



PRESIDENCY UNIVERSITY
KOLKATA

Admission to
Four-Year (Eight Semesters) Bachelor of Science
and Bachelor of Arts (Honours with Research)

Undergraduate Programmes

Information Brochure

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1. About the University

Presidency University, formerly known as Hindoo College and later Presidency College, is one of India's most distinguished institutions of higher education, with a legacy dating back to 1817. Renowned for academic excellence, intellectual tradition, and pioneering contributions to education and research, the University has played a significant role in shaping modern India's scholarly and cultural landscape. Situated in the historic College Street area of Kolkata, Presidency University continues to nurture critical thinking, innovation, and holistic learning across diverse disciplines.

Sixteen Departments and the Institute of Health Sciences offer Seventeen Major/Honours subjects at the undergraduate level. The duration of undergraduate course is four (4) years divided into eight (8) semesters. All courses offered by Presidency University are full-time. Presidency University follows NEP 2020 guidelines at the undergraduate level for all courses. So, students also have the option to study variety of General Courses alongside their Major subject. Several departments also host international students at the undergraduate level. Several departments offer international student-exchange programmes through which eligible students may study selected papers at partner foreign universities.

Presidency University is committed to the holistic development of students by fostering intellectual growth, ethical values, creativity, leadership, and social responsibility. Alongside academic excellence, the University encourages participation in cultural activities, sports, research, community engagement, and co-curricular initiatives to nurture well-rounded individuals prepared to contribute meaningfully to society and the global community.

At Presidency University, English is the medium of instruction for all academic programmes, except courses specifically offered in regional or foreign languages.

The University offers courses across two campuses. The First campus is located at 86/1 College Street, Kolkata 700073 and the Second campus is located at Plot No. DG/02/02, Premises No. 14-0358, Action Area-ID New Town (Near Biswa Bangla Convention Centre) Kolkata-700156.

Candidates may visit the University website at <https://www.presiuniv.ac.in> or <https://www.presiuniv.ac.in/web/admission.php> for further details

2. Available Subjects (Major/ Honours) for session 2026-2027

Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences Degree offered: BA (Honours with Research)	Subject Category (According to Selection procedure)
Bengali	Category A
English	Category A
Hindi	Category A
History	Category B
Performing Arts	Category A
Philosophy	Category A
Political Science	Category B
Sociology	Category A

Faculty of Natural and Mathematical Sciences Degree offered: BSc (Honours with Research)	Subject Category (According to Selection procedure)
Biotechnology (offered in the 2 nd Campus)	Category A
Chemistry	Category B
Economics	Category B
Geology	Category A
Geography	Category A
Life Sciences	Category B
Mathematics	Category A
Physics	Category A
Statistics	Category B

Presidency University awards the following degree/diploma/certificate upon exit, as per the extant University norms:

B.A./B.Sc. (Honours with Research): After completion of 4 years, subject to prescribed credit and attainment of 7.5 CGPA or above

B.A./B.Sc. (Honours): After completion of 4 years, subject to fulfilment of prescribed credit with less than 7.5 CGPA

Bachelor's Degree in Major Subject: After 3 years

Undergraduate Diploma: After 2 years

Undergraduate Certificate: After 1 year

3. Eligibility for Admission

- Candidates must have passed (not before 2025) the Higher Secondary Examination (10+2 system) conducted by the Council of Higher Secondary Education, West Bengal, or any equivalent examination from a recognized board/council. There is no upper or lower age limit for application.
- Candidate must pass any one of the aforementioned examinations, with at least **five** recognized subjects (full marks of not less than 100 in each), including English language and excluding compulsory Environmental Science. The **Aggregate Score** is to be calculated in percentage considering the Scores obtained by the candidate in best **four** recognized subjects at the (10 +2) Board Examination (irrespective of scores of the subjects applied / asked in the form).
- Candidates with International 'A' level or International Baccalaureate qualifications must have at least three subjects at the IGCSE level and three subjects at the 'A' level, with English in either of the two levels.
- The candidate must secure a **minimum aggregate Score (in percentage)** as per the following table in the candidate's qualifying (10+2) Board Examination to apply for admission at Presidency University.

