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Your Academic Journey Begins:

Wishing You Success: We eagerly anticipate your arrival on campus and wish you a successful academic journey at PAF-IAST.

At PAF-IAST, our commitment to creating a welcoming and inclusive environment begins with our orientation program. It's not just an introduction to campus life; it's the starting point for a transformative academic journey. We look forward to seeing you on campus and are here to support you every step of the way. Welcome to PAF-IAST!

Orientation at PAF-IAST: Your Gateway to a Successful Academic Journey

4.1. Orientation Program Highlights:

- **Campus Life Overview:** Gain insights into the vibrant campus life, including key facilities, study areas, recreational spaces, and cultural hubs.
- **Academic Expectations:** Understand the academic rigors and expectations specific to PAF-IAST. Learn about course structures, grading systems, and academic support services.
- **Available Resources:** Explore the myriad of resources at your disposal, including libraries, laboratories, research centres, and extracurricular opportunities.
- **Introduction to Support Services:** Get acquainted with essential support services such as the International Office, academic advising, counselling, and health services.

4.2. Orientation Schedule:

- **Detailed Agenda:** Stay tuned for updates on our website regarding the detailed orientation schedule. The agenda will cover sessions on academic programs, campus facilities, cultural integration, and more.
- **Interactive Workshops:** Engage in interactive workshops led by faculty members and staff, fostering a participative learning environment and providing a platform for any questions you may have.
- **Campus Tours:** Embark on guided campus tours to familiarize yourself with key locations and facilities, ensuring you feel at home from day one.

4.3. Welcoming and Inclusive Environment:



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- **Diversity Celebration:** Experience the diversity that defines PAF-IAST. Our inclusive environment welcomes students from around the globe, fostering a rich cultural exchange and global perspective.
- **Supportive Community:** Connect with fellow students, faculty, and staff who are dedicated to making your university experience memorable and supportive.

Advising for Students: Faculty Mentor/Buddy System

At PAF-IAST, we recognize the significance of a supportive community in ensuring a fulfilling academic experience. Our Faculty Mentor/Buddy System has been designed with your success and well-being in mind. Here's a comprehensive overview of this valuable support system:

1.1. Purpose of the Faculty Mentor/Buddy System:

Our mentorship program is designed to create a seamless transition for new students by providing them with a seasoned mentor and/or buddy. This connection goes beyond academic assistance; it aims to foster a sense of belonging, helping you navigate both academic and personal aspects of university life.

1.2. Experienced Mentors and Buddies:

Mentors: Experienced faculty members are assigned as mentors to guide you through your academic journey. They are experts in their respective fields and are committed to helping you succeed.

Buddies: In addition to faculty mentors, each student is paired with a buddy, typically an experienced student who can share insights, tips, and advice based on their own university experience.

1.2.1. Role of Faculty Mentors:

Your faculty mentor is there to:

- Provide academic guidance and support in understanding course requirements.
- Assist in goal setting and career planning.
- Offer advice on research opportunities and projects.
- Address any academic challenges or concerns.

1.2.2. Role of Buddies:

Your buddy plays a crucial role in your social integration and overall well-being:

- Share personal experiences and tips for academic success.
- Introduce you to campus facilities, clubs, societies and extracurricular activities.



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- Provide insights into navigating the university's cultural and social landscape.

1.3. Integration into University Culture:

- Engage in regular one-on-one or group sessions with your mentor or buddy.
- Attend orientation events and workshops facilitated by the mentor/buddy system.
- Participate in social activities organized by mentors and buddies to connect with peers.

1.4. How to Connect with Your Mentor/Buddy:

- Contact information for your mentor or buddy will be provided at the beginning of the academic term.
- Regularly attend scheduled meetings or reach out for additional support as needed.

1.5. Feedback Mechanism:

We value continuous improvement. Provide feedback on your mentor/buddy experience to help us enhance the program. You will be provided with feedback form at the end of your semester.

1.6. Benefits of the Mentor/Buddy System:

- Faster integration into academic and social life.
- Personalized support for academic and personal challenges.
- Networking opportunities within the university community.

Inclusion of Participants with Fewer Opportunities

The inclusion of participants with fewer opportunities is a crucial aspect of ensuring equal access to the facilities available on campus. PAF-IAST has these accommodations in the campus in the following ways:

1.1. Accessibility Features in Recorded Lectures:

The lectures are recorded with subtitles which play a pivotal role in facilitating access for participants with hearing impairments or language barriers. The provision of subtitles ensures that the content is comprehensible to a wider audience.

1.2. Physical Accessibility:

Wheelchair Accessibility: Ramps or alternative pathways are available in every block to ensure easy movement between different areas. This allows participants with mobility impairments to navigate the campus without obstacles.



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Elevators: The building has fully functional lifts in all blocks for accessibility. It allows individuals with mobility challenges to access different floors without depending on stairs, promoting inclusivity across all parts of the campus.

1.3. Inclusive Policies: PAF-IAST encourages an inclusive environment through policies that support diversity and inclusivity. Sensitivity training and awareness programs are also arranged for a more inclusive campus culture.

1.4. Support Services: PAF-IAST offers support services that cater to the needs of students or participants with diverse abilities. The provost office caters to the needs of the students and takes quick initiatives to solve the issues. This includes accessibility support, counselling, or guidance specifically tailored to their requirements.