



Admission Guidelines 2026 for all Colleges Affiliated to NEHU

As per the directive of the Ministry of Education, Government of India, the **Common University Entrance Test (CUET)** score is mandatory for admission to Undergraduate (UG) and Postgraduate (PG) programmes in all Central Universities and their constituent and affiliated colleges.

However, the **Standard Operating Procedure (SOP)** issued by the University Grants Commission (UGC) in 2023, *enclosed as Annexure A*, permits the admission of non-CUET candidates only if vacancies remain after all CUET-based applicants have been accommodated. In such cases, Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) may admit non-CUET candidates through a transparent and well-publicised Institutional Mode Selection Method, provided this is done strictly after the completion of CUET-based counselling.

As per the CUET Information Bulletin, all admissions must comply with the applicable **Reservation Policies** at the time of admission. In general:

- State-run, government-aided, and recognised institutions shall follow the reservation policies of their respective State Governments.
- Central Universities shall apply their own reservation policies.

NEHU has been admitting students to its UG and PG programmes based on CUET scores and the UGC SOP. The same procedures shall be followed by all NEHU-affiliated colleges for the 2026 academic year.

A. Admission Guidelines for NEHU Affiliated Colleges in 2026

Admission shall be conducted in two rounds:

Round 1: Based on CUET (UG) 2026 scores.

Round 2: As per the SOP issued by UGC.

Round 1: Admission Based on CUET (UG) 2026 Scores

1. Admission to all UG programmes shall be based on CUET (UG) 2026 scores, which are valid only for the academic year 2026.
2. In case two or more candidates obtain the same CUET score, the marks obtained in the Class XII Board Examination shall be used for determining merit.
3. Mere appearance in CUET does not guarantee admission unless the candidate meets the programme-specific eligibility criteria prescribed by the University.



- Candidates must have passed the Class XII examination from a recognised Board in India or an equivalent examination recognised by the University.
- A detailed mapping of NEHU UG programmes with corresponding Language, Domain Subjects, and/or General Aptitude Test (GAT) options in CUET (UG) 2026 is provided in **Annexure B**; the same is also available at
 - Sl. No. 35 [UG] of <https://cuet.nta.nic.in/participating-universities/central-universities/>, andColleges must use this mapping when processing applications.
- Since affiliated colleges are run, aided, or recognised by State Governments, the respective State Government's reservation policy shall apply.
- At the end of this round, affiliated colleges must publish a merit list of admitted students based on CUET 2026 scores.

Round 2: Admission as per SOP of UGC

- This round shall commence only after all eligible CUET (UG) 2026 candidates have been admitted and vacancies still remain.
- Admission in this round shall begin five days after the declaration of CUET (UG) results, subject to the following:
 - Preference shall be given to candidates who appeared in CUET (UG) 2026, irrespective of the domain subjects they opted for.
 - If vacancies still exist, colleges may admit non-CUET candidates based on either their own entrance examination or marks obtained in the qualifying examination.

B. Admission Procedures

- Colleges must not admit any student (spot, provisional, or final) before the declaration of CUET results.
- Colleges may accept application forms from both CUET-registered and non-CUET applicants after the declaration of Class XII results. These may be used to prepare course-wise and category-wise applicant lists.
- After the declaration of CUET results, students must be given a maximum of five days to:
 - Submit admission forms to the college(s) of their choice based on their CUET scores, or
 - Report their CUET scores to colleges where they have already submitted application forms.
- Colleges shall consider the aggregate CUET scores of subjects specified in the programme mapping (Language, Domain Subjects, or GAT). Where both Domain Subjects and GAT are applicable, colleges may consider the score in the subject most relevant to the chosen programme.
- The timeline for completing the admission process, as per the UGC SOP, shall be determined by the respective colleges.
- Colleges must not admit students beyond their sanctioned capacity in terms of infrastructure and staff, in order to ensure quality education and avoid overcrowding.



7. All affiliated colleges are expected to strictly adhere to these guidelines. Non-compliance may result in barring students of the defaulting college(s) from registering for University examinations.

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Subject: Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for Central Universities to fill up their vacant seats-reg.

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It has come to the notice of UGC that a good number of seats at times remain vacant even after three or four rounds of counselling in some of the Central Universities and their constituent/affiliated colleges. To keep the seats vacant for an entire academic year is not only a waste of resources but also results in denial of quality higher education to many students who aspire to pursue higher studies in Central Universities. University Grants Commission in its 572nd Meeting, held on 20th September 2023 approved a set of Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) to facilitate the Central Universities to fill up their vacant seats. SOPs are enclosed herewith for appropriate action at your end.

It may also be pertinent to mention here that CUET scores will remain the primary criteria for admitting students. In fact, UGC has already written to all the Central Universities to admit students through CUET.

