



PROSPECTUS UG ADMISSION 2026

Four-Year Undergraduate Programmes (FYUGP)
BA (Honours)/ BSc (Honours)/ BCA (Honours) based on NEP 2020



COTTON UNIVERSITY

(Accredited Grade 'A' by NAAC)

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VICE CHANCELLOR'S MESSAGE

It is a privilege for me to welcome you to Cotton University as you explore the opportunities for undergraduate studies. Choosing the right institution is a defining step in your academic journey, and we are delighted that you are considering joining our vibrant learning community.

Established in 1901 as Cotton College and conferred State University status in 2017, Cotton University carries forward a distinguished legacy of academic excellence and intellectual leadership. The University's commitment to quality was reaffirmed with an 'A' grade accreditation by NAAC in its first cycle in 2024, a milestone that reflects our dedication to maintain the highest standards in higher education.

At Cotton University, we aim to provide an enriching and transformative educational experience. Our undergraduate programmes, aligned with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, are designed to offer flexibility, multidisciplinary exposure, and skill-oriented learning. With a thoughtfully structured curriculum that integrates Major and Minor disciplines along with Skill Enhancement Courses (SEC) and Value-Added Courses (VAC), students are encouraged to explore diverse fields and develop critical thinking, creativity, and adaptability.

We place strong emphasis on high-quality teaching, supported by a growing culture of research and innovation. Our students consistently perform well in national-level examinations, reflecting the academic rigor and mentorship they receive. Equally important is our focus on experiential learning and continuous evaluation, ensuring that education goes beyond conventional classroom boundaries.



Beyond academics, the University provides a dynamic environment for holistic development. Students are encouraged to participate in sports, cultural activities, and various co-curricular engagements, fostering leadership, teamwork, and personal growth. We are equally committed to nurturing values such as integrity, social responsibility, and emotional well-being.

As you go through this prospectus, I hope you gain a clear understanding of the diverse programmes and opportunities that await you at Cotton University. I warmly invite you to join us and become part of a legacy that continues to inspire excellence, innovation and meaningful contribution to society.

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UNIVERSITY AT A GLANCE



Year of Establishment
1901 - Cotton College
2017 - Cotton University



Our Campuses
03




Number of Faculties
05



Total Departments
31



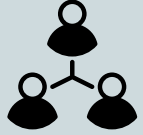
Total Centres
04




Total Programmes
UG: 28
PG: 31
Diploma: 4
PhD: 29



Faculty Members
216



Non-teaching Staff
225



Number of Students
2714 (UG)
1888 (PG)
675 (PhD)

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COTTON UNIVERSITY - A BRIEF PROFILE



Cotton University, erstwhile Cotton College, is a Public State University located in Guwahati, the capital city of Assam. Its glorious history starts with Manik Chandra Barooah, who, owing to huge public pressure, wrote a letter in 1899 to the British government to open a college in Guwahati. The name of the institution was decided by the public to honour its founder, Sir Henry John Stedman Cotton, and was inaugurated on 27th May 1901 by himself. Located at the political and cultural centre of the region, the College catered to the urgent need for accessible higher education.

As a Higher Education institution, Cotton College has gone through several milestones from the initial phase of being under Calcutta University to the present when it is one of the full-fledged autonomous state universities of Assam.

The first juncture came after the establishment of Gauhati University in 1948, when Cotton College got affiliated to it and became its constituent college. On 16th October 1992, the College was declared as a Centre of Excellence. Post this recognition, the institution officially became a Post-Graduate (PG) College.

In 2011, Cotton College State University was established vide an Act of the Government of Assam, with Cotton College as its constituent unit. Cotton University came into existence in 2017 via 'The Cotton University Act, 2017' that enabled the unification of Cotton College State University and Cotton College. The university is a reputed premier institute of higher learning in Assam. Cotton University has been accredited with grade 'A' by NAAC in its first cycle of assessment as a university.

