Library (Fazl-e-Hussain Memorial Library), the Postgraduate Library was established in 1999, and a Life Sciences Library is located at the Institute of Industrial Biotechnology. Besides these three, there are eight departmental libraries in the University. The Library supports information-literacy education through both conventional and electronic modes, and houses rich General, Reference, Personal, and Periodical Collections, British Government Documents, and Digital Resources. The Library also offers these services online on its website, GCU Library, at www.library.gcu.edu.pk

Library Collections

A. Print Format

1. The Library houses 349,797 books across the Central, Postgraduate, Life Sciences, and eight departmental libraries.
2. All units subscribe to 11 national and four international dailies.
3. A Special Collections Section (1998) holds rare books in English, Arabic, Persian, and Urdu, and the University Archives hold documents relating to the Madras, Calcutta, and Punjab Universities.
4. All theses and dissertations by the University's students are placed in the Central Library.
5. The library receives 236 national and international journals.
6. The print collections include:

- General Collection
- Reference Collection—reference tools like encyclopedia, dictionaries, atlases, etc. The reference sources Can only be consulted inside the library or selected pages maybe photocopied and are not issued.
- Dissertations/Thesis Collection—Ph.D. and M.Phil. theses and dissertations for in-Library consultation, with links to national and foreign full-text theses online.
- Government Documents—a subject-wise index with library reference pages of valuable collection of former Indian government documents, reports, and gazettes.
- Periodicals Collection—Collection of national as well as international review journals, magazines, institutional reports, and research articles, and university magazines like the Ravi and The Gazette.
- Personal Collections
- GCU Teachers' Publications
- Rare Books Collection
- Studies Abroad Collection

B. Electronic Format

The Library maintains an automated English catalogue of its books and journals, searchable on internal OPACs and over the internet. Through the HEC Digital Library it provides free access on the GCU network to more than 45,000 full-text scholarly journals, via databases including JSTOR, Science Direct, SpringerLink, Emerald, IEEE Xplore, Taylor & Francis, Wiley InterScience, and Web of Science. GCU launched the first-ever Virtual Library at any university in Pakistan in 2001. It can be accessed at the GCU Library website.

Personal Collections

The Library has following personal collections of renowned personalities:

Prof. Sufi Ghulam Mustafa Tabassum Prof. Qayyum Nazar Prof. Dr. Khalid Aftab Prof. Dr. M. Aslam Qureshi Munir Ahmad Sheikh Sardar Karim Nawaz Prof. Dr. Waheed Qureshi Prof. Gilani Kamran Iftikhar Jalib Prof. Dr. Zaheer Ahmed Siddiqui Mirza Adeeb / Bashir Mojed Chaudhry Muzaffar Hussain Arshad Mir Sher Muhammad Garewal Prof. Dr. Sohail Ahmed Khan Asia Book Foundation Dr. Amjad Pervaiz	Prof. Shahid Hameed Ashfaq Ahmad / Bano Qudsia Prof. Dr. Ramzan Mirza Prof. Mirza Maqbool Baig Badakhshani Kamal Azfar Prof. Dr. Abdul Hameed Abdullah Malik Prof. Syed Waqar Azeem Muhammad Hassan Siddiqui Malik Meraj Khalid Prof. Dr. Agha Yameen National Book Foundation Prof. Dr. Nosheen Khan Dr. Akhtar Shamar Ch. Jalal-Ud-Din Akbar Abu-Al-Najib Haji M. Arshad Qureshi	Zaka Rehmat Ullah Prof. Ahmed Hassan Prof. Dr. Ebadat Bralevi Muzafar Ali Syed Prof. Dr. Razi Wasti Muhammad Ajmal Kardar Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ajmal Sheikh Munir Ahmed Chaudhry Ghulam Jilani Nuqoosh Collection Prof. Dr. Laeeq Babri Ahmad Nadeem Qasmi Qari Tajveed Ud Din Qazi Muhammad Buksh Sikandar Maqbool Ahmad Dehlvi Prof. Dr. Syed Moeen-Ur-Rehman Prof. Dr. Syed Saeed Murtaza Zaidi

Services

Orientation Programs: The library provides a wide range of information literacy programs to enable users to fully benefit from Library resources. The orientation programs are conducted at the start of each academic year. The library also provides its own documentaries on using its resources

Circulation: Borrowing of library books for all registered users. The required book may be traced by utilizing the Library's software.

