CORPORATE PROFILE

Department of Humanities and Social Sciences

Bahria University · Karachi Campus

Learning • Research • Society

2013	38	571	383
Established	Permanent Faculty	Students Enrolled	Research Publications

Introduction

The Department of Humanities and Social Sciences (H&SS) at Bahria University Karachi Campus is a dynamic center of learning where language, society, policy and critical thinking meet. Beyond its own undergraduate and graduate programs in English, Social Sciences and International Relations, the department supports the entire campus by teaching English, Mathematics, Statistics, Economics and a wide range of Social Sciences courses. It brings together a highly qualified and experienced faculty with diverse academic and professional expertise, who teach, mentor and guide students within the department and across the wider university, and whose scholarship includes numerous authored books and a total of 383 research publications. Through research-driven teaching, a vibrant academic culture and meaningful engagement with industry, civil society, embassies and consulates, H&SS prepares graduates who communicate with confidence, analyze with rigor and serve their communities with integrity, while its bi-annual journal, BUJHSS, provides a scholarly platform for researchers across Pakistan and abroad.

Overview

Recognizing the growing need for the Social Sciences, Bahria University established the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences (H&SS) in 2013. The department began as a service provider, supplying faculty to other departments of the university, a role it continues to perform today.

In Fall 2018, the department launched its first degree program, BS (English). In Fall 2021, the department added BS Social Sciences with two specializations: Development Studies and International Relations.

Supported by 38 permanent faculty members who are highly qualified and experienced, H&SS plays a significant role at Bahria University Karachi Campus (BUKC). A total of 571 students are currently enrolled in the department's undergraduate programs, and the department has extended its portfolio to the graduate level with MS English (Fall 2025) and M.Phil International Relations (Spring 2026).

Academic Programs

Program	Launched	Focus
BS (English)	Fall 2018	Language, linguistics and literature, with a strong emphasis on research and professional communication
BS Social Sciences	Fall 2021	Two specializations: Development Studies and International Relations
MS English	Fall 2025	Graduate-level study and research in English
M.Phil International Relations	Spring 2026	Graduate-level study and research in International Relations

Vision & Mission

Our Vision

To be a leading center of excellence in humanities and social sciences education and research, producing graduates who contribute meaningfully to society, industry and public policy.

Our Mission

To deliver quality, research-oriented teaching; to nurture critical thinking, communication skills and professional ethics; and to build lasting partnerships with industry, civil society and academic institutions.

Key Services

In addition to its own degree programs, the department provides faculty to all departments of BUKC for English, Mathematics, Statistics, Economics and a wide range of Social Sciences courses, including Sociology, Pakistan Geo-Political Studies, International Relations, Gender Studies, Human Rights & Citizenship, Social Problems, Philosophy and Pakistan Studies. By supplying both permanent and visiting faculty, H&SS serves as a support system for the entire campus.

Beyond teaching, the department regularly organizes:

- Seminars
- Training sessions and workshops
- Conferences
- Exhibitions and related events
- Academic and cultural events in coordination with embassies and consulates
- **English Language Lab:** an important facility that supports English language courses and student research. The department also offers free English language courses to students from underprivileged backgrounds.

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Renowned Minority Personalities in Pakistan
Jamshed Nusserwanjee Mehta
Ruth Katherina Martha Pfau
Byram Dinshawji Avari
Shalhum Asher Xavier
Deena M. Mistri
Wladyslaw Josef Marian Turowicz
Cecil Chaudhary
Ardeshir Cowasjee
Justice Alvin Robert Cornelius

CHANGA MANGA
MAN-MADE FOREST
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History:

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Research & Innovation

Research is an integral part of the curriculum. Students select their research projects under the guidance of a faculty supervisor, and more than 80 BS (English) students have completed their degrees with a thesis.

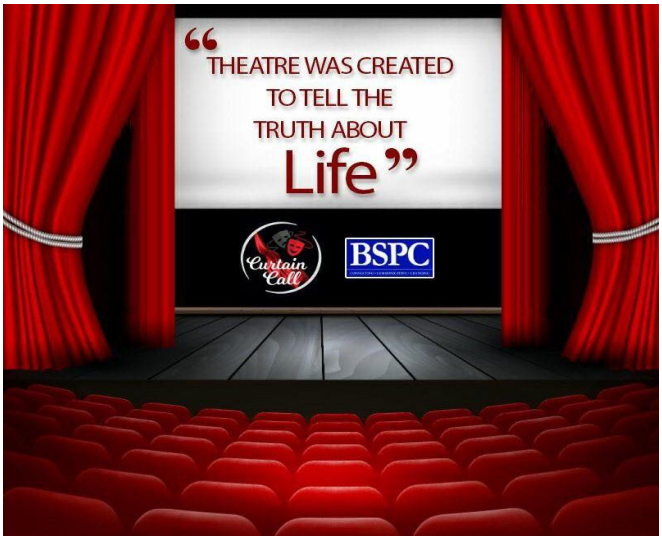
- **Research Papers:** H&SS faculty have published a total of 383 research publications while more than 25 papers are published by students of department in HEC recognized journals reflecting how students contributes to the research culture

Regular student activities include:

- Abstract & Research Poster Exhibitions
- Mega presentations
- Role plays
- Poetry recitations
- Symposiums
- Conferences
- Pre-budget sessions
- Social gatherings
- Charity work

The department also encourages students to showcase innovative business ideas as part of the Entrepreneurship course.

