

# CUET 2026

2026

## Admission Guide

Expected Cutoffs, College Options & Counselling Roadmap

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■ **CUET Answer Key Expected Soon**

## What Happens After the Answer Key?

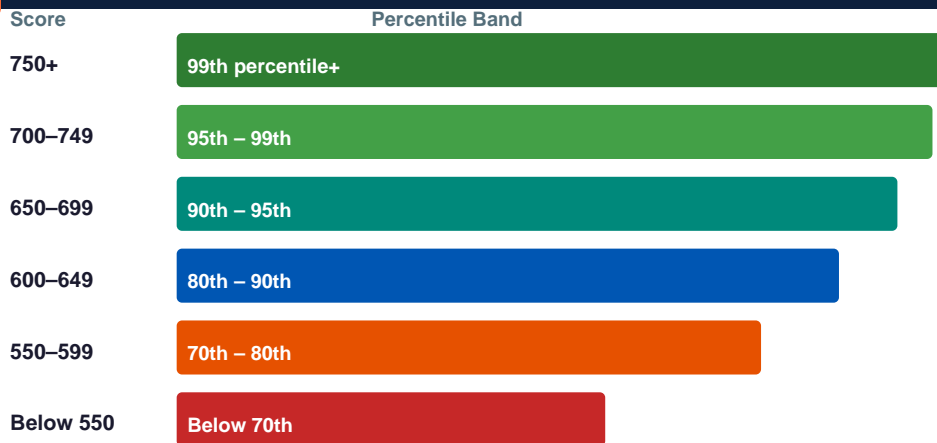
CUET 2026 Admission Timeline — Key Stages & Dates

Stage	Date	Action
① Provisional Answer Key	Jun 2026	Download & compare with your responses
② Objection Window	Jun 2026	File objections on NTA portal (■200/Q)
③ Final Answer Key	Jul 2026	Re-estimate score using final key
④ Result & Scorecard	Jul 2026	Download & keep multiple copies
⑤ DU CSAS Registration	Jul–Aug	Register at <a href="http://ugadmission.uod.ac.in">ugadmission.uod.ac.in</a>
⑥ Preference Filling	Aug 2026	Fill maximum college+course combos
⑦ Seat Allotment	Aug 2026	Accept seat & pay fees in time
⑧ Admission Confirmed	Aug–Sep	Report with originals to college

■ Pro Tip: Don't wait for results to gather documents. Start collecting originals NOW — missing documents are the #1 reason students lose confirmed seats.

## CUET 2026 Marks vs Percentile

Estimate your expected percentile based on your score



CUET Score (out of 800)	Expected Percentile	College Implication
750 and above	99th percentile+	Top 1% — SRCC, Hindu, Miranda within reach
700 – 749	95th – 99th	Top 5% — Strong DU & Central University options
650 – 699	90th – 95th	Top 10% — Good DU, BHU, JMI chances
600 – 649	80th – 90th	Mid-tier DU + strong state university options
550 – 599	70th – 80th	State universities & select DU colleges
Below 550	Below 70th	CUET participating private & state universities

*Note: CUET uses NTA Normalization across shifts. Your actual percentile may vary slightly. Official percentile is on your scorecard — use that for counselling decisions.*

## Is Your Score Good Enough?

Find your band and identify the right college targets

<b>750+</b> Excellent Target: → SRCC → Hindu College → Hansraj → Miranda House	<b>650–749</b> Very Good Target: → Top DU Colleges → BHU → JMI → Univ of Hyd.	<b>550–649</b> Good Target: → Mid-tier DU → State Universities → Central Unis	<b>Below 550</b> Explore Target: → State Universities → Private Unis → CUET Part. Colleges
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Score Band	Percentile	Best Strategy	Risk Level
750+	99th+	Apply to all top DU colleges — high chance	Low
650–749	90th–99th	Dream + Realistic + Safe preference mix	Medium
550–649	70th–90th	Focus on course fit; include non-DU unis	Medium-High
Below 550	Below 70th	All CUET unis + backup state/private options	High

■ A good score for one course may be insufficient for another. Always check the specific cutoff for your target course, not just the college name.

## Delhi University — Expected CUET Cutoffs 2026

Based on 2024–25 closing scores. Actual cutoffs released after DU CSAS counselling.

■ Commerce		■ Science		■ Humanities	
Course	Expected Score	Course	Expected Score	Course	Expected Score
BCom (Hons)	760–800	BSc CS (Hons)	720–770	BA Political Sci	740–790
BCom	730–780	BSc Physics	680–740	BA Psychology	730–780
Economics (Hons)	740–790	BSc Mathematics	700–760	BA English (Hons)	710–760
BA(H) Economics	750–800	BSc Chemistry	670–730	BA History	700–760
Statistics (Hons)	720–770	BSc Electronics	660–720	BA Sociology	690–750

■ Expected scores based on DU 2024–25 closing trends. Actual 2026 cutoffs will vary with exam difficulty and total applicants. Apply to colleges above AND below your score range.

