



NATIONAL DEFENCE UNIVERSITY (NDU), ISLAMABAD
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA - Spring 2025 ADMISSIONS

Following Eligibility Criteria Will Be Followed During Spring - 2025 Admissions

| Sr. | Degree Program | Education | Valid GAT (General /Subject) | NDU Entry Test | Interview |
|-----|----------------|--|--|----------------|-----------|
| 1. | BS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ HSSC / A- levels or equivalent. ▪ Candidates waiting result of HSSC shall be allowed to apply for admission on the basis of HSSC Part-I result. ▪ Admission confirmation shall be made on the production of complete result of HSSC/A-levels. -In case of failure of requirement the admission shall be stand cancelled. (No 3rd division in entire academic background) | Not Applicable | Mandatory | Mandatory |
| 2. | BS (Bridging) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ BA/BSc or its equivalent 14 years' degree from an accredited University/ institution with at least a second division or its equivalent grade. ▪ (No 3rd division in entire academic background) | Not Applicable | Mandatory | Mandatory |
| 3. | MS/MPhil | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ MSc/ BS (4 Years) or equivalent (Min. 16 years of education) in relevant discipline from HEC recognized institution ▪ List of relevant disciplines available at NDU Website. ▪ Candidates must submit MA/MSc /BS (relevant) degree. ▪ Candidates submitting HEC attested last degree will be given preference. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Valid GAT (G) by NTS or NDU or GRE or HAT* (Gen in Social Sciences) by HEC with a passing score of 50% ▪ <i>*HAT-3 category (Social Sciences) will be accepted for GPP, IR, PCS, SS & FSS. Whereas, HAT-2 category (Management Sciences/ Business Edu) will be accepted for LMS only.</i> | Mandatory | Mandatory |

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| 4. | PhD | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ MPhil/MS or equivalent (Min. 17/18 years of education) in relevant discipline from HEC recognized institution with minimum 1st division in Annual System or 3.0 / 4.0 CGPA in Semester system in the last degree. ▪ Candidates must submit MS/MPhil HEC attested (relevant) degree. ▪ Preference will be given to candidates submitting research based degrees. (No 3rd division in entire academic background) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Valid NTS or NDU GAT (S), with a Passing Score of 60% ▪ Valid result of NTS-GAT (Sub) Social Science for IR only. ▪ NTS-GAT (Subject) Business Administration for LMS only. | Mandatory | Presentation of Statement of Purpose & Research Proposal is Mandatory |

Note:

- Candidates having foreign certificates / degrees are required to submit HEC equivalence with minimum 17/18 years of education along with letter grades conversion to numerical marks / CGPA certificate from respective University for consideration of merit calculation. Applications without numerical rating shall be evaluated with minimum required criteria that is 60% for Annual and 3.0/4.0 for semester based degree.
- Foreign degree holders must provide equivalence certificate from IBCC & HEC with application form

Result Awaiting Applicants

BS Programs:

Local Boards/ Universities Candidates:

The merit of result awaited candidates shall be determined on HSSC-Part-I marks. Candidates having foreign certificates should provide equivalence certificates from IBCC. In case the IBCC equivalence is delayed, merit shall be determined with minimum eligibility criteria of 2nd Div. (45 %).

The candidates have to deposit an Affidavit that they will have to submit their mark sheet before Mid-term examination.

Merit shall be determined on basis of HSSC Score, Entry Test and Interview.

****** Download sample of Result Awaiting Affidavit from NDU Official website).

International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE)/ A' Levels Candidates:

Candidates applying for BS program while waiting for the announcement of their A' Level (Part 2) result will be admitted **provisionally** on the basis of A-1 (subsidiary level/clearing all 3 compulsory subjects). However, NDU will calculate their merit on basis of the (official) grade Sheet of A-1 level (as per numerical marks determined by IBCC). **IBCC equivalence of O' levels** must be provided in any case.

