



### NOTIFICATION

#### Admission to **Master of Science (Integrated) in Data Science** Programme (Batch beginning 2026-2027)

Applications are invited for admission to the Master of Science (Integrated) in Data Science (5 year Integrated) Programme offered at the Goa Business School, Goa University for the Academic Year 2026-27 through the online mode only.

#### **A. Important Dates:**

Details	Dates
Online Application form	16 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2026 to 05 <sup>th</sup> April 2026
Entrance Test	20 <sup>th</sup> April 2026
Result Declaration	27 <sup>th</sup> April 2026

#### **B. Eligibility Criteria:**

To be eligible for admission to the programme leading to the Degree of M.Sc. (Integrated) in Data Science: a candidate must have completed H.S.S.C. (10+2) examination or equivalent.

#### **C. Selection Criteria:**

**M.Sc. (Integrated) in Data Science:** To qualify for admission to M.Sc. (Integrated) in Data Science Programme, a candidate is required to score a minimum of 20% marks (percentage obtained by the candidate to be rounded up to the next integer) with 5% relaxation for SC/ST/OBC(NCL) category candidates in the Admission Test. Merit list shall be generated based on the performance in the Admission Test.

Selected candidates whose HSSC results are awaited shall be granted Provisional Admission. Their admission shall be confirmed after the results are declared based on the eligibility. In case a candidate fails to clear the HSSC Examination, the admission shall stand canceled.

#### **D. Number of seats available for M.Sc. (Integrated) Data Science Programme and Reservations: -**

Programme Name	Total	SC	ST	OBC(NCL)	PwD	UR	EWS
Master of Science (Integrated) in Data Science	30	1	4	8	2	12	3

**NOTE:** The University may decide to revise the number of seats depending on demand and available infrastructure with the approval of Vice-Chancellor.

#### **E. How to Apply:**

Candidates need to fill the application form with all required details and upload required documents online on Goa University's dedicated Samarth Portal. There is a non-refundable application fee of Rs. 1000/- (INR One Thousand Only) for Unreserved, OBC(NCL), EWS Category candidates, Rs. 500/- (INR Five Hundred Only) for SC/ST Category candidates of Goa.

\*Persons with Disability are exempted from the payment of the application fees. Incomplete applications will not be considered for selection.

\*Candidates applying for admission under [SC/ST/OBC(NCL)] categories shall be required to submit a valid Certificate to that effect issued by the Officer of the rank of the Deputy Collector or any other authorized Officer as notified by the Government of Goa.

For more details refer [ANNEXURE II](#)

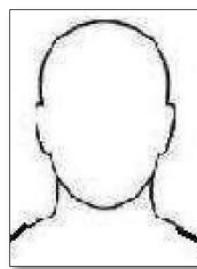
\*Candidates applying for admission under EWS category shall be required to submit a valid certificate of the Financial Year 2025-26.

**Fees for the Programme: INR 56,700 approx.**

#### **F. Filling up of the application form:**

**Admissions Portal Link:** <https://unigoaadmission.samarth.edu.in/2026>

- a) The **LAST DATE** for applying online is **5<sup>th</sup> April 2026**.
- b) Candidates are advised in their own interest to apply online much before the closing date and not wait till the last date for applying/payment of application fee to avoid the possibility of disconnection/inability/ failure to log on to the website on account of heavy load on the website.
- c) Goa University does not assume any responsibility to candidates in case they are unable to submit their application by the last date on account of the aforesaid reasons or for any other reason beyond the control of the Goa University.
- d) The softcopy of the Passport size photograph and Signature provided by the candidate has to be according to the specification mentioned below:
  - i. Digital Photo and Signature are required in .jpg or .jpeg image format.
  - ii. File size of digital photo must be within 10kb to 500 KB limit.
  - iii. **The face must take up 70-80% of the photo.**



**10kb to 500 KB**

- iv. The same photograph and signature shall be used for issuance of University ID card and Examination Registration Process.
- v. Candidates shall not upload Selfies or photos of passport size photograph.
- vi. Candidate should mandatorily have the following documents in specified format to complete the online application. (Note: The documents to be uploaded should be in pdf/JPEG / JPG / format with file size 10KB-500KB)

- SSC Marksheets, HSSC Marksheets (PDF format)
- Income Certificate, Sports Certificate, Cultural Activity Quota Certificate (PDF/JPEG/JPG)
- Recent Passport Size Colored Photograph (JPEG / JPG)
- Reservation category certificate - SC/ST/OBC/EWS/PwD. (PDF format)
- Declaration of Only Girl Child. (PDF/JPEG/JPG) on plain A4 size paper only.

e) Printout of the application form is **NOT REQUIRED** to be sent to the University.

f) No changes shall be entertained after the application is submitted online.