## Top Universities Accepting CUET 2026

250+ universities use CUET scores — the most sought-after ones

University	Location	Type	Known For
Delhi University (DU)	New Delhi	Central	BCom, BA, BSc — most competitive
Banaras Hindu University (BHU)	Varanasi	Central	Sciences, Arts, Commerce — large campus
Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU)	New Delhi	Central	Humanities, Social Sciences, Languages
University of Hyderabad (UoH)	Hyderabad	Central	Sciences & Humanities — top research
Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI)	New Delhi	Central	Humanities, Social Work, Mass Comm
Allahabad University	Prayagraj	Central	Sciences, Commerce, Humanities
Pondicherry University	Puducherry	Central	Sciences, Tourism, Social Work
Tezpur University	Assam	Central	Applied sciences, strong placements

## Stream-Wise Best University Options

Find the best fit for your subject combination

■ Science Students		■ Commerce Students		■ Humanities Students	
<b>1. DU – BSc Hons</b>	Physics, Chemistry, Maths, CS	<b>1. SRCC – DU</b>	BCom Hons — India's #1 commerce	<b>1. Miranda House – DU</b>	Top women's college — BA Hons
<b>2. BHU</b>	Strong sciences + research labs	<b>2. Hindu College – DU</b>	Economics Hons — very competitive	<b>2. LSR – DU</b>	Lady Shri Ram — very competitive
<b>3. Univ of Hyderabad</b>	Top-ranked science research	<b>3. Hansraj College – DU</b>	BCom + Economics — strong faculty	<b>3. Hindu College – DU</b>	English Hons, Political Science
<b>4. Pondicherry University</b>	Marine sci, biotechnology	<b>4. BHU – Commerce</b>	BCom, Economics — large intake	<b>4. JNU</b>	Humanities & Social Sciences focus

## College Preference Filling Strategy

The most critical step — follow these rules to maximise your chances

### Rule 1

#### Always Put Dream Colleges First

The algorithm allots based on your preference ORDER. If your dream college has a seat at your score, it is only allotted if it's ranked first. Don't second-guess yourself.

### Rule 2

#### Never Arrange by Expected Score Alone

Many students list 'safe → dream'. This is wrong. The system allots ONE seat — put what you WANT first. If you don't get it, you fall to the next preference automatically.

### Rule 3

#### Fill the Maximum Possible Preferences

DU allows 20+ programme-college combinations. Use every slot. More preferences = better safety net across all allocation rounds.

### Rule 4

#### Course Preference > College Brand

BCom Hons at a mid-tier DU college beats BCom at a top college — your degree shows the course, not the preference order you used. Choose the right course first.

### Rule 5

#### Include Colleges from All Cutoff Ranges

Mix: top-tier (dream), mid-tier (realistic), and lower-tier (safe). This guarantees a seat in at least Round 1 — you can upgrade in later rounds.

## Documents Checklist

Collect these before counselling opens — missing documents cost you your seat

### Mandatory for ALL Students:

■	CUET 2026 Admit Card	Original + 2 photocopies
■	CUET 2026 Scorecard	Download from NTA portal after result
■	Class 10 Marksheet + Certificate	Board original + attested copy
■	Class 12 Marksheet + Certificate	Board original + attested copy
■	Transfer Certificate (TC)	From Class 12 school/board
■	Migration Certificate	Required if outside Delhi or state change
■	School Leaving Certificate	From last attended institution
■	Passport-size Photographs	8–10 recent photos, white background
■	Aadhaar Card	Original + self-attested photocopy
■	Anti-Ragging Undertaking	Download & fill from university website

### Category / Quota Documents (if applicable):

■	SC/ST Certificate	From competent authority — check validity date
■	OBC-NCL Certificate	Must be current year (non-creamy layer only)
■	EWS Certificate	Income & asset — current financial year
■	PwD / UDID Certificate	From CMO / designated medical authority
■	Sports / NCC / NSS Certificate	For supernumerary quota seats

## 6 Common Admission Mistakes to Avoid

These errors cost students their preferred seats every single year

■ 1	<b>Filling fewer college preferences</b> Students fill only 5–6 options. Always use the maximum allowed — more options = more chances across all allocation rounds.
■ 2	<b>Missing counselling registration deadlines</b> CSAS registration has a hard cutoff. Many students miss it by hours. Set calendar reminders right after result.
■ 3	<b>Uploading incorrect or expired documents</b> Wrong category certificates or wrong-year EWS = instant rejection. Verify every document before uploading.
■ 4	<b>Not monitoring seat allocation rounds</b> DU CSAS has 3+ rounds. Not checking Round 2/3 means missing upgrades to better colleges. Check the portal daily.
■ 5	<b>Accepting a seat without paying fees on time</b> Accepting without fee payment within deadline = automatic cancellation. Keep INR 5,000–20,000 ready after result.
■ 6	<b>Trusting unofficial cutoff lists blindly</b> Expected cutoffs are estimates — actual can differ by 20–30 marks. Never skip a college because 'cutoff seems too high'.

## My College Shortlisting Sheet

Print · Fill · Use during DU CSAS preference filling

— Complete this sheet BEFORE opening the DU CSAS portal. Knowing your preferences in advance prevents last-minute panic during the limited-time session window.

My CUET Score: \_\_\_\_\_ Expected Percentile: \_\_\_\_\_ Stream: \_\_\_\_\_

Priority	College Name	Course	Score Needed	Status
■ Dream	_____	_____	_____	■ Applied
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■ Dream	_____	_____	_____	■ Applied
■ Realistic	_____	_____	_____	■ Applied
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■ Safe	_____	_____	_____	■ Applied
■ Safe	_____	_____	_____	■ Applied

■ Golden Rule: Add at least 4–5 Safe options to guarantee a seat in Round 1. You can always upgrade in later rounds from safe → dream college.

## Useful Links

Click to open in your browser

### ■ CUET Exam — Full Details, Syllabus & Updates

[Visit → shiksha.com/science/cuet-exam](https://shiksha.com/science/cuet-exam)



### ■ CUET College Predictor — Find Colleges Matching Your Score

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### ■ CUET Marks vs Percentile — Detailed Analysis

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