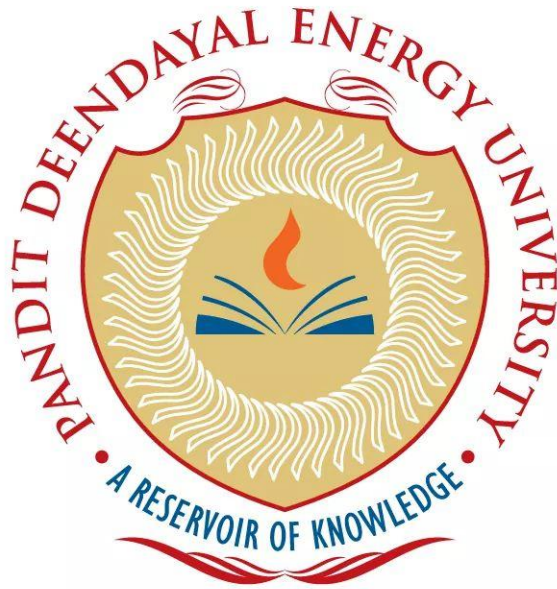


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**ADMISSION POLICY 2026 - 2027
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**For
Bachelor of Arts (Honors)
Bachelor of Business Administration (Honors)
Bachelor of Commerce (Honors)**

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21st January, 2026

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(Formerly known as Pandit Deendayal Petroleum University)



ADMISSION POLICY 2026
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School of Liberal Studies, a constituent school of PDEU (Formerly known as PDPU), was launched in 2009. In its undergraduate Programme in Liberal Studies, candidates get a chance to learn courses like Communication Skills, Basic Sciences, Social Sciences, Management, Humanities, Foreign Languages and Performing Arts. This is aimed at developing their hidden potential before they settle into in-depth study in Major and Minor areas of their choice. The School provides choice based learning system. PDEU has excellent academic infrastructure and a stimulating environment to support all round development of the candidates. SLS also conducts Master of Arts in Public Policy and Administration, Politics and International Relations, English, Psychology, Mass Communication and Economics along with Ph.D. in all the areas are offered.

Liberal Studies is not just about merely teaching the subject to the candidates but also providing an atmosphere, where candidates acquire love for learning a subject and subsequently apply their knowledge creatively. It emphasizes integrated development in teaching, experiential learning and over all grooming of the candidates in areas of leadership, teamwork, communication skills, thinking skills and being a responsible global citizen to cater to the needs of the diverse world of work. It has been taught in world-renowned universities of North America and Europe for over 100 years on the same campus alongside Engineering and Management Schools to provide interdisciplinary learning opportunities to candidates.

PROGRAM AND PROCEDURE FOR ADMISSION 2026

1) Programs Offered:

Bachelor of Arts (Honors) / Bachelor of Business Administration (Honors) / Bachelor of Commerce (Honors) aligned under Liberal Studies pedagogy.

All admitted candidates will follow a common curriculum during the initial two years of the four-year undergraduate B.B.A. / B.A. (Hons.) and B.Com. (Hons.) programme. These candidates get exposure to 30+ subjects ranging from Communication Skills, Basic Science, Social Sciences, Management, Humanities and Performing Arts. At the start of the third year the candidate would opt for B.A. (Hons.) or B.B.A. (Hons.) or B.Com (Hons.) Program depending on the selection of the major subjects. Last two years curriculum focuses on major and minor subject selection.

The interdisciplinary nature of the courses equip candidates with a skill set that enables them to explore multiple career options. The list of major subjects for B.A. (Hons.), B.B.A. (Hons.) & B.Com (Hons.) programme are as under:

1. B.A. (Honors) in Economics
2. B.A. (Honors) in English
3. B.A. (Honors) in Public Policy & Administration

4. B.A. (Honors) in Psychology
5. B.A. (Honors) in International Relations
6. B.A. (Honors) in Media & Communication
7. B.B.A. (Honors) in Marketing
8. B.B.A. (Honors) in Finance
9. B.B.A. (Honors) in Human Resource Management
10. B.Com. (Honors) in Finance & Accounts
11. B.Com. (Honors) in BFSI & FinTech
12. B.Com. (Honors) in Marketing & Management
13. B.Com. (Honors) in Entrepreneurship & International Trade

*Major & Minor subject selection:

- i. Students taking a major subject from B.B.A. (Hons.) basket have to select their minor subject from B.A.(Hons.) basket.
- ii. Students taking a major subject from B.A. (Hons.) basket can select their minor subject from either B.A.(Hons.) basket or BBA(Hons.) basket.
- iii. Students taking major from B.Com. (Hons.) basket can select minor subject either from B.Com. (Hons.) basket or from B.A.(Hons.) basket.