- **BUJHSS:** A significant contribution to research is the department's bi-annual journal, BUJHSS, published for the last five years. Scholars from across Pakistan and abroad submit articles for publication, and HEC has awarded the journal "Y" category.



Partnerships & Collaborations

The department collaborates with external stakeholders to strengthen academic and professional linkages.

BS (English) & BS (Social Sciences)

Students of BS (English) and BS (Social Sciences) have published articles in The Financial Daily. They are also regularly invited by the Arts Council of Pakistan, Karachi, to the Aalmi Urdu Conferences, and by Oxford University Press (Pakistan) to the Karachi Literature Festivals.

To promote partnership and joint collaboration, the department has signed Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with:

1. Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FPCCI)
2. Bahria Foundation
3. British Council
4. Lasbela University of Agriculture and Marine Sciences
5. Make A Wish Foundation

Embassies & Consulates

The department also coordinates with embassies and consulates in Karachi to promote academic and cultural exchange, international conferences and global exposure for students and faculty.

Students of BSS- 1 at 15th Aalmi Urdu Conference at Arts Council

Students of BSS -1 during Pakistani-Poland International Conference

Faculty Expertise

The department is supported by a highly qualified faculty with diverse academic and professional backgrounds. In addition to teaching and research, several members provide consultancy services to the corporate sector in the areas of communication, customer relations and social welfare.

Head of Department

Dr. Muhammad Habib

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Dr. Muhammad Habib is the Head of the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences (H&SS) at Bahria University Karachi Campus. He holds a Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Karachi, and his expertise spans International Relations, the China–Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), diplomacy and foreign policy. His academic interests focus on regional cooperation, international strategic affairs and Pakistan's foreign relations. Actively engaged in teaching, research, curriculum development and academic administration, he is committed to academic excellence, institutional development and research-oriented, interdisciplinary learning that strengthens higher education.

Social Sciences (International Relations & Development Studies)

1. **Dr. Sahar Afshan (Assistant Professor)**: Ph.D. in European Studies and M.A. in English Literature. She is the senior-most faculty member in Social Sciences, with more than 15 years of teaching experience in higher education. She has authored several research articles in peer-reviewed journals, along with book reviews, magazine and newspaper articles, and one book. She has wide and extensive exposure to national and international conferences, serves as Editor-in-Chief of the Bahria University Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences (BUJHSS), and is a research fellow of INTI International University, Malaysia.

2. **Dr. Urooj Aijaz (Assistant Professor)**: Ph.D. in Blue Economy and recognized as Pakistan's first Ph.D. in this field. One of the senior faculty members in Social Sciences, she has more than 21 years of experience, 56 publications and 5 books to her credit. A columnist with numerous articles in the popular press, she also serve as the member of Karachi Chamber of Commerce and Industry.
3. **Dr. Tahir Iqbal (Assistant Professor)**: Ph.D. in Sociology and Cluster Head of the Social Sciences program. With more than 20 years of experience, he provides consultancy services to NGOs and participates in research projects alongside his teaching.
4. **Dr. Panira Ali (Assistant Professor)**: Specialist in International Relations, with research interests in international security, geopolitics, foreign policy and the theories of international relations, particularly colonialism and neo-colonialism. She also serves as Editor of the Bahria University Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences (BUJHSS), contributing to scholarly publishing, research development and academic collaboration.
5. **Dr. Sidra Ahmed (Assistant Professor)**: Specialist in International Relations and Postgraduate Program Coordinator at BUKC. She is a member of the HEC National Curriculum Revision Committee (NCRC), contributing to curriculum development and academic standards in her discipline.
6. **Dr. Sidra Khan (Assistant Professor)**: Cluster Head (Social Sciences). Ph.D. in International Relations from Quaid-i-Azam University, specializing in U.S. foreign policy, South Asian security and global governance. With policy research experience, over a decade of teaching, and media engagement as host of DBTV's *Pivot*, she bridges academic scholarship and public policy.

