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## NOTIFICATION

## UG Admission 2022: General Information \& Instructions <br> BA Honours/ BSc Honours/ BA Liberal Arts/ BCA

## 1. Programmes of Study:

(I) BA Honours: This is a three-year honours degree programme of 140 credits covered in 6 (six) semesters with the UGC recommended CBCS curriculum.
(II) BSc Honours: This is a three-year honours degree programme of 140 credits covered in 6 (six) semesters with the UGC recommended CBCS curriculum.
(III) BA Liberal Arts: This is a three-year degree programme of 132 credits covered in 6 (six) semesters. In the first two semesters of this program a student shall learn a broad range of subjects, at the end of which she/he is expected to identify one particular subject as her/his special interest. From the $3^{\text {rd }}$ semester the student can learn one subject more rigorously as her/his Major subject.
(IV) BCA: This is a self-financing* three-year degree programme of 140 credits in Computer Applications, covered in 6 (six) semesters.

The following are self-financing courses:
(i) BA Honours in Mass Communication \& Journalism
(ii) BSc Honours in Biotechnology
(iii) BCA

## 2. Basic Eligibility Condition:

- The minimum eligibility criterion for admission to any of the UG programmes is to pass the qualifying Higher Secondary (HS) or equivalent (10+2) examination from a recognized Board or Council with a minimum of $60 \%$ marks ( $55 \%$ for OBC/MOBC, SC, $\mathrm{ST}(\mathrm{P})$ and $\mathrm{ST}(\mathrm{H})$ candidates). The minimum marks condition does not apply for Differently Abled candidates.
- To apply for admission to the BSc Honours programmes except in Mathematics, Statistics, and Geography, the applicant must pass the qualifying examination in Science stream.
- Mathematics, Statistics or Geography as Core subject shall be offered only under the BSc Honours programme but students who passed HS/12 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ equivalent from Arts or Commerce shall also be able to apply, provided the eligibility criteria as per section 3 below are fulfilled.
- BA Honours, BA Liberal Arts and BCA programmes are open for students having passed the qualifying examination in any stream (Science, Arts or Commerce).
- Subject specific additional eligibility conditions are mentioned in section 3 .


## Registration for online application opens on: 26 July 2022 <br> Last Date of submission of online application:

## 3. Number Of Seats And Eligibility Criteria

## BA Honours (CBCS)

| Core Subject | Number <br> of Seats | Subject specific eligibility conditions (wherever <br> necessary) |
| :--- | :---: | :--- |
| Anthropology | 25 |  |
| Arabic | 10 | $50 \%$ or more marks in Arabic in the qualifying examination. |
| Assamese | 50 | $50 \%$ or more marks in Assamese in the qualifying <br> examination. |
| Bodo | 16 | $50 \%$ or more marks in Bodo in the qualifying examination. |
| Economics | 60 | $60 \%$ or more marks in Economics or Mathematics in the <br> qualifying examination. |
| Education | 25 |  |
| English | 60 | $60 \%$ or more marks in English in the qualifying examination. |
| Hindi | 20 | $50 \%$ or more marks in Hindi in the qualifying examination. |
| History | 20 |  |
|  <br> Journalism | 10 | $50 \%$ or more marks in Persian in the qualifying examination. |
| Persian | 40 |  |
| Philosophy | 60 |  |
| Political Science | 30 |  |
| Psychology | 15 | $50 \%$ or more marks in Sanskrit in the qualifying examination. |
| Sanskrit |  |  |

## BSc Honours (CBCS)

| Core Subject | Number <br> of Seats | Subject specific eligibility Conditions <br> Biotechnology$4^{\text {Pass marks in Biology, Chemistry and Physics or }}$Mathematics in the qualifying examination. |
| :--- | :---: | :--- |
| Botany | 50 | $50 \%$ or more marks in Biology in the qualifying examination. |
| Chemistry | 65 | $50 \%$ or more marks in Chemistry and passed in Mathematics <br> in the qualifying examination. |
| Computer Science | 20 | $40 \%$ or more marks in Mathematics in the qualifying <br> examination. |
| Geography | 40 | $50 \%$ or more marks in Geography or Mathematics in the <br> qualifying examination |
| Geology | $40 \%$ or more marks in Mathematics in the qualifying <br> examination. |  |
| Mathematics | 65 | $50 \%$ or more marks in Mathematics in the qualifying <br> examination. |
| Physics | $50 \%$ or more marks in Physics and at least 40\% in <br> Mathematics in the qualifying examination. |  |
| Statistics | 30 | $40 \%$ or more marks either in Statistics or in Mathematics in <br> the qualifying examination. |
| Zoology | 60 | $50 \%$ or more marks in Biology in the qualifying examination. |

