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STUDENT HANDBOOK

Academic Year 2026/2027

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Students arriving at the main gate of Horseed International University

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HOW TO USE THIS HANDBOOK

This handbook is the official guide for all HIU students for the 2026/2027 academic year. Keep it for reference throughout your studies.

It summarises the University's rules and services. Where an approved University policy, regulation, curriculum or Senate decision differs from this handbook, the approved document prevails. Changes during the year are announced through official notice boards, the University website and official student channels. When in doubt, ask your Faculty or the Registrar.

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SECTION 01

01 Welcome to HIU

A message to every student joining our community

MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR



"Education is the foundation for sustainable progress and transformative leadership."

Dr. Abdikarim Sheikh Mohamed Hassan
Rector, Horseed International University

Dear Students,

Welcome to Horseed International University. Whether you are joining us for the first time or continuing your studies, you are now part of a community dedicated to knowledge, innovation and leadership. University is not only about earning a qualification; it is a time of intellectual growth, ethical development and preparation to serve society.

Take ownership of your learning, act with integrity and respect others. Read this handbook carefully, follow the University's rules and seek help early whenever you need it. Your lecturers, advisers and support offices are here to help you succeed. I wish you a productive and rewarding academic year.

Dr. Abdikarim Sheikh Mohamed Hassan
Rector, Horseed International University

ABOUT HIU

Horseed International University (HIU) was established in 2010 by the Horseed Foundation for Education and Development. It is a private, non-profit university, governed by a Board of Trustees and accredited by the Ministry of Education, Culture and Higher Education of the Federal Republic of Somalia. HIU offers undergraduate and postgraduate education that combines academic knowledge, practical skills, ethical character, research and community service.

HIU delivers its programmes at three campuses – Banadir and 21 October in Mogadishu, and Baidoa in South West State – and through distance learning. The University has produced more than 10,000 alumni, and its students come from every region of Somalia.



HIU students on campus

2010 Established	**9** Faculties	**29** Bachelor's programmes	**3** Campuses
16 Distance-learning programmes	**8** Master's programmes	**10,000+** Alumni	**10** International MoUs

VISION, MISSION AND PHILOSOPHY

Our Vision	Our Mission
"To be a leading university for excellence, innovation, and social responsibility."	*"We provide affordable, quality education and research that empower graduates to succeed and contribute to development."*

OUR PHILOSOPHY

"We believe in lifelong learning, affordability, and education that transforms individuals and society."

OUR CORE VALUES

Value	What it means for you as a student
Excellence	Striving for the highest standards in your studies, research and service.
Integrity	Honesty and accountability in all academic work and personal conduct.
Innovation	Creative thinking and the use of technology to solve real problems.
Accessibility	Affordable, inclusive education and equal opportunity for every student.
Responsibility	Care for people, property and society, and ownership of your own learning.
Lifelong Learning	Continuous growth inside and beyond the classroom, throughout life.

The Vision, Mission, Philosophy and Core Values were approved by the Board of Trustees on 10 February 2026 (Resolution No. HIU/BOT/VMP/007/2026).

ACCREDITATION, MEMBERSHIPS AND QUALITY

HIU is accredited by the Ministry of Education, Culture and Higher Education of the Federal Republic of Somalia and is a member of the following associations:

#	Association	Scope
1	Association of Somali Universities (ASU)	National
2	Association of African Universities (AAU)	Continental
3	International Council for Open and Distance Education (ICDE)	International
4	Association of Schools of Public Health in Africa (ASPHA)	Continental
5	International Union of Universities (IUU)	International
6	United Nations Academic Impact (UNAI)	International
7	Somali Research and Education Network (SomaliREN)	National
8	Euro-Mediterranean University Network (EMUNI)	International (Europe)

Quality is the responsibility of the Quality Assurance Unit, headed by the Director of Quality Assurance, who chairs the University's Quality Assurance Committee. The Unit monitors programmes for continuous improvement and runs regular surveys. Your answers to course evaluations and student surveys are used to improve teaching and services, so please complete them honestly.

HOW HIU IS GOVERNED

HIU is governed by three bodies, each with its own role:

Board of Trustees. The supreme governing authority of the University. It approves the strategic plan, budgets, policies and fees, appoints the Rector and confers degrees on the recommendation of the Senate.

University Senate. The supreme academic authority, chaired by the Rector. It approves academic regulations, programmes and examination results, and safeguards academic standards.

University Management Committee. Chaired by the Rector, it brings together the Deputy Rectors, the Registrar, the Director of Finance, the Deans and other senior officers to run the day-to-day academic, administrative and financial management of the University.

The Rector is the Chief Executive and Academic Officer of the University, supported by three Deputy Rectors for Academic Affairs; Administration and Finance; and Research, Innovation and International Relations. Each faculty is led by a Dean, supported by Heads of Department and a Faculty Board on which students are represented.



HIU staff and management meeting, HIU Meeting Room



University management meeting with senior staff



University leadership meeting, HIU Meeting Room

KEY OFFICERS FOR STUDENTS

Officer	How they help students
Rector – Dr. Abdikarim Sheikh Mohamed Hassan	Leads the University and chairs the Senate and the University Management Committee
Deputy Rector for Academic Affairs	Academic programmes, teaching, examinations and academic quality
Deputy Rector for Administration and Finance	Finance, human resources, ICT, facilities and administrative services
Deputy Rector for Research, Innovation and International Relations	Research, innovation, partnerships, exchanges and international projects
Deans and Heads of Department	Your faculty, programme, courses, grade appeals and special examinations
Registrar – Mr. Abdifatah Abdullahi Hassan	Registration, academic records, transcripts, graduation and certificate replacement
Director of Admission and Student Affairs – Mr. Mustaf Mohamed Abdullahi	Admission, orientation, leave of absence, scholarships, clubs, complaints and student representation
Director of Examinations – Mr. Abdulkadir Osman Salah	Examination timetables and semester grade reports
Director of Quality Assurance – Mr. Abdullahi Nur Mohamed	Course evaluations, student surveys and quality improvement
Directorate of Finance	Fees, receipts, instalment plans, financial clearance and account balances

OUR CAMPUSES

Campus	Location	Telephone
Banadir Campus	Banadir, Mogadishu	0619 277 654
21 October Campus	21 October Road, Mogadishu	0619 277 653
Baidoa Campus	Baidoa, South West State	0619 277 655



The main gate of Horseed International University



The main courtyard of the HIU campus



HIU School for Postgraduate and Research building



The HIU student bus at the University campus

SECTION 02

02 Faculties and Programmes

Nine faculties, twenty-nine bachelor's programmes

HIU is authorised to award degrees in the following twenty-nine (29) bachelor's programmes, as well as other certificates and diplomas. Programmes marked "DL" are also offered fully by distance learning.

