|                    | Course Title Semester I                      | No of Papers | No of<br>Hours | No of<br>Credits | Course<br>Credits<br>20 |  |
|--------------------|--|--------------|----------------|------------------|-------------------------|--|
|                    | Semester i                                   | 0            | 300            | 20               | 20                      |  |
| Skill Courses      | Accounts Assistant                           | 1            | 90             | 6                | 6                       |  |
| Core Courses       | Basic Business & Applied Law                 | 1            | 45             | 3                | 9                       |  |
|                    | Business Mathematics & Statistics            | 1            | 45             | 3                |                         |  |
|                    | Business Economics                           | 1            | 45             | 3                |                         |  |
| General            | Language I                                   | 1            | 45             | 3                | 5                       |  |
| Courses            | Language II                                  | 1            | 30             | 2                |                         |  |
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|                    | Semester II                                  | 6            | 300            | 20               | 20                      |  |
| Skill Courses      | GST Assistant                                | 1            | 90             | 6                | 6                       |  |
| Core Courses       | Financial Analysis                           | 1            | 45             | 3                | 9                       |  |
|                    | Investments - Risk and Returns               | 1            | 45             | 3                |                         |  |
|                    | Financial Management                         | 1            | 45             | 3                |                         |  |
| General            | Language I                                   | 1            | 45             | 3                | 5                       |  |
| Courses            | Language II                                  | 1            | 30             | 2                |                         |  |
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| Semester III       |  | 6            | 300            | 20               | 20                      |  |
| Skill Courses      | Insurance Advisor/Agent                      | 1            | 90             | 6                | 6                       |  |
| Core Courses       | Personal Financial Planning                  | 1            | 45             | 3                |                         |  |
|                    | Introduction to Indian Capital Markets       | 1            | 45             | 3                | 9                       |  |
|                    | Sales & Distribution Management              | 1            | 45             | 3                |                         |  |
| General<br>Courses | Language I                                   | 1            | 45             | 3                | Г                       |  |
|                    | Language II                                  | 1            | 30             | 2                | 5                       |  |
|                    |  |              |                | T                |                         |  |
| Semester IV        |  | 6            | 300            | 20               | 20                      |  |
| Skill Courses      | Mutual Fund Distributor                      | 1            | 90             | 6                | 6                       |  |
|                    | Retail Banking Assets Sales and Underwriting | 1            | 45             | 3                |                         |  |
| Core Courses       | Retail Banking Liabilities Sales             | 1            | 45             | 3                | 9                       |  |
|                    | Taxation                                     | 1            | 45             | 3                |                         |  |
| General            | Language I                                   | 1            | 45             | 3                | _                       |  |
| Courses            | Language II                                  | 1            | 30             | 2                | 5                       |  |

| Semester V & |                |  | 1800  | 40  | 40  |
|--------------|----------------|--|-------|-----|-----|
| VI           |                |  | 1800  |     | 40  |
|              | Apprenticeship |  | 1800  | 40  |     |
|              |                |  |       |     |     |
|              | Grand Total    |  | 4,800 | 160 | 160 |

#### Semester I – Core Subject 1

## Basic Business and Applied Law:

Introduction to Indian Business Law

Overview of the Indian legal system

Sources of Indian business law (constitution, statutes, case law)

Importance of legal compliance in Indian business operations

Key Legal Concepts in Indian Law

Principles of Indian contract law
Essentials of valid contracts under the Indian Contract Act, 1872
Overview of tort law and its application in business disputes
Regulatory Framework for Business in India

Role of regulatory agencies (SEBI, RBI, IRDAI, CCI) Overview of company law (Companies Act, 2013) Overview of taxation laws (Income Tax Act, GST Act)

### **Contract Law and Commercial Transactions:**

Indian Contract Act, 1872

Formation and essentials of a valid contract
Types of contracts under Indian law (sale, lease, agency)
Performance, breach, and discharge of contracts
Special Contracts

Bailment and pledge
Indemnity and guarantee
Contract of agency
Commercial Transactions

Sale of Goods Act, 1930 Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881 Overview of e-commerce laws and electronic contracts

# Corporate Law and Business Organizations:

Companies Act, 2013

Incorporation and registration of companies
Corporate governance requirements for Indian companies
Directors' duties and liabilities
Limited Liability Partnerships (LLPs)

Formation and registration of LLPs Rights and duties of partners in an LLP Conversion and winding up of LLPs Partnership Act, 1932

Formation and types of partnerships Rights and duties of partners Dissolution of partnerships

# Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) in India:

Intellectual Property Laws in India

Indian Patents Act, 1970
Trademarks Act, 1999
Copyright Act, 1957
Protection of Trade Secrets and Designs

Indian laws on trade secrets

Design protection under the Designs Act, 2000

Geographical Indications (GI) protection

# Regulatory Compliance and Business Ethics:

**Regulatory Compliance for Businesses** 

Securities laws and regulations (SEBI Act) Competition law (Competition Act, 2002) Consumer protection laws (Consumer Protection Act, 2019) Business Ethics and Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)

Legal and ethical responsibilities of businesses CSR provisions under the Companies Act, 2013 Compliance and reporting requirements for CSR activities

## Dispute Resolution Mechanisms:

Indian Judiciary and Legal Proceedings

Structure of Indian courts (civil and criminal)
Jurisdiction and hierarchy of courts
Overview of alternative dispute resolution (ADR) methods
Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996