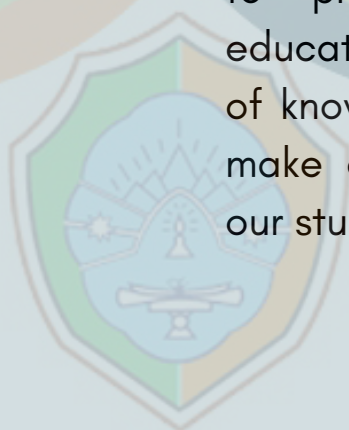
VISION AND MISSION OF THE UNIVERSITY

VISION

To strengthen multi-disciplinary, technology-enabled education; promote research for innovation and excellence; train students as responsible future citizens who will strive towards creating a sustainable society.

MISSION

It is our persistent endeavour to hone and nurture an egalitarian and inclusive environment for students capable of fostering healthy minds and critical thinking for a strong nation. The University shall strive to meet the demands of the global world with changing paradigms so as to provide only the best education and build solidarities of knowledge and creativity to make our cosmos vibrant and our students' future-ready.



अप्रमत्तेन वेद्व्यम्

1. Four-Year Undergraduate Programme (FYUGP) under the National Education Policy, 2020

- Since the 2023-24 academic session, Cotton University has implemented the four-year undergraduate programme (FYUGP) within the framework of the National Education Policy, 2020. The university tries to create an enabling environment for quality higher education, develop knowledgeable, thoughtful, well-rounded, and creative individuals who would, along with personal accomplishment and enlightenment, have constructive public engagement and productive contribution to the nation.
- The FYUGP enables a student to study multiple specialised areas of interest at a deep level, appreciate ethical and Constitutional values, raise intellectual curiosity, develop scientific temper, creativity, spirit of service, and capabilities in a range of disciplines of sciences, social sciences, arts, humanities, languages, as well as professional, technical, and vocational courses.

1.1 The structure of the FYUGP

- In addition to a major subject, the students in the FYUGP need to study a minor subject, Multidisciplinary Elective (MDE) subjects, Ability Enhancement Courses (AEC), Skill Enhancement Courses (SEC) and Value-Added Courses (VAC).
- The major courses concentrated on a particular subject (Assamese, Economics, Botany, Chemistry, for instance) would be the focus of the FYUGP. Students need to undergo a minimum of 20 major courses of 4 credits each, acquire altogether 80 credits of the total minimum 160 credits required for an Honours degree (Table 1).
- Minor courses are to be chosen from the same domain of major subjects/disciplines, and the level of major and minor courses will remain the same till completion of the fourth semester (two year). The minors would enable a student to gain a broader and interdisciplinary understanding over the entire programme (altogether 8 courses of 4 credits each need to be studied as a minor subject). For instance, if a student pursuing History as a major, obtains a minimum of 12 credits from a bunch of courses in Archaeology, then the student will be awarded the degree, major in History with a minor in Archaeology. A student may change the minor subject studied in the first two semesters to a major, one time only at the completion of the second semester, **subject to the fulfilment of the norms set by the university.** However, changing of minor to major and vice versa is not applicable to the students pursuing any self-financing programmes such as BCA, MCJ and BTN. A student shall also be allowed to change his/her/their minor, one time only at the completion of the third semester.

- The Multidisciplinary Electives (MDE) in the NEP-2020 provide the opportunity to explore the myriad perspectives/dimensions of the other disciplines in certain areas/topics of contemporary relevance. The approach would help to understand the concerns of the world through a holistic framework and address the pressing needs of society at contemporary times, having relevance to policy formulation. The students shall study three MDEs in the first three semesters, each of 3 credits.
- Ability Enhancement Courses (AEC) would help the students to develop linguistic ability. Students in the process will learn English and certain MILs.
- Skill Enhancement Courses (SEC), each course is of three credits (theory, practical and field/observation-based learning), are aligned with the National Skills Qualifications Framework of UGC. Students need to undergo three courses in the first three semesters.
- In the domain of Value-Added Courses (VAC), the students need to undergo courses to earn a total of 8 credits in the first two semesters of the FYUGP, which includes the courses on Understanding India, Digital Technology, Health and Well-being, and Introduction to Ecology and Environment.