Faculty	Bachelor's programmes
Computer Science and Information Technology (5)	Computer Science; Information Technology (DL); Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning; Software Engineering; Cybersecurity
Economics and Management Sciences (5)	Business Administration (BBA) (DL); Accounting and Finance (DL); Islamic Banking and Finance (DL); Economics (DL); Logistics and Procurement Management (DL)
Health Sciences (8)	Nursing; Midwifery; Public and Environmental Health (DL); Medical Laboratory Sciences; Pharmacy; Physiotherapy; Digital Health and Telemedicine; Nutrition (DL)
Social Sciences (4)	Public Administration (DL); Social Work (DL); Political Science and International Relations (DL); Development Studies (DL)
Veterinary Medicine (1)	Veterinary Medicine and Animal Husbandry
Agriculture and Natural Resources (1)	Agriculture and Natural Resources
Sharia and Law (2)	Sharia and Law (DL); Law (DL)
Education (2)	Biochemistry (DL); History and Geography (DL)
Medicine and Surgery (1)	Medicine and Surgery

4 years	8	126
Normal bachelor duration	Semesters	Minimum credit hours to graduate

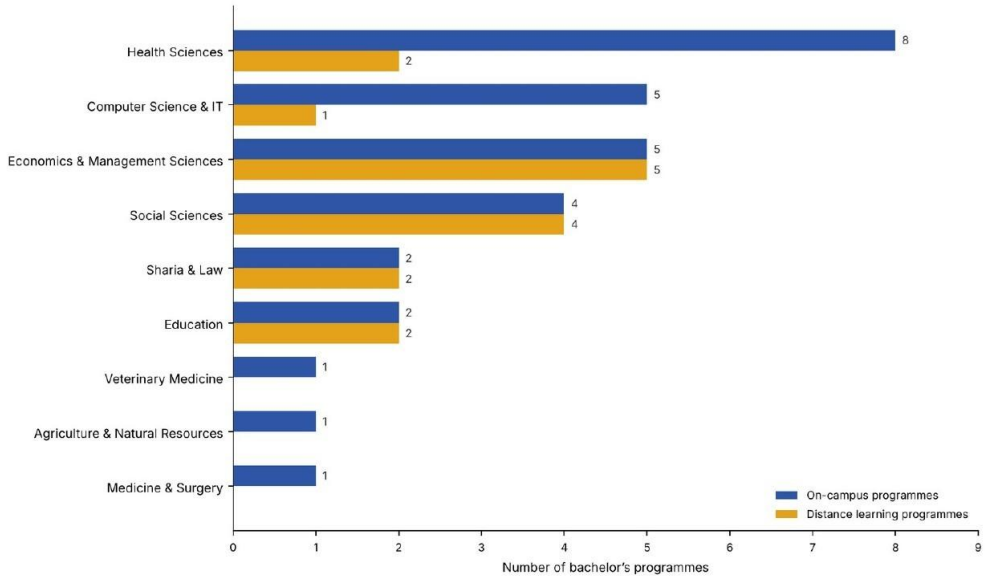


Figure 1: Bachelor's programmes per faculty, on campus and by distance learning

FOUNDATION YEAR AND DISTANCE LEARNING

Where a Foundation Year is required, it is preparatory and separate from the four-year degree.

Sixteen (16) programmes in six faculties are offered fully by distance learning, combining technology (voice, video, data and print) with face-to-face sessions. Confirm programme availability with your Faculty or the Registrar.

POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

Through its Postgraduate Centre, HIU offers the following master's degree programmes. Applications are submitted to the Postgraduate Centre; programme requirements and current fees are available from the Postgraduate Centre and the Directorate of Finance.

#	Master's programme
1	Master of Sharia and Law (Public Law / Private Law)
2	Master of Business Administration (MBA)
3	MBA – Major in Finance
4	MBA – Major in Project Management
5	Master of Public Administration (MPA)
6	Master of Science in Veterinary Pathology
7	Master of Livestock Production Systems
8	Master of Science in Agribusiness

In partnership with MAHSA University (Malaysia), HIU also delivers a Master of Business Administration (MBA): students study at HIU and graduate with a master's degree awarded by MAHSA University.



Graduates of the HIU–MAHSA University partnership master's programme



HIU delegation at MAHSA University, Malaysia

LABORATORIES AND PRACTICAL LEARNING

Practical training is part of every programme. Students learn in laboratories, clinical skills rooms, computer labs and on the University farm. Follow the safety instructions and dress rules of each laboratory, and use equipment only under the supervision of your lecturer or technician.