Arbitration agreements and proceedings Appointment and powers of arbitrators Enforcement and challenge of arbitral awards

# Emerging Areas in Indian Business Law:

Data Protection and Privacy Laws

Overview of the Personal Data Protection Bill, 2019
Compliance requirements for data protection
Impact of data protection laws on businesses
Start-up and Entrepreneurship Laws

Legal framework for start-ups in India Incentives and support mechanisms for start-ups Intellectual property strategies for start-ups

# Case Studies and Practical Applications:

Analyzing real-world legal cases and business disputes in India Drafting legal documents and contracts under Indian law

### Simulated negotiations and legal advisory exercises

#### Additional Resources and Tools:

Indian business law textbooks, casebooks, and legal journals Legal databases and online resources (Manupatra, SCC Online) Guest lectures by legal practitioners and business lawyers

#### **Evaluation and Assessment:**

Assignments, quizzes, and exams assessing understanding of Indian business law concepts and principles

Case analysis and legal memo writing

Oral presentations and moot court simulations on legal issues

This curriculum provides a comprehensive understanding of applied Indian business law, covering both theoretical concepts and practical applications in the Indian business environment. It prepares students for legal compliance, risk management, and ethical decision-making in Indian businesses and commercial transactions.

#### **Business Mathematics and Statistics:**

### **Basic Arithmetic Operations**

Addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division Order of operations (PEMDAS) Fractions, decimals, and percentages Algebraic Concepts

Variables, constants, and expressions
Solving linear equations and inequalities
Formulas and their applications in business
Functions and Graphs

Linear functions and their graphs Quadratic functions and parabolas Exponential and logarithmic functions

#### **Financial Mathematics:**

Time Value of Money

Future value and present value calculations Compound interest and simple interest Annuities and perpetuities Discounted Cash Flow Analysis

Net present value (NPV) and internal rate of return (IRR)
Capital budgeting decisions
Sensitivity analysis and scenario modeling
Financial Ratios and Analysis

Liquidity ratios (current ratio, quick ratio)
Solvency ratios (debt-to-equity ratio, interest coverage ratio)
Profitability ratios (return on investment, profit margin)

## **Descriptive Statistics:**

Data Presentation and Summary

Frequency distributions and histograms

Measures of central tendency (mean, median, mode)

Measures of dispersion (variance, standard deviation)

Probability Distributions

Discrete probability distributions (binomial, Poisson)
Continuous probability distributions (normal distribution)
Sampling and Estimation

Sampling techniques (random sampling, stratified sampling)
Point estimation and interval estimation

#### Inferential Statistics:

**Hypothesis Testing** 

Null and alternative hypotheses
Type I and Type II errors
One-sample and two-sample hypothesis tests
Regression Analysis

Simple linear regression

Multiple regression analysis
Interpretation of regression coefficients

ANOVA and Nonparametric Tests

Analysis of variance (ANOVA) Nonparametric tests (Mann-Whitney U test, Kruskal-Wallis test)

# Time Series Analysis:

Trend Analysis

Moving averages and trend lines Seasonal variations and seasonal decomposition Forecasting Techniques

Exponential smoothing methods Time series models (ARIMA)

## Decision Analysis and Optimization:

**Decision Trees** 

Decision nodes, chance nodes, and terminal nodes Expected value and decision tree analysis Linear Programming

Formulating linear programming problems Graphical and simplex methods for solution

## **Business Applications and Case Studies:**

Financial analysis using ratios and financial models

Market research and data analysis for business decision-making
Risk assessment and management using statistical techniques

#### Additional Resources and Tools:

Business mathematics and statistics software (e.g., Excel, MATLAB, R)
Online resources, textbooks, and academic journals
Workshops, tutorials, and webinars on business mathematics and statistics

### **Evaluation and Assessment:**

Problem-solving exercises and assignments on mathematical and statistical concepts

Data analysis projects and case studies

Exams and quizzes assessing understanding and application of business mathematics and statistics principles

This curriculum provides a comprehensive understanding of business mathematics and statistics, covering both mathematical concepts and statistical techniques relevant to various business applications. It integrates theoretical knowledge with practical skills to prepare students for analyzing data, making informed business decisions, and solving complex problems in real-world contexts.

### Semester 1 – Core Subject – 3

#### Foundations of Business Economics:

Introduction to Business Economics

Definition and scope of business economics
Importance of economic analysis in business decision-making
Economic Fundamentals

Basic concepts of economics (scarcity, opportunity cost, supply and demand)
Microeconomics vs. macroeconomics
Economic Systems and Market Structures

Overview of different economic systems (capitalism, socialism, mixed economy)

Market structures (perfect competition, monopoly, oligopoly, monopolistic competition)

### Microeconomic Analysis:

#### Consumer Behavior

Utility theory and consumer preferences
Indifference curve analysis and budget constraints
Elasticity of demand and its applications
Producer Behavior

Production and cost analysis

Profit maximization under different market structures

Theory of the firm: short-run vs. long-run decisions

Market Equilibrium and Pricing

Equilibrium in competitive markets
Pricing strategies and price discrimination
Non-price competition and product differentiation

## Macroeconomic Analysis:

National Income Accounting

Concepts of GDP, GNP, and national income Measures of economic performance (unemployment rate, inflation rate) Aggregate Demand and Supply