Table 1: The Courses of the FYUGP with credit allocation

Sl. No.	Courses	Credit Distribution	Total credits
1	Major (Core): 20 courses	4 each (Theory 3, Tutorial/Practical 1)	$20 \times 4 = 80$
2	Minor: 8 courses	4 each (Theory 3, Tutorial/Practical 1)	$8 \times 4 = 32$
3	Multidisciplinary Elective: 3 courses (MDE)	3 each (Theory 2, Tutorial 1)	$3 \times 3 = 9$
4	Ability Enhancement: 4 courses (AEC)	2 each (Theory 2)	$4 \times 2 = 8$
5	Skill Enhancement: 3 courses (SEC)	3 each (Theory 1, Practical 1, Observational learning 1)	$3 \times 3 = 9$
6	Value-Added Course: 3 courses (VAC)	1 course of 4 credits in the 1 st semester and 2 courses each of 2 credits in the 2 nd semester	$4 + 2 + 2 = 8$
7	Summer Internship: 1	2 (Semester IV)	$1 \times 2 = 2$
8	Dissertation/Project	1x4=4 (Semester VII) 1x8=8 (Semester VIII) Dissertation/Project will be for the Honours with Research Degree. Other students (Honours without Research Degree) must take three additional Core courses during the fourth year	1 X 4 = 4 (Semester VII) 1 X 8 = 8 (Semester VIII)
Total Credits			160

1.2 The Credit framework and LOCF

- Credits indicate the number of hours students and teachers need to devote effectively to complete the learning process. The university stipulates one credit for 15/16 hours of teaching and learning (lectures and tutorials), 30 hours of practical.
- The syllabi of all courses of the university are in the form of Learning Outcome-based Curriculum Framework (LOCF). The fundamental premise underlying the LOCF approach to curriculum planning and development is that higher education degrees are awarded based on demonstrated achievement of outcomes (expressed in terms of knowledge, understanding, skills, attitudes, and values) and academic standards expected of graduates of a programme of study. The LOCF specifies what the graduates completing a particular programme of study are expected to know, understand and be able to do at the end of the programme of study.

1.3 The Level of Courses

- The courses of the FYUGP of the university are framed with a certain level of difficulty and academic rigour. The coding structure of the courses at the level of learning is as follows

Level I: 100 – Foundation and Introductory

Level II: 200 – Intermediate

Level III: 300 – Higher

Level IV: 400 – Advanced

1.4 Award of Certificate/Diploma/Degree/ Honours or Honours with Research Degree

- The structure of the FYUGP has an option to exit after completion of every academic year with a certificate, diploma, and general degree, respectively, till the successful completion of the third year. The students, after successful completion of the fourth year, will obtain either a bachelor's degree with honours or an honours degree with research, depending on the students' choice and qualifications to write a research dissertation.
- In the fourth year, the students opting for the work on a dissertation must obtain a score of 7.5 in 10-point evaluation score to go for the research-based dissertation. The students shall have the option to write a 12-credit dissertation. Students not opting for the research work need to take three additional (level 400) specialised courses of 4 credits each.