English

1. **Dr. Shahid Hussain Shahid (Professor)**: Faculty member in the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, specializing in Applied Linguistics, Corpus Linguistics and technology-enhanced language education, with a focus on innovative pedagogical practices and digital approaches to higher education.
2. **Dr. Kamran Ali (Associate Professor)**: Faculty member in the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences at BUKC, with nearly 14 years of university teaching experience. His research focuses on Systemic Functional Linguistics and psycholinguistics. He has around 30 research publications, including a book chapter with Springer, and has authored eight English textbooks.
3. **Ms. Afshan Saleem (Assistant Professor)**: M.A. English Literature. She has 30 years of experience across several educational institutions, including 13 years at Bahria University. She is Coordinator of the BS (English) program and Chairperson of the Bahria Society of Professional Communications (BSPC).
4. **Dr. Zahra Khan (Assistant Professor)**: Head (In-charge) of the English Language Lab and supervisor of research projects. She has authored 21 research papers, presented her work at national and international conferences, served as Associate Editor of BUJHSS, and is a reviewer for national journals.
5. **Dr. Muhammad Anwar Chohan (Senior Lecturer)**: Ph.D. in English Linguistics, specializing in Applied Linguistics and English Language Teaching (ELT). He has over 18 years of teaching experience and 10 publications. He serves as Cluster Head, supervises MS theses, reviews research articles for academic journals and evaluates scholarly work, and has served on the editorial board of a journal in Humanities and Social Sciences.

Mathematics

1. **Mr. Ishtiaq Ahmed (Senior Associate Professor)**: M.Phil. in Computing & Statistics and M.Sc. in Statistics. He has 25 years of experience in research and education, has been associated with Bahria University since 2004, and is an HEC-certified Master Trainer.

2. **Cdr. (R) Dr. Talat Sharafat Rehmani (Senior Assistant Professor)**: Ph.D. and M.Sc. in Mathematics. A retired officer of the Pakistan Navy, he brings more than 30 years of professional experience.
3. **Dr. Rizwan Tirmizi (Senior Assistant Professor)**: Ph.D. in Mathematics with more than 30 years of experience and a diverse, extensive research profile.

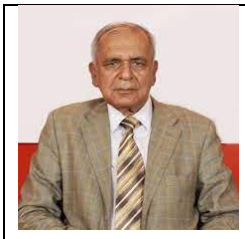
Corporate Advisory Council

The department is guided by a Corporate Advisory Council (CAC) of eminent personalities from business, healthcare, media, the arts, public policy and academia.

The Council advises the department on curriculum relevance, industry and community linkages, internships and career opportunities, and research partnerships. Its guidance helps keep the department's programs aligned with national priorities and the needs of the market, and gives students and faculty valuable access to leaders in their fields.

Distinguished members of the Council include:

	Renowned businessman, columnist, founding president of "Make a Wish" foundation Pakistan, honorary Consul General of Kingdom of Morocco in Pakistan and recipient of Tamgh-i-Imtiaz **Mr. Mirza Ishtiaq Baig** is the chairman of the Corporate Advisory Council (CAC)
	Distinguished founder and CEO of Indus Hospital, recipient of Tamgh-i-Imtiaz and Hilal-i-Imtiaz **Dr. Abdul Bari Khan**
	Secretary General of Arts Council of Pakistan, former president of KCCA and famous philanthropist **Professor Ejaz Farooqi**
	Editor of The Financial Daily **Mr. Manzar Naqvi**

	Chairman Consumer Association of Pakistan, **Kaukab Iqbal**
	MD SPDC, **Dr. Muhammad Asif**
	CEO Karachi Council for Foreign Relations **Commodore (R) Sadeed Anwar Malik, SI(M)**
	Chairperson of Economics department University of Karachi **Dr. Noreen Mujahid**

Skilled Human Resource & Career Pathways

The Department of Humanities and Social Sciences offers undergraduate programs in International Relations, English, Mathematics, and Development Studies. Across all of these programs, internship is an integral part of the curriculum, designed to give students first-hand exposure to professional work environments and to instill a strong sense of workplace ethics, responsibility, and accountability. Through internships, students apply classroom knowledge to real-world situations, build practical skills, and develop the confidence needed to transition from academic life to professional life.

The department places internships through its network of partner organizations, and students are also encouraged to arrange their own placements in fields that match their interests and career goals. On completion of the internship, each student appears in a viva voce examination, in which faculty evaluate what they have learned, the skills they have acquired, and their ability to reflect critically on their professional experience. This process ensures that internships are not a formality but a meaningful and assessed component of the degree. As a result, all of our students complete their degrees with internship experience.

The department's emphasis on practical learning is reflected in the career paths of its alumni. Many of our graduates have found employment in publishing houses, educational institutions, training and consultancy

firms, and as web content developers. Others have built careers in research organizations, development agencies, media and communications, and the nonprofit sector. Their success shows that the combination of strong academic grounding and early professional exposure equips graduates with the analytical, communication, and problem-solving skills that employer's value. The department remains committed to strengthening its links with industry and the wider community so that future students benefit from even greater opportunities for placement and career growth.

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