Citation/referencing: Help desks provide efficient and reliable reference assistance in person. Library also provides reference service through email. The style manuals that are most used by researchers in citing sources for their respective research papers, projects, theses, dissertations, etc. have been uploaded in full text format at Library's website including APA, APSA, CBE, Chicago, MLA, and Turabian.

Online Searching: Library provides the facility to connect online sources. Library also provides online resources of different academic disciplines on the university website. Enter

Online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC): The library administration maintains terminals for searching online public access catalog to enable users to search required information material in no time.

Multimedia Resources: The multimedia section provides access to CD-ROMs, microfilms, audio, and video cassettes. CDs and audio cassettes are readily available to users at the postgraduate library.

Instructional Support: Library generates subject bibliographies for instructional support.

Reprographics Service: Photocopy and print facilities are available in the Central and Postgraduate Library on payment basis, from where the users can get photocopy subject to the copyright law. Color photocopying facility is also available in the Postgraduate Library.

Nuqoosh Research Centre: Maintains all volumes of the Nuqoosh magazine and over 18,000 letters and 400 original scripts of figures such as Ghalib, Iqbal, Manto, and Ahmad Nadeem Qasmi.

Centre for Special Students: Established in 2008, the first at GCU; an IT-based lab for visually impaired students with Braille facilities, speech output, and audio books.

Library Membership

Membership is offered to all enrolled students and faculty members of the University. Membership is compulsory for loaning books and for utilizing reference sources. Membership forms are available at inquiry counters of all University libraries.

LIBRARY RULES

For Teachers, Researchers, and Students

1- **Working Hours**

a. During the academic session, the timings of the Library are as follows: Monday to Thursday: 8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M., with break from 1:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M. Friday: 8:00 A.M.to 8:00 P.M., with break from 12:30 P.M. to 2:00 P.M.

b. The Library remains closed on Saturday, Sunday, and all public holidays.

c. The timings of the departmental libraries can vary.

d. The Vice Chancellor of the University is authorized to make any change in the timings, which will be displayed on the notice board of the library.

2- Loan Privileges

The following categories of members will be allowed to make use of the library resources:

a. Student of intermediate, undergraduate, and M.A./M.Sc. degrees of the university.

b. Approved candidates of the university for M Phil slash PhD degree.

c. Teaching and non-teaching staff of the university.

d. Teachers/resource persons etc. deputed by the university for teaching/workshops

e. Members of the syndicate of the university.

f. Other persons allowed in writing by the vice chancellor/chief librarian of the university.

3- Loan Period

The following categories of members shall observe the loan schedule mentioned against each:

		Central Library	Postgraduate Library
a.	Students		
	Intermediate	1 Books for 14 days	-
	Undergraduate	2 Books for 14 days	-
	M.A./M.Sc.	3 Books for 14 days	3 Books for 7 days
	M.B.A.	3 Books for 14 days	3 Books for 7 days
	PGD	2 Books for 14 days	2 Books for 7 days
	M.Phil./Ph.D.	4 Books for 14 days	3 Books for 7 days
b.	**Teaching Staff**	4 Books for 14 days	4 Books for 7 days
c.	**Non-teaching Staff**	1 Books for 14 days	-
d.	**Teachers/resource Persons**	2 Books for 14 days	-
e.	**Members of the Syndicate**	2 Books for 14 days	-
f.	**Other Approved Persons***	2 Books for 14 days	-

4- Lending Regulations

a. A person desirous of using the library must apply for membership on a form obtainable from the library.

b. A card known as the "Library Card" will be issued to each of the person permitted to draw books from the library under Regulation No. 3. Such books shall be strictly non-transferable and shall be presented at the counter at the time of drawing or returning books. This card shall be surrendered at the time of obtaining roll number slip/clearance certificates on leaving the university.

c. The Library Card will be valid up-to date mentioned on it. A borrower should get the card renewed before it expires, if he so desires.

