

**BENGALURU CENTRAL  
UNIVERSITY,  
BENGALURU**

**BA Economics Syllabus  
(Semester)**

**With Effect from Academic Year  
2019-20 Onwards**

Bengaluru Central University, Bengaluru

*B.A. Economics Syllabus (Effect from 2019-20 onwards)*

<b>FIRST SEMESTER</b>		
I		Micro Economics(Hard core)
<b>SECOND SEMESTER</b>		
II		Macro Economics(Hard core)
<b>THIRD SEMESTER</b>		
III		Public Economics (Hard core)
		or
III		Development Economics (Hard core)
<b>FOURTH SEMESTER</b>		
<b>Soft core</b>		
IV		Introduction to Quantitative Methods for Economics
		or
IV		Introduction to Statistics for Economics
<b>FIFTH SEMESTER</b>		
V		Indian Economics ( Hard core )
		<b>Soft core</b>
		Mathematical Methods for Economists
		Financial Economics
		Environmental Economics
		Economics for Infrastructure
<b>Sixth Semester</b>		
VI		International Trade Theory & Policy (Hard core)
		<b>Soft core</b>
		Research Methodology
		Human Resource management
		Indian Economic Thought
		Entrepreneurial Economics

**I Semester BA**  
**MICRO ECONOMICS**

**TOTAL CREDITS -3**

**TOTAL HOURS- 60**

**Course Learning Objectives:**

- To acquaint the students with the basic concepts of microeconomics and its applications
- To acquaint theories that help students to understand economics of consumer and producer behaviour.
- To help students grasp theoretical nuances of theory of production, cost and distribution
- To help students learn the skills of plotting the numerical into a graphical representation of many concepts in the Micro Economic Theory.

**Course Outcomes:**

- Understand how utility, preferences, and income influence demand.
- Comprehend demand and supply interact in various market structures to determine the price and quantity of a good produced, Further, how input costs and substitution among factors influence supply.
- Apply with ease economic reasoning to individual and firm behaviour.
- Plotting numerical into a graphical representation of many concepts in the Micro Economic Theory.

**Module – 1: Introduction to Micro Economics (08 Hours)**

Meaning, Scope, Types – Importance and Limitations; Methodology in economics; Choice as an economics problem, basic postulates, Role of Price Mechanism; Law of Scarcity and Supply frame work, Production Possibility Curve.

Skill Development: Identifying the choice as an economic problem

**Module -2: Consumer Behaviour**

**(10 Hours)**

Utility; Cardinal Approach - Law of Diminishing Marginal Utility, Law of Equi-Marginal Utility, Consumer's Surplus –Calculation of consumer's surplus;  
Ordinal Approach– Indifference Curve – Meaning and properties, Effects on Equilibrium- Superiority of Ordinal analysis.

Skill Development: Calculation of CS and graphical representation.

**Module 3: Demand and Supply Analysis**

**(16 Hours)**

Meaning of Demand, Factors affecting demand; Determinants of individual and market demand; law of demand; Demand schedule and demand curve, market versus individual demand; shifts in demand curve; Elasticity of demand-price, income and cross elasticity

Meaning of Supply, Factors affecting supply; Determinants of individual supply; Law of supply: supply schedule and supply curve, market versus individual supply; shifts in supply curve; Elasticity of supply; the short and long- run supply curve of the firm and the industry.  
Shifts in the demand and supply curve together

Skill development: Derivation of demand and supply schedule.

Measurement of demand and supply elasticity: Percentage, Total Outlay, Point and Arc Methods

**Module – 4: Theory of Production and Price**

**(14 Hours)**

Production decisions; Production Function; Laws of production –short run and long run, producers equilibrium and Isoquant curves, Economies & Diseconomies of Scale- Internal Economies of Scale and external economies of scale.

Different concepts of costs and their interrelation, equilibrium of the firm; expansion path; Empirical evidence on costs

Nature of Markets; Revenue Analysis, Price and output determination under perfect and imperfect markets (monopoly, monopolistic, and oligopoly)

Skill development –calculation of different types of costs and revenue

## **Module – 5: Theory of Distribution**

**(12 Hours)**

Theory of Distribution: Marginal productivity theory of distribution, Modern theory of distribution; Rent-Ricardian and Opportunity Cost theories, Quasi Rent, Wages –Real wages and Money Wages, the Modern theory of wage determination; Interest –Classical, and the Keynesian theory

Profit –Gross and Net Profit, Normal profit, accounting profit –Risk, Uncertainty and Innovation theories of Profit.

