

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Undergraduate Admissions 2026–27 – Counselling

1. Who are the candidates included in the Merit List?

The Merit List comprises candidates shortlisted for admission counselling (stream-wise) to the Undergraduate programmes offered by The English and Foreign Languages University (EFLU) at the Hyderabad Campus and Regional Campuses at Shillong and Lucknow, based on **CUET (UG)–2026** scores.

The list includes candidates who have applied for the respective stream/programmes at Hyderabad, Shillong and Lucknow, covering all applicable categories and all programmes under that particular stream, subject to the applicable reservation policy and prescribed shortlisting criteria.

2. Why have more candidates been called for counselling than the number of seats available?

Candidates have been shortlisted for counselling in a higher ratio than the number of available seats. The category-wise shortlisting has also been adjusted, wherever required, to ensure due representation of EWS, OBC-NCL, SC and ST categories as per the applicable reservation policy.

3. If a candidate from one category has higher marks than a candidate from another category, why may the higher-scoring candidate not appear in the counselling list?

Shortlisting is made considering the applicable category-wise reservation and the prescribed number of candidates to be called for counselling. Therefore, merely securing higher marks than a candidate belonging to another category does not by itself confer a right or claim for inclusion in the counselling list.

4. I have been shortlisted. Do I have to attend physical counselling?

Yes. Candidates shortlisted in the Merit List and interested in admission have to physically report for counselling at the campus applicable to them, as per the counselling schedule.

5. Can candidates attend counselling at any of the three campuses?

No. Candidates are instructed to report to the campus chosen as their **first preference** while submitting the application. Since counselling will take place simultaneously at the different campuses, candidates should report accordingly.

6. What time should I report for counselling?

Candidates must report at the respective venue by **9:00 AM** on the scheduled counselling date.

7. When will attendance start and when will the entry gate close?

Attendance of candidates will commence at **9:30 AM**. Since a single attendance record is being maintained for candidates reporting across the campuses (Hyderabad, Shillong and Lucknow), candidates are required to report on time. The entry gate will be **closed at 10:00 AM**, and latecomers will not be permitted to enter the counselling venue or participate in the counselling process after 10:00 AM under any circumstances.

8. Can I arrive after 10:00 AM if I am shortlisted?

No. Candidates must ensure that they reach the counselling venue well before 10:00 AM. No entry will be permitted after the gate closes at 10:00 AM.

9. What documents should I bring for counselling?

Candidates must bring all the prescribed original documents, along with one set of self-attested photocopies of all the documents, for verification.

Candidates must also bring all the documents mentioned in the [checklist](#) as applicable.

Candidates are advised to ensure that all the prescribed documents, photocopies, photographs and Annexures are complete and ready for verification at the time of counselling, as specified in the Guidelines and Information – Undergraduate (UG) Admissions 2026–27.

10. Will document verification take place during counselling?

Yes. Candidates are required to produce the prescribed original documents for verification during the admission counselling process.

11. How will seats be allotted during counselling?

Seats will be offered to the candidates in the order of merit and according to the programme/subject preference given by the candidate in the application form, subject to the applicable Government of India (GoI) reservation policy.

12. Can I change my programme/subject preference during counselling?

No. Seat allotment will be made strictly according to the preference order submitted by the candidate in the application. No change in the preference order will be permitted later.

13. I have not filled my subject/programme preferences. Can I fill them now?

Yes. The application correction window will remain open up to **18.08.2026**. Candidates may use the correction window to fill the preferences, if not already filled, or make necessary changes.

14. Can I request a change in my preference after 18.08.2026?

No. Candidates must carefully check and finalise their preferences before the closing of the correction window. **No request for change in preference will be considered after 18.08.2026.** This is the last extension for the same before the counselling.

15. What happens if I have selected several programme preferences?

The University will consider the preferences in the exact order submitted by the candidate. Seat allotment will be made, subject to merit, availability of seats and applicable reservation, according to that preference order.

16. How will attendance at counselling affect seat allotment?

Attendance of candidates reporting on the scheduled counselling day will be recorded. Seats will subsequently be offered among the candidates who have reported, according to **merit and the preference order** indicated in their application.

17. How many emails or payment links will I receive?

Candidates will not receive any email or payment link from the University before the physical counselling. Candidates shortlisted for counselling must report to the respective counselling centre as per the prescribed schedule and follow the instructions provided there.

