



Presidency University
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Admission Notice
for Two – Year (four semesters) Master Degree Courses
(Open Quota)
(Session: 2025-2026)

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Date: 26/08/2025

Online applications are invited from the interested candidates who have passed their Graduation (with Honours / Major) not before 2024 for admission into following two-year (four semesters) full time Post Graduate Master of Arts (MA) and Master of Science (MSc) Courses for the session 2025-2026. Only completed online application will be considered. Application form will be available online from **26th August, 2025 to 31st August, 2025** at <http://14.139.217.88/>. There will be no application fee. Reservation policy will be followed as per Govt. rule. Incomplete application and application with invalid or wrong information is liable to be cancelled at any stage of admission.

The admission in Master degree courses for different categories will be based strictly on merit. The General Merit Rank (GMR) of individual candidate and General Merit List will be prepared based on the academic score (details are given below) only.

1. Available Subjects:

MA in Bengali, English, Hindi, History, Performing Arts, Philosophy, Political Science, Sociology

MSc in Applied Economics, Applied Geology, Astrophysics, Biotechnology, Chemistry, Geography, Life Sciences, Mathematics, Molecular Microbiology, Physics, Statistics & Virology and Immunology

2. Eligibility:

- a) There is no upper or lower age limit.
- b) Candidates must have passed (not before 2024) the Graduation with Honours/Major from any recognised University/Institute.
- c) The candidate must satisfy the requirement of minimum marks and subject as per the following table.

PG Courses	Required Honours/ Major Subject	Additional eligibility criteria (if any)	Minimum Required CGPA in Honours/ Major subject			
			General/UR/ EWS	SC/ST	OBC-A/B	PwD
Bengali	Bengali	-	4	4	4	4
English	English	-	4	4	4	4
Hindi	Hindi	-	4	4	4	4
History	History	-	4	4	4	4
Philosophy	Philosophy	-	4	4	4	4
Political Science	Political Science	-	4	4	4	4
Sociology	Sociology	-	4	4	4	4
Performing Arts	Performing Arts OR any allied subjects	-	4	4	4	4
Chemistry	Chemistry	-	4	4	4	4
Applied Economics	Economics	80% or more in Mathematics in 10+2 level (Business Mathematics is not allowed)	6.5	6	6.5	6
Geography	Geography	-	4	4	4	4
Applied Geology	Geology	-	4	4	4	4
Life Sciences	Any branches of Life Sciences	-	4	4	4	4
Mathematics	Mathematics	-	4	4	4	4
Physics	Physics	-	4	4	4	4
Statistics	Statistics	-	6.5	6	6.5	6
Biotechnology	Any branches of Life Sciences OR Biotechnology	Chemistry as GE/ Minor subject in Graduation	6.5	6	6.5	6
Molecular Microbiology	B.Sc. in Microbiology OR any branches of Life Sciences	Chemistry as GE/ Minor subject in Graduation	6.5	6	6.5	6
Virology and Immunology	B.Sc. in Virology OR Immunology OR any branches of Life Sciences	Chemistry as GE/ Minor subject in Graduation	6.5	6	6.5	6
Astrophysics	Physics or Astrophysics	-	6.5	6	6.5	6

3. Important dates:

Application start date	: 26 th August, 2025
Application end date	: 31 st August, 2025
Publication of Provisional Merit list (tentative)	: 2nd September, 2025 (after 5 pm)
Publication of 1 st Selection List	: 2nd September, 2025 (after 5 pm)

4. Intake Capacity (Open Quota):*

Course-wise and category-wise availability of seats are given below.

Course	UR	SC	ST	A	B	EWS
Bengali	2	8	2	2	2	2
English	8	2	3	4	3	2
Hindi	2	7	1	4	3	3
History	8	10	0	4	3	2
Philosophy	9	4	1	2	1	1
Political Science	18	9	2	4	3	2
Performing Arts	1	4	0	1	1	3
Sociology	8	7	2	3	2	3
Life Sciences	7	8	2	7	5	4
Chemistry	13	8	3	4	3	2
Applied Economics	5	8	2	4	2	3
Geography	5	4	1	4	2	3
Applied Geology	6	5	2	3	2	2
Mathematics	5	8	1	4	3	3
Physics	18	9	3	4	3	2
Statistics	8	7	2	3	2	2
Biotechnology	11	5	1	2	1	2
Molecular Microbiology	11	5	1	2	1	2
Virology and Immunology	5	2	1	1	1	1
Astrophysics	8	4	1	2	1	2

* PwD (Person with Disability) seats are included in the total number of seats in respective courses and categories as per Government Order.