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Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for Central Universities to fill up their vacant seats

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- CUET scores will remain the primary criteria for admitting students.
- However, students who appeared in CUET, but may or may not have applied to the respective University for the courses/programmes earlier may also be considered.
- Further, students who appeared in CUET may be considered irrespective of the domain subject papers in which they appeared. Here, the University may relax the domain subject-specific criteria for admission to a particular course/programme.
- In case, seats still remain vacant even after exhausting the list of applicants who appeared in CUET, the Universities may take recourse to the following:
 1. The University may consider conducting an entrance examination at its own level or the concerned department of the University may conduct a screening test.
 2. The University may admit students on the basis of marks obtained in the qualifying examination.
- The entire admission process has to be based on merit and transparency.
- Further, the reservation roster shall apply for admission to courses/programmes in all cases.
- The Universities will ensure timely completion of the entire admission process so that no student faces any kind of academic loss.

Common University Entrance Test [CUET (UG)] - 2026: UNDER GRADUATE PROGRAMMES:- Mapping of Central Universities				
NAME OF UNIVERSITY/INSTITUTE: NORTH-EASTERN HILL UNIVERSITY				
TYPE OF UNIVERSITY: CENTRAL UNIVERSITY				
Srl. No.	Degree	Programme/ Course offered	Domain/ General/ Optional Languages mapped to the Programmes offered in column C	Eligibility for the programme
1	FYUP	Honours in Anthropology	English, Anthropology/General Aptitude Test	Passed the Class XII examination in the stream concerned from any recognized Board in India or any other examination considered equivalent by the University.
2	FYUP	Honours in Assamese	English , Assamese/General Aptitude Test	Passed the Class XII examination in the stream concerned from any recognized Board in India or any other examination considered equivalent by the University.
3	FYUP	Honours in Bengali	English , Bengali/General Aptitude Test	Passed the Class XII examination in the stream concerned from any recognized Board in India or any other examination considered equivalent by the University.
4	FYUP	Honours in Economics	English, Economics/Business Economics/ General Aptitude Test	Passed the Class XII examination in the stream concerned from any recognized Board in India or any other examination considered equivalent by the University.
5	FYUP	Honours in Education	English ,General Aptitude Test	Passed the Class XII examination in the stream concerned from any recognized Board in India or any other examination considered equivalent by the University.
6	FYUG	Honours in English	English , General Aptitude Test	Passed the Class XII examination in the stream concerned from any recognized Board in India or any other examination considered equivalent by the University.
7	FYUG	Honours in Garo	English , General Aptitude Test	Passed the Class XII examination in the stream concerned from any recognized Board in India or any other examination considered equivalent by the University.
8	FYUG	Honours in Geography	English , Geography/Geology/ General Aptitude Test	Passed the Class XII examination in the stream concerned from any recognized Board in India or any other examination considered equivalent by the University.
9	FYUP	Honours in Hindi	English , Hindi/General Aptitude Test	Passed the Class XII examination in the stream concerned from any recognized Board in India or any other examination considered equivalent by the University.
10	FYUP	Honours in Khasi	English , General Aptitude Test	Passed the Class XII examination in the stream concerned from any recognized Board in India or any other examination considered equivalent by the University.
11	FYUP	Honours in History	English, History/General Aptitude Test	Passed the Class XII examination in the stream concerned from any recognized Board in India or any other examination considered equivalent by the University.
12	FYUP	Honours in Mass Communication & Video Production	English, Mass Media/Mass Communication / General Aptitude Test	Passed the Class XII examination in the stream concerned from any recognized Board in India or any other examination considered equivalent by the University.

