

**ENTRANCE TEST AND ADMISSION TO:
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (DATA SCIENCE & ARTIFICIAL
INTELLIGENCE)**

(2026 -2027)

IN

**ST. XAVIER'S COLLEGE, MUMBAI
(AN EMPOWERED AUTONOMOUS INSTITUTE)**

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1. INTRODUCTION:

The Data Science and Artificial Intelligence (DSAI) programme is designed to equip students with the foundational knowledge and practical skills to thrive in one of the most rapidly evolving and in-demand fields today. This course blends the analytical rigour of Data Science with the transformative power of Artificial Intelligence. Students will explore how to gather, clean, and analyze large datasets, uncover patterns using machine learning, and build intelligent systems capable of making autonomous decisions. Throughout the course, students will gain hands-on experience with tools such as Python, Pandas, Scikit-learn, TensorFlow, and SQL, while also developing a deep understanding of concepts such as: Data wrangling and visualization, Statistical modelling and hypothesis testing, Machine learning algorithms, Neural networks and deep learning, Natural language processing, Ethical AI and responsible data use. The primary objective of this initiative is to inspire young minds to develop innovative algorithms and strategies, particularly in the domain of Large Language Models (LLMs) and equip students with the essential skills in Data Science and Artificial Intelligence. In the first two years, the course focuses on building a strong foundation in data science, followed by the development of multiple skill sets required for advanced concepts in Data Analytics, Big Data Analytics, and Artificial Intelligence. This DSAI course was started in year 2025. We have dedicated classroom and lab for this course.

1.1.1. B.Sc (DSAI) with a Minor Degree in Management Studies

The knowledge of Management Studies is imperative for students of Information Technology if they want to take up the role of Product Architects and Managerial positions at senior levels of any software firm. The courses will help them to understand the nuances of the various verticals of the IT firm they work for and will also be better equipped to offer viable solutions to the managerial issues faced by their clients.

1.1.2 B.Sc (DSAI) with a Minor Degree in Communications & Journalism

Information Technology is all pervasive fueling the digital world. Media Communication competencies will add the human face to the tech driven solutions. High tech solutions to be translated through effective client presentation and team management need communication techniques like consumer perception understanding and creative thinking.

Through the courses of branding, consumer understanding etc., client presentations and team interactions effectiveness will be enhanced. Creative digital storytelling when heavy tech solutions are presented will be a unique competitive skill.

1.1.3 B.Sc. (DSAI) with a Minor Degree in Accounting & Finance

A student from B.Sc. (DSAI) by adding accounting and finance field knowledge may get an extra advantage to explore leverage in using their core DS&AI domain knowledge to design advance solutions, software and articulate advanced analytical tools with much more conceptual financial literacy offered through various courses offered by BAF department.

- 1.2. The minor course contents have been designed to add value with practical skill orientation to supplement learner's ability to match the needs of the dynamic eco system.
- 1.3. Please go to the College Website Homepage for the history of the College, the course content, syllabi and other details.
- 1.4. The allocation of minor subjects will be based on student interest and the availability of seats.

2. SCHEDULE OF XAVIERS ENTRANCE TEST 2026 (XET 2026):

2.1. The test will be held across 9 cities (locations) in the Country. The Cities are as follows: Mumbai, Delhi, Jaipur, Pune, Bangalore, Kochi, Kolkata, Guwahati, and Hyderabad. Exam slots will be automatically assigned and are non-negotiable. Your designated exam date and slot will be communicated to you via your admit card.

2.2. Centers Outside Mumbai (Rest of India): XET 2026 for BSc DSAI will be held between the 2nd (Saturday) and 3rd (Sunday) of May 2026.

2.3. Center in Mumbai (St. Xavier's College): XET 2026 for BSc DSAI will be held between the 6th (Wednesday), 7th (Thursday) and 8th (Friday) of May 2026. The center in Mumbai is at St. Xavier's College, Mumbai only. There is no other center in Mumbai.

