

St. Xavier's University, Kolkata

**Admission Brochure
Department of Economics**



Pursuing Economics In SXUK



Jesuit Education



Committed Faculty



Scholarship for needy Students



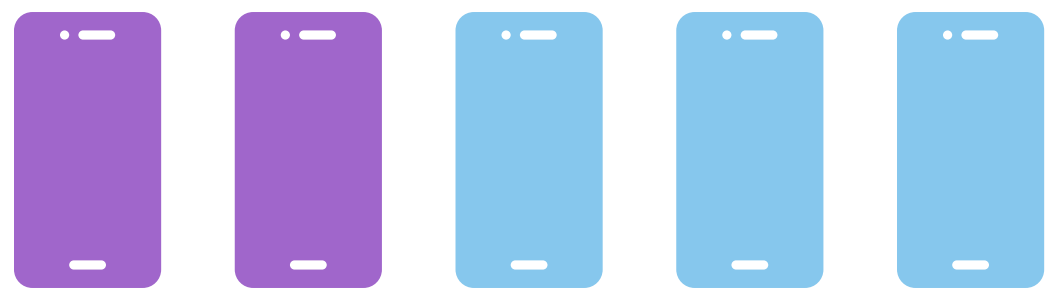
Research Oriented Approach



Good Student-Teacher Ratio



Holistic Approach



General Overview

Economics as a discipline is about human beings and their welfare. Since it deals with humans, unlike objects, the discipline is a vast area with a large number of theories. What is important for students is to understand the myriad theories and train their mind to ask probing questions about human behaviour, welfare and development. This is precisely what the curriculum at St. Xavier's University Kolkata, Department of Economics seeks to provide students with.

The course work enables the students to ask important questions backed by economic theory and then try to answer them with relevant data and statistical tools. After pursuing a BA/MA programme in Economics at SXUK, students should be able to acquire cutting edge theoretical and empirical skills which should enable them to enter into the corporate world or the academia.

As a part of the curriculum, students are expected to write an original dissertation both at the BA and MA level, which is graded by external experts. This trains students to become researchers even at the BA/MA level. Additionally, field trips are organized to villages to expose students to the problems of rural India. On the basis of these visits, students are expected to write a report.

The faculty members have their PhD from reputed Universities. As a part of the Jesuit education system, the students automatically become part of the Jesuit education network in India as well as abroad. This network further helps the students to choose their career path and achieve their goals.

Programme & Curriculum Overview For U.G. Students

Since 2023, the Department of Economics, SXUK has started the Four-Year BA Hons in Economics programme, with exit option after three years.

As a part of this programme, students are provided basic courses in Economics along with research oriented and cutting edge courses like Environmental Economics, Game Theory, Advanced Econometrics, Causal Inference, Financial Economics, etc.

The students are offered minor papers in Mathematics and Statistics.

At the UG level itself, students are exposed to statistical softwares like R and Python. There is a skill-enhancement paper on R and two papers on Python and Machine Learning. The students are supposed to write a dissertation paper in their final semester to train them for further research.

Programme & Curriculum Overview For P.G. Students

The Department of Economics at St. Xavier's University Kolkata started its MA programme in 2018. The Master's programme is a comprehensive programme offering the students a range of core papers and a list of optional papers from which the students can choose from.

The MA students in their third semester are allotted research supervisors at the individual level. The supervisors mentor the students and guide them in producing their MA dissertations, which are evaluated by external experts. The mixture of course and the compulsory dissertation enable the students to not only learn economic theory but also to apply them in real life problems. This prepares the students to choose their career options either in academia or in the corporate sector.

The faculty members have their PhD from reputed Universities. They are relatively young but already have made a mark for themselves through their research works. The faculty members also take up research projects from important institutions and have completed them with distinction.

Since 2022, the students of MA (Economics) are being offered a list of electives which reflect the cutting edge research in these areas. Electives range from Open Economy Macroeconomics, Financial Economics, Advanced Econometrics, Political Economy, Labour Economics, Sustainable Development, etc. Students can choose from these electives (subject to decision of Department) to improve their skill set within their domain. All these features make the MA in Economics a programme which is at par with Indian and Global Standards.

Technical Training: Key Features



Compulsory courses include: Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, Development Economics, International Trade, Econometrics, Indian Economy, etc.



Rigorous mathematical approach.