The payment link will be provided only to candidates who are provisionally admitted to a programme during the counselling process, and such candidates will be required to make the prescribed payment at the counselling centre itself.

18. Will the University send a payment link before counselling?

No. The payment link will be provided only to candidates who are provisionally admitted to a programme during the counselling process at the respective counselling centre. Such candidates will be required to make the prescribed payment then and there at the counselling centre itself to complete the provisional admission formalities.

19. What happens if I do not get a seat during counselling on 24 or 25 August 2026?

Any seats remaining vacant after the counselling conducted on 24.08.2026 and 25.08.2026 will be filled through a **Spot Round on 28.08.2026**. The vacancy status will be published on the University website latest by 26.08.2026. All the remaining candidates who had applied to EFLU not shortlisted vide [notice dated 10.08.2026](#) will be eligible to attend the spot counselling.

20. If I am not allotted a seat during the main counselling, can I participate in the Spot Round?

No. You need not to attend the spot round as your attendance is already recorded and in the event of consequential vacancies you will be called accordingly.

21. What happens if a seat becomes vacant after counselling because a candidate cancels or withdraws admission?

Any consequential vacancy arising due to cancellation of admission, withdrawal of a seat, etc., will be offered to the **next eligible candidate in the order of merit** from among the candidates who reported on the counselling day and the Spot Round, if applicable.

22. If I am shortlisted but do not attend counselling, will my seat be kept vacant for me?

No. Shortlisting only makes a candidate eligible to participate in counselling; it does not guarantee admission. Candidates interested in admission must report at the prescribed venue and time. Seat allotment will be made among the candidates who report for counselling, according to their merit and preference.

23. Can I attend counselling at Shillong/Lucknow even if my first preference was Hyderabad?

No. Candidates are instructed to report to the **campus chosen as their first preference** in the application. Candidates should therefore carefully follow the campus preference recorded in their application.

24. My name is not in the shortlisted candidates? Can I get admission?

Candidates who are not allotted a seat during the main counselling may participate in the Spot Round, subject to the availability of vacant seats published by the University.

25. What if the counselling process takes a long time?

Candidates are advised to come **fully prepared for the counselling/admission process**, as the process may extend to late hours.

26. Is being included in the Merit List a guarantee of admission?

No. Inclusion in the counselling list only means that the candidate has been shortlisted to participate in counselling. **Admission is subject to merit, availability of seats, applicable reservation, programme preference, document verification and completion of the prescribed admission formalities.**

27. Does securing a higher CUET (UG) score guarantee a particular programme?

No. Seat allotment will depend on the candidate's position in the merit list, availability of seats, applicable reservation and the **preference order submitted in the application.**

28. What should I do if there is an error in my programme/subject preference?

Candidates should use the application correction window, which remains open up to **18.08.2026**, to verify and correct their preferences. No request for correction will be entertained after the correction window closes.

29. What should candidates do regarding category certificates such as EWS/OBC-NCL/SC/ST?

Candidates claiming reservation under any category must produce the prescribed and valid supporting documents/certificates as required under the [Guidelines and Information – Undergraduate \(UG\) Admissions 2026–27](#). Candidates should ensure that their certificates meet the prescribed requirements before attending counselling.

30. What if my EWS/category certificate is not yet available?

Candidates should refer to the specific requirements prescribed in the *Guidelines and Information – Undergraduate (UG) Admissions 2026–27* and ensure that the required certificate/document is available in the prescribed form at the time of verification. The Merit List/counselling notice itself does not provide a separate relaxation regarding submission of category certificates.

31. My name is not included in the shortlisted candidates. Can I still get admission?

Candidates those who are not shortlisted may participate in the Spot Admissions scheduled on 28.08.2026, subject to the availability of vacant seats. The vacancy status will be published on the University website on 26.08.2026. Admission in the Spot Round will be subject to the availability of seats and the applicable admission criteria.

32. Are certificates issued by recognised boards/authorities accepted?

Documents will be considered subject to the eligibility and documentary requirements prescribed in the *Guidelines and Information – Undergraduate (UG) Admissions 2026–27 as per Government of India norms*. Candidates should verify that their certificates satisfy the University's prescribed requirements before counselling.

33. Where can I find the detailed counselling and admission instructions?

Candidates should refer to the detailed **Guidelines and Information – Undergraduate (UG) Admissions 2026–27** and the official University website for detailed instructions, document requirements and further admission-related information.

34. How are CUET (UG)–2026 marks considered for preparation of the Merit List? Are the marks obtained in all the papers taken together?

