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Crises in Academia: Declining Student Interest in Universities. Outline

1 Introduction

1a Hook

1b General Statement

1c Thesis Statement: Students have lost their interest in universities due to outdated curriculum, expensive education, lack of efficient human resource and expansion of campuses without quality assurance, and Alternative educations. Declining student interest is crises because it triggers other socioeconomic problems.

2 Why Students have lost their Interest in Universities

2.1 Outdated Curriculum

2.1.1 Old Syllabus

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2.1.2 teacher centered, not student centered

2.1.3 Lacking Analytical Skills

2.1.4 Unsuitable for practical purpose

2.2 Expensive Education

2.2.1 High fees

2.2.2 Limited scholarship

2.3 Lack of Efficient Human resource

2.3.1 Appointment of Visiting Faculty

2.3.2 Lack of teacher training

2.4 Expansion without quality

2.4.1 Increase number of campuses

2.4.2 Increase number of degrees

2.5 Alternative digital courses

2.5.1 Online short courses

2.5.2 Job market oriented courses

3) Why it is Crises

3.1 Brain drain

3.2 Unemployment

3.3 Social Inequalities

4) Solution to this Crise

5) Conclusion

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During World War II, Churchill received a message from Hitler. Hitler made him an offer if Churchill did not bomb German Universities, he would also not destroy his ones. Churchill immediately accepted his offer and said if England was destroyed and Cambridge and Oxford Universities were spared then English culture would also survive. This is the importance of Universities. Historically Universities have served as the cornerstone of knowledge creation, social mobility and national development. However, in recent years a visible decline in student interest in Universities has triggered especially in developing countries like Pakistan. Pakistan is facing crises in universities due to outdated curriculum, expensive education, lack of efficient human resource and rapid expansion without assurance of quality. ^{And Alternative educational trends.} Declining student interest in Universities is a crisis.

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that can lead to other Socio-economic issues like Brain drain, unemployment and Social inequality. Unless the causes that decline the Student interest in Universities are resolved properly, Pakistan can become neither prosperous nor respectable.

Decline in Student interest in Universities is due to **outdated curriculum**. The Syllabus of most of the Pakistani Universities is old and outdated. For instance, old syllabus is there in arts and social sciences. Theory without application exists. Even a master in English cannot speak, read or write properly. In the same way our Universities has teacher centered not student centered. The teachers takes the leading role in class and students have to listen to his instruction. He is one who teaches, he is

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the one who sets the paper he is the one who grades it. There is no open^{book} exams. There is no external evaluator. This forces the students to keep in good terms with their teacher by hook or crook. Similarly, Curriculum of our Universities lacks the analytical skills. The course does not give real life problems to be solved by the students. There are no project and no logical tasks to perform. A law student has to cram law without any understanding of the rationale behind them. Finally, there is a gap between industry and academia in our Universities. For instance, a student of Mass Communications is unable to find any placement or exposure in media industry. Therefore outdated curriculum has created a big Participant



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in declining the student interest in Universities.

The second reason of decline in interest of student in Universities is **expensive education**.

In past, universities were supported by the government. Any person from any class could go for any education on merits otherwise on self finance. However in present when government is already under the burden of fiscal deficit, it is impossible for it to support the public universities. Resultantly, students have to bear the burden of high fees. For instance, in past fee for Law was about **30** thousand per semester, now it increased about upto **70k** per semester. Unfortunately, unlike developed countries, Pakistani students have very limited access to student

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assuming the quality of education lead to decline interest of university education in students. Number of public and private universities increased, significantly. About 270-odd universities with 160 or so in public sector. But the funding for universities has either remained static or decreased in Pakistan. For instance, for fiscal year 2025-26 the federal government earmarked Rs 66.4 billion recurring budget for higher education sector against the demand of 84.6 billion put up the higher education commission. In same way, Main focus is on expansion and introduction of more Master's and doctoral programme. These problem result that students donot want to enroll where perceived and real rates of ~~of~~ return to undergraduate studies are low.

Finally, the trigger behind discouraging the students to enroll in universities are the **Alternative digital**

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and job demand market demanding Vocational and technical courses.

Students instead of taking admission in university in three year or four year education program prefer to learn online short courses.

In Pakistan about **25-30 percent** admission in master's and doctoral offering universities decreased due to changing demand of job market. Most students wants to enroll in Computer Science, IT, data Analytics and AI courses.

Due to these reasons there is decline in student's interest in Universities. This decline in interest of student in

universities may trigger many other Socioeconomic problems. Firstly, **Brain**

drain of students and faculty due to low enrollment in Universities

in Pakistan. For instance **900,000** Pakistanis left country in **2023**. Students

move other countries for better higher education that make them to fit

in job market of today.

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When students lose their interest in higher education in universities or they have a degree that is not job oriented then this leads to **unemployment** that encourages students to move from country and work in other countries.

It is stated by the World Economic Forum 2023 that 50% of employers report graduates lack employable skills. Pakistan faces a significant unemployment challenge at 6.3 percent, particularly impacting the youth aged 15-35, according to the budget 2025-26.

This crisis in academia leads to social inequality and less trust in academia. All students after intermediate do not have access to the job-oriented and expensive education that leads to

increase class gap that in turn also cause other social problems.

Declining interest of students in Universities is a crisis in academia that integrated with other socioeconomic problem these problem can be resolve by adressing this crisis properly

Firstly modernize the curriculum. Syllabus of the universities should be updated. Theory with application in real life must be explained. For instance Punjab introduced the tech course that include the theory with practical explanation.

Secondaly, Student support programs should be introduced to encourage the student to join University. Easy loan by banks and private organ

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izations should come forward in offering financial support to poor students. For example in King Edward University, Lahore there is programme by alumni of university who offer loans to their students to pay their educational expenses.

Thirdly, the expansion of Universities campuses and degree programs should be in a regulation so that with increase in Universities students productivity should also increase. There is need to enhance the budget for Universities and higher education. For instance, Punjab government its raised the provincial higher education budget from 17 billion to 90 billion rupees in

fiscal year 2025-26. It is strong commitment from the punjab government and serves as a potential model for other provinces.

Finally, Instead of focusing on less job oriented courses. Pakistan should introduce the courses of computer science, IT, analytical science that are most demanding in job market. According to UNESCO, 2023, 220 million online learner in worldwide. So there should be hybrid campuses that include both physical and online classes that will encourage students to join university on its ease.

To conclude, the decline in students interest in Universities is due to outdated

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Curriculum, expensive education
lack of efficient human
resource, and expansion of
degrees and campuses without
assurance of quality and
emerging alternative online
and short technological courses.

Declining in students interest
in Universities trigger many
socioeconomic problems. The
causes of declining interest
of students in Universities
must be addressed properly.
Only those nations earn
respect and prosperity who
focus on their higher education.
After world war II, Britain
was deprived of all her
colonies and her sources of
raw material and revenues.
She emerged as a respectable
nation due to her excellence
in education. Its education

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that gives prestige, its
education that gives respect.
It is never too late, to
pledge for a new change
to create a new tomorrow.
Where there is a will, there
is always a way, regardless
of the obstacles and hind-
erance we can also definitely
achieve our goals.



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support educational program. For example, HEC announces stipend for students pursuing higher education every year but available scholarships are just a fraction of majority studying in universities. All these reasons make education expensive and inaccessible for students of Pakistan.

Lack of efficient human resources also cause the less interest of students in universities. Universities hire more and more visiting faculty to cut their expenses. This leads to discontinuity of coordinating education. Teachers are not trained they focus on completing the course and have least concern with capacity building of students.

Fourthly, the expansion of degrees and campuses without