Table 2: The Framework of the FYUGP with Courses and Credit Distribution

Minimum credits required for the complete programme: 160

Semester	Major (Core): Each paper is of 4-credits	Minor: Each paper is of 4- credits	MDE: Each paper is of 3-credits	AEC: Each paper is of 2-credits	SEC: Each paper is of 3-credits	Summer Internship: 2-credits	VAC: Each paper is of 4-credits	Total Credits
I	Core 1 (Level 100)	Minor 1 (Level 100)	MDE 1	AEC 1 English Comm. I	SEC -1		VAC-1	20
II	Core 2 (Level 100)	Minor 2 (Level 100)	MDE 1	AEC 2 MIL-I	SEC -2		VAC-2 & 3	20
An exit after the second semester would yield a certificate, provided the students secure 4 credits from vocational courses or serving as an intern/doing an apprenticeship								
III	Core 3 (Level 200)	Minor 3 (Level 200)	MDE 1	AEC 3 English Comm. II	SEC -3			20
	Core 4 (Level 200)							
IV	Core 5 (Level 200)	Minor 4 (Level 200)		AEC 4 MIL-II		Summer Internship Mandatory		20
	Core 6 (Level 200)							
	Core 7 (Level 200)							
An exit after the fourth semester would yield a diploma, provided the students secure 4 credits from vocational courses or serving as an additional intern/doing an apprenticeship								
V	Core 8 (Level 300)	Minor 5 (Level 200)						20
	Core 9 (Level 300)							
	Core 10 (Level 300)							
	Core 11 (Level 300)							
VI	Core 12 (Level 300)	Minor 6 (Level 200)						20
	Core 13 (Level 300)							
	Core 14 (Level 300)							
	Core 15 (Level 300)							
An exit after the sixth semester would yield a UG degree in the Major discipline without Honours								

Semester	Major (Core): Each paper is of 4-credits	Minor: Each paper is of 4- credits	MDE: Each paper is of 3-credits	AEC: Each paper is of 2-credits	SEC: Each paper is of 3-credits	Summer Internship: 2-credits	VAC: Each paper is of 4-credits	Total Credits
VII	Core 16 (Level 400)	Minor 7 (Level 300)			Dissertation/Project of 12 credits during Semesters VII and VIII, for Honours with Research Degree, only if CGPA \geq 7.5 (up to Semester VI). A portion of the work equivalent to 4 credits shall be for evaluation during semester VII. *Other students (Honours without Research Degree) must take Core 21 in this semester.			20
	Core 17 (Level 400)							
	Core 18 (Level 400)							
	Core 21* (Level 400)							
VIII	Core 19 (Level 400)	Minor 8 (Level 300)			Dissertation/Project: Portion of the work equivalent to the remaining 8 credits shall be evaluated during semester VIII. *Students not having dissertation/project (Honours without Research Degree) must take Core 22 and Core 23 in this semester.			20
	Core 20 (Level 400)							
	Core 22* (Level 400)							
	Core 23* (Level 400)							

1.5 Provisioning of Multiple Exit and Entry

The University, as per the guidelines of the UGC, keeps an option to exit after completion of every academic year till the third year. The students registered with Cotton University, can make re-entry with their certificate, diploma or degree to the FYUGP, in the second, third and fourth year respectively. The students need to return within three years of exit with justification/certificate on activities done during the gap period. The students with multiple exits and entries, shall get a maximum of seven (7) years to complete the FYUGP.

1.6 Online Courses and Academic Bank of Credits

The University has been encouraging the students to undertake courses on recognised online platforms. The students under the FYUGP will be able to opt for some of the courses (up to 40 percent of the courses as per UGC guidelines) across all the categories on online platforms. The credit earned and accumulated from such courses, if equivalent and related, shall compensate for any Major/Minor/MDE/AEC/SEC/VAC courses of the FUYGP structure.

2. Programmes Of Study

Various programmes of study offered at Cotton University are:

- a) BA (Honours)
- b) BSc (Honours)
- c) BCA (Honours)

The following 4-year UG programmes are self-financing in nature:

- i) BA (Honours) in Mass Communication, Journalism and Media Studies
- ii) BSc (Honours) in Biotechnology
- iii) BCA (Honours)

3. Eligibility Criteria

The minimum eligibility criterion for admission to any of the UG programmes is to pass the qualifying Higher Secondary (HS) / 10+2 examination from a recognized Board with a minimum percentage of marks (refer to section 4) with a relaxation of 5% for OBC/MOBC (NCL), SC, ST(P) and ST(H) candidates. The minimum marks condition is not applicable to Specially-abled candidates.

