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Panbazar, Guwahati-781001, Assam, India
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GENERAL INFORMATION & INSTRUCTIONS FOR ADMISSION TO POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMMES-2024

The minimum eligibility condition for admission to PG Programmes of Cotton University is a Bachelor's Degree with Honours/Major from a recognised university and LLB degree for LLM.

Honours/Major is not required for admission to MCA and LLM Programme.

The link for registration and submission of applications shall be provided on the University Admission portal **https://admissions.cottonuniversity.ac.in** on **4th June, 2024**.

Admissions to the Open category seats for the MSc in MBBT programme offered through the GAT-B-2024 scores, shall commence from June 1st, 2024, as per the DBT, Govt. of India Notification (*No: CU/Acad/ PG Admissions/ 2024/231/415*).

The registration process will be open till **11 PM on 13th June, 2024** and the registered candidates must submit their online forms complete with all particulars before **11 PM on 14th June, 2024**.

Candidates are requested to carefully read the **Onscreen Instructions** and follow the procedure while filling up the online form.

SEATS FOR COTTON GRADUATES AND IN OPEN CATEGORY

(I) COTTON GRADUATE: 50% of the total seats in each programme of study shall be reserved for candidates graduating from Cotton University in 2024 or 2023, with the exception of MA in Bodo, MLISc, LLM and M.Com Programme.

(II) OPEN CATEGORY:

a. The rest 50% of total seats shall be open to all eligible candidates from any recognised University.

b. All Seats of MA in Bodo, MLISc, LLM and M.Com shall be filled up from the Open Category.

MODE OF ADMISSION

A) UNDER COTTON GRADUATE CATEGORY:

(i) CGPA Based: Admission shall be given on the basis of CGPA (Core) scores in the UG Honours final examination of the concerned subject. The candidates must have the minimum CGPA of **5.5 for UR, 5.3 for OBC/MOBC and 5.0 for SC/ST(P)/ST(H)** in the undergraduate level.

For admission to MA in MCJ, there shall be **Personal Interview** in addition to CGPA (Core) score.

The following subjects are in this category:

Anthropology, Arabic, Assamese, Economics, Education, English, Hindi, History, Mass Communication and Journalism, Persian, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, Sanskrit, Sociology, Botany, Chemistry, Geography, Geology, Mathematics, Molecular Biology and Biotechnology (MBBT), Physics, Statistics and Zoology.

(ii) Entrance Based (CPGEE-2024): Admissions under the Cotton Graduate category for multidisciplinary subjects in which Cotton University does not offer UG Honours Programmes with the concerned subject as Core/Major, shall be on the basis of CPGEE-2024 scores. The following subjects/programmes are in this category:

Ancient Indian History, Culture and Archaeology (AIHCA), Environmental Biology & Wildlife Sciences (EBWS) and Master of Computer Applications (MCA).

The reservation policy of Govt. of Assam for OBC/MOBC/ST(P)/ST(H)/SC/EWS/PWD shall be applicable in this category.

B) UNDER OPEN CATEGORY:

(i) Admission in all subjects shall be on the basis of CPGEE-2024 scores except for **MBBT** and **MA in Mass Communication & Journalism (MCJ).**

(ii) For MCJ, candidates will be shortlisted based on the scores secured in CGPEE-2024. This will be followed by Personal Interview (PI). Students shall be admitted based on the combined score of CGPEE-2024 marks and Personal Interview.

(iii) Admission for the 10 seats for M.Sc. in MBBT will be based on GAT-B-2024 scores, to be notified separately (*No: CU/Acad/ PG Admissions/ 2024/231/415*).

(iv) The reservation policy of Govt. of Assam for OBC/MOBC/ST(P)/ST(H)/SC/EWS/PWD shall be applicable in this category except MBBT. The reservation policy of Govt. of India for OBC (NCL)/SC/ST/EWS/PWD shall be applicable in MBBT, as per DBT Govt. of India norms.

COTTON POST-GRADUATE ENTRANCE EXAMINATION (CPGEE- 2024)

The CPGEE-2024 will be an MCQ Test-Booklet and OMR Answer-Sheet type test. The examination is **tentatively scheduled** for first week of July, 2024. The final dates of CPGEE-2024 shall be notified accordingly along with the date of issue of admit cards and subject-wise venue & time of examination.

