Revised Curriculum

Bachelor of Arts Degree Programme

Center for Distance and Continuing Education, 2021

Subject: Economics

Year	Semester	Course Code	Course Title	Compulsory	
Study				/Optional	Credits
		ECON 18214	Principles of Economics	Compulsory	4
1	1 & 2				
		ECON 18224	Economic History of Great	Compulsory	4
			Britain and Sri Lanka		
		ECON 28214	Microeconomics	Compulsory	4
2	3 & 4				
		ECON 28224	Statistics for Economics	Compulsory	4
		ECON 38214	Macroeconomics	Compulsory	4
3	5 & 6	ECON 38224	Development Economics	Compulsory	4

Course Code:	ECON 18214	
Compulsory/	Compulsory	
Optional:		
Course Name:	Principles of Economics	
Intended	State key principles and explain concepts related to	
Learning	economic analysis	
Outcomes:	Understand the basic tools of economics analysis	
	Demonstrate knowledge in Economics	
Course Content	Scope and methodology of Economics	
	Identify the subject matters and methodology of Economics	
	Recognize key principles and understand concepts related to	
	economic analysis.	
	Basic Economic Problem and Alternative Economic Systems	
	Define the concept of scarcity	
	Describe and provide examples of alternative economic	
	systemsUnderstand how alternative economic systems deal with the	
	problem of scarcity	
	Demand, Supply and	
	Market Equilibrium	
	Elementary Demand and Supply Theory	
	Market Equilibrium and its changes	
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	 Describe demand, supply and explain how they can change Relate how supply and demand interact to determine market 	
	equilibrium.	
	Explain how changes in supply and demand affect market	
	equilibrium	
	Elasticity	
	Price Elasticity of Demand	
	Cross-elasticity of Demand	
	Income Elasticity of Demand	
	Price Elasticity of supply	
	January Control	
	Define and compute price elasticity of demand, cross	
	elasticity of demand, and income elasticity of demand	
	 Define and compute the price elasticity of supply 	
	 Identify the determinants of elasticity of demand and supply. 	
	Recognize the importance of the concept of elasticity	
	Theory of Production and Cost	
	Short-Run and Long Run Production.	
	Cost Concepts	
	- Cost Concepts	

- Identify the difference between short-run and long-run production.
- Define the law of diminishing returns and economies of scale
- Define and describe fixed, variable average, marginal, and total cost curves

Market Model

- Perfect Competition and Monopoly
- Monopolistic Competition and
- Oligopoly
- Understand the concept of market models. Outline the characteristics of the different market models.
- Identify the profit maximizing rule.
- Identify the difference between short-run and long-run equilibrium of perfect competition and monopoly
- Identify the difference between monopolistically competitive market and an oligopoly market.

Theory of Distribution

- Wages, Rent, Interest and Profit
- The demand for and supply of factors of production
- Understand basic characteristics and rewards of factors of Production.
- Describe the factors determining wages, rent, interest and profit.
- Understand the determinants of factor demand and supply

National Income

- Circular flow of National Income
- National Accounting Multiplier
- Identify the concept of National Accounting.
- Describe the circular flow of National Income.
- Understand the concept of Multiplier

Money

- Functions of Money
- Demand for Money
- Supply of Money
- Recognize the functions of money.
- Describe the demand for money.

Describe the supply of money

The role of Commercial Bank

- Describe the functions of commercial banks.
- Describe how money is created in the banking system.