Health Sciences laboratories



Medical laboratory practical session



Microscopy training in the HIU laboratory



Students in the computer laboratory



Clinical skills lab: CPR and first-aid training



Microscopes in the HIU laboratory



Diagnostic analysers in the medical laboratory



Department of Medical Laboratory, Faculty of Health Sciences



Telemedicine workstation (DIGIHEALTH)



Portable health check station (DIGIHEALTH)

Computer laboratories – the Green Lab



The Green Lab, Faculty of Computer Science and IT



Computer workstations in the Green Lab

Veterinary and Agriculture Laboratory



Microscopes and centrifuges, Veterinary and Agriculture Laboratory



Sterilisation and preparation area of the laboratory



Practical workbench, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Husbandry



Student microscopy stations with safety instructions

University greenhouse and open field



Cucumbers and tomatoes growing in the University greenhouse



Agriculture students at the University greenhouse



The University open field prepared for planting



Students presenting produce grown on the University farm



Students tending crops in the open field



Harvesting cucumbers in the greenhouse

SECTION 03

03 Studying at HIU

Calendar, registration, attendance and grading

ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2026/2027

The academic year runs from September 2026 to September 2027 in two semesters. In most cases, part-time students start classes and examinations one or two days ahead of full-time students.

Date	Activity
FIRST SEMESTER	
17 Sep 2026	University reopens; part-time classes begin
29 Sep 2026	Full-time classes begin
07 Oct 2026	Orientation of new students
05 / 07 Nov 2026	Midterm examinations start (part-time / full-time)
16 Nov 2026	Midterm examinations end
19 Nov 2026	Lectures resume
07 / 09 Jan 2027	Final examinations start (part-time / full-time)
18 Jan 2027	Final examinations end
19 Jan – 17 Feb 2027	Semester vacation
16 Feb 2027	Announcement of examination results
SECOND SEMESTER	
18 / 20 Feb 2027	Semester II classes begin (part-time / full-time)
06 – 13 Mar 2027	Ramadan break / Eid al-Fitr
17 / 18 Mar 2027	Re-examinations start (part-time / full-time)
08 / 10 Apr 2027	Midterm examinations start (part-time / full-time)
19 Apr 2027	Midterm examinations end
22 Apr 2027	Lectures resume
09 May 2027	Cultural Week
16 – 19 May 2027	Eid al-Adha
10 / 12 Jun 2027	Final examinations start (part-time / full-time)
21 Jun 2027	Final examinations end
22 Jun 2027	Summer vacation starts / National holiday
SUMMER AND GRADUATION	
26 Jun 2027	National holiday (Independence of the North)
01 Jul 2027	National holiday (Independence and Union Day)

Date	Activity
03 – 05 Jul 2027	Thesis defence
26 Jul 2027	Announcement of graduating students' examination results
31 Jul 2027	HIU Annual Meeting
11 Aug 2027	Re-examinations start – graduating students
25 Aug 2027	Announcement of examination results – non-graduating students
08 Sep 2027	12th Graduation Ceremony

Religious holidays depend on the sighting of the moon; any change will be announced through official University channels.

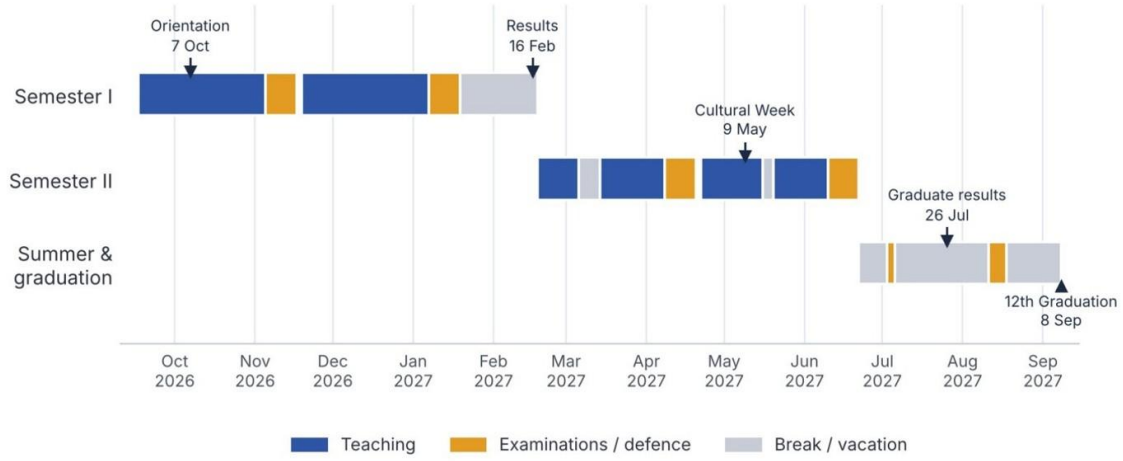


Figure 2: The 2026–2027 academic year at a glance

REGISTRATION

- Register on the dates shown in the academic calendar and in your acceptance letter, and check that your programme, level and semester are correct.
- No student may register for a course later than two weeks after classes begin, except in exceptional cases with the permission of the Deputy Rector for Academic Affairs.
- Use your official name and ID details consistently on all University records.
- Report any change of name, address or contact details to the Registrar, the Directorate of Finance and the Director of Admission and Student Affairs. A change of name requires certified documents.
- Courses may be added or dropped only during the published add/drop period.
- Keep your payment receipts and registration evidence.

> **IMPORTANT**
> Attending classes does not mean you are registered. Registration is complete only when both the academic and the financial steps are recorded.

BEFORE EACH SEMESTER

- Review your curriculum and the courses for your level.

- Clear any failed, incomplete or deferred courses.
- Confirm course registration and financial clearance.
- Meet your academic adviser before decisions that affect your progress.

ATTENDANCE AND LEAVE

You may attend only the classes for which you are registered, and you may not take two courses that meet at the same time. Regular and punctual attendance is expected.

> **75% ATTENDANCE RULE**
> You must attend at least 75% of the classes in a course to sit its examination; some programmes require more. Lecturers keep an accurate record of attendance.

- If you must be absent, give a legitimate excuse, with evidence, to the course lecturer by the next working day.
- If you miss an assessment for a valid reason, request a make-up through your Faculty with supporting evidence.
- Leave of absence is granted by the Director of Admission and Student Affairs. During examinations, the maximum leave is four days per examination period.