d. A Member, who loses his/her card shall at once inform the Chief Librarian in writing. A duplicate card will be issued to him on payment of the prescribed fee. Provided that no book(s) will be issued to a student/member unless he/she presents library card in person along with his University card or applies by post sending his/her card with the application.

e. Any member sub-lending reading material from the library on his library card to any other person shall do so on his own responsibility.

f. Books borrowed once may be issued again, provided they are not required by other members. Books will not be reissued more than twice. Books will have to be presented for re-issue. The Chief Librarian may, on application relax the conditions in genuine cases.

g. A fine of one rupee per volume per day will incur in case the books are retained longer than the period prescribed for each category of borrower. The fine will in all cases be calculated from the data on which the books should have been returned. Provided that in the case of textbooks, current periodicals and books issued with the special permission of the Chief Librarian, the fine shall be two rupees per volume daily.

h. Books have been divided into three categories; i.e. Text (A), Periodicals (B) General Books (C) categories. "A" includes special valuable works, and all works permanently or temporarily reserved for reference use. Therefore, books in categories "A' shall not be removed from the library except by special permission of the Chief Librarian. Category "B" includes all current periodicals and magazines. Category "C" includes all other books and may be borrowed and for fourteen days only.

i. Books prescribed by the Board of Studies of the University for various examinations will not be issued without the special permission of the Chief Librarian. These when borrowed, must be returned within three days.

j. Rare Books and manuscripts will be issued with the special permission of the Chief Librarian. The borrower shall have to execute a bond in the prescribed form.

k. Reading material of the following nature shall not be issued, but can be consulted in the library (except in special case e.g. classroom use of a teacher for a short period/photocopying purpose):

- Reference material (i.e. Encyclopedias, Dictionaries, atlases and the material marked 'R')
- Theses, Reports, Pamphlets, syllabi, acts etc.

- Videocassettes, tape recorders and other allied material.
- All unprocessed material.
- Current periodicals.
- Multi volumes books.
- Other material assigned by the Chief Librarian.

5- **Damage and Loss of Books**

a. Books lost, damaged or mutilated in any way, will be replaced or paid for. The cost of such book(s) shall be double/triple/fourth the prevailing cost plus an additional 25% departmental charges. The price of rare book(s) shall be decided by the Chief Librarian after getting the approval of the Vice Chancellor.

b. If books and other material borrowed from the library are not returned after the due date, two fort-nightly notices will be issued, in case the books are not returned even after the second notice. Rule 5(a) will be applied.

c. Members shall not mutilate, or damage by writing or making on pages, any books or publication, nor shall they trace or perform mechanical re-production of any material belonging to the library without formal permission of the Librarian. Violation of this rule shall require replacement of the damaged volume or payment of its price as specified under rule 5(a).

d. Of one volume of a set/series is damages and it is not available separately, the whole set shall have to replaced or paid for by the member as specified under rule 5(a).

e. Following Rules 5(c) and 5(d) paying the cost of the book, the member may, if he/she so desires, retain the damaged book(s) or volumes for which the price has been recovered from him/her.

f. The amount obtained from a member as cost of lost or damaged book(s) or material(s) or not returning the books after due notices shall be credited to the Library's hand 'Books & Journals'.

g. Book(s) or other material lost or found to be lost on stock-taking shall be reported to the Vice Chancellor for write-off.

h. If any member leaves the University without returning books borrowed from this library, the price of the books(s) will be adjusted against his security/dues with the University organization.

6- **General Rules**

a. The security deposited under any of the for-going regulations shall lapse to the University if it remains unclaimed for a period of two years from the date on which a borrower ceases to be a member of the library.

b. The Library reading room shall remain open during the summer vacation but the borrowing privileges will remain suspended for the same period. All books on loan with the members must, irrespective of the due date, be returned to the library before the summer vacation.

c. All members must without fail intimate, the Chief Librarian of any change of address.

d. The members shall leave their personal belonging such as books, handbags etc., at the entrance of the library. They will also be required to submit for inspection any book or object which they are carrying while leaving the library.

e. In case any personal reading material must be taken inside the library, permission must be sought form the Librarian. All reading material issued to them shall be shown to the attendant at the exit before leaving.

f. Members are advised to inspect books or other material at the time of issue. They must direct the attention of the staff at the Charging Desk to defects, if any.