The reservation in OBC category shall be subject to the result of SLP No. 017751-017755 of 2024 arising from the judgement and order dated 22.05.2024 passed in WPO No. 60/2011 22.05.2024 in WPA No. 8844/2020 22.05.2024 in WPO No. 1160/2013 22.05.2024 in WPO No. 578/2012 22.05.2024 in WPA No. 22145/2010 by the Hon'ble Calcutta High Court.

5. Reservation of Seats

The Reservation will be applicable as per the Govt. Order.

- a) Availability of reserve category seats shall be restricted to residents of West Bengal only.
- b) Candidates claiming such seats must submit relevant Certificate issued from either of the competent Authorities of Government of West Bengal.
- c) The certificate is to be produced at the time of reporting or as and when required by the university. If the certificate is then found to be invalid, the candidate will lose the opportunity of admission in reserve category.

Competent Authorities of Govt of West Bengal for the issuance of SC/ST Certificate for candidates claiming under such reserve category of seats:

SC/ST Certificates are to be issued by any of the following authorities of Govt. of West Bengal:

- (i) Sub-Divisional Officers for all districts except Kolkata
- (ii) District Welfare Officer, Kolkata & Ex-Officio Joint Director, B.C.W. in case of Kolkata Municipal Area (as defined in clause (9) of Section 2 of K.M.C Act, 1980

Competent Authorities of Govt of West Bengal for the issuance of OBC Certificate for candidates claiming under such reserve category of seats:

As per Notification vide No. 374(71)-TW/EC/MR-103/94 dated 27/7/1994, read with Memorandum No. 1204-SBCW/MR-67/10 dated 27/7/2015 issued by Backward Classes Welfare Department. Govt. of W.B., the Sub Divisional Officer of a Sub- Division in a District is the certificate issuing authority. In Kolkata such certificate is issued by such an officer as the State Government by notification authorizes. Accordingly, the District Welfare Officer, Kolkata and Ex-officio Joint Director, BCW has been notified to act as the certificate issuing authority in respect of Kolkata covering the jurisdiction of the Kolkata Municipal Corporation.

Reservation of seats for PwD candidates:

- a) According to Section 2(r) of the RPWD Act, 2016, **“persons with benchmark disabilities”** means a **person with not less than forty percent (40%) of a specified disability** where specified disability has not been defined in measurable terms and includes a person with disability where specified disability has been defined in measurable terms, as certified by the certifying authority.
- b) Accordingly, reservation in PWD seats will be available for the following types of disabilities, percentage of disability being not less than 40%.
 - i. Locomotor disability as specified in the Schedule of RPWD Act, 2016.
 - ii. Visual impairment as specified in the Schedule of RPWD Act, 2016.
 - iii. Hearing impairment as specified in the Schedule of RPWD Act, 2016.
 - iv. Speech & language disability as specified in the Schedule of RPWD Act, 2016
 - v. Intellectual disabilities as specified in the Schedule of RPWD Act, 2016
 - vi. Mental illness.

- vii. Disabilities caused due to chronic neurological conditions and blood disorder.
- viii. Multiple disabilities including deaf blindness.

c) PWD certificates are to be issued by any of the authorities as given in the Order No. 289-HF/O/PHP/IR-05/2017 dated 29.08.2018 by the Government of West Bengal, Health & Family Welfare Department (PHP Branch).

Important Notes:

- The reservation policy, as announced by the government from time to time are followed by the Presidency University.
- PwD certificates are to be issued by any of the authorities as given in the Order No. 289-HF/O/PHP/IR-05/2017 dated 29.08.2018 by the Government of West Bengal, Health & Family Welfare Department (PHP Branch).

