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NOTIFICATION

UG Admission 2021: General Information & Instructions

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 3rd semester the student can learn the subject more rigorously as her/his **Major** subject (Specialization). The student continues to get exposure to diverse topics across disciplines through the Enabler' and Skill Enhancement' courses and also learns the basics of independent research through a Capstone project.

(IV)   **BA Honours in Mass Communication & Journalism:** This is a *self-financing* three-year Honours degree programme of 140 credits.

(V)   **BSc Honours in Biotechnology:** This is a *self-financing* three-year Honours degree programme of 140 credits.

(VI)   **BCA:** This is a *self-financing* three-year degree programme of 140 credits in Computer Applications, covered in 6 (six) semesters.

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, ST(P) and ST(H) candidates). The minimum marks condition does not apply for Differently Abled candidates.
- To apply for admission to the BSc Honours programmes other than Mathematics, Statistics and Geography, the applicant must pass the qualifying examination with the minimum marks stated above in Science stream. However for BSc Honours in Mathematics, Statistics and Geography, candidates from any stream (Science, Arts or Commerce) may apply.
- **Applicants who passed the qualifying examination from Arts or Commerce stream and wish to be considered for Mathematics, Statistics or Geography Honours will have to additionally submit an online application for *BSc Honours*.**
- 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 the following pages.

Registration for online application opens on: <u>07 September 2021</u>

Last Date of submission of online application: <u>16 September 2021</u>

3. Number Of Seats And Eligibility Criteria

For the session 2021-22 Cotton University has increased the number of students to be admitted in each UG programme by 25% above the regular intake capacity as a special case. The additional seats shall be reserved for students having passed HS from Assam Higher Secondary Education Council (AHSEC).

BA Honours (CBCS)

Honours Subject	Number of Seats	Addl. Seats for AHSEC	Total Seats for 2021-22	Subject specific eligibility conditions
Anthropology	25	6	31	
Arabic	10	3	13	50% or more marks in Arabic in the qualifying examination.
Assamese	50	13	63	50% or more marks in Assamese in the qualifying examination.
Bengali	10	3	13	50% or more marks in Bengali in the qualifying examination.
Bodo	16	4	20	50% or more marks in Bodo in the qualifying examination.
Economics	60	15	75	60% or more marks in Economics or Mathematics in the qualifying examination.
Education	25	6	31	
English	60	15	75	60% or more marks in English in the qualifying examination.
Hindi	20	5	25	50% or more marks in Hindi in the qualifying examination.
History	40	10	50	
Mass Communication & Journalism*	20	5	25	
Persian	10	3	13	50% or more marks in Persian in the qualifying examination.
Philosophy	40	10	50	
Political Science	60	15	75	
Psychology	30	8	38	
Sanskrit	15	4	19	50% or more marks in Sanskrit in the qualifying examination.
Sociology	30	8	38	

*Self-financing

Distribution of Regular seats   **Distribution of AHSEC reserved seats**

UR	EWS	(M)OBC	SC	ST(P)	ST(H)	Subject	UR	EWS	(M)OBC	SC	ST(P)	ST(H)
12	3	4	2	3	1	Anthropology	3	1	1	0	1	0
4	1	2	1	1	1	Arabic	3	0	0	0	0	0
25	5	8	4	5	3	Assamese	7	1	2	1	1	1
4	1	2	1	1	1	Bengali	3	0	0	0	0	0
8	2	2	1	2	1	Bodo	3	0	1	0	0	0
32	6	9	4	6	3	Economics	7	2	2	1	2	1
12	3	4	2	3	1	Education	3	1	1	0	1	0
32	6	9	4	6	3	English	7	2	2	1	2	1