g. Reference services are open to Old-Ravians and Researchers as well. However, old Ravian may become member of the library under certain conditions.

h. Theft of books and tearing of pages is a crime.

i. No library material is to be taken away from the premises unless any member gets it issued against from the library.

j. Eating, sleeping, smoking and conversation within the library premises is prohibited.

k. Members shall make their own arrangement for carrying book(s) etc. 'from' and 'to' the library.

l. The Chief Librarian may, at his discretion, reduce the delay fine incurred by a borrower.

m. Readers and members shall not damage, mark or write upon any book, periodicals, maps, manuscript, nor shall they trace or perform mechanical reproduction of any materials belonging to the library without written permission of the Chief Librarian. Readers and members who violate this regulation shall be required to pay the fine imposed by the Chief Librarian or to replace the damaged materials, or to pay its price as determined by the Chief Librarian.

n. The Chief Librarian is authorized to withdraw library facilities from any member found misusing the library material or facilities.

o. For guidance regarding how to use the library, please contact the inquiry counter at the library.

7- Suggestion Box/E-mail

1. Suggestion boxes are installed at the entrance of Central Library and Postgraduate Library into which the libraries users may drop their suggestions for improving services and facilities.
2. The users may also send their feedback on GCU Library website.

TRANSPORT AND PARKING

University Transport

1. The University provides transport facilities available for the students on specific routes on payment.
2. Bus Cards are issued every year in the month of August (Fall Semester), and in January (for spring semester). Students may contact the Transport Office in this regard.
3. Bus Card fee:

- Rs. 48,000/- in case where distance is up to 30 kms radius.
- Rs. 60,000/- in case where distance is beyond 30 kms radius.

4. Bus route timings:

- For pickup of students, Buses arrival timing at Main Campus GC University Lahore is 07:45 am.
- For drop off, Departure time for Buses from Main Campus GC University Lahore is 03:40 pm.

5. Required documents for Bus Card:

- Photocopy of University ID Card
- Photocopy of University Fee Challan
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6. Transport facility is currently not available for Evening Classes.
7. Detail of bus routes and Bus Card is available on the University Website at https://gcu.edu.pk/transport.php

Student Parking

1. The University offers motorcycle parking for students.
2. Only a limited number of slots are available each year.
3. To use the parking, a student must register through and obtain the Parking Card from the Security Office, located beside the Main Entrance.
4. Following documents are required for the Parking Card:

- Parking Card form, available at the Security Office, filled out and duly signed by the Head of Department
- University Student Card or paid fee challan
- Two pictures of dimensions 1 inch by 1 inch
- Photocopy of National Identification Card of the vehicle's owner
- Photocopy of vehicle's registration Smart Card or Book

NOTICE

TEST FOR THE EDITORIAL BOARD OF THE GAZETTE

YEAR 2026–2027

A test for the selection editorial board members of The Gazette for the year 2026–2027 will be held on August 20, 2026. The following positions will be filled through the test:

1. Editor
2. Co-editor
3. Joint Editor
4. Associate Editor
5. Assistant Editor
6. Reporter/Correspondent

Other details, such as the venue of the test, will be shared accordingly.

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Campus Activities and Reports

GCU DS HOSTS SUMMER CAMP

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There are certain corners of Government College University that seem incapable of silence.

The halls of the Main Building, somewhere near Room No. 4, have long been among them. Through the summer, when the campus might otherwise surrender itself to the languor of empty corridors and sun-warmed bricks in the lazy and drowsy August, there is still the unmistakable rhythm of voices rising and falling behind those doors, a speaker discovering, perhaps for the first time, the strange power of being heard. For the Government College University Debating Society, summer has never quite meant rest. It means argument, logic and rhetoric. It means taking a thought that exists only as a half-formed instinct and giving it structure, weight and a voice. It means continuing a tradition that has, for generations, turned students of this institution into orators and, perhaps more importantly, taught them to listen before they speak. This summer, GCUDS once again opened its doors beyond the university, carrying that tradition outside the familiar red-brick walls. Its summer camps welcomed school students and young debaters from institutions across Lahore as well as students from beyond GCU. Among those who joined were students from PU, UMT, ISL and Aitchison. For a week, the campus had an unusual mixture of familiar faces and strangers who, by the end of the week, were no longer quite as strange.