HIU students in professional dress on campus



Students studying in the University library

ASSESSMENT AND GRADING

Component	Weight	Includes
Continuous assessment	40%	Tests, assignments, quizzes, mid-term examination, projects, presentations and practicals
Final examination	60%	Written, practical or other approved end-of-semester examination

Letter grade	Grade point	Percentage	Description
A+	4.00	95 – 100%	Excellent
A	3.67	90 – 94%	Excellent
A-	3.33	85 – 89%	Excellent
B+	3.00	80 – 84%	Very Good

Letter grade	Grade point	Percentage	Description
B	2.67	75 – 79%	Very Good
B-	2.33	70 – 74%	Good
C+	2.00	65 – 69%	Good
C	1.67	60 – 64%	Satisfactory
C-	1.33	55 – 59%	Unsatisfactory
D	1.00	50 – 54%	Very Poor
F	0.00	0 – 49%	Fail

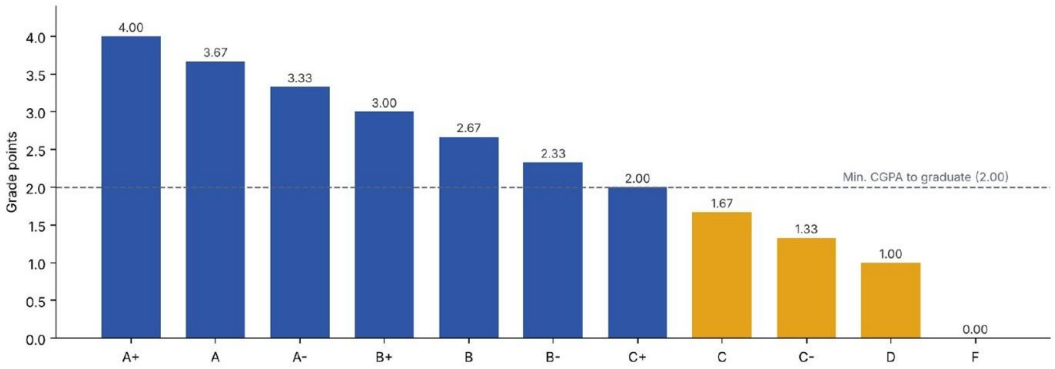


Figure 3: Grade points by letter grade; grades below C+ fall under the 2.00 graduation threshold

GPA AND ACADEMIC STANDING

Your Grade Point Average (GPA) is calculated by multiplying the grade point of each course by its credit hours, adding the results and dividing by the total credit hours. Your Cumulative GPA (CGPA) uses all courses taken so far.

- A CGPA of 2.0 or above is required to remain in good academic standing and to graduate.
- Students whose CGPA falls below 2.0 receive an academic warning and must agree an improvement plan with their academic adviser.
- Continued performance below 2.0 may lead to academic probation or dismissal under the Academic Regulations approved by the Senate.
- Students whose CGPA remains below 1.00 for two consecutive semesters must withdraw for at least one semester before they may reapply.
- Before repeating a course you may first retake its examination. A course may be repeated once, with approval; any further repetition results in dismissal.

STUDENT CLASSIFICATION AND HONOURS

Classification	Credit hours completed
Freshman	Fewer than 32
Sophomore	32 – 63
Junior	64 – 95

Classification	Credit hours completed
Senior	96 or more, and able to complete all degree requirements by the end of the final semester

Full-time students register for 12 or more credit hours per semester; **part-time students** register for fewer than 12.

Honour	Minimum credits	GPA	Other conditions
Dean's List	12 per semester	3.50 or better each semester	No grade below B; no Incompletes or Deferred Grades
Honour Roll	12 per semester	Cumulative 3.00 or better	No grade below C; no Incompletes or Deferred Grades

Students in both categories receive public recognition at the annual Honours Convocation.

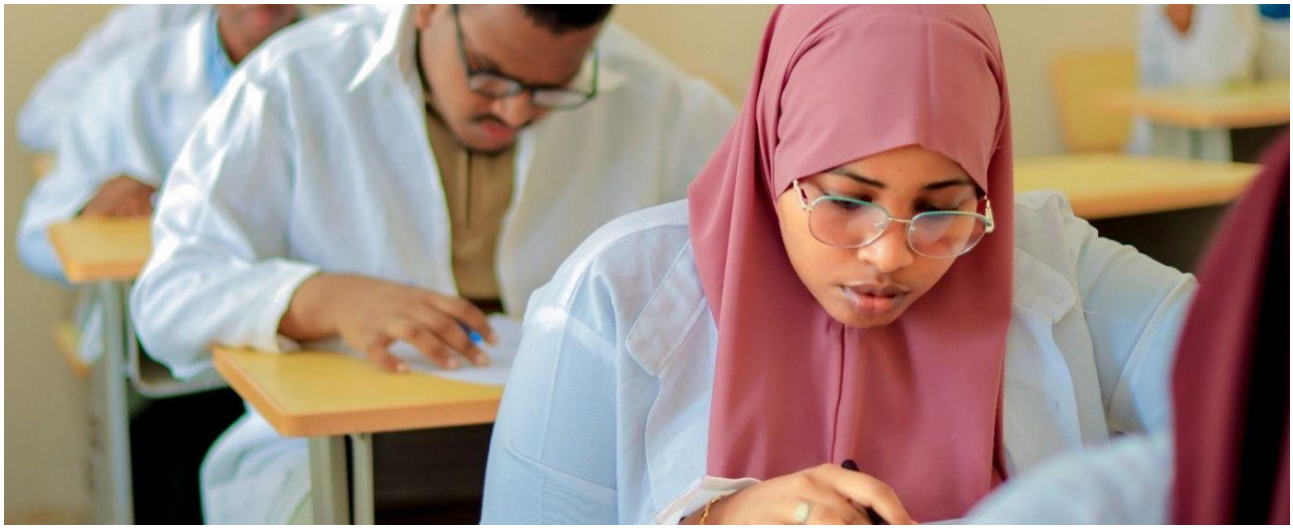
CHANGE OF PROGRAMME, READMISSION AND TRANSFER

- **Change of programme.** You may change department within your first year of study, with the approval of the head of the receiving department and its dean, using the "Change of Programme" form from the Registrar.
- **Readmission.** If you stop your studies and wish to return, apply for readmission; approval depends on your academic standing. If you have been away for one academic year or longer, you must submit a new application and update your records.
- **Transfer students.** Transfer is normally into the first or second year. Courses with a grade of C or better may be considered for transfer credit after evaluation by the department and the Registrar.