2.4. The Schedule for XET at the various Centre's is as follows:

Centre	Date for XET 2026	Day
Delhi	2 nd and 3 rd May 2026	Saturday & Sunday
Pune	3 rd May 2026	Sunday
Bangalore	2 nd May 2026	Saturday
Cochin	2 nd May 2026	Saturday
Kolkata	3 rd May 2026	Sunday
Guwahati	2 nd May 2026	Saturday
Jaipur	2 nd and 3 rd May 2026	Saturday & Sunday
Hyderabad	3 rd May 2026	Sunday
Mumbai	6 th , 7 th , & 8 th May 2026	Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

Link for the XET 2026 application: <https://entrancetest.xaviers.edu/landing>

2.5. The Schedule will remain unaltered even if the above dates are declared Public Holidays.

2.6. The Test Duration: **1.5 hours**. Students with disability will get 30 mins extra.

3. **ADMIT CARD:**

3.1 The admit card will be available on the portal. You can login and download the same two days prior to the exam. You will be given the option of selecting one Centre for the XET 2026 in the application form. The exact address for the venue of the XET 2026 will be in the Admit card.

3.2 Please note that if a Centre has less than the required quantum of students for the XET 2026 you will be shifted to the nearest Centre from the one selected by you.

3.3 The Admit Card will have Instructions printed on it for the benefit of the candidates. The Admit Card must be self-attested and retained by the candidate. Please make sure you carry your admit card on the day of exam to the designated Centre.

3.4 If the Admit Card is not received two days prior, the candidate should write to the online.admission@xaviers.edu

4. BASIS OF ADMISSION FOR B.Sc. (DSAI) (2026-27):

4.1. The entrance test will be of 75 marks for a duration of 1.5 hours.

4.2. **Category-wise Final Merit** list will be computed as under:

4.2.1. 60% weightage to the score obtained in the test

4.2.2. 40% weightage to the score obtained in the qualifying Class XII Examinations.

4.3. **Instructions for the XET 2026:**

4.3.1. The locations of the XET 2026 will be as per above in point no:3

4.3.2. Timings and Venue for XET 2026 will be intimated on the Admit Card.

4.3.3. Admit Card with the instructions: (Refer Section 8)

4.3.4. All queries with regard to the Entrance Test should be clarified and settled within the stipulated time on the email given in the mail or college website

4.3.5. The dates of the merit list and admission schedule will be updated on the College website. Kindly check the website for all notifications. (www.xaviers.edu)

4.3.6. **Link for the XET 2026 application:** <https://entrancetest.xaviers.edu/landing>

5. NATURE OF THE CONTENT OF XET 2026:

5.1. The Question Paper for the tests will be in English only.

5.2. There is **NO NEGATIVE** marking.

5.3. The **Test for B.Sc. (DSAI)** will consist of: Mathematics, Logical Reasoning and Quantitative Analytics and Basics of Computer

5.3.1. Table 1 lists the Syllabus Weightage for the B.Sc. (DSAI) Entrance Test:

Table 1

Sr. No.	Syllabus	Weightage
1.	Mathematics	60%
2	Logical reasoning and quantitative analytics	20%

3	Basics of Computer	20%
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6. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR APPEARING FOR XAVIERS ENTRANCE TEST

2026:

6.1. Every candidate must ensure that he/she satisfies all the eligibility conditions given below for taking admission for the B.Sc. (DSAI) programme 2026 -2027

6.1.1. The candidate should have cleared the Qualifying 12th Examination in the first attempt and with at least **45 percent aggregate marks** and with **Mathematics** as one of the subjects (refer 6.1.4)

6.1.2. Candidate's date of birth must fall on or after **1st June, 2004.**

6.1.2.1. Only the following document will be accepted as proof of date of birth:

School Leaving Certificate, Board / Pre-University Certificate / Birth Certificate issued by a Competent Authority.

6.1.3. For Christian minority candidates, the Baptism Certificate or equivalent is a mandatory document.

6.1.4. Those appearing in the qualifying exams (as listed below in 6.1.5) later than the above-mentioned B.Sc. (DSAI) 2026 Entrance Test dates are **NOT ELIGIBLE** to apply for Entrance Test.