	Identify the role of the Central Bank.		
	Understand how the money supply is controlled by the Central		
	bank.		
Teaching	Lectures, Discussions, Assignments, Workshop		
/Learning	All should be presented by using LMS (As PowerPoint		
Activities:	presentation), Using web search and self-studies methods.		
Assessment	Written exam (100 marks) or written exam (80 marks) +		
Strategy:	assignments (20marks) at end of the academic year.		
Recommended	Richard G. Lipsey (1979), An Introduction To Positive		
Reading:	Economics, Weidenfeld & Nicolson		
	Begg, D. 2012: Economics. Ed. McGraw-Hill		
	➤ Lipsey R. and Alec C., 2011, Economics , 12th Edition,		
	Oxford University Press, New Delhi.		
	Mankiw, N. G., 2004, Essentials of Economics, 3rd Edition,		
	South Western, New York.		
	> Parkin M., 2005, Economics , 7th Edition, Pearson Education		
	Inc., New York.		
	> Stiglitz J. E. and Walsh C. E., 2010. Economics , 4th Edition,		
	Viva Books, New Delhi		
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Course Code:	ECON 18224	
Compulsory/	Compulsory	
Optional:		
Course Name:	Economic History of Great Britain and Sri Lanka	
Intended	Understand the importance of economic history	
Learning	2. Describe historical experiences of economic development	
Outcomes:	of the Great Britain and Sri Lanka	
	3. Understand main features of agricultural, industrial and	
	transport development in Great Britain	
	4. Describe evolution of plantation economy in Sri Lanka	
	5. Recognize features of Dual Economy in Sri Lanka	
	6. Understand the British influence on the Sri Lankan	
	Economy	
Course Content	Status of the Great Britain in the medieval period:	

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- Understand the importance of economic history of the Great Britain
- Describe the main features of Manorial System

Agriculture and Agricultural Revolution

- Identify the process of Agriculture Revolution and its impacts
- Industrial Revolution and Technology development
- Innovation
- Technology Development
- Describe the process of industrial and technology development in Great Britain
- Understand how the Industrial Revolution contributed to the Economic Development of Great Britain.

Mercantilism, Laissez Faire and Free Trade

- Define Mercantilism and Laissez Faire
- Identify the emergence of market economy in the Great Britain

Commercial and Tax Policy

- Corn Laws
- Land Tax
- Understand the Corn Laws and Land Tax policies in the Great Britain.

Railway and Transport Development

• Recognize the development of Transport Industry of the Great Britain

Trade Union Movement

• Describe the origin and evolution of Trade Union Movement in the Great Britain

Economic Status of Sri Lanka during the medieval period

• Describe basic features of the economy of the Sri Lanka during the medieval period

Portuguese, Dutch, and British periods

• Identify the influence of Portuguese, Dutch, and British on the Sri Lankan Society and Economy

Colebrook-Cameron reforms and Abolition of the royal duty system

- Identify Colebrook-Cameron Commission reforms
- Describe the consequences of abolition of the royal duty system (Rajakaree System)

Land Policy and Reforms during the British Period

- Identify the Land Policy and Reforms under the British rule
- Recognize the consequences of the introduction of the Land Reforms

Plantation Economy of Sri Lanka

	 Recognize the beginning of plantation industry and its evolution Identify the structural changes in the Economy of Sri Lanka after the introduction of plantation industry Dual Economy Recognize the main characteristics of the dual economy of Sri Lanka Transportation and Railway Development Identify how the Transport Industry developed during the Dutch and British periods. Describe how the Transport Industry contributed to the economic development in Sri Lanka The impact of British Rule on the Economic and Social development of Sri Lanka Describe the impact of British Rule on the Sri Lankan economy and the society.
Teaching /Learning Activities: Assessment Strategy:	Lectures, Discussions, Assignments, Workshop All should be presented by using LMS (As PowerPoint presentation), Using web search and self-studies methods. Written exam (100 marks) or written exam (80 marks) + assignments (20marks) at end of the academic year.
Recommended Reading:	 Court, W. H. B. (1962) A Concise Economic History of Britain, Cambridge, Cambridge University Press Snodgrass, D. R.(1966) Ceylon an Export Economy in Transition, The Economic growth Centre, Yale University, Illinois බර්නි ඒ, (1965), බ්තානා දූපත්වල ආර්ථික ඉතිහාසය, පරිවර්තනය බුද්ධදාස වීරසේකර, රාජා භාෂා දෙපාර්තමේන්තුව, කොළඹ දිසානායක ඒ., (1997), සංක්ෂිප්ත බ්තානා ආර්ථික ඉතිහාසය, ආට්චේ පින්ටර්ස්, කොළඹ 09. පොඩිමැණිකේ පී, (2004), ශ්‍රී ලංකාවේ ආර්ථික ඉතිහාසය, පුනාන්දු පින්ටර්ස්, කිරිබත්ගොඩ පොඩිමැණිකේ පී, (2012), බ්තානා ආර්ථික ඉතිහාසය, පුබුදු පින්ටර්ස්, මාකොළ