Every week itself was a little world of its own. Parliamentary debating found its place alongside Model United Nations; English and Urdu declamation shared the same summer air with Punjabi and humorous declamation. Each camp carried its own character, its own cadence, its own way of teaching a young speaker to inhabit a stage. The parliamentary students worried about their cases. The declaimers worried about forgetting the next line. The MUN delegates had discovered the particular confidence that comes with saying “the delegation of...” before almost anything. The humorous declaimers had the more difficult task of making a room laugh deliberately, which is perhaps the least reliable form of public speaking.

Still, people came. And they kept coming.

That is perhaps the better measure of a camp than attendance figures. A student who returns the next day after making an embarrassing speech has already learned something useful. The first speech is rarely the best one. It is simply the one that makes the second possible.

That tradition continued beyond the camps. On 6 and 7 August, the monthly Intra-Varsity Parliamentary Debating Championship brought together participants, giving many of the summer-camp students their first opportunity to test what they had learned in the presence of experienced senior orators.

On 8 and 9 August, the IVPD for the Young Students Union carried that process a step further, placing young orators at the centre of the parliamentary arena. These are the speakers who

will carry GCU's name into the next generation of competitions, including the DSP Nationals for schools. The circle, in its own quiet way, continues: those who once learned now teach; those who are learning today will one day stand where their seniors stood. And beyond the university, the season has been no less eventful. These students will go far; someone will lose a debate and stay behind to ask how they could have done better. Someone else will win and then spend the next evening teaching a junior how to structure an argument. And the halls will always remain speaking. And so, the summer of 2026 will become another memory in the long history of Government College University.

SUMMER NOTES ON NAMS

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The summer at the Nazir Ahmad Music Society has been anything but quiet. While much of the university slows down during the summer months, the music rooms have continued to carry the sound of rehearsals, instruments, and voices. Members of NAMS have spent the season working on Qawwali and other forms of music, with a brief pause during Muharram before returning to their practice. Much of the recent preparation has been directed towards the upcoming All-Pakistan Music Competition. Members have been rehearsing ghazals alongside pieces from a variety of genres, preparing to compete with and against musicians from universities across the country. For NAMS, competitions are an opportunity to test their training against musicians beyond GCU and to bring new experiences back with them. The society's summer activities have not been limited to competition preparation. NAMS has also remained involved in the musical events surrounding 14 August. As one of the prominent music societies in Punjab, it is regularly invited to Independence Day programmes and competitions, making the celebrations another busy period for its musicians. There has been encouraging news from the younger members of the musical community as well. Mustafah, an intermediate student, secured second position in a recent competition on Radio Pakistan, adding another achievement to the season and demonstrating that the society's musical activities extend beyond university students. Alongside rehearsals and competitions, NAMS has continued its sessions and coaching classes, giving regular students who may have little or no previous experience with music an opportunity to learn. The society remains open to students who want to develop their skills, whether they are already performers or are simply curious about learning. Music has also found its way into some of GCU's more formal occasions. NAMS is traditionally invited to the university's official dinners, where its musicians perform with instruments and classical styles of singing. Their presence has become part of the atmosphere of these gatherings, bringing live music into occasions that might otherwise be considerably quieter. For NAMS, the summer has been a season of preparation, practicing, teaching, competing and performing. And for anyone at GCU who wants to hear what all that practice sounds like, the society's doors remain open. Whenever you feel like blessing your ears, the NAMS office is a good place to start.

