

# **St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Mumbai**

## **M.A. Economics (With Specialization in Urban & Rural Development Strategic Planning)**

### **Admission Notice**

#### **Introduction**

Understanding fundamentals of economic theories and their actual implementation in Public-Private sectors for Rural-Urban setup along with Government Policies is the most crucial part of the study of Economics. The Department of Economics introduces 2 years **M.A. Economics Program (With Specialization in Urban and Rural Development Strategic Planning)** to help students to understand the Theoretical, mathematical and Practical aspects of Policy designing and its impact on important economic parameters.

The Department of Economics has its own Ph.D. Research Centre approved by the University of Mumbai since 2020 and it is also a part of the New Research Centre for Agriculture and Rural Studies (Sponsored by RUSA since 2019). The Department of Economics, St. Xavier's College, Mumbai has a full-fledged library as well as CMIE Database.

Department of Economics has worked with various national and international universities and colleges for Faculty-students Exchange Programs such as Farmer School of Business, University of Miami, USA, St. Xavier's College, Jaipur, St. Xavier's College, Kathmandu, Nepal. Student of Department of Economics have done internship with the Centre for WTO Studies, New Delhi, RBI, World Bank, Chief Minister Office, Government of Maharashtra and MNCs. The Campus placement is remarkably high for students of Economics in Banking, MNCs and Government Sector.

#### **Course Objectives:**

- To train students to apply fundamentals of economics in the strategic planning of Urban and Rural Development.
- To train students to understand the upcoming challenges in the fields of Energy, Environment, Infrastructure and Behavioural Economics
- To help them understand the basic and fundamental differences in Urban City Development Strategy (Smart City) and Rural Village Development Strategy (Smart Village).

- To help them to understand the Economics of Financing the Development and its challenges.
- To train them in understanding Economics of Housing, Economics of Infrastructure separately in Urban and Rural setup.
- To help the students to understand practical application of Economics Theories in Public and Private Sectors in Policy Designing and Implementation

### Highlights of the course

- The entire course structure is unique and every course is designed by the subject experts of the respective field.
- All the courses will be taught by the highly experienced academicians, professionals and industry experts of the respective fields
- The course is a perfect blend of classroom lectures and online lectures (hybrid mode of teaching), computer lab training of research software, field work, research and internship programs.
- This is a 2 years Full time Master’s program affiliated with the University of Mumbai.
- The Department of Economics has a Ph.D. Research Centre approved by the University of Mumbai.
- Department of Economics is a part of New Research Centre for Agricultural and Rural Studies, St. Xavier’s College, Mumbai sponsored by RashtriyaUchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA).

### Course structure

The M.A. Economics: **With Specialization in Urban & Rural Development Strategy Planning** is a full-time degree program consisting of four semesters over two years. The course will teach the following papers across the four semesters.

Semester I	Semester II
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Microeconomics</li> <li>✓ Macroeconomics</li> <li>✓ Mathematical Economics</li> <li>✓ Research Methodology</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Public Economics</li> <li>✓ Development Economics</li> <li>✓ Econometrics</li> <li>✓ Game Theory</li> </ul>

<p><b>Semester III (Any Four)</b></p> <p><b>Part A</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Economics of Urbanization</li> <li>✓ Economics of Rural Development</li> <li>✓ International Trade Theory and Policy</li> <li>✓ Economics of Financing the Development</li> <li>✓ Health Economics</li> <li>✓ Behavioral Economics</li> </ul> <p><b>Part B</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Internship</li> <li>✓ Dissertation Project</li> </ul>	<p><b>Semester IV</b></p> <p><b>Part A</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Strategic Implementation in Urban Development</li> <li>✓ Strategic Implementation in Rural Development</li> <li>✓ Economics of Infrastructure</li> <li>✓ Energy Economics</li> <li>✓ Environment Economics</li> <li>✓ Economics of Housing</li> </ul> <p><b>Part B</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Internship</li> <li>✓ Dissertation Project</li> </ul>
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**Credit Distribution given below: -**

**Note:** The 2-year course consists of total 96 credits. Every semester has 24 credits. One Lecture hour per week carries 1 credit and one hour of Computer Lab work or Fieldwork or Research work per week carries 0.5 credit. Total 15 weeks per semester. Kindly refer St. Xavier's College Handbook for details of semester-wise credit distribution. The credit distribution across the course is as follows:

