

**CLUSTER UNIVERSITY SRINAGAR**  
**Department of Economics**

**Semester: I**

**Course Type: Multi-Disciplinary**

*Course Code: UGEC022D101*

**Course Title: General Economics**

**Credits: 3**

**Course Objectives:** This course has been designed to expose students to the basic theory of Economics. After the completion of this course, the students are expected to develop a strong taste for the discipline of Economics. The course will also help a student in facing any competitive examination.

**Learning Outcomes:** After passing this course, a student is expected to:

LO1: Understand the basic framework of economic theory.

LO2: Understand the functioning of Public policy and its components.

LO3: Develop a good understanding of practical issues grounded in Economic theory.

**Unit I: Fundamentals of Microeconomics**

Nature and scope of Economics; Microeconomics vs Macroeconomics; Positive and Normative Economics; Central problems of an economy; Scarcity and choice; Concept of opportunity cost; Production possibility frontier; Economic systems.

**Unit II: Fundamentals of Macroeconomics**

Various concepts of National Income; Circular flow of Income; Inflation- Types, causes and consequences; Price indices- WPI, CPI and GDP deflator; Money- Types and functions; Measures of Money supply; Monetary policy and role of Central bank; Unemployment- Concept and types; Poverty- Concept, types and causes.

**Unit III: Development and Public policy**

Concepts of Economic growth and Development; Characteristics of Underdeveloped countries; Inclusive growth; Sustainable Development; Human Development; HDI; Budget- Concept and types; Types of Budgetary deficits; Fiscal policy.

**Suggested Readings:**

1. Samuelson, P. & Nordhaus, W (1985). Principles of Economics. McGraw-Hill, New York.
2. Mankiw, N. Principles of Microeconomics, Latest edition, Cengage Learning.
3. Mankiw, N. Principles of Macroeconomics, Latest edition, Cengage Learning.
4. Bernheim, B. Douglas, and Michael Dennis Winston. 2014. Microeconomics.
5. Ahuja H.L. (2007), Advanced Economic Theory- Microeconomic Analysis, S.Chand and Company Ltd.
6. Ahuja H.L. (2009), Macroeconomics- Theory and Policy, S.Chand and Company Ltd.
7. Misra, S.K, and Puri, V.K (2004), Growth and Development, Himalaya Publishing House.
8. Bhatia, H.L, Public Finance, Latest edition, Vikas Publishing House.