

# Frequently Asked Questions

Apprehensions and questions hound a potential fresher right before admission, counselling, and even before class. In this article, we try our best to alleviate the suspense. ***If the answers below don't cover what you need or you're looking for any more information, join the [official freshers' group](#) for any queries.*** You can also check out our [Fresher's Corner](#) for a better insight into life at MIT Manipal.

Updates regarding counselling procedures will be given [here](#).  
The counselling schedule for 2022 is given [here](#).  
The counselling information brochure is given [here](#).

*The admissions and counselling process for the incoming freshers batch of 2022 will be entirely online. Information pertaining to on-campus lifestyle may not be applicable as the situation might be different once students are back on campus.*

**What are the cut-offs for each stream? Is it possible to get a certain stream even if I do not make the cut?**

The cut-offs for the years 2017 and 2018 (at the end of the fifth round of counselling), 2020 (after the first round), 2021 (after the first round), and 2022 (after the second round) in the main campus (Manipal) are as follows. There are five rounds of counselling followed by an intra-institute sliding round and then a spot round as well. Once the branch preferences order is chosen, they can only be changed again in the intra-institute sliding round. Students can apply for a branch change at the end of freshman year on the basis of their CGPA and availability of seats.

**BTech Common Counseling 2021 Cutoff Ranks**

**Cutoff Ranks after Round 1**

Stream	Branch	MIT Manipal	SMIT Sikkim	MU Jaipur	BIT Bangalore
Chemical	B.Tech Biotechnology	14521*			
	B.Tech Chemical Engg	29932*		31259*	
	B.Tech (Hons) Chemical Engg (Computer Aided Process Engg)			30282*	
	B.Tech (Hons) Chemical Engg (Petroleum Engg)			20215*	
Civil	B.Tech Civil	34830		34755	
	B.Tech (Hons) Civil Engg (Geoinformatics)			33026*	
Computer	B.Tech Artificial Intelligence and Data Science		19176		
	B.Tech Computer & Communication	2570		34998	
	B.Tech Computer Science and Engg	597	16551	8855	
	B.Tech Computer Science and Engg (Artificial Intelligence)	819			
	B.Tech Computer Science and Engg (Cyber Security)				12808*
	B.Tech Computer Science and Engg (Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning)				29422*
	B.Tech (Hons) Computer Science and Engg (Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning)				
	B.Tech (Hons) Computer Science and Engg (Internet of Things and Intelligent System)				
	B.Tech Data Science and Engg	2307*		34624*	
B.Tech Information Technology	1696*	34503	25478*		
Electrical	B.Tech Biomedical Engg	23247*			
	B.Tech Electrical and Computer Engg			33788	
	B.Tech Electrical and Electronics Engg	7570*	27823	34463	
	B.Tech Electronics and Communication Engg	4058*	34252	33475	
	B.Tech Electronics and Instrumentation Engg	12124*			
	B.Tech Cyber Physical Systems	33440*			
Mechanical	B.Tech Aeronautical Engg	9098*			
	B.Tech Automobile Engg	17142*		34548	
	B.Tech Industrial Engg	25778*			
	B.Tech Mechanical Engg	14337*	30872	33760	
	B.Tech (Hons) Mechanical Engg (Robotics)			34397*	
	B.Tech Mechatronics	13882*		34101*	

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*Cutoffs for 2021 – Round 1*

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Stream	BTech Branch	MIT Manipal	SMIT Sikkim	MU Jaipur
Chemical	Biotechnology (BT)	16048	-	-
	Chemical (CH)	19754	-	
Civil	Civil (CV)	22566		
Computer	Computer & Communication (CC)	2457	-	16880
	Computer Science (CS)	781	15897	8663
	Information Technology (IT)	1932	21222	14496
	Data Science & Engg (DS)	2485	-	11624
Electrical	Biomedical (BM)	20507	-	-
	Electrical & Electronics (EE)	6903	31327	28138
	Electronics & Communication (EC)	3908	34923	23663
	Electronics & Instrumentation (EI)	10906	-	-
	Media Technology (MD)	19695	-	-
Mechanical	Aeronautical (AE)	9422	-	-
	Automobile (AU)	13823	-	38154
	Industrial Production (IP)	20749	-	-
	Mechanical (ME)	10714	37588	37351
	Mechatronics (MT)	10830	-	32453

### *Cutoffs for 2020 – Round 1*

BRANCH	MIT, Manipal	SMIT, Sikkim	MUJ, Jaipur
Civil (CV)	25813		
Biotechnology (BT)	23680		
Chemical (CH)	19305		
Computer and Communication (CC)	2984		16561
Computer Science (CS)	1557	28102	8500
Information Technology (IT)	2563	41630	12635
Biomedical (BM)	27145		
Electrical and Electronics (EE)	7758		
Electronics and Communication (EC)	4079		20336
Electronics and Instrumentation (EI)	11204		
Media Technology (MD)	35676		
Aeronautical (AE)	11646		
Automobile (AU)	13277		
Industrial and Production (IP)	19741		
Mechanical (ME)	7474		37286
Mechatronics (MT)	7459		31575