The examinations will be of Objective Multiple Choice type questions and OMR answer sheets shall be used. Questions shall be based on Cotton University UG syllabi of the concerned subjects except for subjects not being taught as Honours/Core courses in this University. For those subjects not being taught as Honours/Core courses in Cotton University, the entrance examinations shall be based on corresponding standard syllabi of reputed Universities of India under UGC. For every correct answer, 4 marks shall be awarded and for each wrong answer 1 mark shall be deducted (i.e. minus 1 mark for a wrong answer).

MERIT LISTS AND DATES OF ADMISSION

(i) Subject-wise merit list will be prepared for **CGPA** and both **CPGEE-2024** (including scores of the Personal Interview for MCJ), and **GAT-B 2024** (for MBBT) examinations (*No: CU/Acad/ PG Admissions/ 2024/231/415*). Merely being named in the merit lists does not mean that a candidate is entitled for admission. Merit lists will be published **tentatively** within 15 days of conclusion of the CPGEE-2024.

(ii) Admissions to both Cotton Graduates and Open Category candidates will be announced soon after publication of the merit lists.

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CPGEE-2024 BASED ADMISSION IN CERTAIN SUBJECTS UNDER COTTON GRADUATE CATEGORY:

The candidates under COTTON GRADUATE CATEGORY seeking admission to the following PG Programmes shall be selected solely on the basis of CPGEE-2024 scores.

1. MA in Ancient Indian History, Culture and Archaeology (AIHCA)
2. MSc in Environmental Biology and Wildlife Sciences (EBWS)
3. Master of Computer Applications (MCA)

Gap in Study under OPEN CATEGORY:

Students passing the qualifying examination or other degree/diploma examination (under recognized institution) earlier than the current year will have to submit a self-declaration testifying his/her activities during the interim period. Candidates having **more than 3 (three) years of Study Gap (i.e. passed the qualifying examination before 2022**) shall not be eligible for admission, *except* for the LLM Programme in which there is no restriction on the gap period.

All necessary information related to eligibility criteria and number of seats is given in the following pages. University will not issue any Prospectus or Application Form from the office.

PROGRAMMES:

MA: Ancient Indian History, Culture and Archaeology (AIHCA), Anthropology, Arabic, Assamese, Bengali, Bodo, Economics, Education, English, Hindi, History, Mass Communication & Journalism, Persian, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, Sanskrit and Sociology.

MSc: Botany, Chemistry, Environmental Biology and Wildlife Sciences (EBWS), Geography, Geology, Mathematics, Molecular Biology and Biotechnology (MBBT), Physics, Statistics and Zoology.

MCA (Master of Computer Applications)

MLISc (Master of Library and Information Sciences)

LLM (Master of Law)

M.Com (Master of Commerce)

NOTE: MA in Mass Communication & Journalism (MCJ), MLISc and LLM are **Self-Financing Courses** where students have to pay prescribed fee for each Semester.

NO. OF SEATS AND ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR POST-GRADUATE COURSES 2024-25:

Programme: Master of Arts (MA)

Sl. No.	Course	Total No. of Seats		Eligibility Criteria (Bachelor's Degree must be of a Minimum of 3 Years or 6 Semesters Duration)
		Cotton Graduates	Open Category	
1	Ancient Indian History Culture and	10	10	Bachelor's Degree with Major/ Honours in any discipline

	Archaeology			
2	Anthropology	13	13	Bachelor's Degree with Major/ Honours in Anthropology
3	Arabic	20	20	Bachelor's Degree with Major/ Honours in Arabic
4	Assamese	28	28	Bachelor's Degree with Major/ Honours in Assamese
5	Bengali	10	10	Bachelor's Degree with Major/ Honours in Bengali
6	Bodo	-	20	Bachelor's Degree with Major/ Honours in Bodo
7	Economics	27	27	Bachelor's Degree with Major/ Honours in Economics
8	Education	20	20	Bachelor's Degree with Major/ Honours in Education
9	English	28	28	Bachelor's Degree with Major/ Honours in English
10	Hindi	18	18	Bachelor's Degree with Major/ Honours in Hindi
11	History	22	22	Bachelor's Degree with Major/ Honours in History
12	Mass Communication and Journalism	13	13	Bachelor's Degree with Major/Honours in any discipline
13	Persian	10	10	Bachelor's Degree with Major/ Honours in Persian
14	Philosophy	25	25	Bachelor's Degree with Major/ Honours in Philosophy
15	Political Science	30	30	Bachelor's Degree with Major/ Honours in Political Science
16	Psychology	13	13	Bachelor's Degree with Major/Honours in any discipline
17	Sanskrit	10	10	Bachelor's Degree with Sanskrit
18	Sociology	13	13	Bachelor's Degree with Major/Honours in any discipline