UR	EWS	(M)OBC	SC	ST(P)	ST(H)	Subject	UR	EWS	(M)OBC	SC	ST(P)	ST(H)
11	2	3	1	2	1	Hindi	2	1	1	0	1	0
21	4	6	3	4	2	History	4	1	2	1	1	1
11	2	3	1	2	1	Mass Comm. & Journalism	2	1	1	0	1	0
4	1	2	1	1	1	Persian	3	0	0	0	0	0
21	4	6	3	4	2	Philosophy	4	1	2	1	1	1
32	6	9	4	6	3	Political Science	7	2	2	1	2	1
15	3	5	2	3	2	Psychology	4	1	1	1	1	0
7	2	2	1	2	1	Sanskrit	3	0	1	0	0	0
15	3	5	2	3	2	Sociology	4	1	1	1	1	0

Distribution of Regular seats (left header) / Distribution of AHSEC reserved seats (right header)

BSc Honours (CBCS)

Subject	Number of Seats	Addl. Seats for AHSEC	Total Seats for 2021-22	Subject specific eligibility Conditions
Biotechnology*	45	11	56	Pass marks in Biology, Chemistry **and** Physics or Mathematics in the qualifying examination.
Botany	50	13	63	50% or more marks in Biology in the qualifying examination.
Chemistry	65	16	81	50% or more marks in Chemistry and passed in Mathematics in the qualifying examination.
Computer Science	20	5	25	40% or more marks in Mathematics in the qualifying examination.
Geography	30	8	38	50% or more marks in Geography or Mathematics in the qualifying examination
Geology	40	10	50	40% or more marks in Mathematics in the qualifying examination.
Mathematics	80	20	100	50% or more marks in Mathematics in the qualifying examination.
Physics	65	16	81	50% or more marks in Physics and at least 40% in Mathematics in the qualifying examination.
Statistics	30	8	38	40% or more marks either in Statistics or in Mathematics in the qualifying examination.
Zoology	60	15	75	50% or more marks in Biology in the qualifying examination.

*Self-financing

Distribution table for Regular seats (left) / **Distribution table for AHSEC reserved seats** (right)

UR	EWS	(M)OBC	SC	ST(P)	ST(H)	Subject	UR	EWS	(M)OBC	SC	ST(P)	ST(H)
23	5	7	3	5	2	Biotechnology	5	1	2	1	1	1
25	5	8	4	5	3	Botany	7	1	2	1	1	1
33	7	10	5	7	3	Chemistry	8	2	2	1	2	1
11	2	3	1	2	1	Computer Sc.	2	1	1	0	1	0
15	3	5	2	3	2	Geography	4	1	1	1	1	0
21	4	6	3	4	2	Geology	4	1	2	1	1	1
42	8	12	6	8	4	Mathematics	11	2	3	1	2	1
33	7	10	5	7	3	Physics	8	2	2	1	2	1
15	3	5	2	3	2	Statistics	4	1	1	1	1	0
32	6	9	4	6	3	Zoology	7	2	2	1	2	1

BA Liberal Arts: Regular Intake = 50, Additional seats reserved for AHSEC = 13, Total for 2021 = 63

Distribution of Regular seats							Distribution of AHSEC reserved seats					
UR	EWS	(M)OBC	SC	ST(P)	ST(H)	**Programme**	UR	EWS	(M)OBC	SC	ST(P)	ST(H)
25	5	8	4	5	3	BA Liberal Arts	7	1	2	1	1	1

BCA (Self-financing): Regular Intake = 15, Additional seats reserved for AHSEC = 4 Total for 2021=19

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.

Distribution of Regular seats							Distribution of AHSEC reserved seats					
UR	EWS	(M)OBC	SC	ST(P)	ST(H)	**Programme**	UR	EWS	(M)OBC	SC	ST(P)	ST(H)
7	2	2	1	2	1	BCA	3	0	1	0	0	0

4. How To Apply:

4.1 Application for admission to any UG programmee in Cotton University must be filled up and submitted ONLINE through the University website **www.cottonuniversity.ac.in**. There will be separate application windows/tabs for the following programmes:

(i) BA Honours (*except in* Mass Communication and Journalism)

(ii) BSc Honours (*except in* 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*)

4.2 **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 5 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. Application is free of charge.