GCU DEBATERS MAKE US PROUD, AGAIN

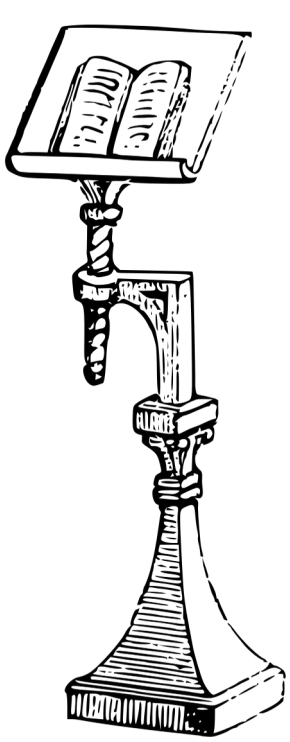
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This year the Debating Society of Pakistan held the inaugural University Nationals in May. The Nationals brought top debating universities together to contend for the ultimate prize of two scholarships to the Asian British Parliamentary Debates 2026 in Hanoi, Vietnam. GC's team, consisting of Huzaifa Zeeshan Awan and Jazib Ud Din Ahmed Khan, made an impressive run through the tournament, advancing through the preliminary rounds and into the Grand Final and ultimately winning the prize of a scholarship to an international tournament for the second time, taking the arguments that began in MB-4 onto an international stage. Huzaifa Zeeshan and Jazib Ud Din Khan are expected to represent GCU at the tournament in late August.



Reflections





THINGS YOU CAN DO TO ENJOY RAIN IN GCU

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It was an early morning lecture, and the professor was effortlessly putting me to sleep with his tranquility-laced words. This felt even more frustrating when I had specifically prepared for this occasion, making sure to sleep on time the night before, have a nice breakfast, a strong *chai*, and a fresh cold shower. But even the goddess of sleep, Nadra Devi, granting me superhuman powers to go without sleep would not have helped much when I must sit in front of a professor explaining Dirac Interaction Picture in an 8am Quantum Mechanics lecture. Just as I was about to succumb to my fate, I started to hear raindrops falling on the physics lawn grass. Soon it turned into a thunderstorm, and the thought occurred to me that the other teachers might not be able to make it to class today, and I might be able to enjoy the rain. A thought good enough that made the rest of the lecture bearable.

With my years of experience in GC, which reach upward of almost half a decade now, if I know one thing to be sure, that is that rain in GC is an event not to be experienced anywhere else than the hallowed corridors of the Main Building. So, I ran out of the physics building, getting drenched in the process, but that does not matter now. Crossing the Bangla bridge, I could see Katchery Road already flooded, and a traffic jam building up; the journey home is going to be an eventful one, but that is a thought for later, and so onto the Main Building as of now, where luckily there isn't much traffic.

Finally, taking in the beautiful view of Shahab and MB in the rain, I go to the second spot on my list, that is the waterspout with its waterfall falling right outside the Debating Society's Office. Dirty? Yes, but no dirtier than the acid rain that is already falling on my head, so I might as well enjoy a 2-in-1 university cum water park experience, and besides, with the storm going on for an hour, the roofs are clean of the dirt, and the water is practically drinkable at this point (just kidding). A few friends join me at this point, and we take turns bathing under the sacred waters of Niagara Falls until I convince them to head to the third spot on my list.

Climbing the stairs of MB we reach the first floor and the third spot on the list, from here it is essential I take in 3 separate views of the university and its grounds otherwise the rain would have been for nothing, the balcony at the front of MB to see the Oval, Bukhari lawn and PG building with their trees and red stone pathways and lastly Shahab and Amphitheater turning into a Swimming Pool.

About this point is when the cold started getting to me and I started craving chai; another thing that I know from experience is that no chai lover would willingly drink the lukewarm abomination all three cafes in GCU call chai. So, it is time to head outwards to my favorite chai spot and the fourth spot on my list. This used to be easier when the Urdu Bazaar gate used to be open, but since its closure, I have had to take the longer route, but anything for a nice Karak chai. There, after crossing the flooded road in an alleyway between two wholesale paper sellers, we get to Amjad

bhai work his magic.

There, while we were discussing things that four 21-year-olds with a lot of free time on their hands do, my favorite waiter walks in with cash and empty cups in his hand after serving tea around the Bazaar. Favorite, because every time he sees me, he asks me how many girlfriends I have in university, and I find comfort in the thought that at least someone considers me capable enough of having a girlfriend. This time the same happened, and all like all times my friends immediately started roasting me, but doesn't that happen with everyone? While sipping chai, I see how the rain has put all shopkeepers to work, trying their best to keep water out of their shops, for water and paper don't go well together. With the chai and rain over, it brought an end to my rain-to-do list, so we head back to university, but with classes cancelled, we grab our bags while mentally preparing ourselves for the ride back home.