Programme: MSc (Master of Science)

Sl. No.	Course	Total No. of Seats		Eligibility Criteria (Bachelor's Degree must be of a Minimum of 3 Years or 6 Semesters Duration)
		Cotton Graduates	Open Category	
1	Botany	12	12	Bachelor's Degree with Major/Honours in Botany
2	Chemistry	17	17	Bachelor's Degree with Major/Honours in Chemistry
3	Environmental Biology and	10	10	Bachelor's Degree with Major/ Honours in a Science subject

	Wildlife Sciences			
4	Geography	17	17	Bachelor's Degree with Major/ Honours in Geography
5	Geology	10	10	Bachelor's Degree with Major/ Honours in Geology
6	Mathematics	22	22	Bachelor's Degree with Major/ Honours in Mathematics
7	Molecular Biology and Biotechnology	10	10 (under DBT)	Bachelor's Degree with Major/ Honours in Zoology, Botany, Biotechnology, Microbiology, or similar discipline
8	Physics	17	17	Bachelor's Degree with Major/ Honours in Physics
9	Statistics	12	12	Bachelor's Degree with Major/ Honours in Statistics
10	Zoology	14	14	Bachelor's Degree with Major/ Honours in Zoology

Programme: MCA (Master of Computer Applications)

Sl. No.	Course	Total No. of Seats		Eligibility Criteria (Bachelor's Degree must be of a Minimum of 3 Years or 6 Semesters Duration)
		Cotton Graduates	Open Category	
1	Computer Applications	20	20	Passed BCA/ Bachelor Degree in Computer Science Engineering or Equivalent Degree OR Passed B.Sc./ B.Com./ B.A. with Mathematics at 10+2 Level or at Graduation Level

Programme: MLISc (Master of Library & Information Science)

Sl. No.	Course	Total No. of Seats (All Open Category)	Eligibility Criteria (Bachelor's Degree must be of a Minimum of 3 Years or 6 Semesters Duration)
1	Library & Information Science	20	Bachelor's Degree with Major/ Honours in any Discipline

Programme: LLM (Master of Law)

Sl. No.	Course	Total No. of Seats (All Open Category)	Eligibility Criteria (Bachelor's Degree must be of a Minimum of 3 Years or 6 Semesters Duration)
1	Law	20	LLB Degree

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Programme: M.Com (Master of Commerce)

Sl. No.	Course	Total No. of Seats (All Open Category)	Eligibility Criteria (Bachelor's Degree must be of a Minimum of 3 Years or 6 Semesters Duration)
1	Commerce	20	Bachelor's Degree in Commerce with Major/Honours in relevant discipline

Note: The Graduates of the **BA Liberal Arts Programme** of Cotton University shall be eligible to apply for admission to the PG Programmes of their respective subjects of specialization (Core subject studied from the 3rd Semester) and other relevant subjects having eligibility conditions of UG degree from multiple disciplines, for consideration of admission under **Open Category**.

If a candidate wants to keep options for applying for admission to more than one PG subject or Programme (subject to having the required qualifications), then she/he has to complete the online application procedure in those subjects or programmes separately. However, there shall be no change of schedule of CPGEE-2024 if there happens to be a clash of date and time of the entrance examinations for any candidate applying for multiple PG Programmes.

FEES PAYABLE AT THE TIME OF ADMISSION

The following are the fees payable during PG 1st Semester Admission: 2024-25:

Departments with Lab, with Field Work: (Anthropology, Botany, Geography, Geology, Zoology, MBBT*, EBWS, Archaeology): INR 9150.00

Additional Laboratory Fee of INR 7,000.00 of one semester will be charged from students of MBBT at the time of admission.

Departments with Lab, without Field Work: (Chemistry, CS&IT, Physics, Statistics, Psychology, Education): INR 8,150.00

Departments without Lab, with Field Work: (Assamese, Commerce, History, Sociology): INR 8,150.00

Departments without Lab, without Field Work: (Arabic, Bengali, Bodo, Economics, English, Hindi, Mathematics, Persian, Philosophy, Political Science, Sanskrit): INR 7,150.00

Self-Financing Programmes:

MA in Mass Communication & Journalism: INR 9,150.00 + INR 15,500.00 (one semester fee) = INR 24,650.00

MSc Library & Information Science: INR 8,150.00 + INR 15,500.00 (one semester fee) = INR 23,650.00

LLM: INR 7,150.00 + 15,500.00 (one semester fee) = INR 22,650.00

There may be some minor changes in the fee structure. For some Skill Enhancement Courses, MOOCs/SWAYAM Courses etc, students may have to pay additional fees as applicable.