The Admission Process for Bachelor Degree Programme 2026 will be conducted under the direction of the Admission Committee headed by the Director – SLS.

2) **Intake:** Number of proposed seats available for admission in B.B.A. (Hons.) program are 400, B.A. (Hons.) program are 100 and in B.Com. (Hons.) are 100. Hence, total intake proposed across the programs are 600 seats. Intake is subject to change at the discretion of the university.

3) **Reservation:**

a) Statutory Reservation Quota: For candidate from Indian States & UT's:

- i) Scheduled Tribe (ST) 7.5%
- ii) Scheduled Caste (SC) 15 %

Candidates are required to produce SC/ST certificate from relevant authorities along with authorized translation (Hindi or English).

b) Physically challenged Quota: Such candidates will be provided 3% reservation in each category.

- i) Physically challenged means a person suffering from forty or more than forty percent of disability as certified by a competent medical authority. Candidates with less than 40% disability are not eligible for admission under this category.
- ii) A candidate allotted admission under this category shall have to fulfill all academic requirements as applicable to others.
- iii) Candidates are required to produce Physically Challenged certificate with authorized translation (Hindi / Gujarati or English). Acceptance of the same is subject to verification of the disability in person by the Medical Officer of the University.

c) Girls Quota: 50% of seats shall be earmarked for girls in B.B.A./ B.A.(Hons.) program and B.Com.(Hons.) program each. Seats not filled under girls quota will be opened for other candidates (all genders and general category) as per lateral position on merit list.

- d) Defense/CAPF Quota (newly introduced): This category is applicable to wards of persons in Defense/CAPF. A candidate can apply in normal category as well as in Defense/CAPF category. There would be no change in the eligibility criteria for admission as described in point no. 4 of this document.
- i) 15 seats (general/supernumerary) are provisioned for wards of Defense/CAPF personals in the total UG intake. A candidate allotted admission under this category shall have to fulfill all academic requirements as applicable to others.
 - ii) Ward of serving soldier will upload an undertaking signed by their parent's commanding officer (format as per website). Ward of retired soldier will upload copy of their parent's service book / discharge book. Originals will be checked at the time of document verification.
- e) Admission seats not filled-in under any reserved category will be transferred into the general category.
- f) NRI / NRI-Sponsored Quota: 15% seats of the total intake of the school are reserved for NRI category (candidate must have completed class XII from a school outside India or he/she is NRI, to qualify for NRI quota only) and NRI-sponsored category (candidate must be an Indian citizen and must have completed class XII from a school in India to qualify for NRI-sponsored quota). Candidate will have to choose the option (YES/NO) available in the form for NRI / NRI-Sponsored Quota while filling up the application form in order to remain eligible for the same. Candidates have to provide a legal affidavit from NRI sponsor as per the format available on website at the time of admission. Failure to provide the affidavit will result in cancellation of admission without refund of fees. Vacant seats under NRI / NRI-sponsored quota will be offered to candidates under the same quota on first-come-first-serve basis. Any NRI / NRI-sponsored seats still remaining vacant shall be transferred to the general category admission as per discretion of admission committee.
- (i) Candidate applying for NRI category is the candidate who have completed class XII from a school either outside India or from Indian school & is pure NRI or he/she is NRI.
Such candidates will have more priority in merit for admission in SLS, PDEU and if qualifies in the merit list then would be eligible to secure the admission under NRI quota only. These candidates will not be allowed to get transferred / claim admission under general quota.
 - (ii) Candidate applying for NRI-Sponsored category is the candidate who have completed class XII from a school in India & he/she is an Indian citizen.
Such students will be offered seat as per merit only after the allocation of seats for NRI category, under the NRI/NRI-Sponsored quota.

