



COTTON UNIVERSITY

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Information Sheet: Undergraduate Admissions: 2017-18

Three Year (Six Semesters) Degree Courses:

1. Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)
2. Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.)

Self Financing Courses:

1. Bachelor of Science-Biotechnology (B.Sc.-Biotech)
2. Bachelor of Computer Applications

Number of seats available:

1. B.A. : 410
2. B.Sc. : 485
3. B.Sc. (Biotech) : 45
4. B.C.A. : 50

Application and Admission Procedures:

1. Only Online Application Submission System is available. No physical Form, Prospectus will be available in the office. All information are made available in the website.
2. Applicants have to follow the step by step procedures for online application process.
3. Application Fee is Rs. 250/- and may be deposited by Bank Challan available in the website in any branch of ICICI Bank, or through the online link using Bank Cards/Net Banking.
4. An applicant must submit separate form and application fee for the B.A., B.Sc., B.Sc. (Biotech.) or BCA, if he/she wants to apply for more than one Course.
5. Documents to be produced during the time of admission (Originals + A set of photocopies--self attested):
 - a. A Printout of the Online Application, Signed
 - b. Pass Certificate and Marksheet of 10+2 examination
 - c. Reserved Category Certificate if applicable (Only certificates issued from Assam Government Offices will be accepted)
 - d. Four Copies of Passport Size photograph
 - e. Age proof: 10th Admit card/10th/12th Certificate where Date of Birth is written
 - f. Gap certificate/engagement certificate/proof of engagement, if the student has passed 10+2 prior to 2017.

General Rules of Admission:

- Students will be admitted purely on merit and as per the rules and regulations of Cotton University.
- Candidates will be selected on the basis of standardisation of marks, wherever applicable
- A student will have Core and Elective subjects and Compulsory papers.
- Core subject and Combination of Elective subjects will be offered only on the day of admission based on merit, which is subject to the availability of seats.
- Core and Elective combination allotted during the admission, will not be changed.

Eligibility: Passed in Higher Secondary or equivalent (10+2) examination.

Duration of the course: 3 (three) years

Number of Semesters: 6 (six)

Marks Standardization:

Taking into consideration the differences in the scoring pattern, mainly in the two boards Assam Higher Secondary Educational Council (AHSEC) and Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), a standardisation method shall be followed.

The highest marks of AHSEC is standardized with the highest marks of the equivalent examination of CBSE where the value used for standardisation is called ***Index Factor***.

So, **Index Factor (IF) = C/A**, Where **C** is the total highest mark in CBSE examination and **A** is the total highest mark in AHSEC examination.

Then, the standardised mark for a student of AHSEC is **M x IF**, Where **M** is the total mark obtained by a student in the 10+2 examination conducted by AHSEC.

Merit List preparation: Consideration of best 3 subjects:

For Science stream: **M**= Total marks of the **best three SCIENCE subjects** of the second year qualifying examination

For Arts stream: **M**= Total marks of the **best three subjects** of the second year qualifying examination (**except Physical Education**)

Choice-Based Credit System and Continuous Assessment and Grading Pattern

Cotton University (formerly Cotton College State University) has laid the road map for a Choice-Based Credit System (CBCS) and Continuous Assessment and Grading Pattern (CAGP) in a semester-based system. These are important components of reform in higher education in India, and are practised widely in our academic institutions. In a choice-based system, students are given opportunities to pursue courses of interest across disciplines and faculties, in addition to their core subject of interest. While choices that are offered are usually determined by logistic requirements and availability of resources, these will increase with time as our infrastructure and capacities improve. The number of credits in a course is closely related to the number of teaching-learning hours; and the L-T-P (Lectures-Tutorials-Practicals) structure encourages students towards self-learning or learner-centric approaches. The students have more opportunities to develop and nurture their creative abilities, and be exposed to the methodologies of academic work. The credit system, in principle, also enables the portability of what a student has learnt from one institution to another. Learning is a continuous process. Frequent assessments aid this process and also reduce the emphasis on an end-semester examination, thereby reducing the stress on both students and teachers.

