

UNIVERSITY OF MADRAS
M.Com. (GENERAL) DEGREE PROGRAMME
SYLLABUS WITH EFFECT FROM 2023-2024

First Year

Core – IV

Semester II

Course Code	Title of the Course	Category	L	T	P	O	Credits	Inst. Hours	Marks		
									CIA	External	Total
413C2A	STRATEGIC COST MANAGEMENT		6	-	-	-	5	6	25	75	100

Learning Objectives	
1	To analyse the aspects of strategic and quality control management
2	To analyse and select cost control techniques
3	To apply activity based costing for decision making
4	To utilise transfer pricing methods in cost determination
5	To apply cost management techniques in various sectors

Course Units

UNIT I (18 hrs)

Introduction to Strategic Cost Management

Introduction to Strategic Cost Management (SCM) – Need for SCM – Differences between SCM and Traditional Cost Management - Value Chain Analysis: Meaning and steps - Quality Cost Management: Meaning of Quality and Quality Management – Cost of Quality –Indian Cost Accounting Standard 21 on Quality Control - Introduction to Lean System – Benefits of Lean System – Just in Time (JIT) – Kaizen Costing.

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UNIT II (18 hrs)

Cost Control and Reduction

Cost Management Techniques: Cost Control: Meaning and Prerequisites - Cost Reduction: Meaning and Scope – Differences between Cost control and cost reduction - Pareto Analysis: Meaning, importance and applications - Target Costing: Meaning, steps and Principles – Life Cycle Costing: Meaning, Strategies for each stage of product life cycle, Benefits – Learning Curve: Meaning, Learning curve ratio and applications.

UNIT III (18 hrs)

Activity Based Cost Management

Activity Based Cost Management: Concept, Purpose, Stages, Benefits, Relevance in Decisionmaking and its Application in Budgeting – Practical problems.

UNIT IV (18 hrs)

Transfer Pricing

Transfer Pricing: Meaning, Benefits, Methods: Pricing based on cost, Market price on transfer price, Negotiated pricing and Pricing based on opportunity costs – Practical Problems.

UNIT V (18 hrs)

Cost Management in Agriculture and IT sector

Agriculture Sector: Features, Cost Structure, Cost Management, Tools to measure the performance, Minimum Support Price and International Perspective – Information Technology Sector: Features, Cost Structure, Cost Management and International Perspective.

Theory 20% Problems 80%

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Course Outcomes

Students will be able to

CO No.	CO Statement	Knowledge level
1	Explain strategic cost management and QC	K2
2	Choose the appropriate technique for cost control	K3
3	Make use of activity based costing in practice	K3
4	Choose transfer pricing methods to solve problems	K3
5	Construct cost structure for Agriculture and IT sector	K3

Books for study:

1. Ravi M Kishore (2018), “Strategic Cost Management”, 5th Edition, Taxmann Publications Pvt. Ltd, New Delhi.
2. Bandgar P. K., (2017), “Strategic Cost Management”, 1st Edition, Himalaya Publishing House Pvt Ltd, Mumbai.
3. Sexena V. K., (2020), “Strategic Cost Management and Performance Evaluation”, 1st Edition, Sultan Chand & Sons, New Delhi.

Books for reference:

1. John K Shank and Vijay Govindarajan (2008), Strategic Cost Management, Simon & Schuster; Latest edition, UK
2. Jawahar Lal, (2015), “Strategic Cost Management”, 1st Edition, Himalaya Publishing House Pvt Ltd, Mumbai.)
3. Arora M. N., (2021), “A Text Book of Cost and Management Accounting”, 11th Edition, Vikas Publishing House Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi.

Web references:

1. <https://www.accountingtools.com/articles/strategic-cost-management.html#:~:text=Strategic%20cost%20management%20is%20the,it%20or%20have%20no%20impact.>
2. <https://ca-final.in/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Chapter-4-Cost-Management-Techniques.pdf>
3. <https://resource.cdn.icai.org/66530bos53753-cp5.pdf>

Note: Latest edition of the books may be used

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Mapping of course outcomes with POs and PSOs

	Pos						PSOs		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	1	2	3
CO1	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
CO2	3	3	2	3	3	3	3	3	3
CO3	3	3	2	3	3	3	3	3	3
CO4	3	3	2	3	3	3	3	2	3
CO5	3	3	1	3	3	3	3	3	3

High – 3

Medium – 2

Low – 1