4) Eligibility and Selection Process

Unless otherwise mentioned, all deadlines provided within this document will be adherent to office timings 10.00 AM to 5.30 PM. In receipt of online admission forms and online transfer of fees, the deadline will be midnight of the same date. The university reserves the right to change any published dates and time with prior notice of 12 hours.

a) Eligibility Criteria:

- i) The candidate seeking admissions to:
 - B.A. (Hons.) /B.B.A. (Hons.) / B.Com. (Hons.), he/she is required to have passed 12th standard examination or equivalent from below mentioned boards/discipline.

ii) Candidate must have passed any of the following qualifying examinations; with English as one of the subjects:

- The +2 level examination in the 10+2 pattern of examination of any recognized Central/State Board of Secondary Education, including Central Board of Secondary Education, New Delhi, and Council for Indian School Certificate Examination, New Delhi.
- Intermediate Science or Two-year Pre-University Examination conducted by a recognized Board/University.
- Final Examination of the two-year course of the Joint Services Wing of the National Defence Academy.
- General Certificate Education (GCE) Examination (London/Cambridge/Sri Lanka) at the Advanced (A) level with minimum passes of 2/3 subjects.
- High School Certificate Examination of Cambridge University
- International Baccalaureate Diploma Program with the minimum passes of 6 subjects (3HL and 3SL) with 24 points. Any Public School/Board/University Examination in India or in foreign countries recognized by the Association of Indian Universities as equivalent to 10+2 system.
- Senior Secondary School Examination conducted by the National Open School with minimum five subjects.
- H.S.C. Vocational Examination

* However, the admission eligibility criteria is subject to change at the discretion of the university.

b) Merit Reckoning and Selection Procedure

i) Aptitude Test, School level Performance and Personal Interview:

A common merit will be generated, based on the rank obtained from the evaluation of the process and preference given by the candidate in the application form. All the three components as mentioned in the below table are mandatory to qualify for the Merit List.

<u>Sr. No.</u>	<u>ADMISSION PROCESS</u> <u>Particulars</u>	
1	<p>(a) Aptitude Test – on-line (60 MCQs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Verbal Abilities ▪ Quantitative Ability ▪ Logical Reasoning ▪ General Knowledge <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>(b) IPMAT Exam</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>(c) SAT Exam</p>	<p>60 Marks</p> <p>60% weightage of the score</p> <p>60% weightage of the score</p>
2	School Level Performance	20 Marks
3	<p>Personal Interview</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Communication skills ▪ Approach & Attitude ▪ Current Affairs & General Knowledge ▪ Statement of Purpose 	20 Marks
	TOTAL	100 Marks

* There will be no negative marking.

* **Statement of Purpose** is to be uploaded/submitted in the application form as it carries mark weightage in interview and a hardcopy is to be carried along at time of interview.

* The candidates must produce all certificates (if any) for achievements in co-curricular and sports at the time of Interview if asked by the panelists.

* If the candidate has taken either **IPMAT Exam** (taken in 2026) or **SAT exam** (last one year score valid) then he/she have to upload/submit that score (before the last date of application) of the exam in the application. However, all such candidates will **have to appear for Personal Interview** conducted by SLS, PDEU and upload their 12th class result.

* The **NRI candidate** is the one who have passed their 12th standard from any schools **outside** India but is an Indian citizens/Indian passport holder.

*The **NRI candidate** is the one who have passed their 12th standard from any schools **in India** and is an Indian citizens/Indian passport holder but his/her parents are residing outside India & is a **pure NRI**.

*A candidate who is an Indian citizen and is applying under **NRI-Sponsored quota** should have passed his/her 12th standard from Indian school but some NRI is sponsoring their education.

The important dates are mentioned towards the end of the document.

ii) Submissions:

Last date to upload/submit the SAT score (last one year old) or IPMAT score (taken in the year 2026) would be as per **last date** of application form - **Thursday, 21st May 2026** and the schedule for the Personal Interview would be informed to the candidates on the day of entrance exam. The candidate will have to ensure their availability as per the interview schedule given to them and adhere to the deadlines of submission of IPMAT or SAT score (if applicable) in the application form. All candidates are advised to visit the website on regular basis for updates regarding the details. The personal interview date/schedule are subject to change at the discretion of the university.