Admitted Candidates shall be required to submit IBCC equivalence for A' levels within 4 weeks after commencement of classes failing which their provisional admission will be cancelled.

| Actual scores | Grades | Pak. Equivalent Marks |
|---------------|--------|-----------------------|
| 90 – 100 | A | 80.75 |
| 80 - 89 | B | 71.25 |
| 70 – 79 | C | 61.75 |
| 60 – 69 | D | 52.25 |
| 50 - 59 | E | 42.75 |
| 40 – 49 | F | 38 |
| 35 – 39 | G/N/P | 33.25 |

MPhil & PhD Programs:

- Candidates awaiting results are **NOT eligible** to apply for MS/MPhil & PhD programs.
- MS/MPhil & PhD candidates are required to submit their official transcript and relevant degree with admission form.
- PhD candidates are required to submit their HEC attested relevant degree (MS/MPhil or equivalent) with admission form.

| Reserved / Quota seats* allocation | | | | | | |
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| S. No | Program | FATA | G/B | Baluchistan | Ward of Shaheed** | Disabled |
| 1 | BS | 2 in each dept. | 1 in each dept. | 1 in each dept. | 2 in each dept. | 2 in each dept. |
| 2 | MS/MPhil | 1 in each dept. | -- | -- | 2 in each dept. | 2 in each dept. |

* Copy of domicile/ medical certificate must be submitted with application form for consideration under Quota Seat/ Disable Seat However, there is no concession in the Fee structure for candidates applying under Quota.

** Ward of Shaheed shall be recommended by respective services only.

Relevant Degrees/ Academic Backgrounds for MS/MPhil and PhD

| S. No | Program | Relevant Background |
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| 1 | Government and Public Policy (GPP) | |
| | <p><u>MPhil</u> Government and Public Policy</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ BS (4 years) / MA /MSc equivalent to 16 years (HECequivalence in case of foreign degree). ➤ Terminal degree in Government & Public Policy, Public Administration, Management Sciences, Economics, Development Studies, Law, Anthropology, Education, Sociology, Public Health, Business Administration, Philosophy, Political Science Civics, Mass Communication, Strategic Studies, Diplomatic Studies, International Relations, , War Studies, Security Studies, Art and Science of Warfare or any other relevant discipline. <p>(Ref: MoM- HEC Graduate Education Policy (GEP-2023) 2nd May, 2024</p> |
| | <p><u>MPhil</u> Economics</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ BS (4 years) / MA /MSc equivalent to 16 years (HECequivalence in case of foreign degree). ➤ Terminal degree in Economics, Econometrics, Economic history, Political Economics or any other relevant discipline. <p>(Ref: MoM- HEC Graduate Education Policy (GEP-2023) 2nd May, 2024</p> |
| | <p><u>PhD</u> Government andPublic Policy</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ MS / MPhil or equivalent research based degree (HEC equivalence in case of foreign degree), 17 or 18 years of schooling with at least 1st Division (No 3rd Division in entire academic background) or 3.0 / 4.0 CGPA. ➤ Terminal degree in Government & Public Policy, Public Administration, , Economics, Development Studies, Law, Anthropology, Education, Sociology, Philosophy, Management Sciences Civics, Mass Communication, Business Administration, Strategic Studies, Diplomatic Studies, International Relations, Political Science, War Studies, Security Studies, Art and Science of Warfare. <p>(Ref: MoM- HEC Graduate Education Policy (GEP-2023) 2nd May, 2024</p> |