The admission will be based on the merit list prepared with marks obtained in the best three subjects (for BA and BCA) and the best three Science subjects (for BSc) in HS/10+2 examination as mentioned in Section 6.

BA (Honours) programme is open for students who have passed the qualifying examination in any stream (Science, Arts or Commerce).

BCA (Honours) programme is open for students who have passed the qualifying examination in any stream (Science, Arts or Commerce) subject to the fulfilment of the criteria mentioned in Section 4.

To apply for admission to the BSc (Honours) programmes other than Mathematics, Statistics and Geography, the applicant must pass the qualifying examination in Science stream subject to the fulfilment of the criteria mentioned in Section 4.

However, for pursuing BSc (Honours) in Mathematics, Statistics and Geography, candidates from any stream (Science, Arts or Commerce) may apply, subject to the fulfilment of the criteria mentioned in Section 4.

For admission to Geography (Honours), merit list shall be prepared with marks obtained in the best three subjects in HS/10+2 examination.

For admission to Mathematics (Honours) and Statistics (Honours), if the applicant passed the HS/10+2 examination in science stream, then the merit list shall be prepared with marks obtained in the best three science subjects and if she/he passed HS/10+2 in arts stream, then any three best subjects shall be considered, subject to the fulfilment of the criteria mentioned in Section 4.

4. Number of Seats and Subject-Specific Eligibility Criteria

I. Bachelor of Arts (Honours)

Honours / Core Subject	Number of Seats	Subject-specific eligibility conditions
Anthropology	25	HS/10+2 standard pass with minimum 60% aggregate marks or equivalent grade points.
Arabic	10	HS/10+2 standard pass with minimum 50% aggregate marks or equivalent grade points and 45% marks in Arabic.
Assamese	50	HS/10+2 standard pass with minimum 60% aggregate marks or equivalent grade points and 60% marks in Assamese.
Bengali	10	HS/10+2 standard pass with minimum 50% aggregate marks or equivalent grade points and 50% marks in Bengali.
Bodo	16	HS/10+2 standard pass with minimum 50% aggregate marks or equivalent grade points and 50% marks in Bodo.
Economics	60	HS/10+2 standard pass with minimum 60% aggregate marks or equivalent grade points.
Education	30	HS/10+2 standard pass with minimum 60% aggregate marks or equivalent grade points.
English	60	HS/10+2 standard pass with minimum 60% aggregate marks or equivalent grade points and 60% marks in English.
Hindi	20	HS/10+2 standard pass with minimum 50% aggregate marks or equivalent grade points and 50% marks in Hindi.
History	40	HS/10+2 standard pass with minimum 60% aggregate marks or equivalent grade points.
Mass Communication, Journalism & Media Studies	20	HS/10+2 standard pass with minimum 60% aggregate marks or equivalent grade points.
Persian	10	HS/10+2 standard pass with minimum 50% aggregate marks or equivalent grade points and 45% marks in Persian.
Philosophy	40	HS/10+2 standard pass with minimum 60% aggregate marks or equivalent grade points.
Political Science	60	HS/10+2 standard pass with minimum 60% aggregate marks or equivalent grade points.
Psychology	30	HS/10+2 standard pass with minimum 60% aggregate marks or equivalent grade points.
Sociology	30	HS/10+2 standard pass with minimum 60% aggregate marks or equivalent grade points.
Sanskrit	15	HS/10+2 standard pass with minimum 50% aggregate marks or equivalent grade points and 50% marks in Sanskrit.