6.1.5. The Qualifying Examinations are listed below:

6.1.5.1. The final Examination of the 10 + 2 system conducted by any recognized Central / State Board, Maharashtra State Board of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education, Mumbai, Pune, or any other State Boards, Central Board of Secondary Education, (C.B.S.E.) New Delhi, Council for the Indian School Certification Examination and (I.S.C.) New Delhi.

6.1.5.2. Intermediate or 2-Year Pre-University Examination conducted by authorities listed in 6.1.5.1.

6.1.5.3. High School Certificate Examination of the Cambridge University or International Baccalaureate Diploma of the International Baccalaureate Office, Geneva.

- 6.1.5.4.** Senior Secondary School Examination conducted by the National Institute of Open Schooling with a minimum of 5 subjects.
- 6.1.5.5.** Diploma in any Engineering branch with two or three- or four-years duration after passing the Secondary School Certificate (SSC) examination conducted by the Board of Technical Education, Maharashtra State or equivalent examination.
- 6.1.5.6.** *NOTE: In case the candidate has passed the Qualifying Examination from a Board or Pre-University other than the Maharashtra State Board, then that candidate will be required to apply for a **Provisional Eligibility Certificate issued by the University of Mumbai through the College at the time of admission.** The duly filled-in application form available at the College Office should be submitted with an attested copy of the Class XII marksheet along with the prescribed fees to the college office when admission is offered.*

7. MODE OF APPLICATION FOR XET 2026:

- 7.1.** Candidates can apply online by logging on to the Homepage of St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Mumbai: www.xaviers.edu. Click on the link provided to fill the online Application Form.
- 7.2.** **Link for the XET 2026 application:** <https://entrancetest.xaviers.edu/landing>
- 7.3.** The online application portal will be open from **12 noon (IST) on 5th March to 6:00 p.m. on the 17th of April 2026.**
- 7.4.** **Online Application Form and B.Sc. (DSAI) XET 2026 Fee: Rs. 1500/-**
- 7.5.** Candidates are required to make an online payment through the provided payment portal only. **NOTE:** Filling of the Application Form and the Payment for the XET 2026 will be only through the online portal of the St. Xavier's College, Mumbai.
- 7.6. Instructions for Applying Online:**
- 7.6.1.** Log on to www.xaviers.edu (**Between 5th March and 17th April, 2026.**)
- 7.6.2.** Follow instructions for filling the online Application Form.

- 7.6.3. Once the form is filled and the payment has been processed for the same, the candidate will receive a confirmation email, informing him / her about the same.
You are required to take a printout of the form once completed.
- 7.6.4. In case your marks are not yet declared at the time of filling the form, you can complete the form without entering the marks and complete the payment. Once your marks are declared you can login again and enter the marks in your form.
- 7.6.5. Please note that you have to enter all subjects and the corresponding marks in the online application form. Best of 4 or 5 subjects will not be accepted.
- 7.6.6. **Last date for receipt of Application Form: 17th of April 2026 (6.00 pm).** Any application received after this date will not be accepted.

8. REFUND POLICY

- All payments made towards the online application and entrance exam are deemed nonrefundable under any circumstances.
- In the case of a double payment resulting from a technical glitch, a refund for the excess amount will be initiated by the college after verifying the transactions.
- Chargeback cases will not be entertained by the college.
- Requests for reimbursement of Merchant Discount Rate (MDR) charges on transactions will not be entertained.
- Refunds will not be issued for any cancellation or withdrawal of application or exam registration.
- In the event of unforeseen circumstances, such as natural disasters or government regulations, where the entrance exam cannot be conducted by the college, alternative arrangements or rescheduling will be provided, but refunds will not be offered.
- Any requests for exceptions to the refund policy must be submitted in writing and will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis by the college administration.
- The refund policy may be amended or modified at any time without prior notice by the college. Any changes will be communicated through official channels.

- Refunds will be processed using the original method of payment whenever possible. However, refunds may be issued via alternative methods at the discretion of the college.