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| 2 | Strategic Studies (SS) | |
| | <u>MPhil</u> Strategic Studies | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ BS (4 years) / MA /MSc equivalent to 16 years (HECEquivalence in case of foreign degree). ➤ Terminal degree in Strategic Studies, Strategic and Nuclear Studies, Diplomatic Studies, Defence and Strategic Studies, International Relations, Political Science, Security Studies, International Politics, Cyber Security, Art and Science of Warfare, History, Civics, Human Rights, Peace and Conflict Studies, Political History, Public Policy Studies, Military & Defence Studies and War Studies or any other relevant discipline. <p>(Ref: MoM- HEC Graduate Education Policy (GEP-2023) 2nd May, 2024)</p> |
| | <u>PhD</u> Strategic Studies | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ MS / MPhil or equivalent research based degree (HECEquivalence in case of foreign degree), 17 or 18 years of schooling with at least 1st Division (No 3rd Division in entire academic background) or 3.0 / 4.0 CGPA. ➤ Terminal degree in Strategic Studies, Strategic and Nuclear Studies, Diplomatic Studies, Defence & Strategic Studies, International Relations, Political Science, Security Studies, International Politics, History, Public Policy Studies, Cyber Security, Civics, Human rights, Peace and Conflict Studies, Political History, Public Policy and Strategic Security Management, Military & Defence Studies, National Security Management and War Studies and War Studies. <p>(Ref: MoM- HEC Graduate Education Policy (GEP-2023) 2nd May, 2024)</p> |
| 3 | Peace and Conflict Studies (PCS) | |
| | <u>MPhil</u> Peace and Conflict Studies | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ BS (4 years) / MA /MSc equivalent to 16 years (HECEquivalence in case of foreign degree). ➤ Terminal degree in Peace and Conflict Studies, Strategic Studies, International Relations, Political Science, Sociology, Development Studies,, Civics, Human Rights, Public Policy Studies, Military and Defence Studies, War Studies, Arts and Science of Warfare, or any other relevant discipline. <p>(Ref: MoM- HEC Graduate Education Policy (GEP-2023) 2nd May, 2024)</p> |

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| | <p>PhD Peace and Conflict Studies</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ MS / MPhil or equivalent research based degree (HEC equivalence in case of foreign degree), 17 or 18 years of schooling with at least 1st Division (No 3rd Division in entire academic background) or 3.0 / 4.0 CGPA ➤ Terminal degree in International Relations, Peace and Conflict Studies, Political Science, Public Policy, Strategic Studies, Sociology, Public Policy and Strategic Security Management, Development Studies, Civics, Human Rights, National Security Management and War Studies, Military and Defence Studies, <p>(Ref: MoM- HEC Graduate Education Policy (GEP-2023) 2nd May, 2024)</p> |
| 4 | International Relations (IR) | |
| | <p>MPhil International Relations</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ BS (4 years) / MA /MSc equivalent to 16 years (HECequivalence in case of foreign degree). ➤ Terminal degree in International Relations, Peace and Conflict Studies, Political Science, Strategic Studies, History, Civics and Human Rights, American Studies, Military & Defence Studies, or any other relevant discipline. <p>(Ref: MoM- HEC Graduate Education Policy (GEP-2023) 2nd May, 2024)</p> |
| | <p>PhD International Relations</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ MS / MPhil or equivalent research based degree (HEC equivalence in case of foreign degree), 17 or 18 years of schooling with at least 1st Division (No 3rd Division in entire academic background) or 3.0 / 4.0 CGPA. ➤ Terminal degree in International Relations, Peace and Conflict Studies, Strategic Studies, Political Science, History, American Studies, , Civics and Human Rights. <p>(Ref: MoM- HEC Graduate Education Policy (GEP-2023) 2nd May, 2024)</p> |
| 5. | Leadership and Management Studies (LMS) | |
| | <p>MPhil Leadership and Management Studies</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ BS (4 years) / MA /MSc equivalent to 16 years (HEC equivalence in case of foreign degree). ➤ Terminal degree in Leadership and Management Studies, MBA, Master in Public Administration, M.Com, B.Com (H)/ BBA/BS- Leadership and Management Studies/ Public Administration / Accounting & Finance, Project Management (4 years), ICMA, CA (minimum 16 years of schooling in relevant discipline). <p>(Ref: MoM- HEC Graduate Education Policy (GEP-2023) 2nd May, 2024)</p> |

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| | <p><u>PhD</u> Leadership and Management Studies</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ MS / MPhil or equivalent research based degree (HEC equivalence in case of foreign degree), 17 or 18 years of schooling with at least 1st Division (No 3rd Division in entire academic background) or 3.0 / 4.0 CGPA. ➤ Terminal degree in Leadership and Management Studies, Management Sciences, Project Management, Business Administration & Administrative Sciences. <p>(Ref: MoM- HEC Graduate Education Policy (GEP-2023) 2nd May, 2024)</p> |