Determinants of aggregate demand and supply
Keynesian and classical approaches to macroeconomic equilibrium
Fiscal and monetary policy tools
Economic Growth and Development

Theories of economic growth (Solow model, endogenous growth theory) Factors influencing economic development (human capital, technology, institutions)

## Business Cycles and Economic Fluctuations:

**Understanding Business Cycles** 

Phases of the business cycle (expansion, peak, contraction, trough)
Causes and consequences of economic fluctuations
Role of Government in Stabilization

Fiscal policy tools for stabilization (taxation, government spending) Monetary policy tools (interest rates, open market operations)

# **Applied Business Economics:**

Cost-Benefit Analysis

Principles of cost-benefit analysis

Application in project evaluation and decision-making
Risk Analysis and Uncertainty

Decision-making under uncertainty

Techniques for risk assessment and management Market Research and Forecasting

Methods of market research (surveys, interviews, focus groups) Forecasting techniques (time-series analysis, regression analysis)

### International Economics and Global Business Environment:

**International Trade Theory** 

Comparative advantage and gains from trade
Tariffs, quotas, and trade policies
Foreign Exchange Markets and Exchange Rate Determination

Exchange rate regimes (fixed vs. floating) Factors influencing exchange rates

# Business Economics and Strategy:

Strategic Decision Making

Game theory and strategic interactions Competitive dynamics and strategic positioning Economic Analysis of Pricing and Product Strategies

Price discrimination strategies
Product differentiation and market segmentation

# Case Studies and Practical Applications:

Analyzing real-world business scenarios and case studies

Applying economic concepts to business decision-making processes

Simulation exercises on market behavior, strategic interactions, and policy analysis

#### Additional Resources and Tools:

Economic textbooks, journals, and academic literature

Economic databases and statistical resources Industry reports and market analysis tools

### **Evaluation and Assessment:**

Assignments, quizzes, and exams assessing understanding of economic principles and theories

Case study analyses and presentations evaluating application of economic concepts in business contexts

Project work and group activities measuring ability to conduct economic analysis and make informed business decisions

This curriculum provides a comprehensive understanding of business economics, covering both microeconomic and macroeconomic principles, applied analysis techniques, and their relevance to business strategy and decision-making.

### Semester 2 – Core Subject – 1

## **Basic Finance Concepts:**

Introduction to Finance

Overview of financial markets
Key participants (individuals, institutions)
Objectives of financial analysis
Time Value of Money (TVM)

Future value, present value, and compounding Understanding interest rates and discounting Risk and Return

Types of risk (systematic, unsystematic)
Calculating risk measures (standard deviation, beta)
Relationship between risk and return

# Financial Statement Analysis:

**Understanding Financial Statements** 

Balance Sheet, Income Statement, Cash Flow Statement Reading and interpreting financial statements Financial Ratios

Liquidity ratios
Solvency ratios
Profitability ratios
Efficiency ratios
DuPont Analysis

Decomposition of return on equity (ROE) Identifying drivers of performance

## Valuation Techniques:

Discounted Cash Flow (DCF) Analysis

Forecasting cash flows
Estimating terminal value
Calculating present value
Comparable Company Analysis (CCA)

Identifying comparable companies
Analyzing multiples (P/E, EV/EBITDA, etc.)
Valuation using market comparables
Asset-Based Valuation

Valuing assets and liabilities Adjusted book value method Liquidation value method

# Financial Modeling:

Excel Skills for Financial Modeling

Building income statement, balance sheet, cash flow statement Creating dynamic financial models Building Integrated Financial Models

Forecasting revenue, expenses, and cash flows Sensitivity analysis and scenario modeling Company Valuation Modeling

Integrating DCF, CCA, and other valuation methods Developing valuation models for different industries

# Advanced Topics:

Financial Risk Management

Hedging techniques

Derivatives and their use in risk management

Corporate Finance

Capital structure decisions

Cost of capital estimation

Mergers and Acquisitions (M&A) Analysis

M&A process overview Valuation techniques in M&A

# Case Studies and Practical Applications:

Analyzing real-world financial statements Valuing companies based on case studies Hands-on financial modeling exercises

#### Additional Resources and Tools:

Financial analysis software (e.g., Bloomberg Terminal, FactSet) Online resources, books, and academic journals Guest lectures from industry professionals

#### **Evaluation and Assessment:**

Assignments on financial statement analysis Valuation projects and presentations Quizzes and exams to test understanding

This curriculum covers a comprehensive range of topics in financial analysis, starting from basic concepts to advanced techniques, and integrates practical applications to provide a well-rounded learning experience.

