

# MASTER OF ARTS IN ECONOMICS (2022- 24)



**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 with theoretical knowledge and technical skills needed for high-quality analysis. At the same time, the course places the students in the institutional, developmental and ecological context of contemporary India. It is designed to closely align with Azim Premji University's mission to develop 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. Lastly, 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 skill, while also addressing the institutional, developmental and ecological concerns of India. The core courses consist of the following: Microeconomics of development, Mathematical models in economics, Sociology of development, Quantitative and qualitative research methods, Macroeconomics of development, Political and legal institutions, Ecology and development in India, Econometrics of impact evaluation and Economics of identity. Each core course carries four credits.

### Field Practice

This allows students to apply classroom learning to analyse real-world development challenges. It involves spending three weeks in the

field, and offers the unique opportunity to 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. We offer electives in the following areas: Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, Statistics, Banking and financial markets, History of economic thought, Computational economics and Feminist economics. A student is required to take four elective courses in order to graduate with 72 credits.

## Master's Thesis Track

The optional Master's thesis provides intensive engagement with interesting questions/areas of study. This engagement is expected to cement 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 optional internship track is designed for students who want to engage in real economic engagement outside of the classroom. It is aimed at exposing students to a variety of contexts that economists work within the development sector, in higher education, in public policy and with government and non-government agencies.

## Master's Seminar

The Master's Seminar is designed to facilitate peer learning through structured classroom interaction between students. The internship students

showcase their field engagements, while the thesis students present their ongoing research work.

## Communicating Economics

The Communicating Economics course introduces students to pedagogy and assessment for teaching economics in a variety of contexts – from classrooms to development professionals working in a range of different areas. As part of this course, students are required to run a workshop on an economics topic to a diverse audience.



## Creative Expressions

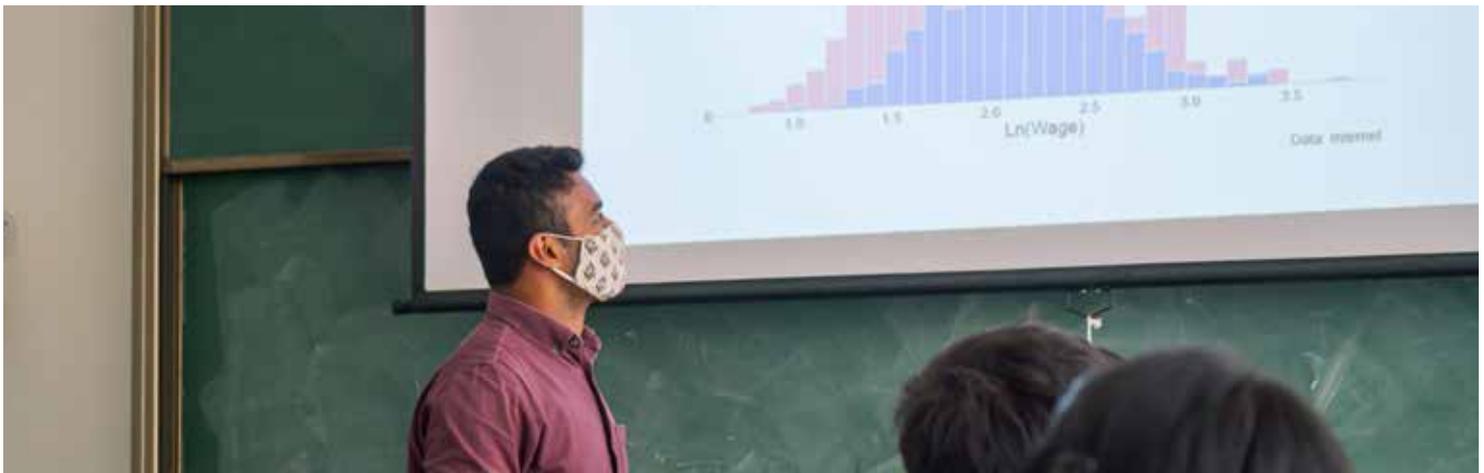
The two Creative Expressions courses introduce students to the dimensions of multi-modal understanding through work and play in activities such as music, sport, games, dance, pottery, woodworking and theatre.



# Course Structure and Calendar

<b>S1</b>	Microeconomics of Development	Mathematical models in Economics	Sociology of Development	Quantitative and Qualitative Research Methods	Creative Expressions 1
<b>Winter 1</b>	Field Practice				
<b>S2</b>	Microeconomics of Development	Political and Legal Institutions	Ecology and Development in India	Econometrics of Impact Evaluation	Creative Expressions 2
<b>Summer</b>	Master's Thesis OR Master's Internship				
<b>S3</b>	Economics of Identity	Master's Seminar	Elective 1	Elective 2	
<b>Winter 2</b>	Community Engagement (Internship only)				
<b>S4</b>	Communicating Economics	Elective 3	Elective 4	Master's Thesis conclusion	

**Courses in bold are core courses**



## Course Credit Structure

Type of Course	Courses	Credits	Semester(s)
Core courses	9	36	S1, S2 & S3
Field Practice	1	4	Winter Break1
Elective courses	4	16	S3 & S4
Master's Thesis OR Master's Internship	1 2	6	End of S2 through S4 End of S2 through Winter Break2
Master's Seminar	1	2	S3
Communicating Economics	1	4	S4
Creative Expressions	2	4	S1 & S2
	<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>72</b>	

### Faculty Members

Members of our faculty are accomplished academicians, researchers and teachers. The faculty members 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

Entry requirements for M.A. Economics are an undergraduate degree in Economics. 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 below.



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