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Panbazar, Guwahati 781001, Assam

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General Information & Instructions for Admission to PG Programmes 2023-24

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, LLM and PG Diploma programme.

The link for registration and submission of applications shall be provided on the University admission portal <https://admissions.cottonuniversity.ac.in> on **5th June, 2023**. The registration process will be open **till 7 PM on 18th June, 2023** and the registered candidates must submit their online forms complete with all particulars **before 11 PM on 18th June, 2023**.

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 2023 or 2022 under this Category, with the exception of MA in Bodo, MLISc, LLM and PG Diploma programmes.
- (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 PG Diploma 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, with the condition that a minimum CGPA of 5.5 for UR, 5.3 for OBC/MOBC and 5.0 for SC/ST(P)/ST(H) must be obtained. 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, Zoology.

- (ii) **Entrance based (CPGEE 2023):** Multidisciplinary subjects in which Cotton University does not have UG Honours programmes with the concerned subject as Core/Major, admissions under Cotton Graduate category shall be on the basis of CPGEE 2023 scores. The following subjects/programmes are in this category:
Ancient Indian History, Culture and Archaeology (AIHCA), Environmental Biology & Wildlife Sciences (EBWS), 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 the Cotton Graduate category.



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B) UNDER OPEN CATEGORY

- (i) Admission in all subjects shall be on the basis of CPGEE 2023 scores.
- (ii) The reservation policy of Govt. of Assam for OBC/MOBC/ST(P)/ST(H)/SC/EWS/PWD shall be applicable in this category.

COTTON POST-GRADUATE ENTRANCE EXAMINATION (CPGEE 2023):

The CPGEE 2023 will be an MCQ Test-Booklet and OMR Answer-Sheet type test. The examination is **tentatively scheduled** in the last week of June 2023. The final dates of CPGEE 2023 shall be notified at least one week in advance 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 the Cotton University UG syllabuses 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 syllabuses 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 both **CGPA** and **CPGEE 2023** based admissions. Merely being named in the merit lists does not mean that a candidate is selected for admission. Merit lists will be published tentatively after 7 to 10 days of conclusion of the CPGEE 2023.
- (ii) Admissions to both Cotton Graduates and Open Category candidates will be announced soon after publication of the merit lists.

CPGEE 2023 BASED ADMISSION IN CERTAIN SUBJECTS UNDER COTTON GRADUATE CATEGORY

The candidates under the COTTON GRADUATE CATEGORY seeking admission to the following PG programmes shall be selected solely on the basis of CPGEE 2023 scores, and NOT on CGPA of the qualifying UG degree:

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 to his/her activities during the Interim period. Candidates having more than 3 (three) years study gap (i.e. passed the qualifying examination before 2020) shall not be eligible for admission, **except** in the LLM programme for which there is no restriction to the gap period.

All necessary information related to eligibility criteria and number of seats, are 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.



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

Application process for Molecular Biology and Biotechnology (MBBT) has been delayed.

MCA (Master of Computer Applications)

MLISc (Master of Library and Information Sciences)

LLM (Master of Law)

NOTE: MA in Mass Communication & Journalism, MLISc, LLM and MSc in Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning are **Self-financing** wherein students have to pay fee for each Semester.

No. of Seats and Eligibility Criteria for Post-Graduate Courses 2023-24

Programme: Master of Arts (MA)

Sl. No.	Course	Total No. of Seats		Eligibility Criteria (Bachelor's degree must be of a minimum 3 years or 6 semesters)
		Cotton Graduates	Open Category	
1	Ancient Indian History, Culture and Archaeology	10	10	Bachelor's Degree with Major/ Honours in any discipline from a recognized university.
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	20	20	Bachelor's Degree with Major/ Honours in any discipline from a recognized university.
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



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Sl. No.	Course	Total No. of Seats		Eligibility Criteria (Bachelor's degree must be of a minimum 3 years or 6 semesters)
		Cotton Graduates	Open Category	
16	Psychology	13	13	Bachelor's Degree with Major/Honours in any discipline from a recognized university.
17	Sanskrit	10	10	Bachelor's Degree with Major/ Honours in Sanskrit
18	Sociology	13	13	Bachelor's Degree with Major/Honours in any discipline from a recognized university.

Programme: MSc (Master of Science)

Sl. No.	Course	Total No. of Seats		Eligibility Criteria (Bachelor's degree must be of a minimum 3 years or 6 semesters)
		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 Wildlife Sciences	10	10	Bachelor's Degree with Major/ Honours in a Science subject from a recognized University
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 (Applications not being accepted yet)	10	10	Bachelor's Degree with Major/ Honours in Zoology, Botany, Biotechnology, Microbiology, or similar discipline from a recognized University
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 3 years or 6 semesters)
		Cotton Graduates	Open Category	
1	Computer Applications	20	20	Bachelor's Degree in any discipline with pass mark in Mathematics in 10+2 level



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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 3 years or 6 semesters)
1	Library & Information Sc	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 3 years or 6 semesters)
1	Law	20	LLB Degree

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 the **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 CPGE 2023 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 were the fees payable at the time of admission during the PG 1st Semester admissions in 2022-23:

Departments with Lab, with Field Work (Anthropology, Botany, Geography, Geology, Zoology, MBBT*, EBWS, Archaeology): Rs 9,150.00

*Additional Laboratory Fee of Rs 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): Rs 8,150.00

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

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

Self-financing programmes:

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

MSc Library & Information Science: Rs 8,150.00 + 15,500 (one semester fee) = Rs. 23,650.00

LLM: Rs 7,150.00 + 15,500 (one semester fee) = Rs. 22,650.00

There may be some minor changes in the fee structure for the current year. For some Skill Enhancement Courses, MOOCs/SWAYAM Courses etc. students may have to pay extra fees.



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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 2023-24. **Fee waiver shall not be applicable for self-financing programmes.**

General Reservation Rules for Admission to Postgraduate Programmes

1. The reservation policy of Govt of Assam shall apply to both Cotton Graduate and Open Category separately.
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
15%	7%	10%	5%	10%

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 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 the EC etc. quotas.

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



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with the soft copies (scanned copy) of the application forms generated through the UG 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 recent verdict of the Hon'ble Supreme court of India.

Hostel Allotment:

Hostel allotment and admission may require a separate procedure at a later date after the admission and will be notified in the Cotton University website in appropriate time.

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

(Dr S K Dutta)
Academic Registrar

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2. PS to VC for kind appraisal of the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor
3. PS to Registrar for information to the Registrar
4. Controller of Examinations
5. Dean Students' Welfare
6. Director of Students' Welfare
7. Convener, PG Admission Coordination Committee
8. All Heads of Departments, Cotton University
9. CSM, with a request to upload the document to CU website
10. Notice Board
11. Office File