4. Number of Seats and Subject-Specific Eligibility Criteria

II. Bachelor of Science (Honours)

Honours / Core Subject	Number of Seats	Subject-specific eligibility Conditions
Biotechnology	45	HS/10+2 standard pass with minimum 60% aggregate marks or equivalent grade points.
Botany	50	HS/10+2 standard pass with minimum 60% aggregate marks or equivalent grade points with pass marks in Biology.
Chemistry	65	HS/10+2 standard pass with minimum 60% aggregate marks or equivalent grade points with 50% marks in Chemistry and pass marks in Mathematics.
Computer Science	20	HS/10+2 standard pass with minimum 60% aggregate marks or equivalent grade points with pass marks in Mathematics.
Geography	30	HS/10+2 standard pass with minimum 60% aggregate marks or equivalent grade points.
Geology	40	HS/10+2 standard pass with minimum 60% aggregate marks or equivalent grade points with pass marks in Physics/Chemistry/Mathematics.
Mathematics	80	HS/10+2 standard pass with minimum 60% aggregate marks or equivalent grade points with 50% marks in Mathematics.
Physics	65	HS/10+2 standard pass with minimum 60% aggregate marks or equivalent grade points with 50% marks in Physics and pass marks in Mathematics.
Statistics	30	HS/10+2 standard pass with minimum 60% aggregate marks or equivalent grade points with pass marks in Mathematics.
Zoology	60	HS/10+2 standard pass with minimum 60% aggregate marks or equivalent grade points with pass marks in Biology.

4. Number of Seats and Subject-Specific Eligibility Criteria

III. BCA (Honours)

Honours / Core Subject	Number of Seats	Subject-specific eligibility Conditions
BCA	30	10+2 standard pass with minimum 60% aggregate marks or equivalent grade points with pass marks in Mathematics/Applied Mathematics.

Remark: Mathematics, Geography and Statistics are offered as major disciplines under the BSc (Honours) programme only.

5. Minor Courses/Subjects Offered

- **For BA:** Anthropology, Archaeology, Arabic, Assamese, Bengali, Bodo, Economics, Education, English, Hindi, History, Mass Communication Journalism & Media Studies, Mathematics (only for Economics major), Persian, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, Sanskrit, Statistics (only for Economics major).
- **For BSc:** Biotechnology, Botany, Chemistry, Computer Science, Economics (only for Geography major), Geography, Geology, Mathematics, Physics, Political Science (only for Geography major), Statistics, Zoology.
- **For BCA:** Biotechnology, Economics, Mathematics, Physics, and Statistics.

Remark:

- As **Economics** is offered as a major discipline under the BA (Honours) programme, a student who has chosen Economics as the major and opts for Mathematics or Statistics as minor subjects cannot later change the minor to a major, since both the subjects belong to the BSc (Honours) programme.
- The same rule is applicable to students who have chosen **Geography** as their major and have opted for Economics or Political Science as their minor subjects.

6. Merit List Preparation

Standardisation of Marks: Taking into consideration the differences in the scores, mainly in the two boards, namely, the Assam State School Education Board (ASSEB) and Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), a standardisation method shall be followed. The highest mark of ASSEB is standardised with the highest marks of the equivalent examination of CBSE, where the value used for standardisation is called the Index Factor (IF), and is given by:

$$IF = \frac{C \text{ (total marks of best 3 subjects* in CBSE Examination 2026 among the applied candidates)}}{A \text{ (total marks of best 3 subjects* in ASSEB Examination 2026 among the applied candidates)}}$$

(*Best 3 subjects for BA/BCA and best 3 science subjects for BSc)

Index Factor (IF) will be applicable only if the highest total marks obtained in the CBSE examination exceeds the highest total marks obtained in the ASSEB examination among the applied candidates.

Standardisation will be applicable only for ASSEB candidates. In case, the best 3 total marks of an applicant from a Board/Council is more than CBSE, then the standardization of ASSEB applicants will be done with respect to that Board/Council.