### *Cutoffs for 2018*

BRANCH	MIT, Manipal
Civil (CV)	24368
Biotechnology (BT)	25800
Chemical (CH)	23595
Computer and Communication (CC)	4335
Computer Science (CS)	1978
Information Technology (IT)	3450
Biomedical (BM)	35826
Electrical and Electronics (EE)	9870
Electronics and Communication (EC)	5560
Instrumentation and Control (IC)	22638
Media Technology (MD)	39136
Aeronautical (AE)	11779
Automobile (AU)	14362
Industrial and Production (IP)	21509
Mechanical (ME)	8800
Mechatronics (MT)	9742

*Cutoffs for 2017*

### **Which campus do I go for—Manipal, Jaipur, or Sikkim?**

Each campus is quite well-built and is competent when it comes to education. The Manipal campus (being the oldest) is preferred and has better placement statistics than others. If a prospective student's rank qualifies them for taking admission in the Manipal campus and there are no personal issues, then the Manipal campus itself is preferred. If one does not get the desired branch, a branch change after the first year is an option. Branch changes, are, however, dependent on vacancies and have a minimum CGPA requirement.

### **What are the cutoffs like after the first round of seat allotment?**

The ranks do see a slight drop in each round and tend to fall considerably by the sixth round. Following this, there will be an intra-institute sliding round for students who have already been admitted at the beginning of the semester. During this time, one can change their branch within the institute they have been admitted to, and ranks will see a further drop. The final round is the spot round which is extremely risky to partake in. This is the last opportunity for changing one's branch through counselling. After this, the branch can be

changed only at the end of the 1st year based on your 1st year CGPA.

*For an overview of all courses on offer and other details, download the prospectus [here](#).*

### **What is intra-institute sliding, spot round, and branch change?**

As the counselling rounds progress, seats end up being vacant in the preferred branches as some students opt-out or do not turn up. These seats are passed on to other students, according to their rank and branch priority. As a result, vacancies are created in other branches too, so the seats are further given to students. The first six rounds of counselling occur before a student starts classes.

The intra-institute sliding happens once college begins. In the spot round, if you fail to get any one of your preferred branches then you'll have to give up your existing seat in the college. It is advised that students already have other options open before applying for the spot round. The final chance to change your branch, the branch upgrade, is after the 1st year and is based upon your 1st year CGPA.

### **Is branch change after the first year common? What are the cut-offs?**

Students often try for branch change. When the session begins, seats end up vacant in some branches as some students opt out of the course. These seats are given to other students, with the allotment according to their CGPA. To change a branch after the first year a student has to apply to the administrative section at the end of the first year before the end of semester exams. The cutoffs vary each year depending on the number of students who applied for a particular branch and their CGPA. Sometimes, there are very few or no seats available, and the CGPA cutoff can also be quite high. Usually, the branch upgrade cut-offs for CSE, IT, and CCE are

above 9, and ECE is above 8.5.

**What are the documents I'll need to bring for the counselling round? Which campus ought I go to for the same?**

*The counselling rounds for 2022 will be done online. The documents mentioned need to be uploaded via the portal. Prospective students need not visit any campus for the counselling process. The procedure is as given in the information brochure. You can also take a look over [here](#).*

Registration for the B.Tech (General Category) counselling process will tentatively start on July 13th according to the Admissions Office. The conduction of the counselling process will be online. Further instructions for the counselling and admission process will be made available to the students and parents shortly.

*For further details on the counselling and admission procedure, click [here](#).*

**How is one eligible for a scholarship at MIT?**

Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE) offers scholarship opportunities as well as fee waivers based on the parents' annual income and the student's academic performance. A detailed run-down of the scholarships offered by MAHE can be accessed [here](#).

**What are the laptop requirements?**

Students will be required to purchase their own laptop. The following specifications are recommended, based on information provided to the freshers batch of 2019.

## Note on Laptops:

To enhance the learning process at Manipal it is advised that the students bring their own laptops as they arrive for the academic year in July. Kindly make sure that your laptops will have the minimum configuration outlined below:

- ❖ CPU: Core i5 and above
- ❖ RAM: 4GB and above
- ❖ Storage: 512GB and above
- ❖ Screen: 1920 x 1080 minimum resolution
- ❖ Graphics card: NVIDIA GeForce 2gb and above

## How are the campus placements?

The campus placement statistics vary slightly every year. In general, the placement rate is moderately high and the packages are good. MIT has a well-organized placement team comprising faculty and student coordinators from each department. If you wish to know more about the placement procedure, click [here](#). Companies come for campus placements in the 7th semester, and for summer internships in the 5th semester which might also turn into a placement offer.