Semester	Lectures	Computer Application/ Research software	Field Work (Primary) + Secondary Research	Internship + Dissertation*	Total Credits
Sem I (4 Courses)	16	4	2+2	-	24
Sem II (4 Courses)	16	4	2+2	-	24
Sem III (4 Courses)	12	4	4	2+2	24
Sem IV (4 Courses)	12	4	4	2+2	24

Courses)					
Total Credits				<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>96</b>

\*For Dissertation students need to select a research topic in the beginning of the 3<sup>rd</sup> semester. A mid-term viva and mid-term report submission will be scheduled at the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Semester and final submission of the report and viva will be at the end of the 4<sup>th</sup> semester.

### Fees

- For MA Part 1 (Semesters I and II) - Rs. 1,15,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Fifteen Thousand only)
- For MA Part 2 (Semesters III and IV) - Rs. 1,15,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Fifteen Thousand only)

### Number of seats

- Max. 60 Seats

### Allocation of seats

**St. Xavier's College** Mumbai is a Catholic Minority College, administered under the Provisions of the Indian Constitution, to promote the welfare of the minority community and to extend its services to all other communities in India, so as to contribute to the harmony and integration of Indian society. 50% of seats are reserved for Catholic minority students.

As per the Judgement dated 12th October 2017 of the Honourable Bombay High Court vide Writ Petition No.1726 of 2001, Minority Colleges do not need to set aside seats for Backward Classes. This was reiterated by the University of Mumbai Circular (No.Aff. / Recog.I / Admission (2018-19) / 10 / of 2018) dated 30th May, 2018.

Accordingly, the allocation of seats is as follows:

Category	Percentage of seats reserved	Number of seats out of 60
Management Quota	15%	9
		<b>Number of seats out of 51</b>
Christian Minority	50%	25
General	42%	22
Persons with disability	5%	2
Special**	3%	2

\*\* The Special category is for the wards of transferred State / Central Government officials (To Mumbai District only), Defence Personnel, Ex-Servicemen, Freedom Fighters; for students who have met with an accident and also for award winners at the District / State / National Level in Sports or Cultural activities.

# Seats for international students are supernumerary. Applications for those seats must be done through the University of Mumbai website. **Please email us and inform us if you are applying in the international student category.** Students that fall under this category include - Foreign students (FR/FS), Persons of Indian origin (PIO), Overseas Citizens of India (OCI), SAARC students, Non-Resident Indians (NRI). The definitions of these categories are available on the Mumbai University website. Students who have done their undergraduate degrees abroad also fall into this category. If you are unsure, please contact us.

#### **Schedule:**

- The Entrance Examination dates are as follows:
  - **Centers Outside Mumbai, XET 2023 for MA Economics will be held between the 10<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) and 11<sup>th</sup> (Sunday) of June 2023.**
  - **Center in Mumbai, XET 2023 for MA Economics will be held between the 7<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday), 8<sup>th</sup> (Thursday) and 9<sup>th</sup> (Friday) of June 2023**
- The Schedule will remain unaltered even if the above date is declared as a Public Holiday.
- Test Duration: **1.5 hours (90 minutes)**
- **SWD students will be given an additional 30 minutes.**

## LOCATIONS FOR ENTRANCE TEST 2023:

- The test will be held across eleven cities (locations) in the Country. The Cities are as follows: **Mumbai, Pune, Delhi, Bangalore, Jaipur, Chennai, Cochin, Ranchi, Hyderabad, Kolkata and Guwahati.**
- Applicant can select one Centre for the exam in the application form. The exact address for the venue of the exam will be in your admit card.
- Please note that if a Centre has less than the required quantum of students for the exam, applicant will be shifted to the nearest Centre from the one selected earlier.
- **Candidates will be able to download the admit card from the application portal after logging into their account. The same will be available from the 5<sup>th</sup> of June 2023 onwards.** The Admit Card will have Instructions printed on it for the benefit of the candidates. The Admit Card must be self-attested and retained by the candidate. Please make sure you carry your admit card on the day of exam to the designated Centre. If the Admit Card is not received by 6<sup>th</sup> June 2023, the candidate should write to the email mentioned at the bottom of this document.