Any disputes regarding refunds or the application of the refund policy shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the appropriate legal authorities and the college's internal dispute resolution process.

9. SUBMISSION OF DOCUMENTS FOR XAVIERS ENTRANCE TEST 2026:

- 9.1.** Candidates appearing for the XET 2026 are required to upload the relevant documents as given in Sections 9.3.1., 9.3.2. and 9.3.3.
- 9.2.** **DO NOT** post or courier the Marksheets and other relevant documents to the College.
- 9.3.** No original documents are required to be submitted at this stage.
- 9.3.1. General Category:**
- 9.3.1.1.** PDF of the Class XII Marksheet
- 9.3.2. Christian Minority:**
- 9.3.2.1.** PDF of the Class XII Marksheet; and
- 9.3.2.2.** PDF of the Baptism Certificate or equivalent certificate
- 9.3.3. Special Category:**
- 9.3.3.1.** PDF of the Class XII Marksheet; and
- 9.3.3.2.** PDF of the Documentary Proof supporting the following categories:
- 9.3.3.2.1.** Children of Transferred Central / State Government Employees Officers.
- 9.3.3.2.2.** Children of Defence / Ex-Servicemen
- 9.3.3.2.3.** Award Winners at the State / National Levels in Sports and Cultural Activities.
- 9.3.3.2.4.** Widows / Divorcee Girl Students
- 9.3.3.2.5.** Wards of Freedom Fighters
- 9.3.3.2.6.** Documentary proof for candidates with disability & dyslexia (refer Sr. No.10).
- 9.3.4.** **Candidates are also required to submit an attested copy of their Aadhar Card and Pan Card as documentary proof for verification of identity at the time of admission to the course. This is also for the college documentation process.**

9.3.5. Candidates are not allowed to apply in more than one of the above Categories.

PROVISIONS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES AND DOCUMENTS

REQUIRED FOR XAVIERS ENTRANCE TEST 2026:

9.4. For students with disabilities, 30 extra minutes will be given.

9.5. In order to avail the above provision, the student with a disability has to upload the relevant document as mentioned in 9.5.1., while filling the application form.

9.5.1. A valid Disability Certificate (From a government recognized authority)

9.5.2. In the absence of submission of the documents, the provisions stated in point 9.4 above will not be available.

10. RESULT ANNOUNCEMENT OF B.Sc. (DSAI) XET 2025:

10.1 The **Category-wise Final Merit List** from all those who qualify for admission through the XET 2026 will be announced through the College website.

11. ADMISSION PROCEDURE TO B.Sc. (DSAI) (2025-2026):

11.1 Reservation of Seats:

11.1.1. As per the Judgement dated 12th October 2017 of the Honourable Bombay High Court vide Writ Petition No.1726 of 2001, Minority Colleges do not need to set aside seats for Backward Classes. This was reiterated by the University of Mumbai Circular (No.Aff. / Recog.I / Admission (2018-19) / 10 / of 2018) dated 3^{0th} May 2018.

11.1.2. This Judgement renders null & void the Directives regarding Reservation of Seats given by the University of Mumbai vide Circular No. Spl. Cell (68) / 218/ 2005 dated 3rd June 2005 [i.e, SC (13%) / ST (7%) / DT(A) (3%) / NT(B) (2.5%) / NT (C) (3.5%) / NT (D) (2%) / OBC (19%) / SBC (2%)].

11.1.3. Admission intake of St. Xavier’s College (Autonomous), Mumbai is done as per Table 3:

Table 3

F.Y.B.Sc. (DSAI) (40 seats)		
Category	No. of Seats	Criteria
TOTAL SEATS 100% (40)		
Management Quota 15% of 40 seats	6	Case A
BALANCE SEATS 85% (34)		
Christian Minority 50% of 85% of 40 seats	17	Case B
General Category 42% of 85% of 40 seats	14	Case B
Others		
1. Persons with Disability Category: 5% of 85% of 40 seats	2	Case B
2. Special Category ** 3% of 85% of 40 seats	1	Case B
Key: Case A: Only for those, the College management is indebted or deems fit to admit Case B: Admission on the basis of Merit Rank secured at the respective Entrance Test 2026.		