No.

The Merit List is prepared based on:

1. Marks obtained in the General Aptitude Test (GAT) – Mandatory, and
2. The highest marks obtained in any one Language paper attempted by the candidate in CUET (UG)–2026.

Accordingly, candidates should note that marks obtained in other papers attempted in CUET (UG)–2026 are not taken into consideration for preparation of the Merit List.

35. Will separate Merit Lists for PwBD/WDP candidates be published for filling the supernumerary seats?

No. Five per cent (5%) of the supernumerary seats, including seats earmarked for PwBD, WDP and KM categories, shall be distributed equally across the programmes. Accordingly, candidates belonging to these categories shall be allotted seats strictly in their order of merit during the admission counselling or, subject to availability of vacancies, during the spot round.

36. How will admission be offered based on my preferences?

The following examples are **illustrative only** to explain how the order of merit and programme/subject preferences will be considered during counselling.

Seat allotment will be made on the basis of order of merit, the order of programme/subject preferences given by the candidate in the application, and the applicable Government of India (GoI) reservation policy, subject to availability of seats.

Example 1: English Stream

Suppose a candidate has given the following preferences:

Preference	Programme/Subject	Campus
1st Preference	English	Hyderabad
2nd Preference	English	Shillong
3rd Preference	English	Lucknow
4th Preference	Digital Communication	Hyderabad
5th Preference	Journalism and Mass Communication (JMC)	Shillong

Suppose the candidate reports for counselling and, at the candidate's turn in the order of merit, seats are not available against Preferences 1, 2 and 3, but a seat is available against Preference 4 – Digital Communication at Hyderabad.

The candidate will be allotted Preference 4 – Digital Communication at Hyderabad.

If a vacancy subsequently arises against a higher preference, such as Preference 2 – English at Shillong, the candidate may be considered for that higher preference, subject to merit, applicable reservation policy and availability of the seat.

However, if a candidate is allotted a programme as per a higher-order preference, he/she shall not be permitted to opt for or request allotment to any lower-order preference.

For example, if the candidate is allotted Preference 2 – English at Shillong, the candidate cannot subsequently request Preference 3 – English at Lucknow, Preference 4 – Digital Communication at Hyderabad or Preference 5 – JMC at Shillong.

Example 2: Foreign Languages Stream

Suppose a candidate has given the following preferences:

Preference	Foreign Language	Campus
1st Preference	French	Hyderabad
2nd Preference	German	Hyderabad
3rd Preference	Spanish	Hyderabad
4th Preference	Japanese	Hyderabad
5th Preference	Russian	Hyderabad
6th Preference	Arabic	Hyderabad

Suppose the candidate reports for counselling and, at the candidate's turn in the order of merit, seats are not available against Preferences 1, 2 and 3, but a seat is available against Preference 4 – Japanese.

The candidate will be allotted Japanese (Preference 4). The candidate must either accept the allotted seat or forfeit the seat. The decision once made shall be final.

If a vacancy subsequently arises against Preference 2 – German, the candidate may be considered for German, subject to the applicable merit, reservation policy and availability of the seat.

However, if the candidate is allotted Preference 2 – German, the candidate cannot subsequently request Preference 3 – Spanish, Preference 4 – Japanese, Preference 5 – Russian or Preference 6 – Arabic.

Important

Candidates should therefore choose their preferences **very carefully and in the exact order in which they wish to be considered**.

A candidate allotted a higher preference cannot move down to a lower preference. However, a candidate allotted a lower preference may be considered for a higher preference if a vacancy becomes available, subject to the applicable admission rules.

Please note: The above examples are only for explaining the preference-based seat-allotment process. They do not indicate the actual availability of seats, cut-off marks or actual allotment for any programme, subject or campus.

37. My 1st preference is at Hyderabad. I attended counselling at Hyderabad, but I was allotted a programme at Shillong. Will my admission be processed at Hyderabad itself?

Yes. The admission procedure will be completed at the campus where the candidate reported for counselling, i.e., Hyderabad in this case.

After completion of the admission formalities, the candidate will be issued a Provisional Admission Letter. The candidate can then proceed to the allotted campus at Shillong with the Provisional Admission Letter and report there as per the University's instructions.

Important: Inclusion in the Merit List does not by itself guarantee admission. Admission will be made strictly in accordance with the University's merit, reservation, preference and seat-allotment procedures and subject to verification of the prescribed documents.