Exposure to R, Python, Eviews.



Historical, Descriptive and data oriented approach for courses like Development and Indian Economy.



Workshops on data mining, graphics, regression, time series and other techniques



Field survey based training: Preparation of questionnaire, sampling, data entry, generation of report etc.



Training to students to write publication quality research paper through their dissertation.

Course Structure For U.G. Students



• 8 Semesters

• Total 160 Credits

• Exit Option after 6th Semester

Semester 1

- **Introductory Microeconomics**
 - **Basic Statistics**
- **Inter-Disciplinary Courses**
- **Communicative English - I**
 - **Personality Development**
- **Common Value Added Course**

Semester 3

- **Introductory Mathematical Methods for Economics**
 - **Probability Theory**
- **Inter-Disciplinary Courses**
- **Ability Enhancement Course**
- **Survey Design & Data Analysis**
- **Common Value Added Course**

Semester 2

- **Introductory Macroeconomics**
 - **Mathematics - I**
- **Inter-Disciplinary Courses**
- **Communicative English - II**
 - **Statistical Analysis R**
- **Common Value Added Course**

Semester 4

- **Intermediate Microeconomics**
 - **Mathematics II**
- **Inter-Disciplinary Courses**
- **Ability Enhancement Course**
 - **Skill Enhancement**
- **Common Value Added Course**

Course Structure For U.G. Students



• 8 Semesters

• Total 160 Credits

• Exit Option after 6th Semester

Semester 5

- Intermediate Microeconomics II
- Intermediate Macroeconomics II
 - Introductory Econometrics
 - Indian Economy
 - Statistical Inference

Semester 7

- Research Methodology
- Statistical Learning
 - Special Paper

Semester 6

- International Economics
- Environmental Economics
 - Public Economics
- Development Economics
- Programming in Python

Semester 8

- Empirics of Indian Economy
- Machine Learning with Python
 - Special Paper

Course Structure For P.G. Students



• 4 Semesters

• Total 96 Credits

• 24 Credits Per Semester

Semester 1

- Microeconomics I
- Macroeconomics I
- Statistics & Econometrics
- Development Economics

Semester 3

- International Economics
 - Dissertation
 - Elective Paper I
 - Elective Paper II

Semester 2

- Microeconomics II
- Macroeconomics II
- Econometrics & Computer Application
- Indian Economy

Semester 4

- Public Economics
 - Dissertation
 - Elective Paper I
 - Elective Paper II

Special Papers For U.G. Students



- Growth Economics
- Issues Macroeconomic Policy
- Open Economy Macroeconomics
- History of Economic Thought
- Game Theory & Strategic Interaction
- Public Policy
- Advanced Econometrics
- Casual Inference

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*Elective Papers for
Semester 7*

*Elective Papers for
Semester 8*
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- Economics of Financial Market
- Labour Economics
- Advanced Issues in International Economics
- Industrial Organisation
- Economies of Crisis
- Time Series & Forecasting
- Economics of Discrimination

Special Papers For P.G. Students



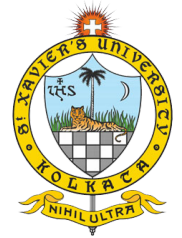
- Advanced Econometrics I
- Financial Economics I
- Sustainable Development I
- International Macroeconomics I

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*Elective Papers for
Semester 3*

*Elective Papers for
Semester 4*
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- Advanced Econometrics II
- Financial Economics II
- Sustainable Development II
- International Macroeconomics II

Faculty Profile



**Rev. Dr. John Felix Raj, S.J.
(Vice-Chancellor)**

M.A., Ph.D (Rabindra Bharati University).

Specialization: Development Economics, Indian Economy.



**Dr. Subhanil Chowdhury,
(Head of the Department),**

M.A., Ph.D. (Jawaharlal Nehru University)

*Specialization: Development Economics, Labour Economics,
Macroeconomics.*



Dr. Sayantan Bandhu Majumder

Ph.D (University of Calcutta)

*Specialization: Open Economy Macroeconomics,
Econometrics.*



Dr Aparajay Kumar Singh

M.A, M.Phil., Ph.D.

Specialisation: Poverty, Inequality, Agricultural Economics.