In such a case, the standardised marks for a student of ASSEB are, where M is the total marks of the best three subjects. For BA/BCA, the total marks of any three best subjects and for BSc, the total marks of any three best science subjects obtained by a student in the HS examination conducted by ASSEB shall be considered.

7. Tie-Breaking

For candidates with equal standardised marks on the merit list for a subject as the Honours discipline, the tie-breaking rules will be as follows:

- The candidate who has higher total marks in the HS/10+2 examination will be placed higher in the merit list.
- In case the above condition still cannot break the tie, then the candidate with the higher mark in the subject, opted for honours subject, in HS/10+2 examination shall be placed higher in the merit list.
- If the candidate does not have the subject opted for honours subject in HS/10+2 level, then the higher mark in English shall be placed higher in the merit list.

For further tie-breaking, the decision of the Admission Committee shall be final.

NOTE: MAJOR SUBJECTS WILL BE ALLOCATED DURING THE ONLINE ADMISSION PROCESS. ALLOCATION OF MINOR SUBJECT IN THE SAMARTH PORTAL AT THE TIME OF ADMISSION IS PROVISIONAL, IT MAY BE CHANGED DURING THE PHYSICAL VERIFICATION PROCESS DEPENDING ON THE UNIVERSITY CRITERIA.

All other subjects, as mentioned in the NEP 2020 based curriculum, shall be allocated at the time of physical verification of documents based on the merit list.

8. Gap in Study

Candidates having more than 3 (three) years of study gap from the qualifying examination will not be eligible for admission.

Candidates having passed the qualifying examination in an earlier year (2025, 2024 or 2023) will have to submit a self-declaration, certifying that she/he/they was not involved in any unlawful activities during the interim period and that she/he/they would withdraw admission from any other regular UG course presently enrolled in, if selected for admission.

9. Reservation Rules for Admission

9.1 General Reservation Rules

Cotton University follows the same reservation policy in respect of admission into the Undergraduate Course(s) as framed by the Government of Assam from time to time. The percentages of seats under different reserved categories are shown below. **These rules are applicable to candidates belonging to the state of Assam only.**

OBC / MOBC (NCL)	SC	ST (Plains)	ST (Hills)	EWS (super numerary)
27%	7%	10%	5%	10%

NOTE:

- Only Caste/Tribe certificates issued by the Competent Authorities of the Government of Assam will be accepted.
- Caste/ Tribe Certificates issued by other states will not be considered valid for admission under Reserved Category.
- Candidates who want to seek admission against OBC/MOBC reserve seats must produce the latest Non-Creamy Layer (NCL) certificate issued by competent authorities (within one year) under the Government of Assam, failing of which her/his application will get cancelled.
- A few seats from the OBC/ MOBC (NCL) categories are reserved for the OBC/MOBC (NCL) Sub-communities as per Govt. norms.
- For candidates belonging to the Economically Weaker Sections (EWS), valid Income and Asset Certificate issued only by the Local Circle Officer or Circle Officer (A), stipulated by the Govt of Assam, shall be deemed valid.

9.2 Reservation under Extra-Curricular and other (EC etc.) Quotas

A few seats may be allotted under Extra-Curricular and other quotas in UG courses to students having outstanding achievements in the field of Sports, Cultural activities, NCC, NSS, Scouts & Guides, etc. Up to a maximum of 3 extra seats only per Honours subject shall be allotted under EC etc. quota. The maximum total number of seats reserved for each of the quotas in BA Honours and BSc Honours programmes is as follows:

Category	Number of seats in BA Honours	Number of seats in BSc Honours
Cultural	5	5
Sports	5	5
NCC	5	5
NSS	2	2
Scouts & Guides	2	2
Other Indian State Domicile	10	10
Foreign Nationals	10	10
Children of Martyred Personnel of Indian Armed Forces, CAPF and Assam Police	2	2

EC reservation is NOT APPLICABLE for admission to the Self-Financing courses.

