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The Registrar will formulate a committee consisting of members of faculty, staff, and students, and will review this policy from time to time to ascertain if any amendments are necessary.

1.1. Policy Category

Institutional Policy

1.2. Office Responsible for Review of the Policy

Registrar office is responsible to formulate a committee and review this policy from time to time to ascertain if any amendments are necessary.

1.3. Related Policies

1.3.1. University Policies

UPR Life Long Learning Access Policy

1.3.2 National Education Policies

The National Education Policies is a significant framework that guides educational reforms and development in a country, aiming to enhance the quality and inclusivity of education at all levels. It encompasses various objectives, including revamping curriculum structures, promoting digital literacy, and emphasizing holistic learning approaches to prepare students for the challenges of the 21st century.

Web Link: <https://mofept.gov.pk/Policies>

1.3.3. HEC Graduate and Undergraduate Education Policy

These are Higher Education Commission (HEC) policies to enhance the quality of graduate and undergraduate programs in Pakistan.

Web Link: <https://www.hec.gov.pk/english/policies/>

2.1. Purpose of Policy

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2.2. Scope of Policy

The core aim of a university library's open access policy is to ensure that scholarly resources are freely accessible, without any restrictions or costs, to both the academic community and the broader public. UPR advocate open access, and strive to facilitate the widespread sharing of knowledge, stimulate collaborative research endeavors, and promote the equitable distribution of information, ultimately driving progress in global research and innovation.

3. Policy Statement

The University of Poonch Rawalakot is committed to promoting knowledge sharing and fostering a spirit of learning in the broader community. As part of this commitment, the university's library extends access to the general public during specific hours. This policy outlines the guidelines for access and usage of the university library by members of the public.

4. General Access Hours

The UPR Main Library's general public access hours are from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM, Monday through Friday. Please note that access hours may be modified during university holidays and special events, with advance notice provided on the university's official website for any such adjustments.

5. Eligibility

Members of the general public are eligible for library access during the designated hours. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

6. Registration

The criteria for eligibility under the university open access policy are as outlined below. All visitors must register at the library entrance and present valid photo identification, such as a government-issued ID card, driver's license, or passport. Visitors will be required to complete a one-time registration process, providing their contact information and agreeing to adhere to the library's rules and policies. A visitor pass will be issued upon successful registration and must be displayed at all times during the visit.

7. Access Restrictions

Access to certain areas, resources, or services may be limited or restricted to university faculty, staff, and students. The library reserves the right to restrict or deny access to individuals who violate library policies, engage in disruptive behavior, or misuse library resources.

8. Use of Resources

a. Visitors are expected to adhere to the library's code of conduct, which includes maintaining a quiet and respectful environment for all library users.

b. Visitors are encouraged to use available resources, including books, periodicals, and reference materials, responsibly and in compliance with copyright laws.

c. Personal laptops and mobile devices are permitted, but users are expected to respect the library's quiet environment.

9. Borrowing Privileges

Borrowing privileges are generally reserved for university students, faculty, and staff. The general public may not borrow library materials. However, on-site use of materials is encouraged.

10. Security Measures

a. Library staff may perform bag checks at the entrance to ensure the safety and security of all visitors and library materials.

b. Surveillance cameras are in operation within the library premises to monitor for security and safety purposes.

11. Parking and Facilities

Visitors are responsible for finding suitable parking facilities and adhering to any parking regulations in place on the university campus.

12. Changes to Policy

The University of Poonch Rawalakot reserves the right to modify this policy as necessary. Any changes will be communicated through the university's official channels, including the website and signage within the library.

13. Feedback and Concerns

Visitors are encouraged to provide feedback, concerns, or suggestions related to their library experience to the library staff for consideration in ongoing efforts to improve library services.

14 . Contact Information

For any inquiries related to this policy or library access, please contact:
Chief Librarian, University of Poonch Rawalakot.