### Semester 2 – Core Subject – 2

### Foundations of Investments:

Introduction to Investments

Definition and objectives of investment
Importance of risk-return trade-off in investment decisions
Overview of investment vehicles (stocks, bonds, mutual funds, ETFs)
Financial Markets and Instruments

Overview of financial markets (stock market, bond market, money market) Types of financial instruments (stocks, bonds, derivatives) Understanding market efficiency and pricing mechanisms

## Risk and Return Concepts:

Risk and Return Fundamentals

Definition of risk and return
Relationship between risk and return (risk-return trade-off)
Measures of risk (standard deviation, beta) and return (expected return, yield)
Capital Asset Pricing Model (CAPM)

Theory of CAPM and its assumptions
Calculation of expected return using CAPM
Role of beta in measuring systematic risk
Modern Portfolio Theory (MPT)

Portfolio diversification and risk reduction Efficient frontier and optimal asset allocation Capital Market Line (CML) and Risk-Free Rate

# Risk Assessment and Management:

Types of Risk in Investments

Systematic vs. unsystematic risk

Market risk, credit risk, liquidity risk, and operational risk Political and regulatory risk Risk Measurement Techniques

Value at Risk (VaR)

Conditional Value at Risk (CVaR)

Stress testing and scenario analysis
Risk Management Strategies

Asset allocation strategies (strategic vs. tactical asset allocation) Hedging techniques (options, futures, swaps) Portfolio insurance strategies

## Investment Analysis and Valuation:

Fundamental Analysis

Analysis of financial statements (income statement, balance sheet, cash flow statement)

Valuation methods (discounted cash flow, relative valuation)
Qualitative analysis (industry analysis, competitive advantage assessment)
Technical Analysis

Price and volume analysis
Chart patterns and trends
Technical indicators (moving averages, MACD, RSI)

# Portfolio Management:

Portfolio Construction

Asset allocation strategies based on risk tolerance and investment objectives Portfolio optimization techniques
Rebalancing and monitoring portfolio performance
Diversification Strategies

Benefits of diversification

Correlation analysis and portfolio diversification Risk-parity and risk-budgeting approaches Performance Evaluation

Measures of portfolio performance (Sharpe ratio, Treynor ratio, Jensen's alpha) Benchmarking and performance attribution analysis Evaluation of active vs. passive investment strategies

#### Behavioral Finance:

Behavioral Biases and Heuristics

Overconfidence, loss aversion, herd behavior, and other biases Impact of behavioral biases on investment decisions Strategies to mitigate behavioral biases Market Anomalies and Investor Irrationality

Market bubbles and crashes Momentum effect, value effect, and other market anomalies Contrarian investment strategies

# Case Studies and Practical Applications:

Analyzing real-world investment scenarios and case studies Conducting risk assessments and constructing investment portfolios Simulated trading exercises and portfolio management simulations

#### Additional Resources and Tools:

Investment textbooks, journals, and academic literature Financial modeling software (e.g., Excel, Bloomberg) Investment analysis platforms and databases

#### **Evaluation and Assessment:**

Assignments, quizzes, and exams assessing understanding of investment concepts and principles

Case study analyses and presentations evaluating application of investment theories in real-world scenarios

Portfolio construction projects and performance evaluations

This curriculum provides a comprehensive understanding of investments focusing on risk and returns, covering theoretical concepts, practical applications, and behavioral aspects to prepare students for careers in investment management, financial analysis, and portfolio management.

### Semester 2 – Core Subject - 3

### Foundations of Financial Management:

Introduction to Financial Management

Definition and objectives of financial management Role and responsibilities of financial managers Overview of financial markets and institutions Financial Statements Analysis

Understanding financial statements (income statement, balance sheet, cash flow statement)
Financial ratio analysis and interpretation
DuPont analysis for assessing profitability
Time Value of Money

Principles of time value of money (present value, future value, discounting)
Applications of time value of money in investment decision-making
Calculating present and future values of cash flows

### Capital Budgeting and Investment Decisions:

**Capital Budgeting Techniques** 

Net present value (NPV) analysis
Internal rate of return (IRR) method
Payback period and discounted payback period
Risk and Return Analysis

Understanding risk and return relationship
Capital asset pricing model (CAPM) for calculating cost of equity
Risk-adjusted discount rate and sensitivity analysis
Project Evaluation and Selection

Evaluating strategic alignment and project viability Capital rationing and project prioritization Real options analysis for investment flexibility

### Financing Decisions and Capital Structure:

**Capital Structure Theory** 

Modigliani-Miller theorem and capital structure irrelevance Trade-off theory and pecking order theory Factors influencing optimal capital structure Debt and Equity Financing

Sources of long-term financing (debt, equity, hybrid securities)
Cost of debt and cost of equity calculation
Dividend policy and distribution decisions
Financial Leverage and Risk Management

Impact of financial leverage on returns and risk
Managing financial risk through hedging and derivatives
Working capital management and liquidity risk

### Financial Planning and Forecasting:

**Budgeting and Forecasting** 

Types of budgets (operating budget, capital budget, cash budget)
Zero-based budgeting and flexible budgeting techniques
Rolling forecasts and variance analysis
Financial Modeling

Building financial models for forecasting and scenario analysis Sensitivity analysis and scenario planning Forecasting financial statements and cash flows Working Capital Management

Managing cash, receivables, and inventory Cash conversion cycle optimization Short-term financing and liquidity management

## Financial Performance Measurement and Analysis:

**Financial Performance Metrics** 

Key performance indicators (KPIs) for financial analysis Economic value added (EVA) and shareholder value analysis Balanced scorecard approach to performance measurement Financial Reporting and Disclosure International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP)

Corporate governance and financial transparency Regulatory compliance and financial reporting requirements Financial Risk Management

Identification and assessment of financial risks (market risk, credit risk, liquidity risk) Risk mitigation strategies (diversification, hedging, insurance) Stress testing and risk scenario analysis