Competent Authorities for issuance of Economically Weaker Section (EWS) Certificate for WB domicile candidates claiming under such reserved category of seats and others:

As per Office Memorandum No. 325-PAR(AR)/3P-1/2019 dated 09th July 2019 issued by the Personnel & Administrative Reforms Department (Administrative Reforms Cell), Govt. of West Bengal read with Memorandum No. 959-BCW/MR-52/2019 dated 18th May 2023 issued by Backward Classes Welfare Department, Govt. of West Bengal, EWS Certificates are to be issued by any of the following authorities:

- a) District Magistrate/ Additional District Magistrate
- b) Sub-Divisional Officers
- c) District Welfare Officer, Kolkata and Ex-officio JD, BCW & TD in respect of Kolkata covering the jurisdiction of the Kolkata Municipal Corporation.

N.B. For eligibility and other details, please follow the Memorandums mentioned above.

6. Procedure for Preparation of General Merit List

Academic score based on below given criteria will be calculated. This academic score will be used to decide General Merit Rank (GMR) of individual student and to prepare the General Merit List. Allotment of seat/admission will be done based on GMR only (not on category ranks). Category ranks are only for information to candidates.

PG Courses	Formula for Calculating Academic Score
Bengali	60% of Marks obtained in Honours + 40% of Aggregate Marks in 10+2 level
English	60% of Marks obtained in Honours + 40% of Aggregate Marks in 10+2 level
Hindi	60% of Marks obtained in Honours + 40% of Aggregate Marks in 10+2 level
History	60% of Marks obtained in Honours + 40% of Aggregate Marks in 10+2 level
Philosophy	60% of Marks obtained in Honours + 40% of Aggregate Marks in 10+2 level
Political Science	60% of Marks obtained in Honours + 40% of Aggregate Marks in 10+2 level
Sociology	60% of Marks obtained in Honours + 40% of Aggregate Marks in 10+2 level
Performing Arts	60% of Marks obtained in Honours + 40% of Aggregate Marks in 10+2 level
Chemistry	60% of Marks obtained in Honours + 40% of Aggregate Marks in 10+2 level

Applied Economics	60% of Marks obtained in Honours + 40% of Marks in Mathematics in 10+2 level
Geography	60% of Marks obtained in Honours + 40% of Aggregate Marks in 10+2 level
Applied Geology	60% of Marks obtained in Honours + 40% of Aggregate Marks in 10+2 level
Life Sciences	60% of Marks obtained in Honours + 40% of Aggregate Marks in 10+2 level
Mathematics	60% of Marks obtained in Honours + 40% of Aggregate Marks in 10+2 level
Physics	60% of Marks obtained in Honours + 40% of Aggregate Marks in 10+2 level
Statistics	60% of Marks obtained in Honours + 40% of Aggregate Marks in 10+2 level
Biotechnology	60% of Marks obtained in Honours + 40% of Aggregate Marks in 10+2 level
Molecular Microbiology	60% of Marks obtained in Honours + 40% of Aggregate Marks in 10+2 level
Virology and Immunology	60% of Marks obtained in Honours + 40% of Aggregate Marks in 10+2 level
Astrophysics	60% of Marks obtained in Honours + 40% of Aggregate Marks in 10+2 level

Note:

(a) Marks obtained in Honours means **CGPA in Honours/ Major subject**.

(b) **Overall CGPA /The Aggregate Marks** at Graduation level is to be calculated considering all courses of study in Graduation level including Compulsory Courses, Major/Honours Courses, GE/Pass courses. Overall CGPA is to be considered as equivalent to Aggregate Marks at Graduation level.

(c) Aggregate Marks in the **H.S. or equivalent (10+2) examination** is to be calculated considering marks in best **four recognized subjects** (except compulsory Environmental Science/study) excluding any additional subject.

7. Tie-breaking methodology

(a) In case of tie, the candidates will be judged considering their CGPA in Honours at the first instance. The candidate obtaining more CGPA in Honours will have better rank.

(b) If tie exists thereafter, the process will be repeated considering the Aggregate Marks obtained in Graduation level/Overall CGPA.

(c) If tie exists further by doing above exercises, all such candidates will be placed in the same rank and will be considered for admission with bunching effect.

Important Notes:

a) Adherence to the time schedule is mandatory and not relaxable.

b) Wrong data may lead to cancellation of Application at any stage and no fee will be refunded in such case.

If during verification any discrepancy is found regarding the Academic Score (determining the rank) or identity of the applicant, the candidature of the applicant shall be cancelled and there shall be no exception in this regard. In that case fees submitted for the provisional admission may also be forfeited by the University.

Notification is issued under the direction of competent authority.

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