Course	Category-wise Minimum aggregate Score in percentage			
	General	SC/ST	OBC	PwD
Bengali	60.00	45.00	54.00	57.00
English	60.00	45.00	54.00	57.00
Hindi	60.00	45.00	54.00	57.00
History	60.00	45.00	54.00	57.00
Philosophy	60.00	45.00	54.00	57.00
Political Science	60.00	45.00	54.00	57.00
Sociology	60.00	45.00	54.00	57.00
Performing Arts	60.00	45.00	54.00	57.00
Biotechnology	70.00	52.50	63.00	66.50
Chemistry	70.00	52.50	63.00	66.50
Economics	70.00	52.50	63.00	66.50
Geography	70.00	52.50	63.00	66.50
Geology	70.00	52.50	63.00	66.50
Life Sciences	70.00	52.50	63.00	66.50
Mathematics	70.00	52.50	63.00	66.50
Physics	70.00	52.50	63.00	66.50
Statistics	70.00	52.50	63.00	66.50

4. Important dates

Online Application starts : 19th May, 2026 (After 5 PM[#])
 Online Application closes : 1st June, 2026

For Category A subjects only

Publication of Provisional General Merit lists : 9th June, 2026

For Category B subjects only

Release of Admit Card (online) : 6th June, 2026
 Commencement of Admission tests : 12- 14 June 2026
 (check section 8 for details)
 Publication of Provisional General Merit lists [#] : 24th June^{**}, 2026

[#] Dates/times are tentative

^{**} Courses for which Merit list will be prepared through the Admission Test

5. Intake Capacity

COURSE	Intake *
Bengali	42
English	42
Hindi	36
History	50
Philosophy	24
Political Science	34
Sociology	34
Performing Arts	17
Biotechnology	31
Chemistry	58
Economics	58
Geography	31
Geology	34
Life Sciences	126
Mathematics	58
Physics	58
Statistics	31

* Reservation of Seats will be applicable as per extant Order of the State Government. PwD (Person with Disability) seats are included in the total number of seats in respective courses under different category.

6. Reservation of Seats for SC/ST/OBC /EWS/PwD candidates

The reservation policies of West Bengal State Higher Education Institutions (Reservation in Admission) Act, 2013, West Bengal State Higher Education Institutions (Reservation in Admission) Rules, 2014 and Department of Higher Education (University branch), Government of West Bengal order no 1084 (20) - Edn (U)/ EH/ 1U-89/ 13 dated 7th December, 2018 will be followed for admission in reserved seats for SC/ST/OBC / EWS/ PwD.

- 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 the competent Authorities of the 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 found to be invalid, the candidate will lose the opportunity of admission under the reserved category.

6.1 Competent Authorities for the issuance of SC/ST Certificate for candidates claiming such reserve category of seats:

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

- a) Sub-Divisional Officers for all districts except Kolkata
- b) District Welfare Officer, Kolkata & Ex-Officio Joint Director, Backward Classes Welfare in case of Kolkata Municipal Area (as defined in clause 9 of Section 2 of Kolkata Municipal Corporation Act, 1980).

6.2 Competent Authorities 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, Government of West Bengal, 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.

6.3 Reservation of seats for PwD candidates:

Department of Higher Education (University branch), Government of West Bengal order no 1084 (20)- Edn(U)/ EH/ 1U-89/ 13 dated 7th December, 2018 will be followed for admission under PwD category. Section 2(r) of the Rights of Persons With Disabilities Act, 2016 (RPwD Act, 2016) states that, persons with benchmark disabilities (PwD) 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. "Specified Disability" means the disabilities as specified in the Schedule of the RPwD Act 2016. The categories of disabilities are:

- a) Blindness and low vision
- b) Deaf and hard of hearing
- c) Locomotor disability including cerebral palsy, leprosy cured, dwarfism, acid attack victims and muscular dystrophy
- d) Autism, intellectual disability, specified learning disability and mental illness, and
- e) Multiple disabilities from amongst persons under clauses (i) to (iv)
- f) Other 'specified disabilities' mentioned in the Schedule of the RPwD Act 2016.

Admission-test accommodations for PwD candidates, if applicable, shall be provided as per Government and University rules. Candidates seeking such support must submit valid supporting documents within the prescribed timeline.

Important Notes:

- a) The reservation policy, as announced by the government from time to time shall be followed by Presidency University.
- b) PwD certificates must 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).

6.4 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.

7. Procedure for submission of application Form

The application has to be made **ONLINE** only through the University website <https://presiuniv.ac.in/web/admission.php>.

Candidates need to have a **working mobile number** and an **email ID**. All future communications by the University will be sent to this mobile number and the email ID only.