#### **G. Entrance Test:**

Candidates are requested to note the following details regarding the Entrance Test.

1. The Entrance Test shall be of One Paper of 100 marks, containing 50 objective Multiple-Choice Questions (MCQ) of 2 marks each. **No marks shall be deducted for wrong answer. No marks shall be deducted for unanswered questions.** The duration of the Entrance Test shall be 90 minutes.
2. The breakup of 100 marks for the Entrance Test Question Paper shall be as follows:
  - a. Section I (Least difficult) - 15 Questions
  - b. Section II (Difficult) - 15 Questions
  - c. Section III (Most difficult) - 20 Questions
3. In case candidates who have answered the Entrance Test and have secured equal marks in the Entrance list:
  - a. Section III scores shall be the first level of tie breaker, followed by Section II
  - b. In case the tie still exists, the University shall decide the order of merit.
4. The Entrance Test syllabus and Paper Pattern is given in [\*\*ANNEXURE I\*\*](#) which shall be conducted for admission to Master of Science (Integrated) in Data Science.

#### **H. Admission Process:**

1. Test shall be conducted in **offline mode** at Goa Business School, Goa University campus on **20<sup>th</sup> April 2026**.
2. The results of Entrance Test round shall be displayed on the University Website tentatively by **27<sup>th</sup> April 2026**, seats shall be allotted based on Merit List.
3. Reserved Category Seats remaining vacant after the 1st Provisional List of the First Round of Entrance Test shall be transferred to the Un-reserved Category.
4. The Admission for the academic year 2026-27 shall be based on the following Ordinances:

OA-39	Ordinance for the Five-Year Integrated Master's Degree Programme in Arts (M.A.), Commerce (M.Com.), Science (M.Sc.), Computer Applications (MCA), Tourism and Travel Management (MTTM), Business Administration (MBA) and other such Programmes based on the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. <a href="https://tinyurl.com/ypspjsw9">https://tinyurl.com/ypspjsw9</a>
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**I. Anti- Ragging:**

In order to curb the bad practices such as ragging on the University campus and in its affiliated colleges, the University authorities are committed to strictly take serious actions on the matter as supported by the law and follow UGC Regulation on Curbing the Menace of Ragging in Higher Educational Institutions, 2009 (<http://www.ugc.ac.in/page/ragging-related-circulars.aspx>) as Goa Prohibition of Ragging Act, 2008 and the amendments carried out thereafter.

For more details refer [ANNEXURE IV.](#)

**J. For queries relating to Programmes offered at Goa Business School contact:**

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Sd/-  
(Prof. S. N. Dhuri)  
REGISTRAR

**Copy: to**

1. Deans of Schools/Vice Deans/Programme Directors
2. Director, Directorate of Higher Education, Govt. of Goa
3. Principal of all Affiliated Colleges
4. AR to VC's Secretariat
5. PA to Registrar
6. Deputy Registrar (Academic)
7. AR to PR
8. Director, IQA (with a request to upload the notification on the Website)

**Entrance Exam Syllabus and Paper Pattern****TOPIC-WISE BREAK-UP OF MARKS**

The entrance exam paper consisting of 100 marks (50 questions) shall be split into the following components.

- a. 20 questions of Logical Reasoning
- b. 20 questions of Quantitative Aptitude (upto 10th level Math.)
- c. 10 questions of Comprehensive Ability

**SECTION-WISE BREAK-UP OF MARKS**

The entrance exam paper consisting of 100 marks (50 questions) shall be split into the following sections.

- Section I (Least difficult) - 15 Questions
  - 10 Questions of Comprehensive Ability
  - 5 Questions of Logical Reasoning
- Section II (Difficult) - 15 Questions
  - 15 Questions of Logical Reasoning
- Section III (Most difficult) - 20 Questions
  - 20 Questions of Quantitative Aptitude (Upto 10<sup>th</sup> Level Math.)

**DETAILED SYLLABUS**

- a. Logical Reasoning
  - i. Alphanumeric series, Reasoning Analogies, Blood Relations
  - ii. Pattern Series and Sequences, Seating Arrangements
  - iii. Directions, Odd One Out
- b. Quantitative Aptitude (upto 10th level Math.)
  - i. Averages, Percentage, Ratio and Proportions, Fractions
  - ii. Number Series, Progressions
  - iii. Area & Volume, Sets and Venn Diagrams
  - iv. Time and Work, Data Interpretation
- c. Comprehensive Ability
  - i. Passage in English will be given, and questions will have to be answered based on the passage.