SECTION 04

04 Examinations, Integrity and Graduation

Fairness, honesty and finishing well



Students sitting their semester examinations

EXAMINATION RULES

To sit an examination you must meet the attendance and continuous-assessment requirements, be registered and financially cleared, and carry your valid HIU student ID card.

1. Arrive at least 15 minutes early and follow the invigilator's instructions.
2. Late entry is allowed only up to 30 minutes after the start, and no extra time is given.
3. Bring only authorised materials. Phones, smart watches, books and notes are prohibited.
4. Do not talk, copy, share materials, impersonate or disturb others.
5. Write your name and registration number on every answer booklet and hand in all scripts before leaving.

RESULTS AND APPEALS

Results are published after approval by the Faculty Examination Committee and the Senate, on the dates in the academic calendar. Your semester grade report is available from the Office of the Director of Examinations and your Dean's Office. Grades earned at another institution cannot be used to raise your HIU grade point average.

If you believe there is a grading or recording error, submit a written appeal to your Dean within seven (7) working days of the results being published, naming the course and attaching any evidence. An appeal is a review; it does not guarantee a change of grade. If you miss a final examination for a valid, documented reason, apply to your Dean for a special examination within two weeks.



Examinations are conducted under strict invigilation



Students revising together ahead of examinations



Students reviewing their notes during examination preparation

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

The following count as academic misconduct:

- **Cheating –** using unauthorised materials or help in examinations.
- **Plagiarism –** presenting another person's words, ideas or data as your own.
- **Ghostwriting –** submitting work done by someone else, or improper collusion.
- **Fabrication –** inventing data, references or results.
- **Impersonation –** sitting an examination for, or as, another person.

> **USING AI TOOLS**
> Use generative AI only where your lecturer or the course rules allow it, and acknowledge it when required. You remain responsible for the accuracy and originality of your work.

Consequences range from loss of marks to failure of the course, suspension or dismissal in serious cases, always with due process. The lecturer may temporarily remove a student who disrupts a class; longer exclusion or other sanctions are imposed only through University procedures. Plagiarism-detection software may be used to check assignments, projects and theses.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- Complete a minimum of 126 credit hours and all the course requirements of your programme.
- Achieve a cumulative GPA (CGPA) of at least 2.00 (C+). The GPA for the major must be at least 2.50 and for the minor 2.25, with no grade below C+ in any course counted toward the major, minor and cognates.
- Pass the content examination.
- Complete any required internship, clinical, field, research project or thesis work. Final-year students defend their project or thesis before an examination panel.
- Obtain financial clearance, clear all incomplete grades, return University property and library materials, and complete graduation clearance.

Degrees, diplomas and certificates are conferred by the Board of Trustees on the recommendation of the University Senate.

Class of degree	CGPA (4.0 scale)
First Class (Distinction)	3.60 – 4.00
Second Class (Upper Division)	3.00 – 3.59

Class of degree	CGPA (4.0 scale)
Second Class (Lower Division)	2.50 – 2.99
Pass	2.00 – 2.49

APPLYING TO GRADUATE

At the beginning of the academic year in which you expect to graduate, consult your Head of Department and submit the Graduation Application Form (available in all Deans' offices and at the Office of the Registrar) by December of the year before graduation. The Registrar will then give you an official statement of completed credits and any courses still required. If you do not meet all requirements, reapply for the next graduation no later than August.

12TH GRADUATION CEREMONY

The graduation ceremony is held once a year. The 12th Graduation Ceremony will take place on 8 September 2027. Meeting graduation requirements is primarily your responsibility.

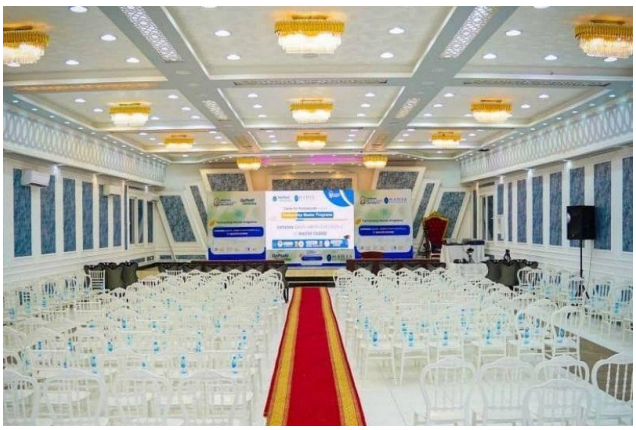
Replacing a certificate. If your degree, diploma or certificate is damaged, lost or needs correction, complete the Certificate Replacement Form (online or from the Office of the Registrar) and send it to registrar@hiu.edu.so. A fee applies to replacing lost or destroyed originals.

FINAL-YEAR TIP

Do not wait until your last semester. Check your credits, outstanding courses and account balance with your Faculty, the Registrar and the Finance Office early.



