



MASTER OF ARTS IN ECONOMICS (2023- 25)

POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMME

Developing Leaders for Social Change

Introduction

The M.A. in Economics (with specialisation in Development and Policy) is a programme designed to develop a generation of economists who possess the necessary theoretical knowledge and technical skills required for high-quality analysis that is embedded in India's institutional, cultural, and ecological context. The programme is closely aligned with Azim Premji University's mission to train competent and committed professionals for the development sector.

Programme Goals

The goal of our programme is to create socio-politically aware 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.

The 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. We use innovative pedagogical approaches such as problem-based learning, mandatory field experience, real economic datasets within our 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. The core courses consist of the following: Microeconomics: Theory and Applications (I and II), Macroeconomics: Theory and Applications (I and II), Statistical Methods with R, Political Economy: Theories of Power, Introduction to research and qualitative methods, Applied Econometrics with Stata, Political Economy of International Development, Economics of the Environment, and Econometrics of Impact Evaluation.

Field Practice

This allows students to apply classroom learning to analyse real-world development challenges. It offers a unique opportunity to learn survey techniques as well as apply qualitative research methods to acquire a more nuanced understanding of the context of study.

Elective Courses

These are designed to extend the foundational knowledge from the core courses and develop domain expertise in particular fields. Electives are offered in areas such as: Computational Economics, History of Economic Thought, Advanced Microeconomic Theory, Advanced Macroeconomic Theory, Applied Multivariate Statistics, Feminist Economics, Indian Economy, Economics of Climate Change, Game Theory, Methods in cross-sectional and panel data, Labour Economics, International trade, Public finance, Economics of identity, and Political and Legal Institutions. A student is required to take a minimum of five elective courses in Economics. There are two additional elective slots which a student can use to either take additional economics electives or to take open electives in other disciplines. Some courses that may be available as open electives include Political and Legal institutions, Ecology and development, Sociology of Development, Applied Linear Algebra, and Applied Real Analysis.

Master's Thesis Track

The Master's thesis provides an opportunity for intensive engagement in the chosen area in order to acquire skills in conceptualising a research question, evaluating and applying appropriate research methods, creating a rigorously reasoned manuscript and working independently.

Master's Internship Track

The internship track aims to expose students to a variety of contexts in which economists work within the development sector, in higher education, in public policy and with government and non-government agencies.

Communicating Economics

This is a core course that trains students to communicate economic facts, ideas, and analyses in a variety of contexts such as classrooms, training development professionals, writing in public media, and policy outreach.

Creative Expressions

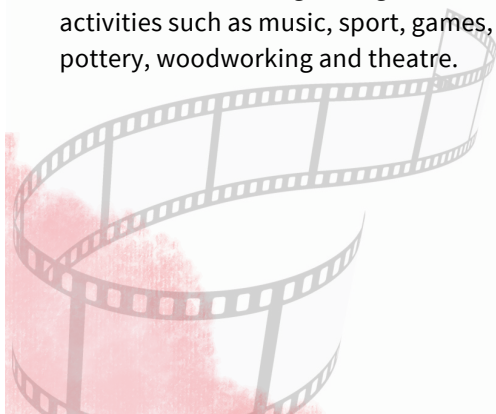
This course introduces students to multi-modal understanding through work and play in activities such as music, sport, games, dance, pottery, woodworking and theatre.

Faculty Members

Members of our faculty are accomplished academicians, researchers and teachers. They provide a vibrant classroom learning environment through a range of pedagogies that encourage dialogue and build critical thinking and self-learning abilities. All faculty members provide academic mentoring support to the students beyond the classrooms.

Selection Process

An undergraduate degree in Economics is required for admission to the MA programme. Exceptions to this will be made on a case-by-case basis with students who are able to demonstrate sufficient knowledge of economics. Additionally, an entrance exam and interview will be conducted. The details regarding the entrance exam will be announced on our website. You can apply by registering on our website. The link is given at the end of this brochure.



Course Structure and Calendar*

S1	Microeconomics: Theory and Applications 1	Macroeconomics: Theory and Applications 1	Political Economy: Theories of Power	Statistical Methods with R	Introduction to Research and Qualitative methods	
Winter 1	Field practice					
S2	Microeconomics: Theory and Applications 2	Macroeconomics: Theory and Applications 2	Political Economy of International Development	Applied Econometrics with Stata	Communicating Economics	Creative Expres- sions
Summer	Masters Thesis or Masters Internship					
S3	Economics of the Environment	Econometrics of Impact Evaluation	Elective 1	Elective 2	Open elective 1 / Elective 6	
Winter 2						
S4	Elective 3	Elective 4	Elective 5	Open elective 2 / Elective 7		

*subject to approval



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