### Corporate Finance and Strategic Financial Management:

Mergers and Acquisitions

M&A process and valuation methods

Financial and strategic considerations in mergers and acquisitions

Post-merger integration and performance evaluation

Corporate Restructuring

Types of corporate restructuring (divestitures, spin-offs, joint ventures)
Financial implications of restructuring activities
Shareholder value creation through restructuring
International Financial Management

Foreign exchange risk management

Multinational capital budgeting and financing decisions

Global financial markets and international investment opportunities

### Case Studies and Practical Applications:

Analyzing real-world financial management scenarios and case studies Financial modeling and decision-making projects Simulations and business games for strategic financial management

#### Additional Resources and Tools:

Financial management textbooks, journals, and research papers
Financial analysis software and tools (e.g., Excel, financial modeling software)
Workshops and seminars on financial management topics

#### **Evaluation and Assessment:**

Assignments, quizzes, and exams assessing understanding of financial management concepts and theories

Case analysis and presentation evaluations
Financial modeling and forecasting projects assessment

This curriculum provides a comprehensive understanding of financial management, covering theoretical concepts, practical applications, and tools and techniques to equip individuals with the skills needed to make informed financial decisions and effectively manage financial resources within organizations.

### Semester 3 – Core Subject -1

# Foundations of Personal Financial Planning:

Introduction to Personal Finance

Importance of personal financial planning
Key financial goals (short-term, medium-term, long-term)
Overview of the financial planning process
Financial Statements and Budgeting

Understanding income statements and balance sheets
Budgeting techniques (zero-based budgeting, envelope system)
Developing a personal budget and tracking expenses
Financial Goal Setting and Prioritization

Identifying financial goals and objectives
Setting SMART financial goals
Prioritizing goals based on importance and urgency

# Managing Cash Flow and Debt:

Cash Flow Management

Managing income and expenses effectively
Strategies for increasing income (career advancement, side hustles)
Emergency fund planning and savings strategies
Debt Management

Understanding different types of debt (credit card debt, student loans, mortgages)

Debt repayment strategies (snowball method, avalanche method) Consolidation and refinancing options

Savings and Investment Strategies:

### Building a Savings Plan

Importance of saving for emergencies and future goals
Strategies for increasing savings rate (automatic transfers, pay yourself first)
Savings vehicles (savings accounts, money market accounts, certificates of deposit)

Introduction to Investments

Overview of investment options (stocks, bonds, mutual funds, ETFs)
Risk-return trade-off and investment objectives
Basics of asset allocation and diversification
Retirement Planning

Understanding retirement needs and expenses Retirement savings vehicles (401(k), IRA, pension plans) Retirement income sources (Social Security, annuities)

## Risk Management and Insurance:

**Understanding Insurance** 

Types of insurance (life insurance, health insurance, property insurance)
Evaluating insurance needs and coverage options
Importance of risk management in financial planning
Estate Planning

Basics of estate planning (wills, trusts, power of attorney) Estate planning considerations for different life stages Minimizing estate taxes and probate costs

# Tax Planning and Optimization:

Tax Basics

Understanding the tax system (income tax, capital gains tax, estate tax) Tax deductions and credits
Strategies for tax-efficient investing

### Tax Planning Strategies

Retirement account contributions and withdrawals Tax-loss harvesting Charitable giving and tax deductions

## Behavioral Finance and Psychology of Money:

**Understanding Behavioral Biases** 

Common behavioral biases in personal finance (loss aversion, overconfidence, anchoring)

Impact of emotions on financial decision-making Strategies for overcoming behavioral biases Financial Psychology and Money Mindset

Building a healthy relationship with money Goal visualization and motivation techniques Financial mindfulness and stress management

# Case Studies and Practical Applications:

Analyzing real-life financial scenarios and case studies Developing personalized financial plans and strategies Simulated investment portfolio management exercises

#### Additional Resources and Tools:

Personal finance books, blogs, and podcasts Financial planning software and tools (e.g., Mint, Personal Capital) Workshops and seminars on personal finance topics

#### **Evaluation and Assessment:**

Assignments, quizzes, and exams assessing understanding of personal financial planning concepts and principles

Case study analyses and presentations evaluating application of financial planning strategies

# Development of personal financial plans and portfolios

This curriculum provides a comprehensive understanding of personal financial planning, covering theoretical concepts, practical applications, and behavioral aspects to empower individuals to make informed financial decisions and achieve their financial goals.

### Semester 3 – Core Subject -2

## Foundations of Indian Capital Market:

Introduction to Indian Financial Markets

Overview of Indian capital markets (equity, debt, derivatives)
Role and importance of capital markets in the Indian economy
Regulatory framework (SEBI, RBI, stock exchanges)
Market Participants

Role of investors, issuers, intermediaries, and regulators Overview of market infrastructure (stock exchanges, depositories, clearing corporations)

Types of market participants (retail investors, institutional investors, market makers)

## **Equity Market Products:**

Introduction to Equities

Basics of stocks and shares
Types of equities (common stock, preferred stock)
Stock exchanges in India (NSE, BSE)
Equity Market Operations

Trading mechanisms (cash market, derivatives market)
Order types and execution
Market indices (Nifty, Sensex) and their significance
Initial Public Offerings (IPOs)

Process of IPO issuance IPO valuation methods Investing in IPOs: Opportunities and risks

#### Debt Market Products:

Introduction to Debt Instruments

Types of debt securities (bonds, debentures, government securities)
Characteristics of debt instruments (coupon rate, maturity, credit rating)
Role of debt markets in financing
Bond Market Operations