## *** MATHEMATICS, GEOGRAPHY AND STATISTICS are offered as core subjects under BSc Honours programme only

BA Liberal Arts: Regular Intake $=50$
BCA (Self-financing): Regular Intake $=15$
Programme specific eligibility condition: The applicant must score a minimum of $60 \%$ marks each in Mathematics, and in any two of Physics, Chemistry, Statistics, Economics and Commerce in HS or $10+2$ equivalent examination.

## 4. How To Apply:

4.1 Application for admission to any UG course in Cotton University must be filled up and submitted ONLINE through the University website www.cottonuniversity.ac.in. There will be separate application checkboxes/options for the following programmes:
(i) Bachelor of Arts (for all Honours under Arts stream except Mass Comm)
(ii) BSc Honours (for all Honours under Science stream except Biotechnology)
(iii) BA Liberal Arts
(iv) BCA (Bachelor of Computer Applications: Self-financing course)
(v) BSc Honours in Biotechnology (Self-financing course)
(vi) BA Honours in Mass Communication and Journalism (Self-financing course)
(vii) BSc Honours Geography
***Geography as Core subject is only available under the BSC Honours programme. Students passing HS or $12^{\text {th }}$ equivalent in Science/Arts/Commerce stream who want to keep Geography as Core option and fulfil the eligibility criteria given in Section 3 above, must additionally select option 7 on the first page of the online application form.***
4.2 Applicants must first generate their Unique IDs in the website of the Director, Higher Education through the link $\underline{\mathrm{http}} / / /$ dheonlineadmission.amtron.in/sp/. Without the Unique ID, no applicant would be able to apply for admission in any programme/course mentioned in item 4.1 above.
4.3 Applicants may apply for more than one of the programmes/courses listed above. Admission will be strictly in order of merit as explained in Section 6 below and governed by the University's Admission Rules and Regulations. The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor's decision regarding admission shall be considered as final.
4.4 A onetime application fee of Rs 300/-(rupees three hundred only) has to be paid by the applicants for single as well as multiple application forms.
5. Documents to be submitted ONLINE while applying or at the time of Admission:
(i) Pass Certificate and Marksheet of the qualifying examination (HS or equivalent $10+2$ examination from a recognized board or council).
(ii) Reserved Category Certificate, if applicable. Only certificates issued by the competent authority under the Government of Assam shall be deemed valid.
(iii) A copy of Passport size photograph (in jpg format, $50-100 \mathrm{~kb}$ size)
(iv) Age proof: Certificate from authorized official where Date of Birth is mentioned.
(v) Gap in study: Candidates having passed the qualifying examination in an earlier year ( 2021,2020 or 2019) will have to submit (online) a Self-declaration, certifying that she/he was not involved in any unlawful activities during the interim period and that she/he would withdraw admission from any other regular UG course presently enrolled in, if selected for admission.

Candidates having more than 3 (three) years of study gap from the qualifying exam will not be eligible for admission.
(vi) Candidates seeking admission under EWS category will have to upload valid Income and Asset certificates issued by a competent authority under the Government of Assam.
(vii) Candidate seeking admission under the fee waiver scheme of the Government of Assam shall have to upload the valid document as per the relevant Govt. notification.

In case the admission committee is unable to verify a document submitted online, then the concerned candidate may be required to physically visit the University to show the original document for verification. The candidate will be duly notified through the contact number or email ID provided in her/his online application in such a case.
(Marksheets, certificates and such other documents of a student required at the time of online application and admission are to be uploaded in PDF format while the signature and photograph are to be uploaded in JPG/JPEG format)

## NOTE 1:

If at any stage any original document of an applicant is found to be fake or fabricated or in any other manner defective OR if any applicant is found to have furnished wrong information, the said applicant will not be admitted and if already admitted, admission will be cancelled without any prior notice in this regard. If the same is found after the completion of the Programme of Study, the applicant's degree will be cancelled and appropriate legal action will be taken against him/her.

