Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

B.S. in Data Science and Artificial Intelligence Programme

Indian Institute of Management Sambalpur

1. What is the eligibility criteria for the B.S. in Data Science and Artificial Intelligence programme?

To be eligible, applicants must:

- Have passed Standard XII (or equivalent examination) in 2024, or be appearing in 2025, with results expected in June 2025.

- Have a Min. 70% in Standard X/SSC and Standard XII/HSC or equivalent examinations (General Category); 65% for SC/ST/OBC-NCL/ PwD and EWS Categories.

- Must have passed English language examination in Standard X/SSC and Standard XII/HSC or equivalent examinations

- Must have a valid **Must have a valid IIT JEE (Mains) 2025 score** (mandatory for all applicants)**.**

2. I missed applying for IIT JEE (Mains) 2025. Is there any alternate mode of admission?

At present, **IIT JEE (Mains) 2025 is the sole mode of admission**. Unfortunately, alternative scores like IPMAT, SAT, IIT JEE(Advanced), or IIMK BMS-AT cannot be accepted. We understand the concerns regarding the timing of the announcement and will consider broader options for future admission cycles (if possible).

3. Is admission open to students who passed Standard XII/HSC or equivalent examinations in 2024 or thereafter?

Yes. Applicants who have passed Standard XII (or equivalent) in 2024 or are appearing in 2025 (with results awaited) may apply, subject to fulfillment of other eligibility criteria.

4. What if my Standard X and/or Standard XII or equivalent examination marks are below the prescribed percentage?

Candidates not meeting the minimum qualifying marks of 70% (or 65% for reserved categories) in either Standard X and Standard XII are not eligible to apply.

5. Is there any age limit to apply?

The maximum age for admission is 21 years as on July 31, 2025. However, relaxation in age will be provided as per Govt of India norms for the reserved candidates.

6. What components of the IIT JEE (Main) 2025 are considered for selection?

Only the final (based on the best of the two if applicable) in IIT JEE(Main) 2025 will be considered in preparation of merit.

7. Will there be an interview or any other selection step beyond IIT JEE (Main)?

Currently, **admission will be based solely on the IIT JEE (Main) 2025 scores** only. No interview is planned for this cycle.

8. How many seats are available in the programme?

The programme offers **90 seats** in its inaugural batch.

9. Is there any reservation or preference policy?

Yes. Reservation of seats shall be applicable as per prevailing Government of India regulations.

10. What if two candidates have the same score?

In the event of a tie, preference will be given based on:

1. Higher Class 12th marks

2. Higher Class 10th marks

3. Age (older candidate preferred)

11. What is the total programme fee? Is there an installment facility?

Detailed fee structure is available on our website. Please click here for details. However, Fee payment has to be made semester-wise.

12. Are scholarships or financial assistance available?

Eligible students are encourage to apply for Government sponsored scholarship schemes.

13. Are students from ICSE and ISC boards eligible?

Yes, all recognised boards including ICSE, ISC, CBSE, State Boards, and international boards are accepted.

14. Can international students apply?

Yes, International students and NRIs possessing requisite qualifications including valid IIT JEE (Main) 2025 score are encouraged to apply.

15. What are the NEP 2020 compliant exit options in the programme?

In line with NEP 2020, the programme offers:

- **Certificate** after 1 year

- **Diploma** after 2 years

- **Bachelor's Degree** after 3 years

- **Honours / Honours with Research** after 4 years

16. Can I get assistance on education loans?

IIM Sambalpur is an internationally reputed academic institution set up by the Government of India and you are unlikely to face any difficulty in obtaining an educational loan. However, the specific process and documentation requirements depends on the bank. The institute will support you to make available the necessary documents.

17. Where will the classes be held? Main campus or temporary?

Classes for the batch will be conducted at the **main campus in Sambalpur**, which is now functional with modern infrastructure. Hostel facilities are available within the campus.

18. Do I need to submit an official mark list, transcripts and certificates when I apply?

You will have to attach scanned copies of all your mark list/ transcripts and certificates in your online Application Form. It is mandatory to attach your grade X or equivalent qualification transcript. If you have received your grade for XII final or equivalent examination results, it is mandatory to attach the transcript.

19. Is it possible to apply before obtaining the grade XII final /board exam scores?

No, Students can not apply without obtaining their grade XII final/ board exam or equivalent examination results..

20. How do I compute the percentage of marks for application?

The percentage of marks obtained in Classes X & XII would be calculated based on the aggregate marks of all subjects that appear in the marks sheet or grade sheet, irrespective of whether the respective board considers them for the percentage calculation.

21. I have changed my name, according to due procedure, after completing my 12th/Diploma. Should I enter my name as per the 12th/Diploma certificate or the changed name?

You must enter your changed name and provide the supporting documents for the change of name at the time of admission.

22. Which documents must I submit if I belong to the SC/ST category?

If you belong to the SC or ST category, your caste/tribe must be listed in the Government of India schedule. For more information, refer to the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment website https://socialjustice.gov.in / Home and the Ministry of Tribal Affairs website https://tribal.nic.in

The caste certificate you upload in the Application Form should be in the government-approved format.

23. What are the hostel arrangements and annual charges?

This is a fully residential programme. On-campus Double occupancy shared hostel facilities will be provided inside the campus and students are required to stay in the allotted hostel only. No students of this programme will be allowed to stay outside the institute without any permission. The **semester wise hostel and mess fees** are provided in Fee Structure of the programme. It is payable semester-wise.

24. Will there be placement support for this programme?

Yes. IIM Sambalpur will offer **placement assistance** through its Career Development Cell, and engage with industry, government, and public policy think tanks to support internships and job placements. Under this programme several programs would be initiated through the placement cell to make the students ready and thoroughly prepared to take up challenging roles in the industry. Students are likely to get multiple opportunities to participate in the corporate recruitment process. However, the conversion cannot be guaranteed by the institution and the outcomes are dependent on the student's efforts and performance.

25. Where can I find detailed admission steps and application form?

All relevant details, timelines, and the application link will be available on the **official IIM Sambalpur website**: https://www.iimsambalpur.ac.in

If your query is not listed here, feel free to write to:
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