**RESERVATION GUIDELINES**

Reservation of seats for admission shall be on the basis of the Reservation Policy of the Goa State Government.

Candidates applying for admission under the Reserved Categories shall be required to submit a valid Certificate to that effect issued by the Officer of the rank of the Deputy Collector or any other authorized Officer as notified by the Government of Goa.

1. **2%** of seats in each of the post-graduate programmes of study, subject to a **minimum of one seat**, shall be reserved for candidates belonging to **SC Category of Goa State**.
2. **12%** of seats in each of the Post-Graduate programmes of study, subject to a **minimum of one seat**, shall be reserved for candidates belonging to **ST Category of Goa State**.
3. **27%** of total seats, subject to a **minimum of two seats**, for admission to various programmes of study, shall be reserved for candidates belonging to the Other Backward Classes Non-Creamy Layer (**OBC-NCL**) of the State of Goa as per the directives of the State Government.
4. **5%** of total seats, subject to minimum one seat for admission to the various programmes of study, shall be reserved for **Person with Disability (PwD)** candidates as per State Government directives.
5. **10%** of total seats shall be reserved for **Economically Weaker Section of Un-Reserved Category (EWS)** as per the directives of the State Government.
6. **25%** of seats, over and above the allotted number of seats, shall be reserved as supernumerary seats for the overseas candidates, who are eligible for admission and are recommended by the Govt. of India under Scholarship from Govt. of India or under exchange programme (ICCR Programme). These seats shall be filled in accordance with the UGC Guidelines.
7. One seat in each program will be reserved for Kashmiri Migrants (KM) as per directives of the UGC.

**NOTE:**

- a. Percentage of seats mentioned above is subject to change depending upon the Directives of the Goa State Government.

**REFUND OF FEES**

If a student chooses to withdraw from the programme of study in which s/he is enrolled, the following five tier system shall be followed for the refund of fees remitted by her/him.

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Point of time when notice of withdrawal of admissions served to the Institution</b>	<b>% of refund of Aggregate fees*</b>
1.	15 days or more before the formally notified last date of admission. #	100%
2.	Less than 15 days before the formally notified last date of admission.	90%
3.	15 days or less after the formally notified last date of admission.	80%
4.	30 days or less, but more than 15 days after the formally notified last date of admission.	50%
5.	More than 30 days after the formally notified last date of admission.	0%

\* Inclusive of tuition fees and non-tuition fees but exclusive of Caution Deposit.

# Last date of admission shall be notified later on the university website.

- a) In case of (1) in the table above, 5% of the aggregate fees paid by the student, subject to a maximum of Rs.1,000/- shall be deducted as processing charges from the refundable amount.
- b) All other cases of refund of fees will be decided on a case-to-case basis on its merit.
- c) **The Seat Confirmation Fee is fully refundable in case of withdrawal of provisional admission within 30 days from the last date of admission of the respective round.**
- d) **Admission Fees shall be fully refundable in case a candidate fails to qualify the HSSC Examination within 60 days from the last date of admission.**

**Anti-ragging Guidelines**

In order to curb the bad practices such as ragging on the University campus and in its affiliated colleges, the University authorities are committed to strictly take serious actions on the matter as supported by the law and follow UGC Regulation on Curbing the Menace of Ragging in Higher Educational Institutions, 2009

([https://www.ugc.gov.in/Bureaus/bureaus\\_details?EwV4Rtmy2xJ7nuhP3MYqbpwm5MTBRSA5u2ipRdItuUxMTUu1gSiipessUFP0rnrg](https://www.ugc.gov.in/Bureaus/bureaus_details?EwV4Rtmy2xJ7nuhP3MYqbpwm5MTBRSA5u2ipRdItuUxMTUu1gSiipessUFP0rnrg)) as well as Goa Prohibition of Ragging Act, 2008 and the amendments carried out thereafter.