THE QUESTION OF BEING RAVIAN

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GCU has its own way of welcoming freshers; it rains. You will hear this sentence often during your first few days on campus. There are two ways to interpret it. The first belongs to the realm of legend. It claims that the forefathers of GCU, the colonial architects who laid the first brick of the institution, once entered into a covenant with Zeus, the ancient god of the sky and thunder and lightning, ensuring that every newcomer would be welcomed by rain. After the Partition, the creation of the Muslim State, the covenant, so the story goes, was, however, transferred to Hazrat Mikael (A.S.), who has faithfully guarded this sacred tradition ever since. The second interpretation is far less enchanting. GCU happens to conduct its admissions during the monsoon, so it rains every other day. This explanation is close to logic and more acceptable. But you, if you are a Ravian, ought to resist such ordinary conclusions.

For Ravians are no ordinary students. They are the long-forgotten companions of Plato and Socrates, who once tutored them in the finer nuances of ethos and pathos while sharing samosas.

Their names vanished only because they embraced modesty and anonymity before returning, in another incarnation, to study once again at Government College, a place that, if not in brick, has always existed in spirit. They are poets whose invisible influence allowed Keats and Ghalib to write the verses for which the world remembers them. O poor literature of the world, what would you have been without the quiet magnificence of these Ravians? They are historians too. Hand a Ravian an old brick from the Quadrangle, and by merely examining its weathered surface, he will tell you not only that Iqbal once touched it, but also the precise afternoon on which he did so while trying to bunk a lecture.

Such is the level of us, great Ravians. Yet, there is a problem with this approach: it is difficult to advocate it to those unenlightened students who have never been to Government College. It is an experience. You feel it, you know it. How can they, boomers and cavemen alike, know about it

when they have never experienced it? Perhaps, then, we are better off keeping it a secret, an underground secret. Let us apply the first rule of Fight Club here: you never talk about it.

Instead, let us devise a more logical, more serious identity, something that articulates what we stand for, and what we have always stood for.

Dear Ravians, O my dear fellows, this is no joke. Government College University has a great reputation beyond its walls. It is regarded as an anchor in the socio-cultural life of modern-day Pakistan, and particularly of Lahore. It has produced some of the most brilliant thinkers, finest writers, remarkable poets, enduring reformers, and great diplomats. Yet its greatness does not lie merely in these names. It's true greatness lies in a culture, the very soul of this institution that brings us all here and binds us together.

I know you are new to this place. You have come here with expectations; your parents are hopeful that they have sent their child to one of the most prestigious institutions in the country. But, my fellows, it is not these ageing walls or these silenced halls that make this place prestigious. It is us, the people of this institution, who have made it what it is, and who possess every ingredient necessary to carry its legacy forward.

The reason Government College University produced such an array of distinguished persons was the manifold educational opportunities it provided. It impelled students towards self-development, and that habit consolidated over the years. We need to return to these traditions, where investing in oneself was prioritised over shortcuts or quick results. Only then can we sustain ourselves amidst the wastelands that may confront us from time to time. Let us embrace these traditions. Explore. Read. Question. Create. That in doing so, we too can become worthy of the legacy we have inherited, for a noble stature awaits us.

Yet for anyone who comes here as a seeker, this university never disappoints. Government College University possesses something almost divine in its nature. Countless outstretched hands may receive from it, yet the abundance of the giver is never diminished. With every generation that draws from it, its wealth only grows, remaining inexhaustible, an inheritance that renews itself endlessly.

RATIONALIZE THE ABSURD

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The weight of a choice that alters the trajectory of an entire life can be deeply overwhelming, leaving a person as young, inexperienced, and ignorant at seventeen completely paralyzed. I too, once bore this heavy burden. As a seventeen-year-old, I packed my bags and left my small hometown in Sialkot, journeying to Government College for my intermediate studies. My choices were stark; it was either stay safe and within my comfort zone at PGC Sialkot, or venture to GCU Lahore. Convincing my hesitant parents to let their teenage son leave home was my first true trial. But this isn't just my story. It is the story of countless students who leave their hometowns to

become a part of Government College. We all arrive carrying a hope that this city and this institution will shape us into something greater. From that day until today, life has truly been a rollercoaster.