Skill development: Calculation of different types of profits.

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II Semester BA  
MACRO-ECONOMICS

Teaching hours per week-5 Hours

Total teaching hours-60 Hours

**Course Learning Objectives:**

- To understand the macroeconomic behaviour through national income accounts.
- To learn the analytical framework of macroeconomic concepts used by classical, Keynesian and post-Keynesian approaches
- To know different types of inflation and their relationship with employment

**Course Outcomes:**

- Use national income accounts to describe and analyze the macroeconomic issues in quantitative terms.
- Understand the forces behind the employment generation as reflected by different schools of thought and its limitations
- Understand the different views on the supply of money and demand for money.

**Module 1: Introduction to Macro-Economics**

**(07 Hours)**

Macro economics: meaning, nature, scope, importance and limitation- Meaning of stock and flows- circular flow of income, importance of circular flow model -two sectors, three sectors and four sectors model

Skill Development: Draw the two sectors, three sectors and four sectors model and identify the differences

**Module 2: National Income Accounting**

**(08 Hours)**

National income accounting: meaning and definition-concepts, importance, methods and difficulties in measuring national income- ways to increase national income- empirical problems – calculation of national income.

Skill Development: calculate national income, NNP, Personal income, disposable personal income

### **Module 3: Classical and Keynesian theory of Employment (17 Hours)**

Classical theory of employment and Says law of Market-Full employment, Adam Smith's invisible hand, wage- price flexibility- critical evaluation

Keynesian theory- concepts of effective demand and its determinants; Consumption Function- Average and Marginal propensity to consume, Psychological law of consumption, determinants of consumption function;

Theory of Investment-Autonomous and induced Investment, Marginal Efficiency of Capital; Relevance and critic of Keynesian policies.

Skill Development: Determine Effective Demand by taking the data on aggregate demand price and the aggregate supply price and do the graphical representation

### **Module 4: Supply of Money and Demand for Money (14 Hours)**

Definitions of Money supply; Money supply and Value of Money; Classical and Keynesian views on the supply of money, determinants of money supply, high powered money, money multiplier

Demand for Money; The Classical Approach, The Keynesian Approach, Liquidity preference, The Post-Keynesian Approaches

Skill Development: Calculate the M1, M2, M3 and M4  
Calculate money multiplier

### **Module 4: Inflation and Business Cycle (14 Hours)**

Definitions of Inflation, causes of Inflation, Types of Inflation-demand push inflation and cost push inflation; inflationary gap; Relationship between inflation and unemployment- The Phillips curve-short and long run; Effects of Inflation, Measures to control Inflation

Business Cycles- Meaning, types of the business cycle, features of the business cycle, phases of business cycle; Control of Business Cycles.

Skill Development: Derive the graphical model showing the relationship between unemployment and inflation using the short-run Phillips curve and the long-run Phillips curve

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## **Public Economics**

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Semester BA**

**Teaching hours per week-5 Hours**

**Total teaching hours-60 Hours**

#### **Course Learning Objectives**

- To learn about the importance of Public Economics in the economic development
- To understand the role of State & Public sector in the economic development.
- The focus on understanding the key issues relating to the government spending, taxing debt and budget.

#### **Course Outcomes**

- Good acquaintance with the concepts, tools, and issues in Public Economics.
- Understand the characteristics of good tax, public expenditure and public debt
- Understand the tenets of generation of State Revenue, Taxes, Expenditure and Budget analysis.

#### **Module: 1 Introduction to Public Economics.**

**(12 Hours)**

Meaning, Nature and Scope of Public Economics, Objectives, Importance of Public Economics; Fiscal functions of the State; Role of Government in different forms of the economic system-Capitalist, Socialist and Mixed Economy; Role of Public Sector, Private and Public Finance, Public goods v/s private goods, principle of maximum social advantage.

Skill Development: Plot the maximum social advantage with the help of diagram

#### **Module: 2 Public Expenditure**

**(08 Hours)**

Meaning, Scope and justification of Public Expenditure, causes and effects of Public expenditure on production, employment and distribution, causes of Increase in Public expenditure – Wagner’s hypothesis, Peacock –Wiseman hypothesis.