## Eligibility

- Students with a Bachelor's Degree in any faculty or discipline with a minimum of 50% marks can apply for the course.
- Candidates who have appeared for their VI Semester but have not yet received their degree results are eligible to apply for admission. Provisional admission would be offered to such admitted students on the basis of Sem V marks, till the results are presented to the College,
- The Grades awarded by some Universities are converted to percentages according to a formula by their respective Universities or by the Association of Indian Universities, New Delhi for foreign students.
- For Eligibility / Transfer / Migration Certificates: Refer 8.1.6 to 8.1.8 on Page 75 (Note: Read B.Sc. as B.A. and M.Sc. as M.A.) of St. Xavier's College Handbook.

## Selection Process

- **Stage One: Online Registration**
- Candidates can apply online by logging on to [www.xaviers.edu](http://www.xaviers.edu). Click on the link provided to fill the online Application Form.
- The **online application portal** will be open from **6:00 p.m. (IST) on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023 to 6:00 pm (IST) on 2<sup>nd</sup> of Jun<sup>th</sup> June 2023.**
- Online Application Form and Entrance Test 2023 for MAEconomics Fee: **Rs. 2000/-**
- In case you belong the Economically Weaker Section (EWS) as defined by the Government of India and you desire to avail of a concession in the application fee for the Programme then please apply with all requisite documents to the Rector, The Bombay St. Xavier's College Society at **rectors.office@xaviers.edu**
- Candidates are required to make an online payment through the provided payment portal only. **NOTE:** Filling of the Application Form and the Payment for the entrance exam will be only through the online portal of the college.

Students must log on to the official registration portal when notified and fill out the online application form by following the instructions given in the form. The details you will be required to fill include:

- Demographic information
- Information about your Bachelor's degree and university
- The quota in which you are applying for a seat. In case of minority/special quota, you will need to upload a **clear and legible** scanned copy of your proof e.g. Baptism certificate for Catholic minority or document for special category as required
- Information about your Semester V **marks** (not grades. Please note you have to enter marks). You will need to upload a **clear and legible** scanned copy of your Semester V marksheet as proof.
- **Please note that applicants from Undergraduate colleges affiliated to Mumbai University must enter their marks obtained for the subject in Semester V (as stated above), NO GRADE POINT will be accepted.**
- **Please note that applicants from Undergraduate colleges affiliated to other Universities across the country can enter either their marks or Grade points (out of 10 only). [Marks if available are preferred over Grade points and GPA]**
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**Please note that provisional admission will be given based on Sem V marks subject to the student passing Sem VI and handing in proof when released by the University.**

- Follow instructions given on the website for filling the online Application Form.
  - The quota in which the candidate is applying for a seat, in case of minority/special quota, it is mandatory to upload a clear and legible scanned copy of proof e.g., Baptism certificate for Catholic minority or document for special category as required
  - Semester V marks must be entered. It is mandatory to upload a clear and legible scanned copy of the Semester V marksheet as proof.
- Once a payment has been officially received, the candidate will receive a confirmation email, informing him / her about the same.
- Please note that you must enter all the subjects and the corresponding marks in the online application form. Best of 4 or 5 subjects will not be accepted.
- Last date for receipt of Application Form is the **2<sup>nd</sup> of June 2023 (6.00 pm)**. Any application received after this date will not be accepted.
  
- **If you wish to apply for another course, you will need to fill a new form. It is advised that you clear your browsing history before you do so.**
- **Mumbai University graduates applying for this course are mandatorily required to enter the marks of Sem V**
- **PLEASE NOTE WE ACCEPT ONLY MARKS ENTRY FOR EVERY SUBJECT FROM MUMBAI UNIVERSITY GRADUATE APPLICANTS.**
  
- **Stage Two: Entrance Examination**
  - An **entrance examination** for all the students who have applied (irrespective of category) will be held on:
  - **Centers Outside Mumbai, XET 2023 for MA Economics will be held between the 10<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) and 11<sup>th</sup> (Sunday) of June 2023.**
  - **Center in Mumbai, XET 2023 for MA Economics will be held between the 7<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday), 8<sup>th</sup> (Thursday) and 9<sup>th</sup> (Friday) of June 2023**
  - The language of examination will be English.