In the present scheme, 20 per cent of the evaluation will be in the first half of the semester, 20 per cent in the second half, and the remaining 60 per cent of the evaluation will be based on the end-semester examination. Grades (e.g. Ex, A, A-, B+, B,....) are also part of the educational reform and standardisation and are used widely in our academic institutions. For ease of grading, **Ex** corresponds to 90 per cent and above; and lower grades go down in steps of 10 per cent. Grades reduce the obsession with small differences in marks, and are an excellent indicator of the students' overall capability, enabling one to identify good students across sciences and humanities. For each student a transcript of his/her performance will be given for each semester along with the Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) for the core subject as well as for all the subjects taken together.

Total Credit: 120 in 6(six) Semesters

Minimum Credit per Semester: 20

Paper and Credit structure of each Semester:

- 3(three) papers of the Core Subject and Credit of each paper is 4(four)
- 2(two) papers of the Elective subjects and Credit of each paper is 3(three)
- 1(one) Compulsory paper with 2(two) Credits

List of Subjects for Core and Elective papers in B.A.

Core	Elective
Anthropology	Anthropology
Arabic	Arabic
Assamese	Assamese*
Bengali	Bengali*
Economics	Bodo
Education	Economics
English	Education
Geography	English*
Hindi	Geography
History	Hindi*
Mathematics	History
Persian	Mathematics
Philosophy	Persian
Political Science	Philosophy
Sanskrit	Political Science
--	Psychology
--	Sanskrit
--	Sociology
--	Mass Communication
--	Environmental Science

The Elective papers of the subjects indicated by * will be offered from Semester-V only

List of Subjects for Core and Elective papers in B.Sc.

Core	Elective
Anthropology	Anthropology
Botany	Botany
Chemistry	Chemistry
Computer Science	Computer Science
Economics	Economics
Geography	Geography
Geology	Geology
Mathematics	Mathematics
Physics	Physics
Statistics	Statistics
Zoology	Zoology
--	Environmental Science

Compulsory Papers in B.A. and B.Sc. courses:

Semester	Subject
Sem - I	Functional English
Sem - II	MIL (any one from Assamese, Bengali, Bodo, Hindi) or Alternative English
Sem - III	Environmental Studies - I
Sem - IV	Environmental Studies - II
Sem - V	Value Education/Women Empowerment
Sem - VI	History of Science/Indian Constitution and Basic Laws

Number of Seats in Core Subject, and Combination of Subjects allowed:

Selected students will choose their Core and Elective subjects only at the time of admission subject to the availability of seats in the respective subjects. Allotment will be based on merit.

A. Number of Seats in Core subject and Combination of Subjects allowed in B.A.

Core Subject (Number of Seats)	Elective Subjects (any two)	Eligibility for Core Subject
Anthropology (20)	Economics, Education, Geography/History, Political Science/ Psychology/Environmental Science, Sociology/Mass Communication	
Arabic (10)	Economics, Education, Anthropology/Philosophy, Political Science/Psychology, Sociology/Mass Communication	Must secure at least 50% marks in Arabic in 10 /10+2 level
Assamese (30)	Economics, Education, Philosophy, Political Science/Psychology, History/Mathematics/Classical Language, Sociology/Mass Communication	Must secure at least 50% marks in Assamese in 10+2 level
Bengali (10)	Economics, Education, Philosophy, Political Science/Psychology, History/Mathematics/Classical Language, Sociology/Mass Communication	Must secure at least 40% marks in Bengali in 10+2 level
Economics (60)	Education, History/Mathematics/Classical Language/Geography, Political Science/Psychology/ Environmental Science, Philosophy/Statistics/Anthropology, Sociology/Mass Communication	Must secure at least 60% marks in Economics in 10+2level (for students from Arts and Commerce stream); Must pass in Mathematics in 10+2 level (for students from Science stream)
Education (25)	Economics, History/Mathematics/Classical Language/Geography, Political Science/Psychology/Environmental Science, Philosophy/Statistics/Anthropology, Sociology/Mass Communication	Must secure at least 60% marks in Education/Sociology/ Psychology in 10+2level (for students from Arts stream); 60% aggregate marks in 10+2 level (for students from Science stream)
English (60)	Economics, Education, Philosophy, History/Mathematics/Classical Language, Political Science/Psychology, Sociology/Mass Communication	Must secure at least 60% marks in English in 10+2 level