## How many holidays do we get in the entire semester?

*The academic calendar for the odd semester of 2022 has not been formulated yet and will be considerably different as compared to previous years. The holiday list will be updated shortly.*

We usually have very limited holidays in a semester. The third Saturday of every month is a holiday. There are semester

breaks after every semester though. After the odd semester, students get about a month's vacation while the even semesters are followed by almost a three-month-long holiday. The list of holidays will be given in the academic calendar.

**When do club and project recruitments start? How will the students be notified?**

*Students can register for club events and recruitment via the [events portal](#) or through **The MIT Post app**. Students can browse through the events portal where each event has a basic registration form to be filled and after which, the respective club will get in touch with the student regarding further details.*

*There will be no interaction ban while the semester is being conducted online. There will be an orientation conducted by the Student Council followed by a clubs [expo](#). Club recruitment will commence in October or November depending upon the updated academic calendar. Students are encouraged to follow clubs of their interest on social media to get a better insight into their activities and work.*

Freshers are usually not allowed to interact with the seniors in the first half of the semester, to allow the first years to settle in without inhibitions. Also, before and during exams, no club activities are allowed to make sure that students focus only on academics during those periods.

However, after this ban, students can start applying for the various student bodies at MIT, Manipal. These clubs will advertise their recruitments and events, so keep your eyes open. You can read about all the different student bodies in our comprehensive database [here](#). Further, you can join the [Official Freshers' Group](#) where we will have a round of club introductions later on.

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***The following questions are pertaining to the on-campus Manipal life.***

**I hope there is no ragging in Manipal. What rules have been set in order to prevent it?**

MIT has a zero-tolerance policy when it comes to ragging. The rules are quite strict and implemented well. The students are required to fill an anti-ragging undertaking and ragging here is dealt with as a criminal offence—as it should be. Seniors have a ban on interaction with freshers until before the technical fest, TechTatva, which plays a vital role in keeping a safer senior-fresher dynamic.

**Is the infamous drug culture of Manipal a reality?**

Manipal is no more immune or prone to the drug problem than other places. Contrary to the myth, drug consumption is not the norm here. Indulging in these activities is a choice, and a student is not going to face any pressure to do so. Drugs are not easily available to students unless they actively seek them out. From the college's end, there is an Anti-Substance Abuse Declaration that is signed by every fresher. If found using any of the drugs mentioned in the undertaking, strict action will be taken against the student by the college as well as legal authorities.

**How are the hostels? Are the messes/food courts close by?**

*Hostel allotment for 2022 will be done at a later date.*

The [hostels](#) are well-maintained and make for comfortable living for their price. You can choose the hostel of your preference in your first year—the block as well as type (AC/non-AC, Single/Double/Triple occupancy, Private/Common bathrooms). It is mandatory for all first-years, except for Udupi district residents, to reside in hostels and avail the

mess facilities. The [messes](#) are close to most hostels with some hostels having their own mess. Otherwise, there are two common Food Courts, one nearly at the centre of the campus, and the other located close to the boys' hostels.

### **How are the messes? Is the food healthy and tasty, and is it rationed?**

There are various [messes](#) on the campus catering to nearly every Indian palate. The messes provide the students with four meals a day—breakfast, lunch, hi-tea, and dinner. The timings and menu vary depending upon the mess. While everything else is unlimited, the refreshments served in the evening, as well as non-veg items are rationed. If you do need a break from mess food there is no shortage of [places](#) to tantalize your taste buds.

### **What are the curfew timings here?**

The rules and curfew timings in Manipal are quite reasonable compared to other colleges. As of now, the first years have to reach their hostels by **9:30 PM** and the curfew timing for seniors is **10:30 PM**. The curfew timings are usually extended up to 11 PM for all students during festivals, college fests, and exams. Entry into campus closes at 11 PM.

*Please note: The curfew timings are subject to change in light of the pandemic.*

### **What all should I pack with me? Is everything available in Manipal itself?**

Manipal has well-established [markets](#) with stores such as *More* and other local businesses. You can find most necessities such as toiletries and umbrellas within the campus itself. In general, a student needs to pack clothes, a sturdy umbrella, and (if desired) goods unique to their native place.

*For further details on what to pack, click [here](#).*

### **What is the climate in Manipal like?**

The climate in Manipal is mostly humid, with the months of March to May being the hottest. Monsoon rains start around June and last till August—so don't forget to carry that umbrella when you're joining in July. Umbrellas are a precious commodity in the odd semester and have a tendency to get lost (or more likely stolen), so keep it within sight at all times especially near the messes or food courts.

### **How is mobile connectivity? Is there a specific network provider I should stick to?**

Manipal is not as obscure a town as it may seem! Every service provider is as good as any. Students can choose JIO, Airtel, Vodafone Idea, etc.

### **Is the internet provided by the college in our rooms and classes or is it advisable to buy a dongle?**

MIT offers every student an iON wifi connection, with a 60-gigabyte limit per month. Hostels have good internet connectivity, especially with a LAN cable. The speed, if not amazing, is sufficient for most needs. You can also choose to pay to get better speeds and more data.