

Admission mechanism for HD programmes

INTRODUCTION

Admission to the HD programme of BITS Pilani will be on merit only. Admission to all M.E. (except Software systems) and M.Pharm. programmes will be made on the basis of marks obtained in the BITS HD admission test or based on GATE/GPAT score. Admission to M.E. in Software Systems will be through the BITS HD test only. For admission to the M.Phil. programme, shortlisted candidates will be required to appear in a test and/or interview.

PREPARATION OF MERIT LIST FOR ADMISSIONS

In the process of making final admission offers to the M.E. / M.Pharm. programmes, two separate merit lists will be prepared for each programme; one based on GATE/GPAT score, and the other based on marks obtained in BITS HD test. In each programme, 50% of the seats will be filled through GATE/GPAT scores and other 50% by BITS HD test marks. The Admission Committee will consider a cut-off score in each category, based on the applications received and the seats available. If any seat in one category is not-filled, it will be allocated to the other category. Once a candidate receives an offer for provisional admission to HD programme (based on Iteration 1 results), he/she will have to pay advance fees within a stipulated time frame to secure his/her candidature in the admission process. Candidates who decline the offer of admission and/or who do not pay the advance fees would be removed from the merit list and will not be considered further in the admission process.

The Institute may attempt to fill all the seats in each programme through further iterations until admission to HD Programme for First Semester 2020-21 is declared closed. In each iteration, the seats are assigned starting with the first candidate in the merit list and progressing down the list till all the seats are filled up. Eligible candidates will be considered for admission to a programme based on an order of preference (starting with the first programme provided) by them in the application form. At any time, when a candidate is considered for admission, attempt is made to accommodate his/her first preference (if seats are available) and then to his/her second preference if the first preference could not be accommodated and so on. This offer of admission however will be strictly subject to availability of seats in the programme.

Following any iteration, whenever a candidate is offered admission to a particular programme and pays the requisite advance fee within a stipulated time frame, he or she will be kept on a waiting list for any programme/s of higher preference (only if the higher preferences are indicated in the application form). Until admission to the HD programme is declared closed, vacancy created in any programme caused by non-acceptance of the offers or non-payment of advance fees will be filled by offering the vacant seat to the next candidate in the order of merit. This process is called 'Sliding-Up'. Final decision on this and all other admission matters are taken by the Admission Committee and will be binding to all.

Note: Considering the extraordinary situation in the country due to the Covid-19 crisis, the Institute may be required to make changes in the admission process, without compromising the basic criteria of admission through merit of the candidates. Those who have submitted completed application forms will be informed of any such changes, if required, on the admission website and/or through emails.

Best wishes,

HD Admission Team.