Geography (25)	Economics, Education, Anthropology/Statistics, Political Science/Psychology/ Environmental Science, Sociology/Mass Communication	Must secure at least 60% marks in Geography in 10+2 level (for students from Arts stream); Must pass in Mathematics in 10+2 level (for students from Science stream)
Hindi (20)	Economics, Education, Philosophy, History/Mathematics/Classical Language, Political Science/Psychology, Sociology/Mass Communication	Must secure at least 50% marks in Hindi in 10+2 level
History (30)	Economics, Education, Anthropology/Philosophy, Political Science/Psychology, Sociology/Mass Communication	
Mathematics (05)	Economics, Education, Political Science/Psychology/ Environmental Science, Philosophy/Statistics/Anthropology, Sociology/Mass Communication	Must secure at least 50% marks in Mathematics in 10+2 level
Persian (10)	Economics, Education, Political Science/Psychology Philosophy/ Anthropology, Sociology/Mass Communication	Must secure at least 50% marks in Persian in 10/10+2 level
Philosophy (30)	Economics, Education, History/Mathematics/Classical Language, Political Science/Psychology, Sociology/Mass Communication	
Political Science (60)	Economics, Education, History/ Classical Language/Geography, Philosophy/Statistics/Anthropology, Sociology/Mass Communication	Must secure at least 60% marks in Political Science in 10+2 level; 60% aggregate marks in 10+2 level (for students from Science stream)
Sanskrit (15)	Economics, Education, Political Science/Psychology, Philosophy/ Anthropology, Sociology/Mass Communication	

Notes:

- A student will have to continue the Core papers in all the six semesters.
- In case of Non-Language Core subjects, students will have to study English and one MIL as Elective in their V and VI semesters. In case of students without MIL in 10+2 level, students may continue other electives.
- MIL Core students will have to take English as an Elective in V and VI semesters.
- English Core students will have to take one MIL as elective in V and VI semesters.
- English Core students without MIL in 10+2 level, may continue other electives.

B. Number of Seats in Core subject and Combination of Subjects allowed in B.Sc.

Core Subject (Number of Seats)	Elective Subjects (any two)	Eligibility for Core Subject
Anthropology (05)	Botany, Zoology/Geography/Mathematics, Economics, Environmental Science	Must pass Biology in 10+2 level
Botany (50)	Zoology/Geography, Anthropology/Chemistry/Statistics, Environmental Science	Must secure at least 50% marks in Biology in 10+2 level
Chemistry (65)	Mathematics and Physics	Must secure at least 50% marks in Chemistry in 10+2 level
Computer Science (20)	Mathematics/ Geography, Physics/Economics, Anthropology/Chemistry/Statistics, Environmental Science	Must secure at least 40% marks in Mathematics in 10+2 level
Economics (20)	Mathematics, Anthropology/Computer Science/Statistics, Environmental Science	Must pass Mathematics in 10+2 level
Geography (05)	Anthropology /Statistics, Economics/ Physics, Environmental Science, Geology/Computer Science	Must pass in Mathematics in 10+2 level
Geology (40)	Chemistry, Mathematics, Physics	Must secure at least 40% marks in Mathematics in 10+2 level
Mathematics (80)	Chemistry /Statistics, Economics/ Physics, Environmental Science, Geology/Computer Science	Must secure at least 50% marks in Mathematics in 10+2 level
Physics (65)	Mathematics and Statistics/Chemistry/Environmental Science/ Geology/Computer Science	Must secure at least 50% marks in Physics and 40% in Mathematics in 10+2 level
Statistics (30)	Mathematics and Physics/ Economics/ Geology/Environmental Science/Computer Science	Must secure at least 40% in Mathematics in 10+2 level
Zoology (60)	Chemistry and Botany/Environmental Science	Must secure at least 50% marks in Biology in 10+2 level