## NOTE 2:

Students admitted will have to produce all original documents for verification at a date within 10 days from the commencement of the classes. The date of verification will be notified by the University Authority at an appropriate time in the University website. For any candidate failing to produce their original documents during verification, his/her admission will stand cancelled.

## 6. Merit List Preparation:

For each of the sets of valid applications received for the UG programmes listed in section 4.1 above, the respective merit list will be according to the descending order of the total of:
(a) Top three scores of a student among the SCIENCE subjects in the qualifying examination, for admission in to BSc Honours courses. Although Geography Core is under the BSc Honours programme, the merit list condition for Geography Core will be different from other science subjects because students passing HS $/ 12^{\text {th }}$ equivalent in Arts or Commerce also can apply.
(b) Top three scores of a student among all the subjects in the qualifying examination for admission in to all BA Honours courses and BSc Honours in Geography.
(c) Top three scores of a student among all the subjects in the qualifying examination for admission in to BCA course.
(d) Top three scores of a student among all the subjects in the qualifying examination, for admission in to BA Liberal Arts
*The position of an applicant in the merit list will be based on the sum of the marks obtained in HS or 10+2 equivalent examination in the best 3 subjects as explained above, in addition to the basic eligibility criteria listed in Section 3.
*The marks obtained in each subject to be considered above will be out of 100, i.e. the merit list will show marks obtained out of the total of 300 marks.
*There will be separate merit lists prepared from online applications received respectively for the UG programmes listed in section 4.1 above.
*Admission to the programmes specified above (in 4.1) shall be strictly from the respective merit lists with the subject specific eligibility conditions taken into consideration.
*A candidate who does not apply to any one of the above programmes (specified in 4.1) will not feature in the merit list of that programme even if she/he meets all eligibility conditions.
*A candidate is allowed to apply for as many courses/programmes as she/he may wish to have as option but cannot claim for change of the options once the online application form is submitted.

### 6.1 Marks Standardization

In case considerable difference in the scoring pattern is detected between the two major boards, viz. Assam Higher Secondary Educational Council (AHSEC) and Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), a marks standardisation method shall be followed.
To explain the method of standardization, let us consider the preparation of merit list as per (c) above.

Suppose $\boldsymbol{A}$ and $\boldsymbol{B}$ are the highest marks calculated as per (c), among all applicants in Cotton University passing HS under AHSEC and those passing the equivalent examination under CBSE respectively.

An Index Factor $\boldsymbol{F}$ is defined as,

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\boldsymbol{F}=\frac{\boldsymbol{B}}{\boldsymbol{A}} \text { if } \boldsymbol{B}>\boldsymbol{A} \text { and } \boldsymbol{F}=\mathbf{1} \text { otherwise }
$$

Then, the standardised mark of a student having passed HS under AHSEC is calculated by the formula:

Standardised marks $=\boldsymbol{M} \times \boldsymbol{F}$, where $\boldsymbol{M}$ is the total marks(sum of best 3 subjects) of that student calculated as per (c) above.

Note: For all Boards/Councils other than AHSEC, the index factor shall be 1.

### 6.2 Tie-Breaking

For candidates with equal scores in the merit list the tie-breaking rules will be as follows:
(a) In case of an Honours subject, the candidate who has more marks in that subject in the qualifying examination will be placed higher. If neither candidate has the subject in the qualifying examination but the Honours subject has an eligibility condition involving another subject, then the candidate with more marks in that subject will be placed higher in the merit list. If both the above conditions are not applicable then the candidate with more marks in English will be placed higher.
(b) In case of BA Liberal Arts, the candidate who has more marks in English in the qualifying examination will be placed higher. If both have equal marks in English then the candidate with earlier date of birth will be placed higher.
(c) In case of BCA, the candidate who has more marks in Mathematics in the qualifying examination will be placed higher. If both have equal marks in Mathematics then the candidate with higher marks in English will be placed higher.

## 6. Scheme of Waiver of Admission Fee, Tuition Fees etc. of Govt. of Assam:

The scheme of Waiver of Admission Fee/ Tuition Fees etc. is being offered as per the order issued by the Higher Education Department, Government of Assam, applicable for the academic year 2022-23 to the students who upload the valid income certificates at the time of filling up the forms. Fee waiver is not applicable for self-financing courses. Students

## 7. BA \& BSc Honours Programmes in the Choice Based Credit System (CBCS):

Cotton University has updated the Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) curriculum for BA Honours and BSc Honours programmes with effect from the academic year 2020-21. All Honours courses follow the CBCS curriculum of 140 credits.