Bond pricing and yield calculation
Primary bond market vs. secondary bond market
Government securities market (G-Sec market)
Corporate Bonds and Debentures

Issuance process and documentation
Credit rating agencies and credit risk assessment
Investing in corporate bonds: Strategies and considerations

#### **Derivatives Market Products:**

Introduction to Derivatives

Basics of derivatives (futures, options, swaps)
Purpose and functions of derivatives markets
Regulatory framework for derivatives trading
Futures and Options

Mechanics of futures contracts (trading, margin, settlement)
Options contracts (call options, put options)
Trading strategies using futures and options
Currency and Interest Rate Derivatives

Currency futures and options
Interest rate futures
Hedging and speculation using currency and interest rate derivatives

# Mutual Funds and Exchange-Traded Funds (ETFs):

Introduction to Mutual Funds

Basics of mutual funds (structure, types)

Mutual fund units and NAV calculation

Role of mutual funds in investment management

Types of Mutual Funds

Equity funds, debt funds, hybrid funds Index funds vs. actively managed funds Sectoral funds and thematic funds Exchange-Traded Funds (ETFs)

Structure and features of ETFs
Advantages of investing in ETFs
ETFs vs. mutual funds: A comparative analysis

### **Alternative Investment Products:**

Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs)

Introduction to REITs
Structure and operation of REITs
Investing in REITs: Pros and cons
Infrastructure Investment Trusts (InvITs)

Basics of InvITs
InvIT structure and regulation
Investing in InvITs: Risks and rewards

# Case Studies and Practical Applications:

Analyzing real-world investment scenarios and case studies
Simulated trading exercises using virtual trading platforms
Portfolio construction projects incorporating various capital market products

#### Additional Resources and Tools:

Financial market textbooks, research papers, and regulatory publications

Financial news portals and market analysis websites (e.g., Moneycontrol, Economic Times)

Interactive trading platforms and virtual investment simulations

### **Evaluation and Assessment:**

Assignments, quizzes, and exams assessing understanding of Indian capital market products and concepts

Case study analyses and presentations evaluating application of investment strategies

Portfolio performance assessments and investment simulations

This curriculum provides a comprehensive understanding of Indian capital market products, covering theoretical concepts, practical applications, and regulatory aspects to equip participants with the knowledge and skills needed to navigate and invest in the Indian financial markets.

### Semester 3 – Core Subject – 3

## Foundations of Sales and Distribution Management:

Introduction to Sales Management

Definition and scope of sales management Importance of sales function in business Evolution of sales management concepts Sales Process

Steps in the sales process (prospecting, pre-approach, approach, presentation, closing, follow-up)

Sales cycle and pipeline management Customer relationship management (CRM) systems Distribution Channels

Types of distribution channels (direct, indirect, omnichannel) Channel design and management Selection of distribution partners and intermediaries

# Sales Strategies and Planning:

Sales Planning and Forecasting

Setting sales objectives and targets
Sales forecasting methods (qualitative and quantitative)
Sales budgeting and resource allocation
Sales Strategies

Market segmentation and targeting
Positioning and differentiation strategies
Pricing strategies and tactics
Sales Promotion and Personal Selling

Sales promotion techniques (discounts, coupons, sales contests)

Personal selling skills and techniques Sales presentation and negotiation skills

## Sales Force Management:

Recruitment and Selection

Sales force recruitment methods
Selection criteria for sales personnel
Assessing sales aptitude and skills
Training and Development

Sales training programs and methods
Product knowledge training
Sales techniques and communication skills training
Motivation and Compensation

Sales incentive schemes (commission, bonuses, contests) Motivational theories and techniques Performance appraisal and feedback mechanisms

# Sales Analytics and Performance Measurement:

Sales Performance Metrics

Key performance indicators (KPIs) for sales Sales activity tracking (calls, meetings, conversions) Sales productivity and efficiency metrics Sales Analytics

Data-driven decision making in sales Sales forecasting models Customer lifetime value analysis Sales Force Automation

CRM systems and sales automation tools Lead management and tracking Integration with other business systems (ERP, marketing automation)

# Channel Management and Logistics:

Channel Relationship Management

Partner selection and evaluation
Channel conflict resolution
Channel incentives and support programs
Logistics and Supply Chain Management

Inventory management and replenishment strategies Order processing and fulfillment Warehousing and distribution network design

## Retail Management:

**Retailing Concepts** 

Types of retail formats (brick-and-mortar, e-commerce, mobile commerce)
Retail store layout and design
Merchandising and visual merchandising techniques
Customer Service and Experience

Importance of customer service in retail
Managing customer complaints and feedback
Creating memorable customer experiences

# Emerging Trends and Technologies in Sales and Distribution:

E-commerce and Digital Sales

Trends in online retailing and e-commerce
Digital marketing strategies for sales
Omnichannel retailing and integrated sales approaches
Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Sales

Al-powered sales automation and predictive analytics Chatbots and virtual assistants in sales Personalization and recommendation engines

### Case Studies and Practical Applications:

Analyzing real-world sales and distribution management scenarios and case studies Developing sales plans and strategies for hypothetical businesses Simulated sales presentations and negotiations

#### Additional Resources and Tools:

Sales management textbooks, journals, and academic literature Sales training programs and workshops Sales automation software and CRM platforms

#### **Evaluation and Assessment:**

Assignments, quizzes, and exams assessing understanding of sales and distribution management concepts and principles

Case study analyses and presentations evaluating application of sales strategies and techniques

Sales role-playing exercises and performance evaluations

This curriculum provides a comprehensive understanding of sales and distribution management, covering theoretical concepts, practical applications, and emerging trends to prepare students for careers in sales management, channel management, retail management, and related fields.