9.3 Reservation for the Specially Abled Candidates

As per Government rules, 5% extra seats (of the total number of seats across all disciplines) are reserved for the Specially Abled Candidates. The applicants may have to appear before a medical board with the relevant certificate(s).

9.4 Important Notes for Admission in EC etc. Quotas and Specially Abled Candidates

- Certificates/testimonials, in case of EC etc., quotas should not be more than 3 (three) years old.
- A candidate selected under EC etc. quota can be allotted an Honours subject only if her/his/their standardised mark (as per the merit list) is within 25% below the cut-off mark in the UNRESERVED category of that particular subject in the last round of admission.

- For an outstanding sportsperson or cultural performer who has represented the country in a recognised international event, the condition of the cut-off mark in 9.4 (b) shall be relaxed. However, the maximum number of reserved seats in a particular category will not be increased for the inclusion of such a candidate.
- If a student admitted under EC etc., quota refuses to participate in any sports/cultural event of her/his/their proficiency when officially selected to represent Cotton University, then her/his/their studentship may be terminated/forfeited. An undertaking in this regard will have to be submitted by the student.
- The process of admission under EC etc., quotas shall be started after the completion of admission to the regular seats and information in this regard shall be notified in the Cotton University Website.
- Few supernumerary seats may be offered as per requirement.

10. Mode of Admission

The admission into Four-Year Undergraduate Programmes (FYUGP) will be conducted only in ONLINE mode through SAMARTH portal on the specified date and time.

The provisional merit lists for admission will be available on the Cotton University website (www.cottonuniversity.ac.in).

11. Physical Verification of Documents

- I. The candidates must produce the following documents in original with a set of self-attested photocopies at the time of physical verification to be notified, failing which her/his/their admission will stand cancelled.
- II. Printed copies of the Cotton University Application Form submitted on SAMARTH for the specific subject along with online admission receipt.
- III. Pass Certificate and Marksheet of the qualifying examination (HS/10+2 examination from a recognized board or council).
- IV. Reserved Category Certificate, if applicable. Only certificates issued by the Competent Authority under the Government of Assam shall be deemed valid.
- V. A colour Passport size photograph.
- VI. Age proof: Authorized certificate where date of birth is mentioned.

- VII. Gap in study: Candidates having passed the qualifying examination in an earlier year (2025, 2024 or 2023) will have to submit a self-declaration letter certifying that she/he/they was not involved in any unlawful activities during the interim period and that she/he/they would withdraw admission from any other regular UG course presently enrolled in, if selected for admission.
- VIII. Candidates seeking admission under EWS category must bring valid Income and Asset certificates issued by a Competent Authority under the Government of Assam.
- IX. In case fee waiver is claimed, the valid income certificate of the current financial year from competent authority must be produced.

NOTE:

If any original document of an applicant is found to be fake or fabricated or defective, her/his/their admission will be cancelled without any prior notice in this regard. Even if this is brought to the notice of the Authority after the completion of the programme, the applicant's degree will be cancelled, and appropriate legal action will be taken against her/him/them.

12. Hostel Allotment

Hostel allotment and admission would require a separate procedure at a later date after the admission and would be notified on the Cotton University website.

13. Canvassing and 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. The students will have to submit the anti-ragging reference number received from UGC.

14. Cancellation of Seats

Students failing to attend classes for first 15 (fifteen) days from the commencement of the class will have to forfeit their seats.

15. Fee Structure

Kindly refer to the fee structure given on the University website (<https://cottonuniversity.ac.in/storage/uploads/pdf/de52d41ff327e37322a4d8b371b90731.pdf>). All payments will be in online mode in the SAMARTH portal.

Disclaimer:

- *The information/contents as incorporated in this Prospectus are subject to necessary changes/amendments. The details regarding the same (if applicable) shall be notified on the University Website.*
- All applicants are advised to regularly check the [UG Admission page](#) (under 'Admission 2026-27') on the Cotton University website for updates and notifications related to the admission process.

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