5) Online Application Process:

- a) Candidate should register the on-line application form available on SLS website. (Please visit SLS website: - sls.pdpu.ac.in for the application procedure.)
- b) For the purpose of application, a candidate shall be required to make online (non-refundable) payment of Rs.1500.00/- for general Quota and Rs. 2500/- for NRI/NRI-Sponsored quota through Internet Banking/Debit Card/Credit Card towards the application fees and this fee is **non-refundable**.
- c) A candidate shall be required to upload the colored scan copies of requisite certificates and testimonials as specified in the Application Form.
- d) Those candidates with Humanities background would be required to indicate their preference of B.A. (Hons.) / B.B.A. (Hons.) in the application form itself. Order of preference once given would be treated as final. As per the merit, if candidate's higher preference is available, it would be mandatory for the candidate to accept it.
- e) Those candidates with Accounting/Commerce background would be required to indicate their preference of B.A. (Hons.) / B.B.A. (Hons.) OR B.Com. (Hons.) in the application form itself. Order of preference once given would be treated as final. As per the merit, if candidate's higher preference is available, it would be mandatory for the candidate to accept it.
- f) Those candidates with Science background would be required to indicate their preference of B.A. (Hons.) / B.B.A. (Hons.) in the application form itself. Order of preference once given would be treated as final. As per the merit, if candidate's higher preference is available, it would be mandatory for the candidate to accept it.
- g) The **last date** to apply online is 11:59 PM (Midnight) of **Thursday, 21st May, 2026**.
The candidate will have to produce the printout of the Admit Card/Hall Ticket which could be downloaded from the application dashboard, a week prior to entrance exam date the along with proof of the identity such as original aadhar card/ election card/ driving license during their personal interview conducted which will be examined by the panelists.

6) Test Administration and Merit List:

- a) Candidates will appear for **online** aptitude test from their own desktop/laptops and hence should be ready well in advance and logged into their desktop/laptop. Aptitude test will be **auto proctored** and result will be shared with the university directly. Candidate must ensure good network connectivity. Since it is an auto proctored exam, camera and microphone should be kept on. The exam is time bound & further, no extra time will be granted for completing the test. **Plagiarism or cheating will result in immediate disqualification.**
- b) Candidates must **refrain** from using **mobile phones / IPAD / MAC** for appearing on-line aptitude test as these are not compatible.
- c) Candidates who have taken either of three tests (online aptitude/IPMAT/SAT) will **only be eligible** to appear for personal interview on showing the proof of the test taken.
- d) Personal interviews will be conducted off-line. Candidates have to reach the venue 30 mins prior to their interview schedule.
- e) Interviews at few centres will be conducted on-line and candidates must be ready 30 mins prior to their interview schedule with their login credentials and wait for their turn.
- f) Candidates have to upload Statement of Purpose (SoP) in application form and also carry hardcopy of the same to venue when they go for personal interview as it has marks weightage.
- g) Candidates shall bring/produce the following documents while appearing for interview:
 - i) Admit Card and Copy of acknowledgement e-mail sent.
 - ii) Awards/certificates/medals (if any) received for co-curricular activities / sports / etc.
- h) Instructions for Aptitude Test and Statement of Purpose:
 - i) The candidate shall be login to the portal as per the instructed time and start to attempt the MCQ's on online portal and submit within the specified time allocated for the exam.
 - ii) The written aptitude test is of 60 marks and time duration is 60 minutes. There are 60 questions.
 - iii) Each question has four options - (a), (b), (c) and (d).
 - iv) Each question carries 1 mark.
 - v) There is no negative marking.
 - vi) Answers are to be marked on the online portal.
 - vii) The **online aptitude test** for all the candidates will be held on Thursday, ***28th May, 2026**
 - viii) The **online aptitude test** is followed by Personal interview of 20 marks as per the schedule of interview and candidates will be evaluated on communication skills / approach and aptitude / Statement of Purpose/ Current Affairs & General Knowledge.
 - ix) The candidates must bring all certificates for achievements in co-curricular and sports at the time of the Interview.
 - x) The **Personal Interview** for all the candidates will be held in their respective centers on Saturday, ***30th May, 2026**. In case of a larger number of applicants at a particular center, the interviews may go on the next day/days as well. The same would be informed to you immediately after the test.
- i) The candidates must make their own arrangements for reaching the test centers in respective cities given as their preference. All expenses for attending examinations are to be borne by the candidates. There will be **no consideration to change the test center** once confirmed in application unless in exceptional circumstances. A request for the same will be made via email by the candidate and will be reviewed by the Director – SLS for consideration. Requests should be made at least one week before the date of the entrance test.
- j) Based on the performance in written online aptitude test / IPMAT Score / SAT Score (as applicable), personal interview and school level performance evaluation, a single **merit list** will be displayed on applicant's dashboard individually on **Tuesday, *9th June, 2026**. The merit list will be based on the evaluation of Admission Process. Cut-off scores, if required, would be decided by the Admission Committee. Programme preference indicated in application form will be considered while allocating the admission.

