

Generic Elective (GE)

COMMERCE : PERSONAL FINANCIAL PLANNING

Course title & Code	Credits	Credit distribution of the course			Eligibility criteria	Pre-requisite of the course (if any)
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/ Practice		
GE 4.2- Personal Financial Planning	4	3	1	0	Pass in Class XII	NIL

Learning Objectives

The course aims to familiarize learners with different aspects of personal financial planning like savings, investment, taxation, insurance, and retirement planning and to develop the necessary knowledge and skills for effective financial planning.

Learning outcomes

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

1. Analyse the meaning and appreciate the relevance of financial planning.
2. Appraise the concept of investment planning and its methods.
3. Examine the scope and ways of personal tax planning.
4. Analyse insurance planning and its relevance.
5. Identify the need for retirement planning and its relevance.

SYLLABUS OF GE-4.2

Unit 1: Introduction to Financial Planning

Financial goals, steps in financial planning, budgeting incomes and payments, time value of money. Introduction to savings, benefits of savings, management of spending & financial discipline, Setting alerts and maintaining sufficient funds for fixed commitments.

Unit 2: Investment Planning

Process and objectives of investment, concept and measurement of return & risk for various asset classes, measurement of portfolio risk and return, diversification & portfolio formation. Gold bond; Real estate; Investment in greenfield and brownfield Projects; Investment in fixed income instruments, financial derivatives & commodity market in India. Mutual fund schemes; International investment avenues. Currency derivatives and digital currency.

Unit 3: Personal Tax Planning

Tax structure in India for personal taxation, Scope of personal tax planning, exemptions and deductions available to individuals under different heads of income and gross total income. Comparison of benefits - Special provision u/s 115 BAC vis-à-vis General provisions of the Income-tax Act, 1961, tax avoidance versus tax evasion.

Unit 4: Insurance Planning

Need for insurance. Life insurance, health insurance, property insurance, credit life insurance and professional liability insurance.

Unit 5: Retirement Benefits Planning

Retirement plans goals, process of retirement planning, Pension plans available in India, Reverse mortgage, Estate planning.

Exercises:

The learners are required to:

1. Perform electronic fund transfers through net banking and UPI.
2. Identify certain recent Ponzi schemes in the market.
3. Prepare tax planning for a hypothetical individual.
4. List a few health insurance plans of different insurance companies for individuals.
5. Discuss the new pension schemes available for employees.

Suggested Readings:

- Halan, M.(2018). *Let's Talk Money: You've Worked Hard for It, Now Make It Work for You*. New York, United States: HarperCollins Publishers.
- Madura, J. (2016). *Personal Finance*. Delhi, India: Pearson.