

Discipline Specific Core Course- 5.2 (DSC-5.2): Business Economics

Course title & Code	Credits	Credit distribution of the course			Eligibility criteria	Pre-requisite of the course (if any)
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/ Practice		
DSC-5.2: Business Economics	4	3	1	0	Pass in Class XII with Mathematics/Accountancy	NIL

Learning Objectives

The course aims to acquaint the learners with Micro economics and its applications.

Learning outcomes

After the completion of the course, the learners will be able to:

1. Examine the nature and scope of business economics.
2. Analyse how consumers try to maximize their satisfaction by spending on different goods.
3. Evaluate the relationship between inputs used in production and the resulting outputs and costs.
4. Analyse and interpret various facets of and pricing under different market situations.
5. Discuss the contemporary issues and applications in micro economics.

SYLLABUS OF DSC-5.2

Unit 1: Introduction to Business Economics

Nature and scope of Business Economics, Demand and Supply: Meaning, law, Individual Vs Market, Movement Vs Shift, Market equilibrium. Elasticity of Demand: Price, income and cross elasticity. Measurement of elasticity of demand: outlay and percentage method. Elasticity of supply: concept and measurement (Percentage method).

Unit 2: Consumer Behaviour (11 hours)

Cardinal Vs Ordinal Utility, Indifference curves: features, budget line, consumers equilibrium, ICC and Engels curve, PCC and derivation of demand curve, Income and substitution effects of price change (normal, inferior and giffen goods), Applications: effect of interest rates on household savings, lump sum subsidy Vs excise subsidy.

Unit 3: Production and Cost

Production function: TP, AP and MP, Law of Variable proportions. Isoquants: properties, optimal combination of resources, expansion path and returns to scale.

Cost: Different cost concepts, Derivation of short run and long run cost curves (LAC and LMC), Economies and Diseconomies of scale.

Unit 4: Market Structures

Perfect competition: features, equilibrium under short run and long run, derivation of supply curve under short run and long run.

Monopoly: features, equilibrium under short run and long run, absence of supply curve, Price discrimination: degrees, conditions and dumping.

Monopolistic competition: features, product differentiation and excess capacity and equilibrium.

Oligopoly: Collusive and non-collusive: Cournot's model, Kinked demand curve, Cartels (OPEC and CIPEC)

Unit 5: Contemporary Issues and applications

Rent control, Minimum wages, Individual supply curve of labour, Peak load Pricing, Prisoners' dilemma and Game Theory.

Exercises:

The learners are required to:

1. Apply the concept of elasticity of demand and supply in real life.
2. Analyse the impact of changing prices on consumption of necessities by a household.
3. Visit any manufacturing unit and study its production process and costing.
4. Analyse the OPEC as a case of a successful cartel.
5. Comment on the contemporary issues and applications in micro economics.

Suggested Readings: