



ओड़िशा केन्द्रीय विश्वविद्यालय  
(केन्द्रीय विश्वविद्यालय अधिनियम 2009 के अंतर्गत स्थापित)  
**Central University of Odisha**  
(Established Under the Central Universities Act, 2009)

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**ADMISSION NOTICE OF M.SC. IN BIODIVERSITY AND CONSERVATION OF  
NATURAL RESOURCES FOR ACADEMIC SESSION 2025-26**

The Central University of Odisha hereby notifies that the admission process for the M.Sc. in Biodiversity and Conservation of Natural Resources for the academic session 2025–26 will be conducted on 28th July 2025. All interested candidates are hereby informed that they shall be eligible to participate in the said admission process, subject to fulfillment of the minimum eligibility criteria as prescribed by the University. Admission will be granted strictly on the basis of merit and availability of seats, in accordance with the reservation policy of the Government of India.

1. All interested candidates are required to report from **9.30 AM to 10:30 AM** on the **28<sup>th</sup> July, 2025**.
2. The application-cum-counselling fee shall be **₹1000/- (non-refundable)** for all categories and shall be payable **online through SBI Collect** at the time of reporting for Admission.
3. Admission shall be granted strictly on the basis of the **percentage score** obtained in the **Entrance Test** to be conducted on the same day.
4. Candidates are mandatorily required to carry all relevant original documents, along with one set of self-attested photocopies, and five recent passport size photographs, as prescribed in the **University Prospectus 2025–2026**.
5. Document verification shall be conducted from **10:30 AM to 11:30 AM** in the Department of Biodiversity and Conservation of Natural Resources at the Central University of Odisha, NAD Sunabeda, Dist – Koraput.
6. Only those candidates who are found eligible upon successful verification of documents shall be permitted to appear in the Entrance Test, which shall be conducted from **11:30 AM to 12:30 PM**. The test shall consist of **25 Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs)**, carrying a maximum of **50 marks**, and shall follow a **no negative marking** policy for incorrect or un-attempted answers. The entrance test syllabus shall be based on the relevant undergraduate curriculum for Life Science/Earth Science/Environmental Science, **The results of the entrance test shall be announced by 2:30 PM**, and admissions shall commence immediately thereafter. Payment of the admission fee shall also be made online.
7. It is hereby clarified that the University provides no assurance of admission to any candidate unless he or she is physically present for document verification and participates in the entrance test. All candidates are therefore required to report for admission at their own responsibility and interest.
8. A candidate belonging to a reserved category (SC/ST/OBC-NCL/EWS) is eligible to appear in both the Unreserved (UR) merit list and their respective reserved category list. If the candidate is not admitted under a UR seat but secures admission under their reserved category in any round, they may still be upgraded to a UR seat in a subsequent round, provided their merit is high enough. Under all circumstances, the UR cut-off must always be equal to or higher than the cut-off for any reserved category, ensuring the integrity of the merit system. As a result, while preparing subsequent merit lists, the number of vacancies in the UR category may decrease due to the up-gradation of high-merit reserved category candidates, and the corresponding number of vacancies in the reserved categories may increase. If the list of eligible candidates in the OBC-NCL or EWS category is exhausted, any vacant seats in such categories shall be converted to Unreserved (UR) category seats. In the event of exhaustion of eligible candidates in either SC or ST categories, vacant seats may be filled by mutual interchange between SC and ST categories, subject to applicable regulations.



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9. The Admission 2025-26 will be conducted for M.Sc. in Biodiversity and Conservation of Natural Resources:

Sr. No.	Name of the Programmes	Eligibility Criteria
01	M.Sc. in Biodiversity and Conservation of Natural Resources	A Graduate with Major subject / Honours in branches like Biodiversity & Conservation, Botany, Zoology, Biochemistry, Biotechnology, Biophysics, Forestry, Bioinformatics, Microbiology, Environmental Science, Marine Biology, Molecular Biology and Genetics at Graduation level with minimum 55% marks (or an equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed) in aggregate as well as in respective subject from a recognized University /Institution. (5% relaxation will be given to SC/ST/PwD candidates).

10. Seat Matrix of M.Sc. in Biodiversity and Conservation of Natural Resources:

Sl. No.	Programme	Category									
		UR	OBC	EWS	SC	ST	PwBD	KM	WESM&S	SQ	SGCQ
01	M.Sc. in Biodiversity and Conservation of Natural Resources	15	10	04	06	03	02	02	02	01	01

**Please note:** KM- Kashmiri Migrant, WESM&S- Wards of Ex-servicemen and Self, SQ-Sports Quota, SGCQ- Single Child Girl Quota

11. Admission Fee:

Programme	GEN	OBC	SC	ST	EWS	PwBD (VH)	PwBD (Others)	KM	WES M&S	SQ	SGCQ
M.Sc. in Biodiversity and Conservation of Natural Resources	7750	7750	7750	7750	7750	1800	7250	7750	7750	7750	7750

12. All shortlisted/admitted candidates shall mandatorily submit the **final mark sheet or certificate** of their qualifying examination **within thirty (30) days** from the date of admission. **Failure to submit** the requisite document(s) within the prescribed timeframe shall result in **automatic cancellation of admission without any prior notice**, and the University shall not entertain any request for extension or reconsideration under any circumstances. Furthermore, in cases where the submitted final mark sheet reveals that the candidate **has not secured the minimum percentage of marks or grade** required for eligibility to the respective programme as prescribed by the University, such admission shall stand **automatically cancelled**, irrespective of the stage of admission or attendance. The University reserves the right to withdraw such admissions forthwith and offer the seat to the next eligible candidate as per merit.
13. If a candidate fails to submit the required documents or category certificate (if applicable), or fails to pay the admission fee within the prescribed timeline, the allotted seat will be automatically forfeited without any further notice. Such seats shall be made available for the next round of admission.
14. In case of vacancy, further merit lists may be displayed on the official website of the Central University of Odisha. Candidates are advised to regularly visit the University website for updates and instructions.



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15. The University reserves the right to subject any admitted candidate to a **medical fitness examination** conducted by the **University Medical Officer or a designated medical authority**. Admission shall be confirmed only upon certification of medical fitness by such authority.
16. Candidates whose **qualifying examination is not recognized** by UGC, or any other statutory authority shall be deemed **ineligible for admission**, and their application or admission shall be cancelled forthwith, irrespective of the stage at which the discrepancy is discovered.
17. Candidates who are in service and are selected for admission to any **full-time programme** must submit a **relieving order or sanctioned leave certificate** from their employer at the time of physical document verification. Failure to produce such a document shall result in **automatic withdrawal of the admission offer**.
18. The number of seats available in all hostels under the University is limited. Owing to infrastructural constraints and a growing number of applications for hostel accommodation, it may not be possible to allocate rooms to every applicant. Applicants are therefore advised to take note of the limited availability and plan accordingly. Priority for hostel accommodation will be given based on predefined criteria, such as distance from the campus, academic performance, or as per the university's policies. Further details regarding the application process, eligibility criteria, and deadlines will be communicated separately. Additionally, candidates are informed that the hostel fee shall be payable only after the formal allotment of hostel accommodation by the competent authority. Students are encouraged to explore alternative accommodation options in case hostel seats are not allotted.
19. In all matters of admission, including disputes and unforeseen circumstances, the decision of the University shall be final and binding. Any form of canvassing or malpractice shall result in disqualification and cancellation of candidature.
20. The refund of fees, where applicable, shall be governed by the UGC Guidelines in force at the time of withdrawal/cancellation.
21. In the event of any ambiguity or contradiction between the above instructions and the provisions stipulated in the Prospectus 2025–2026, the statements and regulations contained in the Prospectus shall prevail and be deemed final for all purposes.
22. All legal disputes pertaining to the admission process shall fall under the jurisdiction of courts located in Koraput, Odisha only.
23. Admission Helpdesk: 9668887305/ 8144744270 E-Mail: admission@cuo.ac.in

Sd/-

Controller of Examinations (I/c)