

3. MICROECONOMICS

Course Objective: This course is to learn about basic concepts, principles and theories in Microeconomic to understand the economic behavior of an individual person and firm.

Course Learning Outcomes:

After studying this course, the student shall be able to achieve the following outcomes:

CO1: Explain what is an economy, economics and differentiate between micro and macro economics

CO2: Analyses the demand of a product and estimate elasticity

CO3: Estimate production function and understand its application

CO4: Analyze functioning of different markets and their differentiations

CO5: Examine the determination of rent, wage, interest and profit

Unit–1: Introduction to Economics

- Economic Activities and Economic System; Definition, Scope and Importance of Economics
- Fundamental problems of economics: Scarcity and Choice, Production Possibilities Curve
- Meaning and Scope of Microeconomics; Differences between Micro and Macro Economics
- Principles of Microeconomics: Equilibrium, Optimization, Welfare ; Methodology in Economics : Positive and Normative

Unit -2: Demand and Consumption

- Demand: Meaning, Types and Factors; Law of Demand
- Elasticity of Demand: Meaning, Price, Income and Cross Elasticities
- Utility: Meaning, Types, Importance; Marginal Rate of Substitution (MRS), DMRS
- Indifference Curves (IC): Concept, Properties; Budget Line; Consumer Equilibrium under IC

Unit -3: Production and Supply

- Firm: Concept and Objectives; Production and Factors of Production; Concepts of Production, Cost and Revenue: Total, Average, Marginal
- Production Function: Meaning and Types; Cobb- Douglas Production Function
- Law of Variable Proportions; Laws of Returns to Scale
- Supply: Meaning, Factors, Law of Supply, Elasticity of Supply

Unit-4: Markets

- Market: Concept and Classification; Perfect Competition: Characteristics, Equilibrium of Firm and Industry
- Monopoly: Characteristics, Equilibrium, Price Discrimination
- Monopolistic Competition: Characteristics, Equilibrium, Selling Costs
- Oligopoly: Characteristics, Types, Kinked Demand Curve Model

Unit - 5: Distribution

- Distribution: Meaning, types and importance
- Rent: Ricardian Theory of Rent, Marshallian Quasi Rent
- Theories of Wage: Subsistence Theory, Modern Theory
- Theories of Interest: Classical Theory, Loanable Funds Theory
- Theories of Profit: Risk and Uncertainty Theory, Innovations Theory

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Suggested Activities:

Unit-1: Group discussion on Identifying Surrounding Economic Activities

Unit-2: Project on Demand Analysis of any Good/Services and make presentation

Unit-3: Assignment on any production function or concepts of production

Unit-4: Field visit to any market and submission of a report

Unit-5: Seminar on distribution theories