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13	FYUP	Honours in Media Technology	English , Mass Media/Mass Communication / General Aptitude Test	Passed the Class XII examination in the stream concerned from any recognized Board in India or any other examination considered equivalent by the University.
14	FYUP	Honours in Mizo	English , General Aptitude Test	Passed the Class XII examination in the stream concerned from any recognized Board in India or any other examination considered equivalent by the University.
15	FYUP	Honours in Music	English, Performing Arts/General Aptitude Test	Passed the Class XII examination in the stream concerned from any recognized Board in India or any other examination considered equivalent by the University.
16	FYUP	Honours in Nepali	English, General Aptitude Test	Passed the Class XII examination in the stream concerned from any recognized Board in India or any other examination considered equivalent by the University.
17	FYUP	Honours in Clinical Nutrition and Dietetics	English, General Aptitude Test	Passed the Class XII examination in the stream concerned from any recognized Board in India or any other examination considered equivalent by the University.
18	FYUP	Honours in Philosophy	English, General Aptitude Test	Passed the Class XII examination in the stream concerned from any recognized Board in India or any other examination considered equivalent by the University.
19	FYUP	Honours in Political Science	English, Political Science/General Aptitude Test	Passed the Class XII examination in the stream concerned from any recognized Board in India or any other examination considered equivalent by the University.
20	FYUP	Honours in Psychology	English, Psychology/General Aptitude Test	Passed the Class XII examination in the stream concerned from any recognized Board in India or any other examination considered equivalent by the University.
21	FYUP	Honours in Sociology	English, Sociology/General Aptitude Test	Passed the Class XII examination in the stream concerned from any recognized Board in India or any other examination considered equivalent by the University.
22	FYUP	Honours in Biochemistry	English , Biology/Biochemistry / General Aptitude Test	Passed the Class XII examination in the stream concerned from any recognized Board in India or any other examination considered equivalent by the University.
23	FYUP	Honours in Biotechnology	English, Biology/Biotechnology/ General Aptitude Test	Passed the Class XII examination in the stream concerned from any recognized Board in India or any other examination considered equivalent by the University.
24	FYUP	Honours in Botany	English, Biology/General Aptitude Test	Passed the Class XII examination in the stream concerned from any recognized Board in India or any other examination considered equivalent by the University.

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25	FYUP	Honours in Chemistry	English, Chemistry/General Aptitude Test	Passed the Class XII examination in the stream concerned from any recognized Board in India or any other examination considered equivalent by the University.
26	FYUP	Honours in Computer Science	English, Computer Science/General Aptitude Test	Passed the Class XII examination in the stream concerned from any recognized Board in India or any other examination considered equivalent by the University.
27	FYUP	Honours in Electronics	English, General Aptitude Test	Passed the Class XII examination in the stream concerned from any recognized Board in India or any other examination considered equivalent by the University.
28	FYUP	Honours in Environmental Science	English, Environmental Studies/General Aptitude Test	Passed the Class XII examination in the stream concerned from any recognized Board in India or any other examination considered equivalent by the University.
29	FYUP	Honours in Fisheries	English, General Aptitude Test	Passed the Class XII examination in the stream concerned from any recognized Board in India or any other examination considered equivalent by the University.
30	FYUP	Honours in Geology	English, Geography/Geology/General Aptitude Test	Passed the Class XII examination in the stream concerned from any recognized Board in India or any other examination considered equivalent by the University.
31	FYUP	Honours in Home Science	English, Home Science/General Aptitude Test	Passed the Class XII examination in the stream concerned from any recognized Board in India or any other examination considered equivalent by the University.
32	FYUP	Honours in Mathematics	English, Mathematics/General Aptitude Test	Passed the Class XII examination in the stream concerned from any recognized Board in India or any other examination considered equivalent by the University.
33	FYUP	Honours in Microbiology	English, Biology/General Aptitude Test	Passed the Class XII examination in the stream concerned from any recognized Board in India or any other examination considered equivalent by the University.
34	FYUP	Honours in Physics	English, Physics/General Aptitude Test	Passed the Class XII examination in the stream concerned from any recognized Board in India or any other examination considered equivalent by the University.
35	FYUP	Honours in Statistics	English, General Aptitude Test	Passed the Class XII examination in the stream concerned from any recognized Board in India or any other examination considered equivalent by the University.
36	FYUP	Honours in Zoology	English , Biology/General test	Passed the Class XII examination in the stream concerned from any recognized Board in India or any other examination considered equivalent by the University.

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37	FYUP	Commerce	English, Accountancy/Book Keeping/ General Aptitude Test	Passed the Class XII examination in the stream concerned from any recognized Board in India or any other examination considered equivalent by the University.
38	FYUP	BSW	English, General Aptitude Test	Passed the Class XII examination in the stream concerned from any recognized Board in India or any other examination considered equivalent by the University.
39	FYUP	BBA	English, Business Studies/General Aptitude Test	Passed the Class XII examination in the stream concerned from any recognized Board in India or any other examination considered equivalent by the University.
40	FYUP	BCA	English, Computer Science/General Aptitude Test	Passed the Class XII examination in the stream concerned from any recognized Board in India or any other examination considered equivalent by the University.
41	FYUP	Bachelor of Business Administration - Tourism & Travel Management	English, General Aptitude Test	Passed class-XII examination or its equivalent in any discipline from any recognised board securing a minimum of 50% marks in aggregate (45% for SC/ST) are eligible for admission to the program.
42	BA. LL.B	5 years integrated BA. LL.B (Honours)	English, General Aptitude Test	Passed Class XII examination in any stream securing an aggregate of not less than 50% of the total marks with at least 50% marks in English from any recognized University/Board, relaxable by 5% for SC/ST candidates.