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Course Code:	ECON 28214		
Compulsory/	Compulsory		
Optional:			
Course Name:	Microeconomics		
Intended Learning Outcomes:	Understand and explain the alternative definitions and the methodology of Economics Describe how consumers make consumption decisions under the given conditions		
	3. Explain the behavior of rational producers and the relationship between production and cost.		
	4. Review how firms operate under different market models.		
Course Content	 5. Discuss how factor markets operate Introduction, scope and methodology of Economics Explain and distinguish the alternative definitions on Economics and their special features Discuss the methodology of Economics Differentiate the subject matter between microeconomics and macroeconomics. 		
	 Theory of consumer behavior Identify the rational consumer behavior under different theoretical perspectives 		
	 Derive the Marshallian and Hicksian demand function Explain consumer equilibrium using the graphical method Differentiate income and substitution effects of a price change Theory of Production and Cost 		
	 Define the production function Differentiate the short-run and long-run production Explain the equilibrium conditions of a rational producer Define the cost function Explain the relationship between short-run and long-run cost curves Theory of Firms 		
	 Discuss the differentiation between the firms and the industry Illustrate the short-run and long-run equilibrium of a firm and the industry under different market models Explain the behavior of firms under different market models Discuss the efficiency and social welfare implications of different market models 		

	Market Equilibrium under the dynamic conditions		
	Discuss the market dynamics Final in a direct way to a finite and a second and the second		
	• Explain adjustments of the market equilibrium based on the Cobweb theorem		
	Theory of Distribution		
	 Describe the factors of production and their rewards 		
	Differentiate the commodity market and factor market		
	Discuss the theories of factor price determination under different market conditions		
Teaching	Lectures, Discussions, Assignments, Workshop		
/Learning	All should be presented by using LMS (As PowerPoint		
Activities:	presentation), Using web search and self-studies methods.		
Assessment	Written exam (100 marks) or written exam (80 marks) +		
Strategy:	assignments (20marks) at end of the academic year.		
Recommended Reading:	 ➤ Ahuja H.L; 2005, Modern Microeconomics, S.Chaud & Company Ltd., New Delhi ➤ Koutsoyianis A., 2003, Modern Microeconomics, 2™ Edition, Palgrave Macmillan, London ➤ Pindyck R.S., Rubinfeld, D.L. and Mehta P.L., 2009, Microeconomics, 7th Edition, Pearson Education Inc., New Delhi ➤ Salvatore D., 2009, Principles of Microeconomics, 5th Edition, Oxford University Press, New Delhi ➤ පීටර්සන් විලීස් එල් (1994), සූකෂ්ම ආර්ථිකව්දාහ මූලධර්ම, පරිවර්තනය, නවරත්න බණ්ඩා එව් එම් (2005), එස් ගොඩගේ සහ සහෝදරයෝ , කොළඹ 10 ➤ ලක්ෂ්මන් ඩබ්. ඩී සහ ගුණසේකර (1998), ආර්ථික විශ්ලේෂණය, සී/ස කරුණාරත්න සහ පුනුයෝ, කොළඹ ➤ සේමසිංහ ඩබ් එම් (2015), සූකෂ්ම ආර්ථික ව්දහාව , නිශ්චිත හා අවිනිශ්චිත තත්ත්ව යටතේ පරිභෝජක හැසිරීම, ගොඩගේ සහ සහෝදරයෝ, කොළඹ 		