HIU graduates at the annual graduation ceremony



The graduation hall prepared for the ceremony



HIU graduates in procession at the graduation ceremony



Class of 2026 students after their thesis defence



Thesis defence day, Class of 2026



HIU 10th Convocation Ceremony (Classes of 2023 and 2024)

SECTION 05

05 Student Support and Student Life

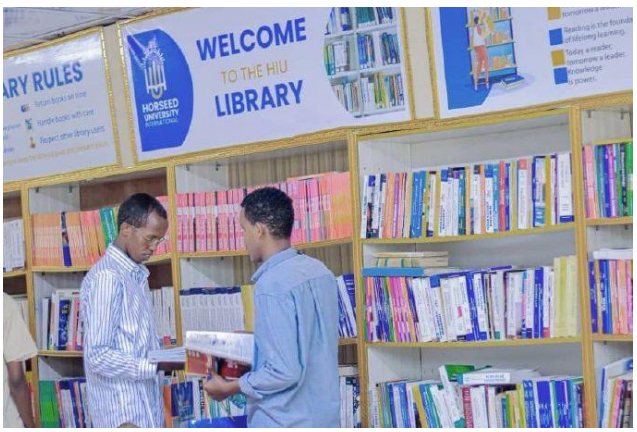
Help when you need it, opportunities beyond class



New students welcomed to Horseed International University

STUDENT SERVICES

- **Library –** textbooks, reference works, journals, electronic journals and online databases, computer and internet access, quiet individual and group study space, and help with finding information and citing sources. Bring your valid student ID card and follow the library rules on borrowing and conduct.
- **ICT –** computer laboratories including the Green Lab, internet, University e-mail, e-learning platforms and technical support.
- **Academic advising –** each campus has an Academic Adviser who guides you on academic progress, study planning and personal concerns, and refers you to the right office when further support is needed: Banadir – Mr. Hassan Mohamed Ahmed; 21 October – Mr. Yahye Hussein Mohamed; Baidoa – Mr. Mohamed Bashir Abdirahman.
- **Inclusion –** reasonable adjustments for students with disabilities or special learning needs.
- **Health –** first aid, health guidance and referral to external providers.



Welcome to the HIU Library



Students browsing the HIU Library collection

ORIENTATION, ASSEMBLY AND ETHOS

- **New students' orientation –** 7 October 2026. Orientation introduces campus facilities, services, social activities and administrative procedures. Every new student also takes the First-Year Seminar in the first semester (transfer students and holders of a degree or diploma are exempt).
- **Assembly –** an assembly is held every semester to explain HIU and students' core responsibilities. Attendance is required.
- **Ethos –** HIU's ethos covers culture, refinement, communication, modesty, grooming, classroom behaviour, work ethic and leadership.



New students at the HIU Orientation Week programme



Students, staff and guests at the opening of the academic year



Staff and students at the opening of the Orientation Week



Staff and students at a campus assembly



HIU students during the Orientation Week programme



New students attending the Orientation Week sessions



Female students at the Orientation Week programme



A student following the Orientation Week sessions



Students on a campus tour during Orientation Week



New students on Opening Day of Orientation Week

WHERE TO GET HELP

If you need help with…	Go to
Your studies or a course	Lecturer, Academic Adviser or Head of Department
Registration, records, transcripts or graduation	Office of the Registrar (registrar@hiu.edu.so)
Examination timetables or grade reports	Office of the Director of Examinations or your Dean's Office
Admission, leave of absence, activities or personal support	Office of Admission and Student Affairs
Fees, receipts and payment plans	Directorate of Finance (Saturday – Thursday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.)
Systems, passwords or internet	ICT Office
Books and research resources	Library
Internships and careers	Your Faculty and the HIU Alumni Association
Exchange programmes and partnerships	Office of the Deputy Rector for Research, Innovation and International Relations
Teaching quality concerns	Your Faculty or the Directorate of Quality Assurance

If you need help with…	Go to
A complaint	The lecturer or office concerned first, then a written complaint to the Office of Admission and Student Affairs
Safety or emergency	The nearest staff member or University official

FEEDBACK AND COMPLAINTS

HIU values your views. Give feedback on courses, teaching and services through the surveys run by the Quality Assurance Unit. If you have a concern or complaint, raise it first with the lecturer or office concerned. If it is not resolved, submit a written complaint to the Office of Admission and Student Affairs, which will review it and respond within a reasonable time. Complaints are handled fairly and in confidence.

STUDENT REPRESENTATION

The Student Representative Council (SRC) is the elected body that represents all HIU students. It is established under the HIU Constitution, elected democratically by the student body and operates under its own approved constitution. Student representatives sit on the University Senate for matters directly affecting students and on Faculty Boards, and class representatives link students with lecturers.

STUDENT LIFE, CLUBS AND EVENTS

Students from every part of Somalia bring a rich mix of Somali culture to campus. HIU encourages you to join as many extracurricular activities as your study load permits. Clubs must register each year with the Office of Admission and Student Affairs, and events need approval at least ten working days in advance. The same conduct standards apply to all activities as in class.

Club or association	What it offers
HIU Football Club (HIUFC)	Coaching, training and competition; represents HIU in local, national and inter-university competitions; promotes fitness, teamwork and sportsmanship.
Rotaract Club of HIU (RCHIU)	Leadership development, community service projects, professional networking and volunteering.
HIU Alumni Association (HIUAA)	Lifelong links with the University, networking and mentoring, alumni events and support for scholarships.



HIU Football Club champions with the trophy and medals



Health Sciences students conducting a community health screening

Annual academic events give you a chance to present, compete and learn:

Event	Organised by	Purpose
Research Conference	Research and Innovation Office	Held each semester so students learn the practical side of research
Business Convention	University-wide	Inventors, researchers and entrepreneurs meet in a convention and trade show on campus
Science Fair and Symposium	Faculty of Health Sciences	Promotes research, discovery and the advancement of science
Computer Science and Technology Fair	Faculty of Computer Science and IT	Research and advancement in information and communication technology
Social Sciences Conference	Faculty of Social Sciences	National, regional and global trends, building a leadership mindset
Cultural Week (9 May 2027)	Student Affairs	Inter-faculty cultural dance competitions and art and craft displays

Field trips. Requests for academic field trips are made in writing to your Dean, copied to the Director of Admission and Student Affairs, stating the date, destination, duration and the names of the students and staff. There must be one staff member for every ten (10) students. Social trip requests go directly to the Director of Admission and Student Affairs.



