

National Defence University, Islamabad
MERIT DETERMINATION CRITERIA

FALL- 2026

FOLLOWING MERIT CRITERIA WILL BE FOLLOWED DURING FALL -2026 ADMISSIONS:

Sr.	Program	Merit Weightage
1.	BS	<p>Academic Background: 40 % (SSC/HSSC/O/A level/equiv): SSC: 10%, HSSC/O/A Level/equiv: 30%)</p> <p>NDU Entry Test (CBT): 60%</p> <p>(No 3rd Division in Entire Academic Career. Passing marks of Entry Test shall be 50%)</p>
2.	BS Bridging	<p>Academic Background: 40 % (SSC/HSSC/O/A level/BA/BSC): SSC: 10%, HSSC: 10%, BA/BSC: 20%)</p> <p>NDU Entry Test (CBT): 60%</p> <p>(No 3rd Division in Entire Academic Career. Passing marks of Entry Test shall be 50%)</p>
3.	MS / MPhil	<p><u>Weightage for Merit Determination</u> <u>For Relevant Academic Background</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Academic background: 40% (BA/BSc (2 years)/equiv: 15%, MA/MSc/equiv.: 25% Or BS (4 years): 40%) ➤ GRE/*HAT(G)/GAT-G or an equivalent test : 40% ➤ Interview: 20% <p>(Passing marks of Interview shall be 50%. Only GAT (G)/ *HAT & GRE (G) by HEC passed candidates will be called for Interviews)</p> <p>Note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All final semester, result awaiting applicants applying for MPhil degree progs may be accommodated in line with BS applicants as per fol categories: (a) <u>NDU Graduating Students:</u> NDU Exam Branch to provide 7th sem result on which their merit will be calculated. (b) <u>Outside NDU Graduating Students:</u> Applicants to provide respective University's Exam Branch 7th sem result on which their merit will be calculated. • MS/MPhil & PhD candidates are required to submit their official transcript and relevant degree with admission form. • Candidates are also required to submit HEC attested degree at the time of Admission. • Passing marks for NDU MPhil GAT-G: 50%. <p>*HAT-3 category (Social Sciences) will be accepted for GPP, IR, PCS, SS, ECO & FSS. Whereas, HAT-2 category (Management Sciences/Business Edu) will be accepted for LMS only.</p> <hr/> <p><u>Weightage for Merit Determination</u> <u>For Intra-Disciplinary/Other Academic Background</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Academic Background : 30% (BA/BSc: 10%, MA/M.Sc: 20% OR BS 30%) ➤ GRE/*HAT(G)/GAT-G or an equivalent test : 20% and ➤ GAT (Subject) : 20% ➤ Interview (mandatory) : 30% <p>(Passing marks in GAT(G), GAT (S) and Interview are 50%)</p> <p>*HAT-3 category (Social Sciences) will be accepted for GPP, IR, PCS, SS, ECO &</p>

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4.	PhD	<p><u>Weightage for Merit Determination</u> <u>For Relevant Academic Background</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Academic Background : 30% (BA/BSc 5%, MA/MSc 5% OR BS 10%, MPhil 20%) ➤ GRE/*HAT(G)/GAT-G or an equivalent test : 40% ➤ Interview/Research Proposal PPT/Statement of Purpose : 30% <p>(Min 1st Div (annual based degree) or 3.0/4.0 CGPA (semester based degrees). Passing marks in GAT (G) are 60% whereas, passing marks in-interview are 50%). Applicants shall be required to present their Research Proposal & statement of purpose before panel.</p> <p>*HAT-3 category (Social Sciences) will be accepted for GPP, IR, PCS, SS, ECO & FSS. Whereas HAT-2 category (Management Sciences/Business Edu) will be accepted for LMS only.</p> <p>Note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete transcript, Degree must be submitted at the time of admission application. • Final copy of Research Proposal & statement of purpose shall be submitted with the admission applications. • Incomplete application shall not be considered.
		<p><u>Weightage for Merit Determination</u> <u>For Intra-Disciplinary/Other Academic Background</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Academic Background: 20% (BA/BSc 5%, MA/MSc 5% OR BS 10%, MPhil 10%) ➤ GRE/*HAT/GAT-G or an equivalent test: 20% ➤ GAT (Subject): 20% ➤ Interview/Research Proposal PPT / Statement of Purpose: 40% <p>(Passing marks in GAT (G) & GAT (S) are 60% whereas, passing marks in interview are 50% for PhD Candidates)</p> <p>*HAT-3 category (Social Sciences) will be accepted for GPP, IR, PCS, SS, ECO & FSS. Whereas HAT-2 category (Management Sciences/Business Edu) will be accepted for LMS only.</p>

Note:

1. All required tests, interviews, research proposal presentations, and statements of purpose will be conducted on campus.
2. **For Intra-disciplinary / irrelevant academic background (MS / MPhil & PhD) the candidate(s) will be required to qualify:-**
 - (a) GAT (General)
 - (b) GAT (Subject)
 - (c) Interview / Research Proposal Defence
 - (d) Complete 6-9 credit hours of deficiency coursework or additional course(s) as identified by the Admission Committee