## Outline of courses under CBCS:

Each course of a program will be of one of the following categories:
7.1 Core Course: A course, which should compulsorily be studied by a candidate as a core requirement is termed as a Core course.
7.2 Elective Course: Generally a course which can be chosen from a pool of courses and which may be very specific or specialized or advanced or supportive to the discipline/subject of study or which provides an extended scope or which enables an exposure to some other discipline/subject/domain or nurtures the candidate's proficiency/skill is called an Elective Course.
a. Discipline Specific Elective (DSE) Course: Elective courses offered in the main discipline/subject of study are referred to as Discipline Specific Electives. Such courses may also be of interdisciplinary nature.
b. Dissertation/ Project: An elective course designed to acquire special/advanced knowledge, such as supplement study/support study to a project work, and a candidate studies such a course on his own with an advisory support by a teacher/faculty member is called dissertation/project.
c. Generic Elective (GE) Course: An elective course chosen generally from an unrelated discipline/subject, with an intention to seek exposure is called a Generic Elective. The available General Elective subjects are: Anthropology, Arabic, Assamese, Bengali, Bodo, Botany, Chemistry, Computer Science, Economics, Education, English, Environmental Science, Geography, Geology, Hindi, History, Mass Comm. \& Journalism, Mathematics, Persian, Philosophy, Physics, Political Science, Psychology, Sanskrit, Statistics, Sociology, and Zoology.
7.3 Ability Enhancement Courses (AEC): The Ability Enhancement (AE) Courses may be of two kinds: Ability Enhancement Compulsory Courses (AECC) and Skill Enhancement Courses (SEC). AECC courses are the courses based upon the content that leads to Knowledge enhancement. These are mandatory for all disciplines. SEC courses are value-based and/or skill-based and are aimed at providing hands-on training, competencies, skills, etc.
a. Ability Enhancement Compulsory Courses (AECC): Environmental Science, English Communication, and MIL (Assamese, Bengali, Bodo and Hindi).
b. Skill Enhancement Courses (SEC): These courses may be chosen from a pool of courses designed to provide value-based and/or skill-based knowledge.
7.4 Introducing Research Component: A Project/Dissertation is considered as a special course involving application of knowledge in solving/analyzing/exploring a real life situation or a
difficult problem. A Project/Dissertation work would be of 6 credits. A Project/ Dissertation work may be given in lieu of a discipline specific elective paper.

## Details of courses and corresponding credits:

| Course |  | No of Papers | Credits |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Theory + Practical | Theory + Tutorial |
| Core Course | Core course for the Honours subject |  | 14 | $14 \times(4+2)=84$ | $14 \times(5+1)=84$ |
| Elective Courses | Discipline Specific Elective (For the Honours subject) | 4 | $4 \times(4+2)=24$ | $4 \times(5+1)=24$ |
|  | Generic Elective (Interdisciplinary) | 4 | $4 \times(4+2)=24$ | $4 \times(5+1)=24$ |
| Ability <br> Enhancement <br> Courses | Ability Enhancement Compulsory Courses (AECC) | 2 | $2 \times(2+0)=4$ | $2 \times(2+0)=4$ |
|  | Skill Enhancement Courses (SEC) | 2 | $2 \times(2+0)=4$ | $2 \times(2+0)=4$ |
|  |  | 26 | Total credits $=140$ | Total credits $=140$ |

* Wherever there is a practical there will be no tutorial and vice-versa.
* An Honours programme will generally have a mix of papers having practical and tutorial
* Figures in the parenthesis indicate the credits


## Semester wise Course and Credit Distribution:

Minimum credits required for the complete programme: 140

| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Seme- } \\ & \text { ster } \end{aligned}$ | Core Course <br> No. of Papers: 14 | Ability <br> Enhancement <br> Compulsory <br> Course (AECC) <br> No. of Papers: 2 | Skill <br> Enhancement <br> Course (SEC) <br> No. of <br> Papers: 2 | Elective: <br> Discipline <br> Specific (DSE) <br> No. of <br> Papers: 4 | Elective: <br> Generic (GE) <br> No. of <br> Papers: 4 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| I | Core 1 Credits-6 | English <br> Communication/ MIL * <br> Credits- 2 |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { GE-1 } \\ & \text { Credits-6 } \end{aligned}$ |
|  | Core 2 <br> Credits-6 |  |  |  |  |
| II | Core 3 Credits-6 | Environmental Science ** Credits-2 |  |  | GE-2 <br> Credits-6 |
|  | Core 4 Credits-6 |  |  |  |  |
| III | Core 5 Credits-6 |  | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline \text { SEC -1 } \\ \text { Credits-2 } \end{array}$ |  | GE- 3 <br> Credits-6 |
|  | Core 6 Credits-6 |  |  |  |  |
|  | Core 7 <br> Credits-6 |  |  |  |  |