**All concerned must know what constitutes 'ragging'. Any or in multiples of the following acts constitutes ragging:**

- Any conduct by any student or students whether by words spoken or written or by an act which has the effect of teasing, treating or handling with rudeness a fresher or any other student.
- Indulging in rowdy or undisciplined activities by any student or students which causes or is likely to cause annoyance, hardship, physical or psychological harm or to raise fear or apprehension thereof in any fresher or any other student.
- Asking any student to do any act which such student will not in the ordinary course do and which has the effect of causing or generating a sense of shame, or torment or embarrassment so as to adversely affect the physique or psyche of such fresher or any other student.
- Any act by a senior student that prevents, disrupts or disturbs the regular academic activity of any other student or a fresher.
- Exploiting the services of a fresher or any other student for completing the academic tasks assigned to an individual or a group of students.
- Any act of financial extortion or forceful expenditure burden put on a fresher or any other student by students
- Any act of physical abuse including all variants of it: sexual abuse, homosexual assaults, stripping, forcing obscene and lewd acts, gestures, causing bodily harm or any other danger to health or person;
- Any act or abuse by spoken words, emails, post, public insults which would also include deriving perverted pleasure, vicarious or sadistic thrill from actively or passively participating in the discomfiture to fresher or any other student.
- Any act that affects the mental health and self-confidence of a fresher or any other student with or without an intent to derive a sadistic pleasure or showing off power, authority or superiority by a student over any fresher.

Following functionaries are in place with defined responsibilities:

**ANTI-RAGGING COMMITTEE**

- Ensure the compliance of provisions pertaining to UGC Regulations on curbing the menace of Ragging as well as the provision of the Goa Prohibition of Ragging Act 2008 (and amendments)
- Monitor, oversee and guide the anti-ragging squad

**ANTI RAGGING SQUAD**

- Make surprise raids on hostels, other hot-spots to inspect places of potential ragging on the campus
- Conduct an on-the-spot enquiry into any incident of ragging referred by any person and submit an enquiry report along with recommendations to the Anti-Ragging Committee for action under clause (a) 9.1 of UGC Regulations on curbing the Menace of Ragging in Higher Educational Institutions, 2009 and other relevant Rules/State Acts in force.

## MONITORING CELL

Co-ordinate with the affiliated Colleges and institutions to curb the menace of ragging

- Invite reports from the heads of the educational institutions in regard to the activities of the functionaries at their end,
- Conduct orientation Programmes, counselling sessions, the incidents of ragging, the problems faced by the wardens or other officials.
- Keep abreast of the decisions of the District level Anti Ragging Committee.
- Review the efforts made by the institutions to publicize anti-ragging measures, soliciting undertakings from parents and students for each academic year to abstain from ragging activities or willingness to be penalized for violations
- Function as the prime mover for initiating action on the part of the appropriate authorities of the Goa University for amending its Statutes or Ordinances or Bye-laws as the case may be and to facilitate the implementation of Anti-Ragging measures at the level of the institutions
- Send the status reports periodically to the state level monitoring cell at the frequencies laid down with the support on logistics and smooth functioning from the Directorate of Students Welfare.

**As a part of UGC's initiative towards reduction compliance burden of its stakeholders, UGC has revised the procedure for students to file online Anti Ragging Affidavit. The revised procedure is as follows:**

**Step 1:** A student will submit his/her details on the same website ([www.antiragging.in](http://www.antiragging.in) and [www.amanmovement.org](http://www.amanmovement.org)) as before; read and confirm that he/she and his/her parents/Guardians have read and understood the AICTE regulations on curbing the menace of ragging. He/She will confirm & agree that he/she will not engage in ragging in any form. (Step is the same like before)

**Step 2:** The students will receive an e-mail with his/her registration number and a web link. The student will forward the link to the e-mail of the Nodal in his/her University/College. (Please note the student will not receive pdf affidavits and he/she is not required to print & sign it as used to be case earlier)

**Step 3:** The Nodal Officer in the University/College can click on the link of any forwarded e-mails that he/she will receive from any student of his/her college to get the list of those students who have submitted Anti Ragging Affidavits/Undertaking in his/her college. The list will be updated every 24 hours.

It may be noted that it is compulsory for each student and his/her parent/Guardian to submit an online undertaking each academic year of the two designated websites, namely, [www.antiragging.in](http://www.antiragging.in) and [www.amanmovement.org](http://www.amanmovement.org).

## ANTI-RAGGING WEBSITE AT NATIONAL LEVEL

[www.antiragging.in](http://www.antiragging.in) OR [www.amanmovement.org](http://www.amanmovement.org)

## NATIONAL HELPLINE

You can call any time on [1800 180 5522](tel:18001805522). It is a free phone. You can also send an E mail on [helpline@antiragging.in](mailto:helpline@antiragging.in).

## CONTACT DETAILS OF THE PERSON FROM THE GOA UNIVERSITY

Director of Students Welfare, Phone: +91-8669609043, Email: [dsw@unigoa.ac.in](mailto:dsw@unigoa.ac.in) For queries relating to Anti-Ragging

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