

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



Your Learning

What is Learning Without Borders - The Baltistan Experience?

In the picturesque setting of the Karakoram, LUMS and University of Baltistan (UoB) faculty will be co-teaching ten exciting and intensive, field-based courses. Participants will be immersed in experiential and peer learning that exposes them to the local culture and history of Gilgit-Baltistan, Pakistan.

What courses will be offered in the Programme? Are these courses credited?

You can take any one of the following credited electives:

- * E-Commerce
- * Green Energy
- * Introduction to Life and Biosciences
- * Water Resource Management
- * Personal Effectiveness
- * Tourism: Economics, Industry and Management
- * Entrepreneurship and Management in the Restaurant Industry
- * Local Solutions for Energy Access
- * Law, Tourism and Environment
- * The Universe Around Us

Registration, Selection & Orientation

What is the criteria for selection and how many students will be selected for each course?

Each course will have 25 students. International students will be given preference if they are able to pay the Baltistan Experience fee by **June 09, 2023**.

How do I apply?

Kindly register for a course using the "Register Now" tab and pay the requisite Baltistan Experience fee within the stipulated deadline to confirm your seat. For any queries, contact international@lums.edu.pk.



When will the orientation be conducted?

An online orientation session will be conducted for registered international students, a few weeks prior to the beginning of the programme. A link will be emailed to you closer to the date. In this session, further details about logistics, accommodation, extra-curricular activities and others, will be shared.

Visa, Stay & Cost

What about accommodation, food and other expenses?

Expect simple and clean-living conditions with standard services including three meals a day and laundry services. You will learn more about accommodation and arrangements during the orientation.

What is the mode of payment and the total cost for the Baltistan Experience? What is included in this cost?

The cost of the month-long Baltistan Experience will be USD 1,600. A link to generate a voucher will be issued separately, once the registration form is filled. This cost will be exclusive of the flight expense to and from Pakistan.

The fee covers:

- * USD 50 per day including the round trip to Skardu and including all excursions
- * Quality accommodation in hotels at a walking distance to the town square and bazaar
- * Access to parks and open spaces to relax
- * Three meals a day and take-out meals for excursions
- * Uninterrupted power supply, Wi-Fi connection, laundry services and house-keeping services
- * Access to first-aid and healthcare specialist

Will LUMS provide help with the Visa documentation?

Yes, LUMS will facilitate with all the necessary documentation required for Visa issuance.

Safety & Security

Will this trip be safe?

Skardu is known for its hospitality, foreign tourism, and attracts the highest percentage of trekkers and mountaineers internationally. There is very low crime. Well-rested and experienced drivers will transport you in and around Skardu. Local authorities will lead and monitor buses and jeeps.

Housing Officers will manage curfew timings, ensure hygienic living conditions/environment, handle emergency situations and work with key members of the Skardu project management team.

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