| IV | Core 8 <br> Credits-6 |  | SEC -2 <br> Credits-2 |  | GE-4 <br> Credits-6 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | Core 9 <br> Credits-6 | Core 10 <br> Credits-6 |  |  |  |
|  | Core 11 <br> Credits-6 |  |  | DSE-1 <br> Credits-6 |  |
|  | Core 12 <br> Credits-6 |  | DSE -2 <br> Credits-6 |  |  |
| VI | Core 13 <br> Credits-6 |  | DSE -3 <br> Credits-6 |  |  |
|  | Core 14 <br> Credits-6 |  | DSE -4 <br> Credits-6 |  |  |

## Ability Enhancement Compulsory Courses (AECC) in $1^{\text {st }}$ and $2^{\text {nd }}$ Semester:

i. For BSc Honours Students:

In the First Semester-
All students shall have Environmental Science as AECC.
In the Second Semester-
*Students having studied any of Assamese, Bengali, Bodo and Hindi as MIL course in the qualifying examination, shall take the same MIL as AECC. Otherwise they will take English Communication as AECC
ii. For BA Honours Students:

In the First Semester
(a) Students with an MIL as their Honours subject: This category of students will take English Communication as their AECC course.
(b) Students with English as their Honours subject: If any of Assamese, Bengali, Bodo or Hindi was a subject of the student in her/his HS or $12^{\text {th }}$ equivalent examination then it will be their AECC course. Otherwise they will take English Communication as AECC course.
(c) Students with neither an MIL nor English as their Honours subject: They will take an MIL as their AECC course if that MIL was a subject for them in the qualifying examination, otherwise they will take English Communication AECC course.

## In the Second Semester

All students shall have Environmental Science as AECC.

## Notes for BA/BSc Honours (CBCS) programmes:

- The Honours subject and a Generic Elective (GE) subject will be assigned to a student at the time of admission based on merit, subject to the availability of seats.
- For having any of Chemistry, Mathematics and Physics as Generic Elective, a student must secure pass marks in the respective subject in the qualifying Examination.
- Generic Elective (GE) subject allotted at the time of admission may be changed only in the $3^{\text {rd }}$ semester. Change of subject will be done on merit basis and is subject to the availability of seats in the concerned department.
- Ability Enhancement Compulsory Courses (AECC) will also be assigned at the time of admission.
- Skill Enhancement Courses (SEC) will be allotted in $3^{\text {rd }}$ and $4^{\text {th }}$ Semesters.


## 8. BA Liberal Arts Programme:

Duration of the course: 3 (three) years
Number of Semesters: 6 (six)
Number of seats: $\mathbf{5 0}$ (fifty)
This is a six-semester (three year) degree program open for candidates who have cleared their $10+2$ examination in any of the three disciplines (Arts, Commerce, and Science). This program aims to offer students the opportunity to study a broad range of subjects while developing specialized knowledge in one core subject with the curricular flexibility of enabling a student to acquire knowledge across various disciplines while keeping the option to continue higher study in a Major discipline.

## Outline of Courses and Credits:

The BA in Liberal Arts programme, shall follow a six-semester pattern with a required minimum total of 132 credits. Each course in the program shall be from one of the following categories:
8.1 Foundation Course: A student will study any four subjects of her/his choice as foundation courses from a given pool of diverse subjects across disciplines in the $1^{\text {st }}$ Semester. In the $2^{\text {nd }}$ Semester she/he will have to change two of the foundation course subjects. Third semester onwards the student will study one of the subjects studied as Foundation Course as her/his Major. The idea of studying foundation courses is to allow the students sufficient time to develop interest towards a particular subject and to identify the subject that she/he would study as the Major discipline.
8.2 Core Course: The course that a candidate gets to study most intensively as part of her/his chosen Major discipline, is the Core Course or Specialization.
8.3 Enabler Course: A course which can be chosen from a pool of courses and which may extend the discipline/subject of study or which provides exposure to some other discipline/subject is termed an Enabler course.
8.4 Ability Enhancement (AE) Courses: The ability enhancement courses are of two types.