Points to remember during form fill-up

1. Enter your own email address and phone number
2. Verify the data and selection of course(s) before final submission (Apply button). Data can be verified and modified several times. So, take your time to verify data before final submission. You can login any number of times to modify data. **After final submission, data / information cannot be modified, under any circumstances.**
3. **Wrong/incorrect data may lead to cancellation of application as well as admission. No fee will be refunded if the admission is cancelled due to wrong data/ information.**
4. Candidate must upload their (i) a recent and clear photo (ii) full signature and (iii) other relevant documents as per the requirement at the time of applying.
5. During form fill-up, under Educational Information enter average scores of LIFE SCIENCE and PHYSICAL SCIENCE out of 100 if you have studied LIFE SCIENCE and PHYSICAL SCIENCE as separate papers in 10th level
6. **The Aggregate Score is to be calculated in percentage considering the Scores obtained by the candidate in best four recognised subjects at the (10+2) Board Examination (irrespective of Scores of the subjects applied / asked in the form).**
7. **The Total Scores of 10th level** is to be calculated as per Board's Guidelines. Do not consider additional or optional paper for calculating the total Scores or full Scores.
8. Do not put random/incorrect values in optional fields which are not applicable for you.

9. Any wrong information provided will lead to the cancellation of the candidature at any stage of admission process.

10. Application fee is to be paid to complete the application procedure.

Application fees: **Rs 500/-** Per Application

8. Procedure for Selection and Admission Test

Admissions for undergraduate programme will be based on Academic Score for some subjects (**Category A**) and Admission Tests for some subject (**Category B**)

Category A

Admission will be based on Academic Score for the **Category-A** subjects based on the formula as given below.

Academic Score will be used for preparing the **General Merit Rank (GMR)** for individual applicants for each Category-A subject.

Candidates who will satisfy the eligibility criteria as defined in section 3 will be considered during preparation of Merit Lists for Category-A subjects.

Course	Rules for Calculating Academic Score	
	Parameters	Formula for Academic Score
Geography	<u>10th Standard</u> A=> Percentage of marks obtained in Mathematics <u>10+2th Standard</u> B=> Percentage of Aggregate marks C=> Percentage of marks obtained in English D=> Percentage of marks obtained in Geography or Mathematics (candidates not having Geography)	$=Ax25\% + Bx25\% + Cx25\% + Dx25\%$
Geology	<u>10th Standard</u> A=>percentage of marks obtained in Mathematics <u>10+2th Standard</u> B=>Percentage of marks obtained in Physics C=> Percentage of marks obtained in Chemistry D=> Percentage of marks obtained in Mathematics*** E=> Percentage of marks obtained in Biology	$=Ax25\% + (\text{total of best three among B, C, D, E}) \times 75\%$
Mathematics	<u>10th Standard</u> A=>Percentage of marks obtained in Mathematics <u>10+2th Standard</u> B=> Percentage of marks obtained in Mathematics***	$=Ax40\% + Bx60\%$
Physics	<u>10+2th Standard</u> A=> Percentage of Aggregate marks	$=Ax40\% + [(B + C)/2] \times 60\%$

Course	Rules for Calculating Academic Score	
	Parameters	Formula for Academic Score
	B=> Percentage of marks obtained in Mathematics*** C=> Percentage of marks obtained in Physics	
Bengali	10th Standard A=> Percentage of marks obtained excluding Additional/ Optional papers B=> Percentage of marks obtained in Bengali 10+2th Standard C=> Percentage of Aggregate marks D=> Percentage of marks obtained in Bengali	=Ax20% + Bx20% + Cx30% + Dx30%
English	10th Standard A=> Percentage of marks obtained excluding Additional/ Optional papers 10+2th Standard B=> Percentage of Aggregate marks C=> Percentage of Scores obtained in English	=Ax25% + Bx25% + Cx50%
Hindi	10th Standard A=> Percentage of marks obtained excluding Additional/ Optional papers B=> Percentage of marks obtained in Hindi 10+2th Standard C=> Percentage of Aggregate marks D=> Percentage of marks obtained in Hindi	= Ax25% + Bx25% + Cx25% + Dx25%
Performing Arts	10+2th Standard A=> Percentage of Aggregate marks B=> Percentage of marks obtained in English	=Ax50% + Bx50%
Philosophy	10th Standard A=> Percentage of marks obtained excluding Additional/ Optional papers B=> Percentage of marks obtained in Mathematics 10+2th Standard C=> Percentage of Aggregate marks D=> Percentage of marks obtained in English	=Ax25% + Bx25% + Cx25% + Dx25%
Sociology	10th Standard A=> Percentage of marks obtained excluding Additional/ Optional papers B=> Percentage of marks obtained in Mathematics 10+2th Standard C=> Percentage of Aggregate marks D=> Percentage of marks obtained in English	=Ax25% + Bx25% + Cx25% + Dx25%
Biotechnology	10th Standard	= (A+B)x25% +Cx25%+