Course Code:	ECON 28224
Compulsory/	Compulsory
Optional:	
Course Name:	Statistics for Economics
Intended Learning Outcomes:	1. Describe basic concepts and techniques of Statistics for economic applications
Outcomes:	2. Determine the appropriate sampling techniques in economic research
	3. Demonstrate the ability to present data using appropriate tools
	4. Demonstrate the ability to present data using appropriate tools
Course Content	Introduction Scope of Descriptive Statistics and Relationship between Statistics and Economics
	Describe the scope of Statistics
	Explain the usefulness of Basic Statistics for Economics
	Types of Data and Variables
	 Describe the different types of data and variables Sampling techniques and Methods of Data Collection
	 Define the different sampling techniques Describe and illustrate different methods of data collection
	 Frequency Distributions and Graphs. Construct frequency distribution and graph for different sets of data. Describe how to use frequency distribution and graphs for
	analysis of economic data. Measures of Central Tendency, Dispersion and Skewness • Discuss measures of Central Tendency, Dispersion and Skewness
	Demonstrate the importance and usage of measures of Central Tendency, Dispersion and Skewness
	Lawrence Curve and Gini Coefficient
	 Describe the concept of income distribution disparities in relation to Lawrence curve and Gini Coefficient. Measure the income distribution disparities using Lawrence curve and Gini coefficient

	Statistical Inference	
	 Describe point estimates and Interval estimates Apply hypothesis testing for two alternatives sample data sets Analysis of Correlation 	
	 Explain the concepts of correlations Compute and interpret correlation Coefficient using economic data Linear Regression models 	
	 Estimate and interpret linear regression models Apply regression techniques for Economic data 	
	Time Series Analysis	
	 Explain time series with different structures Compute trend values of time series data 	
Teaching /Learning Activities:	Lectures, Discussions, Assignments, Workshop All should be presented by using LMS (As PowerPoint presentation), Using web search and self-studies methods.	
Assessment Strategy:	Written exam (100 marks) or written exam (80 marks) + assignments (20marks) at end of the academic year.	
Recommended Reading:	 ජයතිස්ස. ඩබ්ලිව්. ඒ. (1996). මූලික සංඛානන විදහාව 1 - විස්තරාත්මක සංඛානනය., කතෘ ප්‍රකාශන Freund, J.E (2001), Modern Elementary Statistics, Prentice-Hall. ReJohnson, R.A. & Bhattacharyya, G.K, Statistics: Principles and Methods, 2nd Edition. Wiley, 1992 Harnett, D. L. and Soni A. K. (1991), Statistical methods for 	
	Business and Economics, Addison Wesley. > Harper, W.M. (1998), Statistics, Financial Times Pitman Publishing	

>	Spiegel, Murray R and Stephens, Larry J (2001), Statistics,
	Third Edition, Schaum's Outlines
>	සිල්වා, ස්ටැන්ලි (1995) පුායෝගික සංඛ්‍යානය: නියදි සමීක්ෂණ කුම, සාර පුකාශන

Course Code:	ECON 38214	
Compulsory/	Compulsory	
Optional:	 	
Course Name:	Macroeconomics	
Intended	1. Explain the behavior of macroeconomics variables	
Learning Outcomes:	2. Discuss how aggregate demand and aggregate supply interact in a simple economy, a closed economy and an open economy	
	3. Describe the macroeconomics equilibrium though the IS-LM analysis	
	4.Clarify the role of fiscal and monetary policy in combatting macroeconomic issues	
	5. Understand the theories of international trade	
	6.Review the international trade policies.	
Course Content		
	 Identify the subject matter and methodology of macroeconomics Explain Macroeconomic variables Equilibrium level of National Income in a simple, a closed and an open economy 	
	Explain how the equilibrium level of national income determine in a simple economy, a closed economy and an open economy.	
	The National Income Multiplier	
	 Identify the importance of the concept of multiplier Define and Compute the multiplier in a simple, a closed and an open economy 	
	Investment	
	 Explain the relevance of theories of investment Understand the concept of Marginal Efficiency of Capital (MEC). 	