- k) Operating waiting list: (shall be declared only **if need be**): Availability of seat(s), if any, to the waitlisted candidates for the add-on will be displayed on applicant’s dashboard individually on Saturday, ** 20th June, 2026. Waitlisted candidates seeking admission should pay fees as notified on the website. No individual communication shall be made in this regard.
- l) If at any stage, the information provided by the candidate is found to be false, his / her admission shall be cancelled and he/she shall be debarred from applying for admission in any academic program of the University for the next two years.
- m) All communications for the admission process will be made through SLS website [<https://pdeu.ac.in/school-of-liberal-studies>] and communications made on the website / official email id should be treated as final. Candidates are strongly advised to access the School's website on regular basis for admission updates.
- n) Admission committee is empowered to cancel any admission that has been given inadvertently by the admission committee or admission taken by the candidate on the basis of incorrect/ insufficient information.
- o) Admission committee is empowered to cancel any admission of applicant who has received **compartment** or **fails to submit the 12th marksheet** before the semester commencement date even after securing the offered provisional admission by paying the fees. In such cases, the entire fee collected (**except** application form fee and **processing charges**) will be refunded.
- p) If, due to any administrative or other reason, the University cancels the allotment of seat made to any candidate, the entire fee collected (**except** application form fee and **processing charges**) will be refunded.
- q) On admission, the candidate will have to deposit one copy of Aadhar Card (optional), Date of Birth Certificate, 12th standard marks Sheet and Certificate, School Leaving Certificate, NRI sponsorship affidavit (in case of NRI / NRI-Sponsored Quota seat) and predicted grade sheet (for candidate whose result is awaited), SC / ST / Defense certificate/Physically Challenged Certificate (by competent authority) for verification. The University does not collect or keep any original document with itself.
- r) The above rules are subject to modifications from time to time, whenever found necessary.

7) Fee Structure and Payment Schedule

a) Fee Structure:

For All Candidates (*Except NRI / NRI-Sponsored candidates*)

Particulars	Fees For Candidate (In Rs.)
Tuition Fee (per semester)	1,50,000
University Enrollment & Examination Fees (per semester)	5,000
Library Deposit (One time, Refundable)	3,000
Caution Money Deposit (One time, Refundable)	10,000
Total Fees, Enrollment, Examination Fees & Deposits	1,68,000

For NRI / NRI-Sponsored candidates

Particulars	Fees For Candidate (In Rs.)
Tuition Fee for NRI-Sponsored candidates (per semester)	USD 3,750
University Enrollment & Examination Fees (per semester)	5,000
Library Deposit (One time, Refundable)	3,000
Caution Money Deposit (One time, Refundable)	10,000
Total Fees, Enrollment, Examination Fees & Deposits	USD 3750 + Rs. 18000

b) Hostel Fees/charges (FY 2026-2027):

Particulars	Accommodation Rent (in Rs.)
Hostel Fees	1,10,000/-

Utilities are charged extra. Hostel Fees (non-refundable) & Hostel Deposit (Refundable): 5,000/- to be paid at the time of confirming the hostel facility. Electricity charges would be levied (calculated) extra on actual consumption basis.

1. Each academic year is split in two semesters.
2. Limited hostel facilities at the campus are available for girls/boys according to hometown (outstation candidates get preference) and merit.
3. Hostel accommodation is available on first come first serve basis, subject to its availability. To secure the hostel accommodation, above mentioned refundable & non-refundable fees are required to be paid.
4. For hostel facility inquiry please write to: hostel@pdpu.ac.in

c) Mess Fees/charges (FY 2026-2027):

- i. Rs. 62,000/- per year (non-refundable) for breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks as per canteen schedule. This is compulsory for candidates opting for hostel facility of the University.
- ii. Rs. 35,500/- per year (non-refundable) for breakfast, lunch and snacks for day scholars as per the canteen schedule. (Monday to Friday)

The above mentioned Hostel Fees / Mess Charges are to be paid through the online mode as per the direction at the start of academic year.