Skill Development: Do the simple Analysis of the Wagner Hypothesis of Government Expenditure taking data of Government of India’s Public expenditure

**Module: 3 Public Revenue****(12 Hours)**

Source of public revenue, Taxation- meaning, canons and classification of taxes, The benefit and ability approaches, characteristics of a good tax system, impact and incidence of taxes, taxable capacity, effects of taxation, devolution of tax resources between Central and State Government.

Skill Development: list out the different criteria adopted by various finance commission in the devolution of resources between centre and state.

**Module: 4 Public Debt****(12Hours)**

Meaning of public debt, Sources of public borrowing- classification of public debt, economic effects of public debt, the burden of public debt- internal burden of public debt, external burden of public debt, redemption of public debt- various ways, Advantages of debt redemption; Public debt management- objectives, principles.

Skill Development: Plot the diagram taking the data of Government of India's internal and external debt over the years with the help of diagram

**Module: 5 Fiscal Policy and Budget****(16Hours)**

Meaning of fiscal policy-definitions, objectives of fiscal policy, instruments of fiscal policy

Concept of budget, characteristics of the budget, purposes of the budget, canons of public budgeting, significations of public budgeting, types of budgets – executive and legislative multiple and unified budgets, federal, state and local budgets, revenue and capital budget, performance budgeting, Zero based budgeting- advantages and limitations.

Skill Development: Plot the Revenue and capital expenditure as percentage of spending of the latest central and state budget in a graph and observe the trend

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1. Bird, Graham (2004), *International Finance and the Developing Economies*, Palgrave Macmillan
2. Hindriks J., G. Myles (2006), *Intermediate Public Economics*, MIT Press,
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**III Semester BA**  
**Development Economics**

**Teaching hours per week-5 Hours**

**Total teaching hours-60**

**Course Learning Objectives:**

- To familiarize the students with the concepts, structure and issues in the economics of development.
- To acquaint them with the theories of development and their importance and limitations
- To understand the sector view of development
- To acquaint with Environment and Sustainable Development

**Course Outcomes:**

- Students will learn different measurement indicators of development and its limitations
- Critical understanding of the concepts and topics in economics of development and their applications.
- Enhance the analytical power on different approaches of development.
- Understand the Importance and role of the environment in sustainable development in the background of climate change

**Module-1: Introduction to Development Economics**

**(15 Hours)**

Definitions, characteristics, importance and nature of Development Economics; Development & growth-concepts and differences; Development gap;

Measurement indicators-GDP, GNP, PQLI, HDI, World happiness index, Gender development indices, Gender Empowerment measure.

Skill Development: learn the computation of PQLI, HDI, WHI, GDI, GEM

## **Module-2: Theories of Economic Development**

**(12 Hours)**

Theories of development – classical theories of development-Adam Smith, Ricardo and JS Mill; Karl Marx in the theory of development – theory of social change; immutable laws of capitalist development –crisis in capitalism; Schumpeter and capitalistic development

Skill Development: List out the changes, over the years, in the perspective of the crisis of capitalism

## **Module-3: Approaches to the Economic Development**

**(12 Hours)**

Partial theories of growth and development, vicious circle of poverty, circular causation, unlimited supply of labour, big push, balanced growth, unbalanced growth, critical minimum effort thesis, low income equilibrium trap- dualism: technical, behavioral and social.

Skill Development: Draw vicious cycle of poverty, circular causation and low level equilibrium trap

## **Module-4: Sectoral view of Development**

**(11 Hours)**

Role of agriculture in economic development; land reforms-importance; efficiency and productivity in agriculture

Role, rational and pattern of industry growth in economic development; the choice of technique, appropriate technology and employment: small scale vs. large scale production; terms of trade between agriculture and industry.

Skill Development: Identify the changes in the terms of trade between agriculture and industry in monetary terms and draw a diagram

## **Module- 5: Environment and Sustainable Development**

**(10 Hours)**

Definition, Importance and role of environment in sustainable development; environment – economy linkage; Need for sustainability for renewable resources, a brief history of environmental change, common pool resources, environmental externalities and state regulation of the environment, economic activity and climate change.

Skill Development: list the UN's Sectoral Development Goals

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