Admissions for the course in B.Sc. (DSAI) will follow the relevant Government and University Directives pertaining to Minority Colleges, and the extant practices of the Autonomous College.

11.1.4 **Special Category refers to: Wards of Transferred State / Central Government employees, employees of Defence Department / Ex-Servicemen. Wards of Freedom Fighter, Award Winners at State/National Level in Sports or Cultural Activities.

11.1.5 Candidates should note that they are not allowed to apply in more than one of the Categories indicated in 11.1.4.

11.1.6 Admission into B.Sc. (DSAI) course is based on the candidate’s Merit secured as per the provisions indicated in 4.2.

11.1.7 The Merit Lists are time-bound as will be mentioned in the Admission Notification on the college website. (www.xaviers.edu)

11.1.8 If a candidate in the 1st Merit List fails to complete the admission process within the stipulated date and time as mentioned on the notifications, their candidature stands lapsed. The candidates in the 2nd and subsequent Merit Lists will subsequently be offered admission.

11.1.9 Candidates who accept the offer of admission shall pay the necessary fees (as displayed in the College Website or College Notice Board).

11.1.10 Fees for the entrance test once paid will not be refunded.

11.1.11 The College revised fee structure for the B.Sc. (DSAI) courses for the academic year 2025 - 2026 will be posted on the college website.

12 **GENERAL INFORMATION FOR THOSE SEEKING ADMISSION IN ST XAVIER'S COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), MUMBAI:**

12.1 The University of Mumbai has made it mandatory for all candidates seeking admission to the First-Year courses in the Degree Colleges to fill in the 'Pre-Admission Online Registration Form' on the following link <http://mum.digitaluniversity.ac>

Dates for online registration will be announced by the University, you will need to click on:- **Pre Admission Online Registration**). Kindly keep checking the website of the university to check when the link goes live and fill the form accordingly.

12.2 Therefore, all candidates (including in-house students passing HSC for the academic year (2026- 2027) applying for admission to St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Mumbai, for the First Year Courses are required to fill in the 'Pre-Admission Online Registration Form' separately and submit a hard copy of the same to the College Office at the time of admission.

12.3 Candidates passing Class XII Examinations from Foreign Boards and students passing from International Baccalaureate (I.B.) or 'A' levels Examinations - General Certificate of Education (GCE) / Cambridge International School Test (CIE) of Cambridge or University of London are required to first approach the University of Mumbai, Eligibility Section, Kalina Campus, Santacruz (East), Mumbai – 400 098 and obtain a '**PRIMA FACIE**' Eligibility letter from the University of Mumbai for the purpose of admissions

to all First Year Degree Courses namely B.A., B.Sc., B.Com, B.M.M., B.M.S. and B.Sc. (IT) & B.Sc. (DSAI).

- 12.4 The University of Mumbai has introduced a Single Window System to admit all **International Students** i.e., Foreign Students (FR/FS), Person of India Origin (PIO), Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) and Non-resident Indian (NRI) through a service provider – Edulab Educational Exchange Pvt. Ltd. and therefore candidates whose applications are considered or rather approved by the University of Mumbai as International Students are issued a formal letter for admission to the College. Therefore, candidates seeking admissions under the above quotas are required to visit the University of Mumbai website www.mu.ac.in for details. The University has provided the following link regarding Degree College admissions to International students. The corresponding link is mu.admissiondesk.org. **NOTE:** The number of these students, who are sent to the College directly by the University, are over and above the 60 seats, discussed in Section 11.1.3. Table 3 (page 8). Kindly refer to this circular for further details:

[https://xaviers.edu/files/International%20Admission%20Circular%20\(2022\)%20\(1\)_230420_172945.pdf](https://xaviers.edu/files/International%20Admission%20Circular%20(2022)%20(1)_230420_172945.pdf)

N.B.: St. Xavier's College has implemented the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 from the academic year 2023-24. Details about NEP 2020 are posted on the college website www.xaviers.edu

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