*Hostel and mess charges are subject to upward revision from time to time.

d) Payment Schedule:

- i) Payment for getting provisional Admission: The candidates who are offered admission can secure the admission only upon online payment of the full fees of the first semester.
- ii) Payment of the remaining charges: The admitted candidates are required to pay the hostel, mess charges and energy charges for entire academic year before the prescribed date.
- iii) Semester wise Payment: The admitted candidates are required to pay the fees of every semester one week before the commencement of the respective semester. In case of delay, penalty will be charged as per the prescribed rules.

e) Modes of Payment:

- i) Payment for securing the offered provisional admission for 2026 intake will be only through **online** mode.
- ii) Payment through cash/cheque is **not accepted**.

8) Education Loan

Education loan facility will be available to the eligible candidates from the leading banks at preferred rate of interest. The candidates are required to provide supporting documentation as required by the bank.

9) Cancellation of Admission and Refund of fees:

- a) If Admission Committee is convinced that a certain candidate has been wrongly admitted, the admission shall be cancelled at any time. In such an event, the fees shall be refunded. (Except application fee & processing charges).

- b) If the candidate has not passed in class XII standard examination (irrespective of any boards), he/she shall not be eligible to get admission in spite of him/her having applied/registered for the admission process.
- c) A Provisional admission is granted to the candidates waiting for their result. In such cases, the 12th class final result copy have to be necessarily submitted **before** the semester commencement date. However, if the candidate after receiving the final grade sheet / result does not meet the eligibility requirement the admission given to him/her will automatically stand cancelled.
- d) All the candidates who are granted admission have to strictly abide by all the rules and regulations of the university and have to maintain a thorough discipline/decorum during their trips/visits/study tours/internships/workshops/IEP programs/exchange programs/etc. within or outside the campus, failing which the university holds the final right to cancel the admission granted at any point of time.
- e) If a candidate chooses to **withdraw** from the program of study in which he/she is offered provisional admission / enrolled, the candidate will have to send a **cancellation request** on our email ID: slsadmission@pdp.ac.in about **cancellation / withdrawal request**.
- f) Refunds for withdrawal of admission will be as per the **UGC Circular No. F.2-71/2022 (CPP-II) Dated 3rd July 2023**.
- g) Refund of Admission Fees deposited by Candidates shall be done strictly as per UGC Notification as mentioned in below table.

Scenario	Refund Amount
Admission Cancellation request received up to 30th September, 2026	Full refund of fees without any deduction
Admission Cancellation request received after 30th September, 2026 and up to 31st October, 2026	Deduction of Rs. 1000/- as processing charges
Admission Cancellation request received after 31st October, 2026	Only deposits will be refunded

*The cancellation process will take minimum of 6 working weeks to refund the amount after the date of withdrawal request sent to out email ID.

- h) For withdrawal of admission and seeking refund, a candidate is required to submit the original fee receipt (downloaded from the application dashboard), admission letter (downloaded from the application dashboard), send an email of request for withdrawal and handwritten cancellation application duly signed by him and counter signed by his parent/guardian. No other communication will be considered except hard copy of the cancellation Form. If candidate cancels admission after commencement of the program, the candidate shall also have to submit a No-Objection Certificate signed by various departmental / sectional heads of the University.

10) Interpretations and Change of Admission Rules:

In the matter of interpretation of Admission Policies and Procedures, the decision of the Admission Committee shall be final and binding on the candidates. The Admission Committee is authorized to resolve issues that are not covered in the Admission Policies and Procedures mentioned above, on the merit of the cases, and implement the same.

11) Important Dates

Particulars	Dates
Forms available from	16th January, 2026
Last date of applying for Admission	21st May, 2026
On-line Written Aptitude Test	*28th May, 2026
Personal Interview	*30th May, 2026
Personal Interview for Ahmedabad / Gandhinagar candidates for PDEU center (and other centers if required)	*31st May, 2026
*Display of Admission list	*9th June, 2026
Admission formalities, fees collection & enrollment up to	15th June, 2026
**Operating Waiting List	**20th June, 2026
*Semester commences on	*13th July, 2026

(*subject to change)

(** would be displayed if required)

(*In case of any unavoidable/unforeseen circumstances, there may be changes in the admission process / entrance exam conduct.)