



COTTON UNIVERSITY

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General Information & Instructions for Admission to PG Programmes 2021-22

The minimum eligibility condition for admission to Postgraduate Degree Programmes of Cotton University is a Bachelor's Degree with Honours/ Major from a recognised university, except that for LLB the requirement is to have passed the LLB degree. Honours/Major is not required for admission to MCA and PG Diploma programme. The link for registration and submission of applications shall be provided on the University website www.cottonuniversity.ac.in from 04 September, 2021. The **registration as a candidate is open till 7 PM on 11 September 2021** and the registered candidates will be allowed to log in and submit their forms online, complete with all particulars, up to 11 PM on 11 September 2021. Candidates should 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 2021 or 2020 under this Category, with the exception of MLISc, LLB and MSc (AI&ML) 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 and LLB and shall be filled up from the Open Category.

MODE OF ADMISSION:

A) UNDER COTTON GRADUATE CATEGORY

- (i) **CGPA based:** In those subjects which require the Honour/Major in the concerned subject as an eligibility criterion in the UG Degree, admission shall be given on the basis of UG CGPA (Honours/Core) subject to a minimum CGPA of 5.5 for UR, 5.3 for OBC/MOBC and 5.0 for SC/ST(P)/ST(H).
- (ii) **Entrance based (CPGEE 2021):** In those subjects for which the eligibility criteria of Honours/Major in the qualifying UG Degree does not specify the concerned subject only, admissions shall be on the basis of CPGEE 2021 scores.
- (iii) 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 2020 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 2021):

CPGEE 2021 shall be held during 21 - 25 September 2021 and the detailed examination programme shall be notified by the Controller of Examinations, CU. The examinations shall be of Objective Multiple Choice type questions and OMR answer sheets shall be used. Questions shall be based on



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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 UGC/reputed Universities of India. 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 2021** based admissions. Merely being named in the merit lists does not mean that a candidate is selected for admission. Merit lists will be published in the first week of October 2021.
- (ii) Admissions to both Cotton Graduates and Open Category candidates will be soon after publication of the merit lists.

CPGEE 2021 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 2021 scores, and NOT on CGPA of the qualifying UG degree:

1. MA in Ancient Indian History, Culture and Archaeology (AIHCA)
2. Master of Computer Applications (MCA)
3. MSc in Environmental Biology and Wildlife Sciences (EBWS)
4. MA in Mass Communication and Journalism
5. MSc in Molecular Biology and Biotechnology (MBBT)
6. MA in Psychology
7. MA in Sociology

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 2018) 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.

MSc: Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning (AI/ML), 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)



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NOTE: MA in Mass Communication & Journalism, MLISc, LLM and MSc in Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning shall run in **Self-financing** mode.

No. of Seats and Eligibility Criteria for Post-Graduate Courses 2021-22

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
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.



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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	Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning	-	15	Bachelor's Degree with Computer Science/Applications or Mathematics as a subject
2	Botany	12	12	Bachelor's Degree with Major/ Honours in Botany
3	Chemistry	17	17	Bachelor's Degree with Major/ Honours in Chemistry
4	Environmental Biology and Wildlife Sciences	10	10	Bachelor's Degree with Major/ Honours in a Science subject from a recognized University
5	Geography	17	17	Bachelor's Degree with Major/ Honours in Geography
6	Geology	10	10	Bachelor's Degree with Major/ Honours in Geology
7	Mathematics	22	22	Bachelor's Degree with Major/ Honours in Mathematics
8	Molecular Biology and Biotechnology	10	10	Bachelor's Degree with Major/ Honours in Zoology, Botany, Biotechnology, Microbiology, or similar discipline from a recognized University
9	Physics	17	17	Bachelor's Degree with Major/ Honours in Physics
10	Statistics	12	12	Bachelor's Degree with Major/ Honours in Statistics
11	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

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



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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

If a candidate wants to keep options for applying for admission to more than one PG subject or programme, 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 2021 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

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

MSc in Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning: Rs 8,150.00 + 15,500 (One Semester fee) + 7,000.00 (Additional Laboratory Fee) = Rs. 30,650.00

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%



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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 valid.**
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. The applicants under this category shall have to appear before medical board by producing the relevant certificate(s) as and when the restrictions in view of Covid-19 are relaxed.
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 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) In view of the Covid-19 situation the University may not conduct any trials for students seeking admission in EC quota under sports category. Details will be published in the notification mentioned above.
- (iii) 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.



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- (iv) For an outstanding sportsperson or cultural performer who represented the country in a recognized International event, the condition of cut-off mark in (c) 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.
- (v) 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.

Undertaking/ declaration:

If any candidate admitted under the above mentioned quota does not participate in the respective event/activity on behalf of Cotton University, her/his studentship may be terminated/ forfeited. A written undertaking to this effect shall be given by the candidate.

Ragging in any form is strictly banned in the University.

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.

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.

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

(Dr. S.K. Dutta)
Academic Registrar

Copy to:

1. PS to VC for kind appraisal of the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor
2. PS to Registrar for information to the Registrar
3. Dean Students' Welfare
4. Controller i/c of Examinations, requesting n/a for conducting CPGEE 2020
5. Director Students' Welfare
6. All Heads of Departments, Cotton University
7. CSM, with a request to upload the document to CU website
8. Notice Board
9. Office File