### Semester 4 – Core Subject – 1

### Foundations of Retail Banking Asset Sales:

Introduction to Retail Banking

Overview of retail banking products and services
Importance of retail banking asset sales in revenue generation
Role of retail banking sales professionals
Understanding Retail Banking Products

Types of retail banking assets (loans, mortgages, credit cards)
Features, benefits, and risks associated with each product
Regulatory requirements and compliance considerations
Sales Process in Retail Banking

Sales funnel stages (prospecting, qualification, presentation, closing) Relationship-building techniques with retail banking customers Cross-selling and upselling strategies

# Retail Banking Sales Techniques:

**Customer Needs Analysis** 

Understanding customer financial goals and needs
Conducting financial health checks and risk assessments
Identifying opportunities for personalized product recommendations
Effective Sales Communication

Active listening and questioning techniques
Value-based selling approach
Overcoming objections and handling customer concerns
Product Knowledge and Demonstration

In-depth understanding of retail banking products and features Demonstrating product benefits and suitability to customers Using product comparison and visualization tools

# Relationship Management and Customer Service:

**Building Customer Relationships** 

Building rapport and trust with retail banking customers

Managing customer expectations and preferences

Strategies for retaining and nurturing customer relationships

Customer Service Excellence

Providing personalized service and support
Handling customer inquiries, complaints, and feedback
Resolving customer issues promptly and effectively
Client Onboarding and Retention

Onboarding new retail banking customers smoothly

Developing customer retention strategies

Conducting customer satisfaction surveys and feedback sessions

## Regulatory Compliance and Risk Management:

Compliance Requirements in Retail Banking Sales

Understanding regulatory frameworks (e.g., Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, Anti-Money Laundering laws)

Compliance with Fair Lending laws and regulations

Responsible lending practices and customer privacy protection

Risk Assessment and Mitigation

Identifying and assessing credit risk in retail banking assets Implementing risk management controls and procedures Monitoring and managing portfolio risk exposure Ethical Sales Practices

Adhering to ethical standards and professional conduct Avoiding predatory lending practices and deceptive sales tactics Promoting financial literacy and consumer education

# Sales Performance Measurement and Improvement:

Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)

Tracking sales metrics (conversion rates, average deal size, customer lifetime value)

Setting SMART sales goals and targets
Performance evaluation and feedback mechanisms
Continuous Learning and Development

Staying updated on industry trends and market developments Participating in training programs and skill enhancement workshops Learning from successful sales strategies and best practices

## Case Studies and Practical Applications:

Analyzing real-world retail banking sales scenarios and case studies Role-playing exercises and simulations Field visits to observe retail banking sales processes in action

### Additional Resources and Tools:

Retail banking sales manuals, scripts, and training materials Sales automation tools and customer relationship management (CRM) software Online resources and industry publications on retail banking sales strategies

#### **Evaluation and Assessment:**

Sales performance evaluations and assessments Role-play observations and feedback sessions Case study analyses and presentations

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# Foundations of Retail Banking Assets Underwriting:

Introduction to Retail Banking Underwriting

Overview of retail banking assets (loans, mortgages, credit cards) Importance of underwriting in retail banking risk management Role of underwriters in the loan approval process Credit Risk Management

Understanding credit risk and its components
Credit risk assessment methodologies
Factors affecting creditworthiness of borrowers
Regulatory Environment

Overview of retail lending regulations (e.g., Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, Fair Lending laws)

Compliance requirements and regulatory guidelines Ethical considerations in retail banking underwriting

## Loan Underwriting Processes:

**Pre-Application Assessment** 

Customer eligibility criteria and pre-qualification requirements Initial customer screening and risk profiling Gathering relevant customer information and documentation Credit Analysis

Assessing borrower's creditworthiness (credit history, income, debt-to-income ratio)

Financial statement analysis and cash flow assessment Evaluating collateral and loan security Decision Making and Approval

Loan structuring and terms negotiation
Risk-based pricing and interest rate determination
Credit scoring models and automated underwriting systems

# Retail Banking Products Underwriting:

### Consumer Loans Underwriting

Types of consumer loans (personal loans, auto loans, student loans)
Underwriting criteria and risk assessment factors
Loan documentation requirements and processing procedures
Mortgage Underwriting

Mortgage loan types (fixed-rate, adjustable-rate, FHA, VA)
Mortgage underwriting standards and guidelines
Appraisal and valuation of real estate properties
Credit Card Underwriting

Credit card application screening and evaluation Credit limit determination and risk management Assessing credit card affordability and usage patterns

# Risk Management and Mitigation:

**Credit Risk Mitigation Strategies** 

Loan diversification and portfolio management Collateralization and asset-backed securities Credit enhancements and guarantees Fraud Prevention and Detection

Identifying red flags and warning signs of fraud
Anti-money laundering (AML) and know-your-customer (KYC) procedures
Fraud detection tools and techniques
Loan Loss Provisioning and Reserving