HIU staff and student ambassadors at a national higher education exhibition

CAREERS AND INTERNSHIPS

- Career guidance, CV writing and interview preparation.
- Internships, clinical practice and fieldwork, approved by your Faculty before they start. Follow placement rules and behave professionally.
- Entrepreneurship, innovation projects and competitions.
- Alumni networking and mentoring through the HIU Alumni Association.

INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS AND OPPORTUNITIES

HIU has signed ten (10) memoranda of understanding with universities abroad, including MAHSA University (Malaysia), Istanbul Aydın University, Karabük University and Gazi University (Türkiye), and works with about 20 local partners such as hospitals, businesses and universities. Middle East Technical University (METU, Türkiye) and the University of Piraeus (Greece) are HIU's partners in the SMILE project. These links create opportunities for training, exchange and joint work.

#	EU-funded Erasmus+ project
1	DIGIHEALTH project
2	SMILE project (Supporting Mobility and Internationalization for Learning and Engagement)
3	Jean Monnet Chair project
4	SEARUS project



Signing of the MoU between HIU and Gazi University



Cooperation agreement signing at Gazi University, Türkiye



HIU at a SMILE project partners' meeting



SMILE project partners' meeting



HIU delegation on an international partnership visit



HIU delegation meeting with partner university leadership



HIU staff at the SMILE Erasmus+ training session, Ankara



HIU delegation at an international higher education forum



HIU representatives at an international partners' meeting



HIU delegation with partners at the University of Piraeus, Greece



HIU delegation at the University of Piraeus, Greece



HIU delegation with African and international university leaders



Exchange of gifts at RUDN University, Moscow



Agreement signing with the International Union of Universities (IUU)



HIU and Dongola University, Sudan, exchange publications

SECTION 06

06 Fees and Scholarships

Managing your student account responsibly

UNDERGRADUATE FEES 2026/2027

Fees are approved by the University Management and the Board of Trustees. Undergraduate fees fall into two bands that differ only in the tuition fee (USD):

Fee category	Computer Science & IT · Health Sciences	Economics & Management · Social Sciences · Veterinary Medicine · Sharia & Law
Registration fee	30	30
Tuition fee	240	180
Examination fee	50	50
Research fee	50	50
Student identity card fee	10	10
Internship fee	100	100
Certificate fee	100	100
Recommendation letter fee	10	10
Convocation fee	100	100
Re-examination fee	10	10
Course repeat fee	50	50
Transfer fee	30	30
Total	780	720

Health Sciences includes Public Health. Fees for the Faculties of Medicine and Surgery, Agriculture and Natural Resources, and Education, and for postgraduate programmes, are issued by the Directorate of Finance. Ask the Directorate of Finance which charges apply to you each semester.

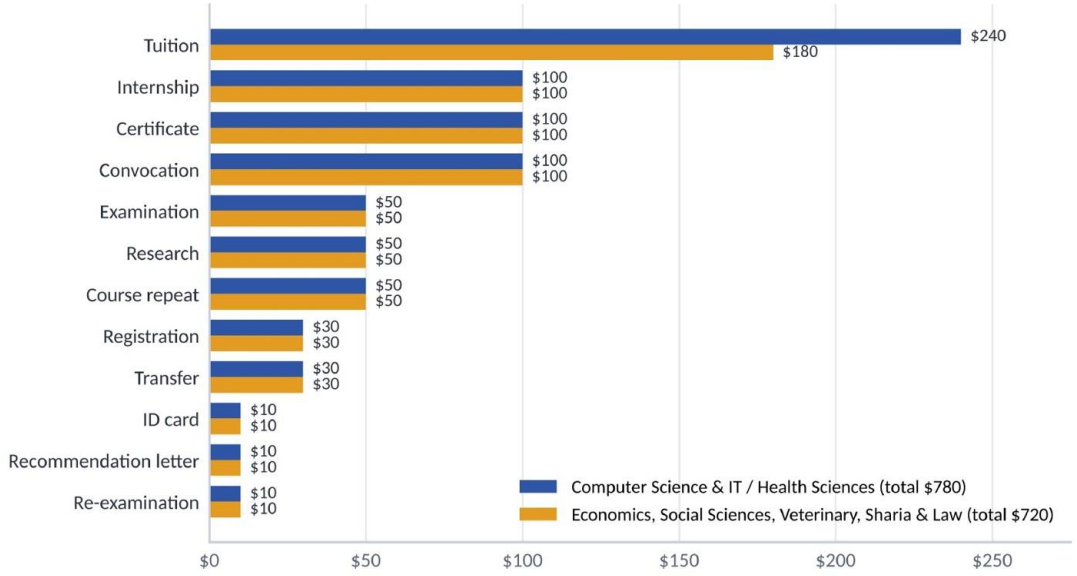


Figure 4: Fee components by fee band (USD)

PAYING YOUR FEES

- Pay all fees at the beginning of each semester, or according to a payment schedule approved by the Directorate of Finance. Tuition is payable before course registration.
- Pay only through approved channels: the University Cashier Office, approved commercial bank deposits, mobile money, electronic bank transfers or other University-approved electronic platforms. Never pay fees to an individual staff member.
- Keep every official receipt as proof of payment.
- If you cannot pay the full tuition at the start of the semester, apply to the Directorate of Finance for an instalment plan. You must still meet the agreed deadlines; missed payments may lead to suspension of academic services.
- Sponsored students remain responsible for any balance their sponsor does not pay.
- You are liable for all courses you remain registered for after the add/drop period.

IF YOU HAVE AN OUTSTANDING BALANCE

You may be refused semester registration, class attendance, continuous assessment and examinations, release of results, transcripts, letters of recommendation, graduation clearance, certificates and diplomas, and other official services until the balance is settled.