- Ability Enhancement Compulsory Course (AECC): These are three mandatory courses namely, (a) Environmental Studies, (b) English Communication and (c) Research Methodology.
- Skill Enhancement Course (SEC): These courses may be chosen from a pool of courses designed to provide skill-based knowledge. The primary purpose is to provide students with life-skills in hands-on mode to increase their employability.
8.5 Discipline Specific Elective (DSE): An elective course offered in the main discipline/subject of study is referred to as a Discipline Specific Elective. Such courses may also be of interdisciplinary nature.
8.6 Dissertation/ Capstone: A course in which the student would pursue independent research on a question or problem of their choice that is related to her/his Major discipline, with advisory support by a faculty member to produce a substantial report.

Semester-wise Course and Credit Distribution:

| Semester | Core courses | Ability <br> Enhancement <br> Compulsory <br> Courses (AECC) | Skill <br> Enhancement Courses (SEC) | Enabler/ <br> Elective | Foundation course (FC) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $1^{\text {sts }}$ Sem |  | English Communication skill (4 credits) |  |  | Any four foundation courses to be chosen (4 credits each) |
| $2^{\text {nd }} \mathrm{Sem}$ |  | Environmental Studies (4 credits) |  |  | Any four foundation courses (maximum two subjects common to those studied in the first sem) |
| $3^{\text {rd }}$ Sem | Spl 1 (6 credits) <br> Spl 2 (6 credits) <br> Spl 3 (6 credits) |  | One skill enhancement course (4 credits) | One enabler course to be chosen from pool (4 credits) |  |
| $4^{\text {th }} \mathrm{Sem}$ | Spl 4 (6 credits) <br> Spl 5 ( 6 credits) <br> Spl 6 ( 6 credits) |  | One skill enhancement course (4 credits) | One enabler course to be chosen from pool (4 credits) |  |
| $5^{\text {th }} \mathrm{Sem}$ | Spl 7 (6 credits) <br> Spl 8 ( 6 credits) | Research Methodology (4 credits) |  | One DSE course $\qquad$ (6 credits) |  |
| $6^{\text {th }}$ Sem | Spl 9 (6 credits) <br> Spl 10 ( 6 credits) |  |  | One <br> Dissertation/ <br> Capstone <br> (6 credits) |  |
|  | 60 credits | 12 credits | 8 credits | 20 credits | 32 credits |

Total course credits $\mathbf{= 1 3 2}$

## 9. SELF-FINANCING COURSES/ PROGRAMMES

## BSc Honours in Biotechnology:

Number of seats: 45 (forty-five)
Eligibility: Candidates must pass in Biology, Chemistry and Physics/Mathematics in the qualifying examination.
Duration of the Course: 3 (three) years
Number of Semesters: 6 (six)

Courses and Credit Distribution: Same as for the Choice Based Credit System for BA/ BSc Honours courses.

## BA Honours in Mass Communication and Journalism:

Number of seats: 20 (Twenty)
Eligibility: Candidates must pass Higher Secondary or (10+2) equivalent examination.
Duration of the Course: 3(three) years
Number of Semesters: 6(six)
Courses and Credit Distribution: Same as for the Choice Based Credit System for BA/ BSc Honours courses.

## Bachelor of Computer Applications (BCA):

Number of seats: 15 (fifteen)
Eligibility: An applicant must score a minimum of $60 \%$ marks each in Mathematics, and in any two of Physics, Chemistry, Statistics, Economics and Commerce in HS or $10+2$ equivalent examination.
Duration of the Course: 3 (three) years
Number of Semesters: 6 (six)
Courses and Credit Distribution:

| Course | No of <br> Papers | Credits/paper | Total Credits |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | ---: |
| BCA Core | 14 | 6 | $14 \times 6=84$ |
| Discipline Specific Elective (DSE) | 8 | 6 | $8 \times 6=48$ |
| Ability Enhancement Courses (AECC) | 2 | 2 | $2 \times 2=4$ |
| Skill Enhancement Courses (SEC) | 2 | 2 | $2 \times 2=4$ |
|  | 26 |  | Total = 140 |

Note: Though the total credits of BCA programme is 140 i.e. equal to BA/BSc Honours CBCS programmes, there is no General Elective courses in BCA. However, BCA students will have to study a Discipline Specific Elective paper in every semester.