**The Entrance Exam Paper Pattern is as follows:**



Time	90 Minutes (1 Hour 30 Minutes)	
Marks	Total Marks 75	
Type	MCQs (1 mark each)	
Section I	General Knowledge & Current Affairs, Union Budget, Government Policies, International Trade issues and Concerns and Logical Reasoning.	25 Marks
Section II	Theories of Microeconomics, Theories of Macroeconomics, Theories of Growth and Development, Theories of International Trade, Mathematical Economics and Statistical Economics	50 Marks
Basic Reading Material for Section II	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Principles of Microeconomics by N. Gregory Mankiw</li> <li>2. Macroeconomics by N. Gregory Mankiw</li> <li>3. International Trade: Theory and Policy by Marc Melitz, Maurice Obstfeld, and Paul Krugman</li> <li>4. Fundamental Methods of Mathematical Economics by Alpha Chiang</li> <li>5. Statistical Methods by S.P Gupta, 43<sup>rd</sup> Edition (2014)</li> <li>6. Economic Development by Todaro, Michael P. and S. C. Smith., 8ed. Delhi: Pearson Education, 2011.</li> <li>7. Schaum's Outline of Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, International Trade, Statistical and Mathematical Economics by Dominic Salvatore</li> </ol>	

- A merit score is then calculated as follows: Entrance test score (60% weightage) + marks of Semester V (40% weightage). Merit scores are then ranked and used to create the merit list.
- Individual candidates' entrance exam scores are not released. Only the first and second merit lists are uploaded to the college website.
- **Stage Three: Payment of fees**

The First Merit Lists (Category-wise) will be released approximately **ten days** after the entrance examination (Kindly check the website for the same). Students who are offered admission in the First merit list are required to pay their fees by the time and date that will be mentioned on the merit list notice. On failing to do so, the offer lapses and students in the Second merit list will subsequently be offered admission.

### Lecture Timings

- 5.00 pm to 9.00 pm (5 days a week)

### Important Dates

- Forms open: 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023 (6 p.m.)
- Forms close: 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2023 (6 p.m.)
- Entrance Exam:
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- ✓ For any technical queries regarding the form and form related issues please mail: [online.admission@xaviers.edu](mailto:online.admission@xaviers.edu)
- ✓ For any queries regarding the course structure or course details please mail: [maeconomicsxaviers@gmail.com](mailto:maeconomicsxaviers@gmail.com)
- ✓ Please note that unsolicited emails or emails sent seeking wrong or inaccurate information, will not be replied too. Please address your queries to the appropriate email id as given above or you will get no replies to the same.

### **INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS SEEKING ADMISSION IN ST XAVIER'S COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), MUMBAI:**

The University of Mumbai has introduced a Single Window System to admit all **International Students** i.e., Foreign Students (FR/FS), Person of India Origin (PIO), Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) and Non-resident Indian (NRI) through a service provider – Edulab Educational Exchange Pvt. Ltd. and therefore candidates whose applications are considered or rather approved by the University of Mumbai as International Students are issued a formal letter for admission to the College. Therefore, candidates seeking admissions under the above quota (i.e. International student) are required to visit the University of Mumbai website [www.mu.ac.in](http://www.mu.ac.in) for details. The University has provided the following link regarding Post Graduate College admissions to International students. The corresponding link is [mu.admissiondesk.org](http://mu.admissiondesk.org). **NOTE:** You should not apply to the college or fill the college application form. The number of these students, who are sent to the College directly by the University, are over and above the sanctioned seats. Kindly refer to this circular for further details:

[https://xaviers.edu/files/International%20Admission%20Circular%20\(2022\)%20\(1\)\\_230420\\_172945.pdf](https://xaviers.edu/files/International%20Admission%20Circular%20(2022)%20(1)_230420_172945.pdf)

**N.B.: St. Xavier's College will implement the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 from the academic year 2023-24. Further detail on the same will be updated on our website [www.xaviers.edu](http://www.xaviers.edu) post the 15<sup>th</sup> of May 2023.**

**PRINCIPAL**

St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Mumbai.