

Accreditation and Zero Visit of Agriculture & Allied degree Programs at Minhaj University- Lahore (MUL)

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Minhaj University Lahore was founded in 1986 by Shaykh-ul-Islam Prof. Dr Muhammad Tahir-ul-Qadri, patron-in-chief of Minhaj ul Quran International. It is located in a significant place, easily approachable from all the main areas of the city Township & Model Town). Degree awarding status was granted by Govt. of the Punjab vide Act No: XII of 2005. The Higher Education Commission of Pakistan has also recognized Minhaj University, as 'W3' category. It comprises of nine faculties including Allied Health Sciences and Applied Sciences. There are 354 faculty members and 12000 students enrolled in the University. In HND and FST departments total faculty members are 30 and enrolled students in both departments are 469.

Two Accreditation Inspection Committees (AICs) comprising of Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC as a convener, Prof. Dr. Sanaullah Iqbal, Chairman, Department of Food Science & Human Nutrition, UVAS, Lahore as member conducted accreditation visit of Food Science & Technology degree program and Dr. Shinawar Waseem Ali, Associate Professor, Chairman, Department of Food Sciences, University of the Punjab, Lahore as member conducted Zero/Pre-accreditation visit of Human Nutrition & Dietetics degree program at Minhaj University, Lahore.

Mr. Shafqat Rasool, Lecturer, Minhaj University Lahore (MUL) received the guest on June 6, 2023 from Daewoo terminal and Dr. Muhammad Jawad Iqbal, Director Academics, MUL joined the Dinner at university cafeteria. The inaugural session was held in conference room of V.C. office. Dr. Khurram Shahzad, Registrar, MUL, HoDs of relevant departments and other faculty members were present in this session. Dr. Khurram Shahzad, Registrar, MUL briefed the AICs about the accomplishments of Minhaj University, Lahore. Later, Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC shared the previous AIC visit recommendations of the Food Science & Technology degree program beside a brief account on importance and significance of accreditation.

Then AICs moved to relevant departments where detailed presentations and discussions were held. Each HoD presented the departmental achievements as per itinerary. AICs visited departmental infrastructure including labs, classrooms, library, faculty offices, experimental research area and held meeting with students of the department to get an insight of teaching/working environment in the departments. After the lunch, two major activities (curriculum review and meeting with individual faculty) were carried out. Each course file was checked for its contents like lecture breakdown, assignments and results. AICs held individual faculty meeting to know the working environment and job satisfaction level and student teacher interaction.

In the concluding session of the visit, the program evaluators/experts shared their observations with Registrar, HoDs, other officials and faculty members. Dr. Khurram Shahzad, Registrar, MUL thanked NAEAC team for their deliberations and inspection visit and assured that the recommendations made by AICs would be implemented to increase the standard of education and to expand the skills of the graduates.