SCHEME OF WAIVER OF ADMISSION FEE/ TUITION FEES ETC. OF GOVT. OF ASSAM:

The scheme of Waiver of Admission Fee/Tuition Fees etc. shall be offered if an order to its effect is issued by the Government of Assam, applicable for the academic year 2024-25. **Fee waiver shall not be applicable for self-financing programmes.**

GENERAL RESERVATION RULE FOR ADMISSION TO P.G. PROGRAMMES:

1. The reservation policy of Govt. of Assam shall apply to both Cotton Graduate and Open Category separately, except for MBBT in Open Category.

2. The following are the percentages of reserved seats as per Government of Assam rules which apply for candidates belonging to the state of Assam only.

OBC / MOBC*	SC	ST (Plains)	ST (Hills)	EWS
27%	7%	10%	5%	10%

*The reservation of seats for candidates belonging to Ahom, Chutia, Moran, Matak, Koch Rajbongshi and Tea Tribe community will be within 27% of OBC reservation *(Ecf No 328482/8 dated 7th August, 2023)*. In each category (Cotton Graduate and Open Category), at most 1 seat may be allotted in each course subject to completion of ceiling.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

(i) Caste/Tribe certificates **MUST BE** issued by the Competent Authority under the Government of Assam.

(ii) **Caste/Tribe Certificates of other states will not be taken into consideration and will be deemed as invalid.**

(iii) **EWS Income & Asset Certificate from Local Circle Officer or Circle Officer (A).**

3. **Reservation for Differently Abled (PWD):**

   There is a provision of 5% reserved seats for Differently Abled Candidates as per rules of Government of Assam. Candidates under this category have to appear physically before a Board of Medical Experts for examination on the date, time and place notified by the Office of The Director of Students' Welfare.

4. **Reservation Under EC Quota:**

A few seats may be allotted as Extra and Co-Curricular (EC) activities quota in PG courses to students having outstanding achievements in the field of Sports, Cultural performance, NCC, NSS, Scouts & Guides, etc. as per the table given below.

Category	Number of Seats
Sports	5
Cultural	5
NCC	5
NSS	2
Scouts & Guides	2
Other Indian States	10
International	10
Children of Martyred Personnel of Indian Armed Forces, CAPF and Assam Police	2

- Selection is subject to a maximum of 2 seats per subject from EC etc. Quota.

Important Notes for EC quota Admission:

(i) Candidates will be notified through the Cotton University website to upload or email the relevant certificates/testimonials (scanned copy) in support of their claim along with the soft copies (scanned copy) of the application forms generated through the PG Application Portal of Cotton University to a designated email id after publication of the general merit lists. Certificates/testimonials, in case of EC quota **should not be more than three years old.**

(ii) A candidate selected under EC quota can be allotted an Honours subject only if her/his Standardized Mark (as per the merit list) is within 25% below the cut-off mark in UR category of that particular subject in the regular admission.

(iii) For an outstanding sportsperson or cultural performer who represented the country in a recognized international event, the condition of cut-off mark in (ii) above shall be relaxed. However, the maximum number of reserved seats in a particular field will not be increased for inclusion of such a candidate.

(iv) If a student admitted under EC quota refuses to participate in any sports/cultural event of her/his proficiency when officially selected to represent Cotton University, then her/his studentship may be terminated/forfeited. A written undertaking in this regard will have to be submitted by the student.

CANVASSING & RAGGING

- Canvassing in any form for getting admission shall render a candidate disqualified.

- **Ragging in any form is strictly banned in the University. In this regard, a signed undertaking of the guardian shall have to be submitted at the time of admission as per the verdict of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.**

HOSTEL ALLOTMENT:

Hostel allotment and onward admission for the same may require a separate procedure at a later date (after P.G. Admission) and will be notified in an appropriate time.

All interested applicants are advised to carefully read the eligibility criteria and details of the admission process before applying. The University reserves the right to decide the admission process as and when deemed necessary.

This Notification is being issued with the approval of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Cotton University.

Academic Registrar
Cotton University

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