Notes:

- A student will have to continue the Core papers in all the six semesters.
- For Elective papers in Chemistry, Mathematics and Physics, students must pass in the respective subjects in 10+2 level.

NO CHANGE OF COMBINATION OF SUBJECTS (BOTH IN ARTS AND SCIENCE STREAM) WILL BE ALLOWED AFTER THE ADMISSION PROCESS IS OVER.

Self Financing Courses:

1. Bachelor of Computer Application (BCA)

Number of seats: 50(fifty)

Eligibility: Passed in 10+2 or equivalent examination with Mathematics/Computer Science

Duration of the Course: 3(three) years

Number of Semesters: 6(six)

2. B.Sc.in Biotechnology

Number of seats: 45(forty-five)

Eligibility: Passed in 10+2 or equivalent examination with Biology, Chemistry and Physics/
Mathematics

Electives : Botany/Computer Science, Chemistry, Zoology

Duration of the Course: 3(three) years

Number of Semesters: 6(six)

General Reservation Rules:

1. The following are reservation of seats as per Government of Assam rules for candidates belonging to the state of Assam only.

OBC/MOBC	SC	ST(Plains)	ST(Hills)
15%	7%	10%	5%

Note: Caste/Tribe certificate MUST BE issued by the Competent Authority under the Government of Assam. Other State Certificates will not be valid.

2. (i) A few seats may be allotted in B.A./B.Sc. courses to students having outstanding performance in the field of Sports, Cultural, NCC and Scouts & Guides. A relaxation of 20% is allowed in cut-off marks for each category.

(ii) Five seats may also be allotted for students from other Indian states and two for students from abroad.

(iii) For both B.A. and B.Sc. courses, the maximum number of reserved seats for such categories is as follows:

Category	Number of seats
Sports	5
Cultural	5
NCC	2
Scouts & Guides	1
Other Indian states	5
International	2

(iv) Outstanding sports person/cultural activist who have represented the country in International meet will be admitted directly without considering the cut-off mark.

However, the maximum number of reserved seats in a particular field will not be enhanced for inclusion of such candidates.

(v) Sports persons will be selected from those disciplines which are recognised by competent authorities of the State or National or International level and also such sports which are included in the All India University meets.

(vi) In case of Cultural quota, students will be selected for their proficiency in the fields of Music (Vocal), Drama, Debating and Quiz, Fine Arts and Sculpting. In case of Music (instrumental) and Dance, candidates will have to produce degree/diploma certificates from recognised institutions.

3. As per Government rules, 3% of the total seats is reserved for the Differently Abled candidates

4. Admission procedure for candidates belonging to Sports, Cultural, NCC, Scouts & Guides and Differently Abled:

A candidate seeking admission in any of the above mentioned categories must submit in a sealed envelope enclosing a separate application, a copy of the online application and attested copies of documents supporting his/her eligibility for consideration under the concerned quota. Candidates should clearly write on the envelope APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO B.A./B.Sc.(whichever is applicable) COURSE UNDER (name of the quota under which admission is sought)

Address for submission of application:

Counter No.1, Ground Floor MCB Building,
Cotton Campus, Panbazar, Guwahati

Interview/Selection trial of shortlisted candidates will be held on date and time notified on the University website www.cottonuniversity.ac.in.

Important note:

If any candidate, admitted under the above mentioned quota (except for Differently Abled) do not participate in their respective events/activities on behalf of Cotton University, studentship may be terminated/cancelled. They will have to give a written undertaking in this regard.