Other administrative charges (USD)

Service	Amount
Re-examination	10
Recommendation letter	10
Transfer fee	30
Replacement student ID card	As approved by the University
Official academic transcript	As approved by the University
Replacement certificate	As approved by the University

Service	Amount
Verification letter	As approved by the University

> **DIRECTORATE OF FINANCE – OFFICE HOURS**
> Saturday – Thursday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., at all campuses. Contact the Directorate early about fees, payment procedures or your account balance.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID

Support may include merit-based and need-based awards, donor scholarships, tuition waivers, bursaries, emergency support, work-study and approved instalment plans.

- Apply through the announced procedure and before the deadline.
- Provide academic records, ID and evidence of eligibility.
- Applications are reviewed by the Scholarship Committee, with members from the Directorate of Quality Assurance, the Office of Admission and Student Affairs and the Finance Office.
- Awards depend on academic progress, enrolment and good conduct, and are not automatic.

DEFERRAL, WITHDRAWAL AND REFUNDS

Action	What to do
Deferral	Apply in writing to the Registrar with evidence (for example illness, emergency or financial hardship). Stopping attendance is not a deferral.
Withdrawal	Submit a written request, complete clearance with all offices and return University property, including your ID card.
Refunds	Registration and administrative fees are non-refundable. A tuition refund may be considered only in exceptional circumstances under the approved Refund Policy; apply in writing with supporting documents. Any outstanding balance is deducted first.



Prospective students receive admission information from HIU staff

SECTION 07

07 Conduct, Discipline and Safety

Standards that protect a respectful community

CODE OF CONDUCT

- Treat students, staff and visitors with dignity and respect.
- No violence, threats, bullying, harassment, discrimination, or clan-based or political conflict on campus.
- No weapons, drugs, khat, alcohol or dangerous items on campus.
- Do not damage or misuse University property; you may be required to pay for damage you cause.
- Dress modestly and appropriately, and follow safety dress rules in laboratories, clinics and placements.
- Represent HIU responsibly at internships, events and online.

ICT AND SOCIAL MEDIA

- Use University systems for legitimate study and keep your password private.
- Never access another person's account, install malware or bypass security.
- No harassment, defamation, hate speech or sharing of confidential information online.
- Get permission before posting photos or recordings of other people.

DISCIPLINE

Student discipline follows the Student Disciplinary Code approved by the Senate. When a concern is reported, you will be informed in writing of the allegation, given a reasonable opportunity to respond, and heard fairly before a disciplinary body reviews the evidence. Sanctions range from a warning or counselling to suspension or dismissal. You have the right to appeal under the applicable procedure.

HARASSMENT AND PROTECTED REPORTING

HIU has zero tolerance for harassment and discrimination. Report any incident to the Office of Admission and Student Affairs, your Dean or any trusted staff member. Reports are handled confidentially and fairly, and no one may retaliate against you for reporting in good faith.

SAFETY AND EMERGENCIES

1. Stay calm and move away from danger.
2. Inform the nearest staff member or University official.
3. Follow evacuation and first-aid instructions.
4. Use only the official emergency numbers displayed on campus.

Wear your student ID card at all times and show it when asked at the gate or by a University official, report hazards or suspicious activity, keep exits clear, and help keep the campus clean by saving water and electricity.

Report crimes, thefts, safety concerns, vandalism, misuse of phones and any possession of weapons or drugs. Threats made directly or indirectly – verbally, in writing or by action – are treated as serious offences and investigated.

SECTION 08

08 Rights, Procedures and Contacts

Know your rights, your duties and where to go

YOU CAN EXPECT

- Clear information on programmes and assessment
- Fair and consistent application of rules
- Feedback and access to appeals
- Respect and protection from harassment
- Access to support services
- Confidential student records
- A voice through student representation

YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR

- Knowing the rules for your programme
- Registration, attendance and progress
- Paying fees or keeping an approved plan
- Checking official notices and results
- Submitting honest, original work
- Respecting people and property
- Seeking help early

QUICK PROCEDURES

I want to…	Start at	Key step
Register for a semester	Registrar / Faculty	Register on the calendar dates, verify courses, obtain financial clearance
Correct a record or change my name	Registrar	Submit ID and certified documents and request correction
Appeal a grade	Dean	Written appeal within 7 working days
Request a make-up examination	Faculty / Dean	Written request with evidence
Take leave of absence	Director of Admission and Student Affairs	Written request; maximum four days per examination period
Change my programme	Registrar	“Change of Programme” form, within the first year
Defer my studies	Registrar	Written request and formal approval
Withdraw	Registrar, Finance and Library	Formal request and clearance
Pay in instalments	Directorate of Finance	Apply before the semester payment deadline
Apply for a scholarship	Office of Admission and Student Affairs	Current form with required evidence
Get a transcript	Registrar	Official request and clearance
Apply to graduate	Head of Department / Registrar	Graduation Application Form by December
Replace a certificate	Registrar	Certificate Replacement Form to registrar@hiu.edu.so

I want to…	Start at	Key step
Report a concern or complaint	Office of Admission and Student Affairs	Report promptly with details

CONTACT US

Contact	Details
Website	www.hiu.edu.so
E-mail	info@hiu.edu.so • Registrar: registrar@hiu.edu.so • Rector: rector@hiu.edu.so
Banadir Campus	Banadir, Mogadishu • 0619 277 654
21 October Campus	21 October Road, Mogadishu • 0619 277 653
Baidoa Campus	Baidoa, South West State • 0619 277 655
Directorate of Finance	Saturday – Thursday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Office hours and emergency numbers are posted on campus notice boards and the HIU website.

STUDENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Please sign this form and return it to the Office of Admission and Student Affairs by the end of the second week of the semester.

I confirm that I have received the HIU Student Handbook 2026/2027 and that I am responsible for knowing and following the academic, conduct, financial and administrative requirements that apply to my studies. I understand:

- the 75% minimum attendance requirement;
- the examination and academic-integrity rules;
- where to find academic, welfare, finance, library and ICT support; and
- that appeals, deferrals and withdrawals must follow formal procedures.

Student name	
Student ID	
Faculty / Programme	
Academic year / Level	
Signature	
Date	

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