



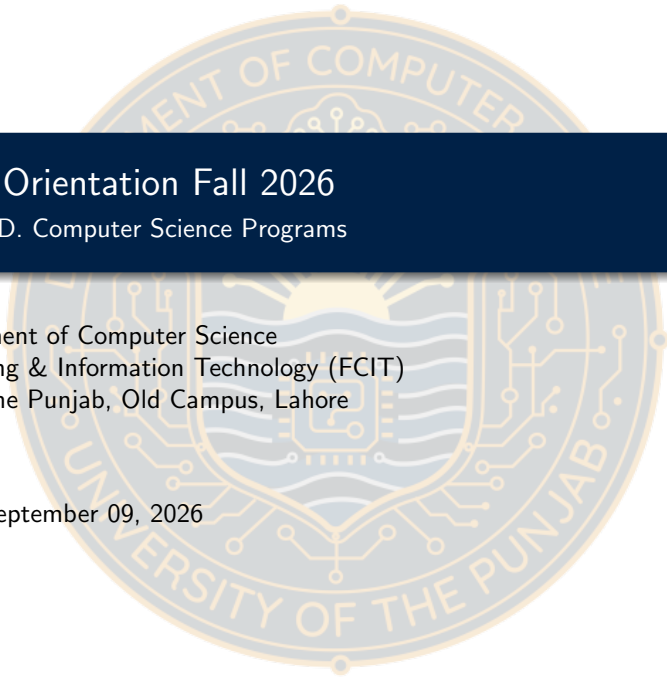
Graduate Orientation Fall 2026

M.Phil. & Ph.D. Computer Science Programs



Department of Computer Science
Faculty of Computing & Information Technology (FCIT)
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Departmental Administration

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Requirement	Details
Program Duration	2 Years (4 Semesters)
Total Credit Hours	33 Credit Hours
Coursework	27 Credit Hours (11 Courses)
Research Thesis	06 Credit Hours
Minimum CGPA Requirement	2.50 / 4.00 (as per DPCC rules)

Semester Breakdown:

- **Semester 1 & 2:** Core and Elective Coursework (14+13 Cr. Hrs)
- **Semester 3 & 4:** Thesis Supervisor Allocation, Synopsis Defense, Research & Defense

Ph.D. Computer Science – Program Structure

Requirement	Details
Program Duration	3 to 5 Years
Total Credit Hours	68 Credit Hours
Coursework	20 Credit Hours
Research Thesis	48 Credit Hours
Comprehensive Examination	Mandatory after Coursework Completion
Research Thesis	Synopsis Approval + Dissertation Submission
Publication Requirement	Minimum 1 Paper in HEC-recognized Journal

Milestones to Ph.D. Completion

Coursework → Comprehensive Exam → Synopsis Defense → Research → **Publication** → Open Seminar
→ Thesis Submission → **Foreign/External Review** → Final Defense

Research Areas & Focus Groups

Newly admitted students are encouraged to align coursework and thesis with department research groups:

- Artificial Intelligence & Deep Learning
- Data Science & Big Data Analytics
- Computer Vision & Image Processing
- Computer Networks & Cybersecurity
- Cloud Computing
- Software Engineering & Verification
- Human-Computer Interaction
- Bioinformatics & Computational Biology
- Medical Image Analysis

Key DPCC Regulations & Policies

- **Attendance Policy:** Minimum **80%** attendance mandatory in each course to sit for final exams.
- **Grading System:** 25% sessional, 35% Mid, 40% Final as per PU guidelines
- **Plagiarism Policy:** Zero tolerance (HEC Turnitin threshold applies).
- **Freezing of Semester:** Not allowed in first semester. Case-to-case afterwards.
- **Maximum Duration Limits:**
 - M.Phil.: Maximum 4 Years
 - Ph.D.: Maximum 8 Years

Academic Infrastructure:

- Specialized Graduate Research Labs
- Departmental Library & Digital Library Access

Administrative Support:

- Student Portal cms.pu.edu.pk
- Graduate Office
- Program Coordinator

Important Next Steps

1. Complete course registration at the Graduate Office.
2. Obtain roll number, student ID card, and CMS credentials.
3. Attend regular classes starting this week.

Welcome Aboard!

Wish you a productive academic journey at FCIT.

Relevant Links:

- pu.edu.pk/home/department/90070/
- pu.edu.pk/dpcc/

