



# Master of Arts in Economics.

## Programme Overview

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## Introduction

The MA in Economics (with specialization in Development and Policy) is a uniquely designed programme to develop the next generation of economists with the theoretical knowledge, and technical skills to perform high quality analysis, while at the same time being grounded in the institutional, developmental and ecological context of contemporary India. It is designed to closely align with Azim Premji University's mission to develop competent and committed professionals for the development sector.

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## Programme Goals

The goal of our programme is create socio-politically engaged and quantitatively adept students who engage with the public, **private and non-profit sector as well as pursuing postgraduate** studies to provide contextual solutions for today's pressing problems.

**Our programme offers an exposure to multiple schools of** thought within economics which are historically grounded and put real world contexts at the forefront. It gives precedence to understanding economics by practical application to the Indian economy and development issues. Lastly, we use innovative pedagogical approaches such as problem-based learning, real economic datasets with the economics core curriculum courses, and collaborative learning environments.



## Programme Structure

### Core courses:

The courses cover foundational knowledge and skills, while also addressing the institutional, developmental and ecological concerns of India.

### Elective courses:

**Elective courses are offered in the second year to extend** foundational knowledge in advanced microeconomics and advanced macroeconomics. They will also help develop domain **expertise in fields such as governance, gender, health,** and environment.

### Field Practice:

Field engagements and internships will allow students to apply classroom learning to development challenges in a variety of contexts.

### Master's thesis (optional) :

The optional Master's thesis provides intensive engagement with interesting questions/areas of study/research topics. This engagement is expected to cement skills in conceptualizing a research question, evaluating and applying appropriate research methods, creating a rigorously reasoned manuscript and working independently.

The majority of the Master's Thesis work will take place during **summer (some linked directly to the field practice sites), with the** analysis and write-up occurring over semester 3 in a Master's Seminar class and semester 4.

Sem 1	Winter	Sem 2	Summer	Sem 3	Sem 4
Advanced Development Economics I	Field Practice	Advanced Development Economics II		Elective 1	Elective 4
Sociology of Development		Political & Legal Institutions		Elective 2	Elective 5
Ecology & Development in India		Economics of Identity		Elective 3	Elective 6
Research Methods		Impact Evaluation		Communicating Economics	
			Master's Thesis	Master's Seminar	Master's Thesis

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