4.3 Documents to be submitted ONLINE while applying or at the time of Admission:

a. Pass Certificate and Marksheet of the qualifying examination (HS or equivalent 10+2 examination from a recognized board or council).

b. Reserved Category Certificate if applicable (Only certificates issued by competent authority under the Government of Assam shall be deemed valid).

c. A copy of Passport size photograph (in jpg format, 50-100 kb size)

d. Age proof: Certificate from authorized official where Date of Birth is mentioned.

e. Gap in study: Candidates having passed the qualifying examination in an earlier year (2020, 2019 or 2018) 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 will not be eligible for admission.**

f. 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: 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.

5. 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 sum of the marks obtained in English and best 4 (four) other subjects** in the qualifying examination. In other words, 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 5 subjects including English.

There will be six separate merit lists prepared from online applications received respectively for

(i)   BA Honours (except Mass Communication),
(ii)   BSc Honours (Except Biotechnology),
(iii) BA Liberal Arts,
(iv)   BSc Honours Biotechnology,
(v)   BA Honours Mass Communication, and
(vi)   BCA (Bachelor of Computer Applications).

Admission to the programmes specified above shall be strictly from the respective merit lists with the subject specific eligibility conditions taken into consideration. *A candidate who does not apply to one of the above programmes will not feature in the merit list of that programme even if she/he meets all eligibility conditions*.

5.1 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:

Till the issue of this document, no order issued by the Government of Assam has been received by the University for the academic year 2021-22 regarding any scheme of Waiver of Admission Fee/ Tuition Fees etc.

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 × (4+2) = 24	4 × (5+1) = 24
	Generic Elective (Interdisciplinary)	4	4 × (4+2) = 24	4 × (5+1) = 24
Ability Enhancement Courses	Ability Enhancement Compulsory Courses (AECC)	2	2 × (2+0) = 4	2 × (2+0) = 4
	Skill Enhancement Courses (SEC)	2	2 × (2+0) = 4	2 × (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

Semester	Core Course *No. of Papers: 14*	Ability Enhancement Compulsory Course (AECC) *No. of Papers: 2*	Skill Enhancement Course (SEC) *No. of Papers: 2*	Elective: Discipline Specific (DSE) *No. of Papers: 4*	Elective: Generic (GE) *No. of Papers: 4*
I	Core 1 Credits-6 Core 2 Credits-6	English Communication/ MIL * Credits- 2			GE-1 Credits-6
II	Core 3 Credits-6 Core 4 Credits-6	Environmental Science ** Credits-2			GE-2 Credits-6
III	Core 5 Credits-6 Core 6 Credits-6 Core 7 Credits-6		SEC -1 Credits-2		GE- 3 Credits-6
IV	Core 8 Credits-6 Core 9 Credits-6 Core 10 Credits-6		SEC -2 Credits-2		GE-4 Credits-6
V	Core 11 Credits-6 Core 12 Credits-6			DSE-1 Credits-6 DSE -2 Credits-6	

VI	Core 13 Credits-6			DSE -3 Credits-6	
	Core 14 Credits-6			DSE -4 Credits-6	

Ability Enhancement Compulsory Courses (AECC) in 1st and 2nd 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 12th 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 3rd 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 3rd and 4th Semesters.

8. BA Liberal Arts Programme:

Duration of the course: 3 (three) years
Number of Semesters: 6 (six)
Number of seats: 50 (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 1st Semester. In the 2nd 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.

Course pool:

Foundation courses / Core courses:

Economics, Education, English, Environmental Science, Geography, History, Mathematics, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, and Statistics.

Enabler/ Elective courses:

Archaeology, Assamese, Business Mathematics, Cultural studies, Data Analysis, Film and Media Studies, Gender Studies, Health and Nutrition, Legal Studies, Library and Information Science, Sanskrit, Tribal Studies, and Veda Studies.

Skill Enhancement courses:

Classical Music, Creative Writing, Design, Drama, Entrepreneurship, Fine Arts, Foreign (French and German) Language Basic Course, Sattriya Dance, Website Development, and Yoga and Physical Education.