Government College is more than just lecture halls and classrooms. It is every late-night conversation with friends in Shahab, every Marxist *baithak* in a *dhaba* in Anarkali, every society you become a part of, and every hour you willingly dedicate to something you believe in.

When I came to Government College, I was already familiar with its Debating Society. So, after my classes, I would often make my way to the MB-4. Ideally sitting there and observe people. When I joined the debating society, I was always worried that I could never be like my seniors. I felt like I would never excel because I had never read books, never read opinion articles, and had very little experience with public speaking. This is where Government College stands apart from many private institutions. The GC Debating Society doesn't choose you. It is you who makes the bold decision of choosing it.

Many private schools build their teams by offering scholarships to already established speakers who can help them win tournaments from day one. At GC, however, the approach is different. Seniors invest their time in training complete beginners, many of whom have little or no debating experience. They have just one year to prepare these novices to compete against teams from private institutions whose debaters have often been in the debate circuit for 3 or 4 years. Competing with skill is a simple matter of effort. The real malice lay in invisible barriers of an alien accent, and to breathe the cold, aristocratic indifference of the privileged youth that condemned me to be a permanent outsider before I even spoke. Despite this immense disadvantage, Government College has consistently maintained an exceptional record at the Urdu Nationals. Over the last seven years, Government College has won the Urdu Nationals three times, and I was fortunate enough to be part of the team that won it for the third time.

Before I tell you that story, let me explain why this competition is so significant. The Urdu Nationals is held once every year in the World Schools Debating Championship format. To be eligible, you must be under the age of 19 and must not have started university. In other words,
the competition is exclusively for intermediate students, giving every participant only a brief window to compete at the highest level of school debating.

I had just started my second year when I decided to take up parliamentary debating. We had only six months to prepare for the Urdu Nationals. At the beginning, there were around 10 or 12 students, but after two or three months, only six of us remained.

For me, the biggest motivation to win the Urdu Nationals was the fear of losing it. That fear kept pushing me to work harder. Whenever a senior told us that we had no chance against private school teams whose speakers had been debating for three or four years, I didn't take it as discouragement. I took it as a reason to work even harder. But there were moments when the doubt got to me. There was a time when I genuinely started to believe that winning the Urdu Nationals was probably impossible for someone like me from humble origins. Then came the final month

before the Urdu Nationals. My friends and I talked about debating all the time. It was all we could think about. Every conversation revolved around debates. We barely spoke about anything else. We all shared the same dream and the same determination to win that competition.

By the time the Nationals arrived, everything started falling into place. We kept winning round after round. Despite the pressure, we dominated the tournament from start to finish. We won the tournament without losing a single debate. I finished as the 3rd Best Speaker and the Best Reply Speaker of the tournament, which earned me a place at the Pakistan Debates Team Selection Camp. When the final decision was announced, I had tears in my eyes because I simply couldn't believe it. The first thing I said to my senior, who was there with me without any vested interest or whatever to explain the significance, was, "Is this all a dream?" For a while, everything felt unreal. That night, we returned to college with the trophy. The entire society was waiting for us. It wasn't just our victory. It belonged to everyone who had invested their time and effort in us.

When I first joined debating, I was hesitant because I had no prior experience. I genuinely believed I could never become like my seniors. That wasn't a story of individual brilliance. It was a reflection of what the Government College Debating Society stands for. The Debating Society lives by one principle: "Rationalize the Absurd." Winning the Urdu Nationals made me understand the true value of this place. The question, then, is: Would I have won the Urdu Nationals if I had not been at GC? The answer is simple: No.

But GC would have won anyway. If I hadn't been on that team, someone else would have been there. Someone else would have ranked among the best speakers. Someone else would have won nationals. This is what this society does. It continuously produces people who go beyond what they once thought they were capable of.

So, if you're coming to Government College for intermediate, become a part of that journey. Become a part of the team that wins the Urdu Nationals and much more. This might seem insignificant and ramblings of a teenager, but to me it's one of the greatest things I've earned in my life, and maybe you'll understand too if you join.

It could be anyone. It could be you.

