

Anekant Education Society's Tuljaram Chaturchand College Of Arts, Science & Commerce, Baramati, Pune (MS) Autonomous | Religious Minority Institute Department of Economics

Certificate Course on Basic Mathematics, Statistics and Reasoning for Economics

Course Objectives:

- Understand and apply basic mathematical concepts relevant to economics, including algebra, functions, and calculus.
- 2. Utilize statistical tools to analyze and interpret economic data.
- 3. Develop logical reasoning and problem-solving skills to approach economic problems systematically.
- 4. Analyze economic models using mathematical techniques, ensuring sound reasoning in decision-making.
- 5. Interpret quantitative data using statistical methods, preparing for further studies or careers in economics.
- 6. Enhance critical thinking skills by integrating mathematical, statistical, and reasoning approaches to economic problems.
- 7. Communicate quantitative findings effectively using appropriate mathematical and statistical terminology.

SYLLABUS

Module 1: Basic Mathematics for Economics

- 1. Algebra and Equations:
 - Linear and quadratic equations
 - Solving systems of linear equations
 - o Economic applications (e.g., equilibrium models)
- 2. Functions and Graphs:
 - o Understanding functions (linear, polynomial, exponential, and logarithmic)
 - o Graphical analysis and interpretation
 - o Economic applications: demand, supply, cost, and revenue functions
- 3. Differentiation and Applications:
 - Rules of differentiation
 - o Marginal analysis: Marginal cost, revenue, utility, and productivity
 - Elasticity of demand and supply
 - o Optimization: Profit maximization and cost minimization

Module 2: Basic Statistics for Economics

- 1. Introduction to Descriptive Statistics:
 - Data collection and classification
 - o Measures of central tendency (mean, median, mode)





Measures of dispersion (range, variance, standard deviation)

2. Probability Theory and Distributions:

- Introduction to probability concepts
- Probability distributions (normal, binomial, Poisson)
- Applications in economic forecasting

3. Sampling and Estimation:

- Sampling techniques
- Point and interval estimation
- Central Limit Theorem

Module 3: Logical Reasoning and Problem Solving

1. Introduction to Logical Reasoning:

- Basic principles of logic
- Inductive and deductive reasoning
- Logical consistency and fallacies

2. Quantitative Reasoning:

- Analyzing quantitative information
- Problem-solving strategies in economics
- Application of reasoning in economic decision-making

3. Economic Reasoning and Critical Thinking:

- Économic decision-making models
- Analyzing trade-offs and opportunity costs
- Logical analysis of economic arguments

Course Duration:

- Total Duration: 18 Lecture 12 Practices
- Class Schedule: 2 hours per Day (Nine Days)

Teaching Methodology:

- Workshops: Focus on economic case studies and data interpretation
- Group discussions: Encourage peer learning and debate on economic reasoning
- · Assignments and quizzes: To reinforce the material taught

Evaluation:

- Assignments: 20%
- Mid-term Exam: 20%
- Final Exam: 40%
- Class Participation: 10%
- Project/Case Study: 10%

Recommended Textbooks:

- 1. Mathematics for Economists by Carl P. Simon & Lawrence Blume
- 2. Introduction to Statistics and Econometrics by Takeshi Amemiya
- 3. Essential Statistics for Economics, Business and Management by Teresa Bradley
- 4. Mathematical Methods for Economics by Michael W. Klein

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