National Defence University, Islamabad
MERIT DETERMINATION CRITERIA
SPRING 2026

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

Sr.	Program	Merit Weightage
1.	**BS**	**Academic Background: 40 %** (SSC/HSSC/O/A level/equiv): SSC: 10%, HSSC/O/A Level/equiv: 30%) **NDU Entry Test (CBT): 60%** (No 3rd Division in Entire Academic Career. Passing marks of Entry Test shall be 50%)
2.	**BS Bridging**	**Academic Background: 40 %** (SSC/HSSC/O/A level/BA/BSC): SSC: 10%, HSSC: 10%, BA/BSC: 20%) **NDU Entry Test (CBT): 60%** (No 3rd Division in Entire Academic Career. Passing marks of Entry Test shall be 50%)

3.	**MS / MPhil**	**Weightage for Merit Determination**
		
		For Relevant Academic Backgrou]nd
		
		➤ **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%**
		
		(Passing marks of Interview shall be **50%.** Only GAT (G)/ *HAT & GRE (G) by HEC passed candidates will be called for Interviews)
		Note:
		  • All final semester, result awaiting applicants applying for MPhil degree progms may be accommodated in line with BS applicants as per fol categories:
		  (a) NDU Graduating Students: NDU Exam Branch to provide 7th sem result on which their merit will be calculated.
		  (b) Outside NDU Graduating Students: 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 degreewith admission form.
		  • Candidates are also required to submit HEC attested degree at the time of Admission.
		  • Passing marks for NDU MPhil GAT-G: **50%.**
		*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.
		
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		Weightage for Merit Determination
		
		For Intra-Disciplinary/Other Academic Background
		
		➤ **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%**
		
		(Passing marks in GAT(G), GAT (S) and Interview are **50%**)
		
		*HAT-3 category (Social Sciences) will be accepted for GPP, IR, PCS, SS, ECO &

4.	PhD	FSS. Whereas, HAT-2 category (Management Sciences/Business Edu) will be accepted for LMS only.

		Weightage for Merit Determination
4.	**PhD**	<mark>For Relevant Academic Background</mark> ➤ 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%** (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. *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. **Note:** • 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.
		Weightage for Merit Determination <mark>For Intra-Disciplinary/Other Academic Background</mark> ➤ **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%** (Passing marks in GAT (G) & GAT (S) are **60%** whereas, passing marks in interview are 50% for PhD Candidates) *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.

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