Dr. Swapan Chakraborty

M.Sc., M.Phil., Ph.D. (Delhi School of Economics)

*Specialization: Monetary Economics, Labour Economics,
Managerial Economics.*



Dr. Damayanti Sen

M.S.Q.E (ISI), Phd RBU

Specialization: Health Economics, Education in Economics



Dr. Chayanika Mitra

*M.A., Ph.D. (Economic Research Unit, ISI
Kolkata)*

*Specialization: Economics of households, Finance,
Econometrics*



Dr. Poulami Chatterjee

M.A., Ph.D. (Jawaharlal Nehru University)

*Specialization: Health Economics, Econometrics,
Microeconomics.*



Ms. Srijita Ghosh

M.Sc., M.Phil. (University of Calcutta)

*Specialization: Resource Economics, Sustainable
Development, Microeconomics.*

Eminent Scholars Visiting Us



Dr. Himanshu, Faculty of JNU

Topic: *Poverty and Inequality*



Prof. Maitreesh Ghatak, London School of Economics

Topic: Poverty Trap Theory, Evidence and Policy Implications



Prof. Rohit Azad, Faculty JNU

Topic: Triple Crisis Health Economics Climate



Prof. Pinaki hakraborty, Former Director NITSP

Topic: Fiscal Federalism



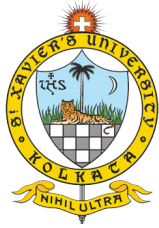
Prof. Sugata Marjit, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, Kolkata

Topic: Vertical Specialization, International Task Fragmentation, and Convergence

Prof. Prabhat Patnaik, Emeritus Professor, JNU

Topic: Aspects of General Equilibrium

& Many Others



Placement

The first batch of MA Economics students graduated in 2020. Since then, our students have been placed in several corporate and research firms. Students are encouraged to do internship in various corporate organisations as well. In 2020, the highest percentage of students who got internship is 100%. In our short history of four years, the average percentage of students who got internship is almost 70%.

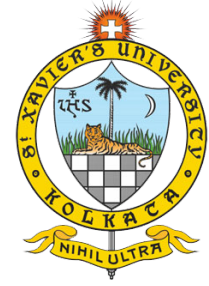
Many have gone on to pursue higher academic degrees as well. In our short history of four years, the average pay package has been 6.7 lakhs per annum, with the highest pay being 10 lakhs per annum. In 2021, we had the highest placement rate which is 71% and almost 70% of students who registered for corporate placement were able to secure a job.

In the corporate sector, MA Economics graduates are being recruited for the positions of consultants, analysts, data scientists, and academic content writers.

The placement for the batch of 2022-24 is still in the process.



SXUK ECOSYSTEM



1. Smart Classroom
2. Computer Lab
3. Physical & Digital Library
4. UGC-Net Guidance
5. Placement Assistance
6. Counselling Session
7. Social Outreach Programs
8. In Campus Hostel Services
9. Bus Service
10. Indoor & Outdoor Sports Facility
11. Father Lafont Centre for Excellence in Research and Innovation (LCERI)



Scholarship:

- Loyola Scholarship (100% waiver of Tuition fee)
- Britto Scholarship (50% waiver of Tuition fee)

UG Admission & Contact Details



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Eligibility Criteria:

Compulsory Subjects) in +2 level: English plus Mathematics/Statistics

Aggregate calculation: English + Mathematics /Statistics + any two (other than the subjects which are to be excluded)

Aggregate Marks required for Application: Minimum of 45% marks in the aggregate and must pass in each of the four subjects included in the aggregate calculation (as per the passing norm of the Board/Council)

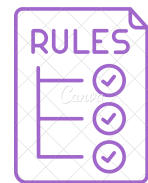


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**Commencement of Online Application (Excluding B.A. in Mass Communication (Hons.): After Publication of Plus Two Board Results
Last Date of Online Application and payment of Application Fee: Will be Notified Later**

PG Admission & Contact Details



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Eligibility Criteria:

**B.A./B.Sc. Honours/Major in Economics or
B.A./B.Sc. Honours/Major in Mathematics/Statistics or
B.A./B.Sc. Honours/Major in any subject with Mathematics at Plus
Two level and at least one course of Mathematics at least in two
semesters at degree level.**



Structure of Entrance Examination:

- 100 marks test consists of 100 MCQ
- 2 hours' time
- Entrance test syllabus: 50 marks from Economics & 50 marks from Statistics & Mathematics for Economics



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