Semester-wise Course and Credit Distribution:

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

Total course credits = 132

9. SELF-FINANCING COURSES/ PROGRAMMES

BSc Honours in Biotechnology:

Number of seats: 45 (forty-five) + 11 seats reserved for candidates passed under AHSEC

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) + 5 seats reserved for candidates passed under AHSEC

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) + 4 seats reserved for candidates passed under AHSEC

Eligibility: As per Resolution AC/2021/6/4 of the meeting of the CU Academic Council held on 7 August 2021, the eligibility criteria for admission to the BCA programme has been revised and accordingly, 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 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 Course *No of Paper -14*	Ability Enhancement Compulsory Course (AECC) *No. of Papers - 2*	Skill Enhancement Course (SEC) *No of Papers - 2*	Discipline Specific Elective (DSE) *No. of Papers – 8*
I	Core 1 Credits-6	Environmental Science Credits-2		DSE 1 Credits-6
	Core 2 Credits-6			
II	Core 3 Credits-6	MI L/English		DSE2 Credits-6

	Core 4 Credits-6	Communication Credits-2		
III	Core 5 Credits-6		SEC -1 Credits-2	DSE 3 Credits-6
	Core 6 Credits-6			
	Core 7 Credits-6			
IV	Core 8 Credits-6		SEC -2 Credits-2	DSE4 Credits-6
	Core 9 Credits-6			
	Core 10 Credits-6			
V	Core 11 Credits-6			DSE-5 Credits-6
	Core 12 Credits-6			DSE -6 Credits-6
VI	Core 13 Credits-6			DSE -7 Credits-6
	Core 14 Credits-6			DSE -8 Credits-6

Ability Enhancement Compulsory Courses (AECC) in 1st and 2nd 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. CREDIT TRANSFER & ONLINE COURSES

Some papers (e.g. SEC/DSE courses) will be offered, subject to availability, through official MOOCS/SWAYAM platforms of UGC such as per UGC directive. A student enrolled for the UG/PG program in the University must register for a MOOCs course, if it is selected by the respective Department in lieu of a course in the UG curriculum of the Department. The credit earned through such MOOCs courses shall be transferred to the grade sheet of the student to be counted for award of degree.

11. RESERVATION RULES FOR ADMISSION TO THE UG PROGRAMMES

11.1 **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.

11.2 **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 in Liberal Arts and the Self-Financing courses.** Maximum number of seats reserved for those categories under EC etc. quota in BA Honours and BSc Honours programmes are:

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

* A maximum of 2 seats per honours subject will allotted from the EC etc. quotas.

11.3 **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) In view of the Covid-19 situation the University may not conduct any trials offline mode for students seeking admission in EC quota under sports category. Details will be published in the notification mentioned above.

(c) 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.

(d) 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 total number of reserved seats in that particular EC quota will remain unchanged.

(e) 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.

12. FEE PAYABLE AT THE TIME OF ADMISSION

(a) BA Honours (with Field Study Paper) – Anthropology, Assamese: Rs 6,800.00
(b) BA Honours (without Field Study Paper) – All others except those in (a): Rs 5,800.00
(c) B.A. Liberal Arts – Rs 6,800.00
(d) BSc (with Field Study Paper) - Botany, Geography, Geology, Statistics, Zoology, Environmental Science: Rs 7,600.00
(e) BSc (without Field Study Paper)-All other subjects except those in (d): Rs 6,600.00

Self Financing programmes

(f) BA Honours in Mass Communication & Journalism: Rs 6,800.00 + Rs 14,500.00 (one semester fee) = Rs. 21,300.00
(g) BSc Honours in Biotechnology: Rs 7,600.00 + Rs. 14,500.00 (one semester fee) + Rs 7,000.00 (additional laboratory fee for one semester) = Rs. 29,100.00
(h) BCA: Rs. 7,600 + 14,500 (one semester fee) = 22,100.00

13. 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.

14. 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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