Course	Rules for Calculating Academic Score	
	Parameters	Formula for Academic Score
	A =>Percentage of marks obtained excluding Additional/ Optional papers B =>Average percentage of marks obtained in (Physical Science & Life Science) OR percentage of marks obtained in Science subjects 10+2th Standard C =>Percentage of Aggregate Marks D => Percentage of Marks obtained in English E =>Percentage of marks obtained in Chemistry/Biology/Biotechnology (Whichever is higher)	$D \times 25\% + E \times 25\%$

*** Business Mathematics will not be considered

Category B

Admission Test Score (ATS) will be considered for the preparation of General Merit Rank (GMR) for individual applicants for each Category-B subject.

Candidates who will satisfy the eligibility criteria as defined in section 3 and will Score more than 0 in the Admission Test will be considered during preparation of General Merit Lists for Category-B subjects.

Category B Subjects

1. History
2. Political Science
3. Chemistry
4. Economics
5. Life Sciences
6. Statistics

Guidelines for Admission Tests

Admission Test will be held on **June 12, 13 and 14, 2026.**

Duration of each test will be two hours.

The tentative **time table** for the admission test is as follows:

Day	Morning Shift (11 am to 1 pm)	Afternoon Shift (2.30 pm to 4.30 pm)
June 12, 2026	Economics	Political Science
June 13, 2026	Life Sciences	History
June 14, 2026	Chemistry	Statistics

- **The venue for the admission tests** will be 1st campus of Presidency University i.e. 86/1 College Street, Kolkata 700073.
- All candidates must report to this campus **at least one hour** before the commencement of the examination.

- The Admission test will comprise of **50 Multiple Choices Questions (MCQ) to be answered on OMR Sheets.**
- **The question paper will be in English only.**
- **Questions will have one correct answer.**
- **Marking Scheme for Admission Test**

- 2 Marks will be awarded for each correct answer.
- 0.5 Marks will be deducted for each wrong answer.
- No Marks will be awarded for non-attempted questions or wrong questions or questions declared invalid or ambiguous by the University.

Syllabus for Tests and Question Pattern

Subject	Question Pattern	Syllabus
History	50 Questions from History	Class XI-XII across all major boards of education (e.g. ISC, CBSE, WBCHSE, WBBME)
Chemistry	Questions from a) Chemistry (39) b) Mathematics (6) c) Physics and Biology (5)	Class XI-XII level Chemistry, Mathematics, Physics and Biology across all major boards of education (e.g. ISC, CBSE, WBCHSE)
Statistics	50 Questions from Mathematics	Class XI-XII level Mathematics across all major boards of education (e.g. ISC, CBSE, WBCHSE)
Life Sciences	50 Questions from Biology, Physics and Chemistry	Class XI-XII level Biology, Physics and Chemistry across all major boards of education (e.g. ISC, CBSE, WBCHSE)
Economics	Questions from a) Mathematics (35): b) English (15): Grammar, Vocabulary, analytical language skills	Class XI-XII level Mathematics and English across all major boards of education (e.g. ISC, CBSE, WBCHSE)
Political Science	Questions from a) General knowledge of politics and society (15) b) English Comprehension (15) c) Logical Reasoning (15) d) Picture / visual analysis (5)	Class XI-XII level English and General aptitude across all major boards of education (e.g. ISC, CBSE, WBCHSE, WBBME)

9. Procedure for Preparation of General Merit List (GMR)

GMR will be prepared using Academic score (for Category A subjects) and Admission Test Score (for Category B subjects).

Allotment of seat/admission will be done based on GMR only. Category ranks will be published in separate columns.

Tie-breaking methodology

- a) In the event of a tie in the Academic Score/Admission test Score, tie will be broken considering their percentage of aggregate marks obtained in H.S. or equivalent (10+2) standard examination at the first instance. The candidate obtaining more aggregate marks will have a higher rank.
- b) If tie exists after (a), tie will be broken considering the percentage of marks obtained by the candidates in Madhyamik or equivalent 10th standard examination.
- 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 cannot be relaxed.
- b) Wrong data may lead to cancellation of Application at any stage and no fee will be refunded in such case.
- c) Any unfair means adopted in admission test examination or any act of persuasion or influence on the admission process at any stage is punishable and shall lead to the cancellation of the candidature.

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