## Semester wise Course and Credit Distribution for BCA:

| Semester | Core <br> Course <br> No of <br> Paper -14 | Ability <br> Enhancement <br> Compulsory <br> Course (AECC) <br> No. of Papers - 2 | Skill <br> Enhancement <br> Course (SEC) <br> No of <br> Papers - 2 | Discipline Specific <br> Elective (DSE) <br> No. of <br> Papers - 8 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| I | Core 1 <br> Credits-6 | Environmental <br> Science <br> Credits-2 |  | DSE 1 <br> Credits-6 |
|  | Core 2 <br> Credits-6 | MI L/English <br> Communication <br> II | Core 3 <br> Credits-6 |  |


| III | Core 5 <br> Credits-6 | SEC -1 <br> Credits-2 | DSE 3 <br> Credits-6 |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | Core 6 <br> Credits-6 |  |  |  |
|  | Core 7 <br> Credits-6 |  | SEC -2 <br> Credits-2 | DSE4 <br> Credits-6 |
| IV | Core 8 <br> Credits-6 |  |  | Core 9 <br> Credits-6 |
|  | Core 10 <br> Credits-6 |  | DSE-5 <br> Credits-6 |  |
|  | Core 11 <br> Credits-6 |  | DSE -6 <br> Credits-6 |  |
|  | Core 12 <br> Credits-6 |  | DSE -7 <br> Credits-6 |  |
| VI | Core 13 <br> Credits-6 |  | DSE -8 <br> Credits-6 |  |
|  | Core 14 <br> Credits-6 |  |  |  |

## Ability Enhancement Compulsory Courses (AECC) in $\mathbf{1}^{\text {st }}$ and $2^{\text {nd }}$ Semester of BCA:

In the First Semester-
All students shall have Environmental Science as AECC.
In the Second Semester-
Students having studied any of Assamese, Bengali, Bodo and Hindi as MIL course in the qualifying examination, shall take the same MIL as AECC. Otherwise they will take English Communication as AECC

## 10. RESERVATION RULES FOR ADMISSION TO THE UG PROGRAMMES

10.1 General Reservation Rules: Cotton University follows the same Reservation policy in respect of Admission in to the Undergraduate Course(s) as framed by the Government of Assam from time to time. As per the said Reservation policy, the percentages of seats under different reserved categories are shown below. These rules are applicable for the candidates belonging to the state of Assam only.

| OBC / MOBC | SC | ST (Plains) | ST (Hills) | EWS |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $15 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $10 \%$ |

## Note:

(i) Only Caste/Tribe certificates issued by the Competent Authorities of the Government of Assam will be accepted.
(ii) Caste/Tribe Certificates of OTHER STATE will NOT be valid.
(iii) For candidates belonging to the Economically Weaker Sections (EWS), Income and Asset Certificate issued only by the Local Circle Officer or Circle Officer (A), as stipulated by the Govt of Assam, shall be deemed valid.
10.2 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 performance, NCC, NSS, Scouts \& Guides, etc. and a few other categories as per the table given below. EC reservation is NOT APPLICABLE for admission to BA Liberal Arts and the Self-Financing courses. Maximum 2 extra seats only per Honours subject shall be allotted under EC etc. quota. Maximum total number of seats reserved for those categories under EC etc. quota in BA Honours and BSc Honours programmes are:

| Category | Number of seats <br> in BA Honours | Number of seats <br> 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 <br> Armed Forces, CAPF and Assam Police | 2 | 2 |

10.3 Reservation for Candidates with disabilities: As per Government rules, 5\% extra seats (of the total number of seats across all disciplines) are reserved for the Candidates with disabilities (DA). The applicants under this category may have to appear before a medical board with the relevant certificate(s).

## Important Notes for Admission in quotas for EC etc. and DA categories:

(a) Certificates/ testimonials, in case of EC quota should not be more than 3 (three) years old.
(b) 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.
(c) For an outstanding sportsperson or cultural performer who represented the country in a recognized International event, the condition of cut-off mark in (b) 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.
(d) 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.

## 11. 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.

## 12. 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.


Academic Registrar

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