

# Economics Micro Economic Analysis I [Core Course]

Semester I Credits: 4 Subject Code: MEC 12001 Lectures : 48

## **Course Outcomes:**

At the end of the course, the learner will be able to--

- Understand and apply the concepts of micro economics such as market/ price mechanism, elasticity of demand, and economics of information.
- Analyze and demonstrate knowledge of the basic theories/laws in economics- laws of production, theories of consumer behavior.
- Evaluate microeconomic concepts, models and its use in real life situations like collective bargaining, opportunity cost.

Unit 1: Introduction	
<ul> <li>The Basic Micro- Economic Problems of Scarcity and Choice.</li> <li>Price Mechanism: - Functions &amp; Limitations</li> <li>Disturbances to Equilibrium, Floor Price, Ceiling Price.</li> </ul>	

U	nit 2: Consumer Theory	14
•	Theory of Consumer Choice: Cardinal Utility Approach and Ordinal Utility approach	
•	Ordinal Utility Approach -Assumptions; Indifference Curves -	
	characteristics;Consumer's Equilibrium; Price effect, Income Effect and Substitution Effect	
•	Theory of Revealed Preference	
•	Hick's Logical Ordering Theory	
•	Concept and Types of Elasticity of Demand, Determinants and Significance of the concept of elasticity of demand;	
•	Revenue Concepts	
•	Consumers' Surplus.	
•	Economics of Information - Asymmetric Information; Adverse Selection- The market for lemons; Insurance Sector: Measures; Moral Hazard; Market Signaling; Principal Agent problem	

Unit 3:Production and Cost Theory	14
Production Function - short run and long run  Law of Variable Proportions, Law of Returns to Scale,	

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- Isoquants- meaning and characteristics, MRTS, Iso- cost line,
- · Producers' equilibrium with isoquants
- Concept of Producers' Surplus
- Cost Curves, Total, Average and Marginal Cost, Short Run and Long Run Costs, Concept of Economic Cost and Accounting Cost.
- Incremental Costs and Sunk Costs;
- Private Costs and Social Costs
- Economies of Scale and LAC
- L- shaped LAC

# Unit 4:Theory of Factor Pricing Wage determination under Perfect Competition and Imperfect Competition Trade Unions and Collective Bargaining in wage determination Rent- Classical and Modern Theory of Rent Interest- Classical theory, Neoclassical theory and Keynesian Theory of rate of Interest Profit- Rent Theory of profits, Wage Theory of profits, Dynamic theory of profits

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- Koutsoyiannis, A. (1980) Modern Microeconomics, the Macmillan Press Ltd, London.
- Lipsey and Chrystal (2004), Economics, Oxford University Press.
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# Economics Micro Economic Analysis II [Core Course]

Semester II	Credits: 4	Subject Code: MEC 22001	Lectures: 48

## **Course Outcomes:**

At the end of the course, the learners will be able to--

- Understand and apply the concepts of micro economics in real life such as market structures, collusive oligopolies, game theory.
- Analyze and demonstrate knowledge of the basic theories/laws in economics- Price determination, Price Discrimination, Managerial theories of firm, etc. and their application in real life situations.
- Evaluate socially relevant microeconomic concepts/ models such as excess capacity under imperfect markets, welfare implications of monopoly, Amartya Sen's contribution.

Unit 1 Market Structure I: Perfect Competition and Monopoly	
<ul> <li>Perfect Competition – Features; short run and long run equilibrium of firm and industry under perfect competition, Shut-Down Condition</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Monopoly: Meaning and features; Short Run and Long Run Equilibrium of a Firm under Monopoly</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Price Discrimination under Monopoly- Meaning, Types and forms of price discrimination; Conditions of Price Discrimination</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Degrees of Price Discrimination; Equilibrium of a Discriminating Monopolist</li> </ul>	
Dumping as a special case of Price Discrimination	
Welfare implications of Monopoly and Role of Public Policy	

Unit 2: Market Structures II	
Monopolistic Competition- features, short run and long run equilibrium of firms and Group;	
Non-price competition - Product Differentiation, Selling Costs	
Excess Capacity.	
Oligopoly- Features of Oligopoly	
<ul> <li>Classical Models of oligopoly- Cournot, Bertrand, Edgeworth, Chamberlin and Stackelberg Models;</li> </ul>	
Kinked demand curve and sticky prices	
Collusive Oligopoly- Cartels and Price Leadership	
Game Theory- Basic Concepts, Prisoner's Dilemma, Dominant Strategy Equilibrium, Nash Equilibrium,; Tit for Tat Strategy; Startegic Moves; Entry	
Deterrence	

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Unit 3: Alternative Theories of the Firm	08
Baumol's Sales Revenue Maximization Model.	
Managerial Theories of firm: Marris and Williamson's Models	
<ul> <li>Behavioural Theory of firm: Satisficing Model</li> </ul>	
Theory of Limit Pricing	

Ur	Unit 4: Welfare Economics and General Equilibrium	
•	Pigou's Contribution to Welfare economics Concept of Social Welfare and Role of Value Judgments Social Welfare Function - Classical, Pareto, Rawlsian, Bergson- Samuelson Social welfare Function Conditions of Pareto Optimality New Welfare Economics: Compensation Principle. Arrow's Impossibility Theorem Introduction to Amartya Sen's Capabilities approach	14
•	Partial Equilibrium and General Equilibrium; Graphical Treatment of Two factor, Two commodity, Two Consumer General Equilibrium Model	

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