

UNIVERSITY OF MADRAS
M.A. DEGREE PROGRAMME IN HISTORICAL STUDIES
 SYLLABUS WITH EFFECT FROM 2023-2024

FIRST YEAR – SEMESTER- II

Course code	403C2C	ECONOMIC HISTORY OF INDIA 1858 – 1947	L	T	P	C
Core/Elective/Supportive	Core		4	0	0	4
Pre-requisite	A general knowledge on economic history of colonial India and a student should have studied at undergraduate level		Syllabus Version	2023-2024		
Course Objectives:						
The main objectives of this course are to: Provide students with the latest information in the field of economic history Inculcate an advanced knowledge, understanding and Critical judgement appropriate for the application of basic concepts of economic history Explain the process of change and adaptation of modern means of production Highlight the transformation of Indian economy in the Colonial Period						
Expected Course Outcomes:						
On the successful completion of the course, student will be able to:						
1	Students understand the Pre-British Indian Economy, British and Indian Economy.					K1
2	Critically analyze the growth of new Economic system. Rise of New Industries and Decline of Rural Industries – Commercialization of Agriculture.					K2
3	Students understand the Economic Transformation in India.					K3
4	Students understand the Pre-British Indian Economy, British and Indian Economy.					K4
5	Critically analyze the growth of new Economic system. Rise of New Industries and Decline of Rural Industries – Commercialization of Agriculture.					K5
K1 - Remember; K2 - Understand; K3 - Apply; K4 - Analyze; K5 - Evaluate;						
Unit:1						
European settlements and colonization process					14 hours	
Economic condition under the Mughals – Types of lands – Jagirdari – Zamindari – Manzabdari – Khalsa Land and Revenue Assignments – Land Revenue under Sher Shah – Land Tenures – Agriculture and Irrigation under the Mughals						
Unit:2						
Commercialization and its impact					14 hours	
Indian Economy on the eve of the British Rule – Trade under the East India Company and the Economic Drain from India – Various types of lands – Land Patterns – Land Tenure and Revenue Settlement under British Rule – Internal and External Trade.						
Unit:3						
Process of de-industrialisation					14 hours	
Agriculture – Policy and Development – Commercialization of Agriculture – Rise of Landless Agrarian Labourers – Irrigation – Famine-Famine Administration – Peasants Conditions, Revolts of peasants.						

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Unit:4	Stunted growth and process of modernization	14 hours
Industries – Policy and Development – Indigenous and Major Industries – Cotton Textile, Jute, Iron and Steel, Sugar and Chemical, Small Scale Industries – Labour Problems and labour Legislations – Decline of Indigenous Industries and its impacts..		
Unit:5	Centres of urbanization and conditions of workers	14 hours
Modernization and Growth of Transport and Communication – Policy and Development – Roadways – Railways – Waterways – Development of Communication – Post and Telegraph – Telephones and Radio		
Total Lecture hours		70 hours

Text Book(s)

1	Habib, Irfan. Indian Economy under Early British Rule 1757-1857: A People's History of India Delhi: Tulka, 2013
2	Tithankar Roy. An Economic History of Early Modern India. London and New York, Rutledge, 2013
3	Chaudhary, Latika et. al., eds. A New Economic History of Colonial India, London and New York: Routledge, 2016
4	Bipan, Chandra, Nationalism and Colonialism in Modern India. Delhi: Orient Longman
5	Dharma Kumar and Megnad Desai, eds. Cambridge Economic History of India, Vol. II Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1982.
6	Rothermund, Economic History Of India, Taylor & Francis, New York, 1993

Reference Books

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2	Morris, M.D., The Emergence of an Industrial Labour Force in India: A Study of the Bombay Cotton Mills, 1854-1947 (Berkeley and Los Angeles, 1965).
3	Bhatia, B.M, Famines in India: A study in Some Aspects of the Economic History of India, Asia Publishing House, Bombay, 1967
7	Jathar, G.B., and Beri, S.G., Indian Economics, Vol. II, D.B, Taraporevala Sons & Co, Bombay, 1929

Mapping with Programme Outcomes

COs	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5	PO6	PO7	PO8	PO9	PO10
CO1	S	S	M	S	S	S	S	S	S	L
CO3	S	S	S	S	S	S	M	S	S	S
CO3	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	M	S
CO4	M	S	S	S	S	S	S	L	S	S
CO5	S	S	S	S	M	S	S	S	S	S

*S-Strong; M-Medium; L-Low