	Classical and Keynesian theories of Money, Interest, Inflation and Employment
	 Explain the theories of money, interest, inflation and employment Review the relevance of classical and Keynesian theories in addressing macroeconomic issues in an economy
	IS-LM Model
	Illustrate the use of the IS-LM analysis in determining macroeconomic equilibrium.
	Business Cycles
	 Understand the theories of business cycle Recognize the sources of real world business cycles
	 Macroeconomic Policies Understand the role of fiscal and monetary policy Identify the tools of fiscal and monetary policy Discuss the characteristics of effective macroeconomic policy
	Balance of Payment and Exchange Rate
	 Describe the components of balance of payments and Explain why a current account deficit is not necessarily undesirable Explain the concept of a foreign exchange market and an exchange rate
	Theories of International Trade
	 Describes Classical and Neo-Classical Trade Theories Analyses of Trade Policies
Teaching	Lectures, Discussions, Assignments, Workshop
/Learning Activities:	All should be presented by using LMS (As PowerPoint
Assessment	presentation), Using web search and self-studies methods. Written exam (100 marks) or written exam (80 marks) +
Strategy:	assignments (20marks) at end of the academic year.
Recommended Reading:	Keynes, J.M. (1935), The General Theory of Employment, Interest, and Money, King's College, Cambridge
	• Dornbusch, R., Fisher, S. and Startz R., (2013), Macroeconomics, 12 th Edition, McGraw Hill, New York.
	Mcconnell, C. Brue S. and Flynn, S. (2011), Macroeconomics, McGraw-Hill

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 Shapiro, E., (2001), Macroeconomic Analysis, 5th Edition, Galgotic Publications Pvt. Ltd. New Delhi.
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Course Code:	ECON 38224
Compulsory/	Compulsory
Optional:	
Course Name:	Development Economics
Intended Learning Outcomes:	1. Understanding the theory of development economics and population
	2.Identify issues relating to the economic development
	3.Discuss impact of contemporary development issues in developed and less developed countries
Course Content	Introduction to the economic growth and Development, and development measures
	 Describe economic growth and development Explain the measurement of economic growth and development Classical and contemporary theories of economic development and population
	Illustrate the historical patterns of development in the world
	Explain the classical and contemporary theories of economic development and population
	Basic Needs, Inequality and Poverty, Unemployment
	 Explain the important facts about the incidences and trends of poverty in the world Theory and evidence on the causes and consequences of poverty and unemployment
	Human capital and economic development

• Describe the concept of human capital and economic development Analyze the strategic issues and strategies required to select and develop manpower resources Foreign direct investment (FDI) and economic development Explain the concept of foreign direct investment for development Analyze the foreign investment policy towards domestic marketoriented FDI of less developed countries Trade and development Describe the interrelate of the trade theory with the economic development Explain the relationship between international trade and economic development Structural economic development Explain the structural changes in Agriculture, Industry, and Service sectors Analyze the strategic issues and strategies required to develop infrastructure (Energy, Technology, information, communication, and transportation) Development decision making and policy Discuss the economic development policies and their influences on development Explain the challenges in formulating development policies, implementing them, and evaluating effects on Asian and freemarket ideology (FMI) Impact of Globalization on Less Developed nations Describe the concept of globalization Evaluate the impact of globalization on the environment, health, trade, and sustainable development of less developed countries > Recent challenges in development policy in Sri Lanka • Discuss policies for economic development Examine the challenges in formulating development policy, implementing it, and evaluating the effects on Sri Lanka **Teaching** Lectures, Discussions, Assignments, Workshop /Learning All should be presented by using LMS (As PowerPoint **Activities:** presentation), Using web search and self-studies methods. Written exam (100 marks) or written exam (80 marks) + Assessment assignments (20marks) at end of the academic year. **Strategy:**

Recommended Reading:

- Athukorala, P. C., Ginting, E., Hill, H., & Kumar, U. (Eds.). (2017). *The Sri Lankan economy: charting a new course*. Asian Development Bank.
- Kelegama Saman (2006), Contemporary Economic Issues, Sri Lanka in the Global Context, Sri Lanka Economic Association, Colombo
- ➤ Michael P. Todaro and Stephen C. Smith (2015) Economic Development, Pearson, USA
- ➤ Promfert R. (1992), Development Economics, Printice Hall, London
- Rostow W. W. (1991), The Stages of Economic Growth: A Non-Communist Manifesto, Cambridge University Press