Estimating and provisioning for loan losses Reserve management and impairment testing Regulatory requirements for loan loss reserves

# Underwriting Quality and Performance Monitoring:

### **Quality Control and Assurance**

Underwriting quality standards and best practices
Quality control measures and audits
Continuous improvement and process optimization
Monitoring and Reporting

Tracking loan performance and delinquency rates
Early warning indicators and risk triggers
Reporting to senior management and regulatory authorities

## Case Studies and Practical Applications:

Analyzing real-world underwriting scenarios and case studies Role-playing exercises and simulations Underwriting decision-making projects and presentations

#### Additional Resources and Tools:

Underwriting manuals, guidelines, and training materials
Underwriting software and decision support systems
Industry publications and research reports on retail banking underwriting practices

#### **Evaluation and Assessment:**

Underwriting case analysis and presentations Quality assurance evaluations and audits Performance metrics tracking and analysis

This curriculum provides a comprehensive understanding of retail banking assets underwriting, covering theoretical concepts, practical applications, and regulatory compliance considerations to equip underwriting professionals with the skills and knowledge needed to effectively assess and manage credit risk in retail banking portfolios.

### Semester 4 – Core Subject – 2

# Foundations of Retail Banking Liabilities Sales:

Introduction to Retail Banking Liabilities

Overview of retail deposit products (savings accounts, checking accounts, certificates of deposit)

Importance of liabilities sales in retail banking revenue generation Role of liabilities sales professionals in banking institutions Understanding Customer Needs and Preferences

Identifying customer financial goals and objectives
Conducting needs assessments and financial health checks
Segmentation and targeting of retail banking customers
Regulatory Environment and Compliance

Regulatory framework governing retail banking liabilities sales (e.g., Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, Know Your Customer regulations)

Compliance requirements and ethical considerations in retail banking sales practices

Anti-money laundering (AML) and customer due diligence (CDD) procedures

# Retail Deposit Products and Features:

Savings Accounts

Types of savings accounts (regular savings, high-yield savings, money market accounts)

Features, benefits, and interest rate structures
Target customer segments and marketing strategies
Checking Accounts

Types of checking accounts (basic checking, interest-bearing checking, premium checking)

Account features, fees, and overdraft protection options Cross-selling opportunities and relationship-building strategies Certificates of Deposit (CDs) Characteristics of CDs (term length, interest rates, early withdrawal penalties) Advantages and limitations of CDs for customers Positioning CDs as part of a diversified savings portfolio

## Sales Techniques and Strategies:

### Consultative Selling Approach

Building rapport and trust with retail banking customers
Asking probing questions to uncover customer needs and financial goals
Tailoring product recommendations based on customer profiles
Value Proposition and Benefits Communication

Articulating the value proposition of retail deposit products
Highlighting key features and benefits to customers
Overcoming objections and addressing customer concerns
Cross-Selling and Up-Selling

Identifying cross-selling opportunities based on customer relationships and transaction history

Promoting bundled product offerings and package deals

Maximizing customer lifetime value through up-selling strategies

# Relationship Management and Customer Service:

### **Building Customer Relationships**

Developing long-term relationships with retail banking customers
Providing personalized service and proactive account management
Leveraging customer feedback for product improvement and innovation
Customer Onboarding and Engagement

Streamlining the account opening process for new customers
Onboarding best practices and welcome communication strategies
Engaging customers through targeted marketing campaigns and loyalty
programs

### Customer Retention and Loyalty

Strategies for retaining retail banking customers and reducing churn Recognizing and rewarding customer loyalty Handling customer complaints and resolving issues promptly

### Sales Performance Measurement and Improvement:

Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)

Tracking sales metrics (account openings, deposit balances, cross-sell ratio)
Setting sales targets and performance goals
Performance evaluation and feedback mechanisms
Continuous Learning and Development

Staying updated on retail banking products and industry trends
Participating in sales training programs and skill enhancement workshops
Learning from successful sales strategies and best practices
Sales Automation and Technology

Leveraging sales automation tools and customer relationship management (CRM) software

Analyzing customer data and behavior to inform sales strategies Using technology to streamline sales processes and improve efficiency

# Case Studies and Practical Applications:

Analyzing real-world retail banking sales scenarios and case studies Role-playing exercises and simulations Sales campaign development and execution projects

### Additional Resources and Tools:

Retail banking sales manuals, scripts, and training materials Sales automation software and CRM platforms Industry publications and research reports on retail banking sales strategies

#### **Evaluation and Assessment:**

Sales performance evaluations and assessments Role-play observations and feedback sessions Case study analyses and presentations

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Semester 4 – Core Subject – 3

Foundations of Direct Taxes:

Introduction to Direct Taxes

Definition and types of direct taxes
Historical perspective and evolution of direct taxation
Constitutional Framework

Constitutional provisions related to taxation in India
Distribution of taxing powers between the central and state governments
Basic Principles of Taxation

Concepts of income, exemptions, deductions, and tax credits Principles of equity, certainty, convenience, and economy in taxation

Income Tax Laws and Regulations:

Income Tax Act, 1961

Overview of the Income Tax Act and its amendments Structure and organization of the Income Tax Act

#### Residential Status and Tax Incidence

Determination of residential status for individuals and companies Scope of total income and tax incidence on residents and non-residents Heads of Income

Income from salary, house property, business or profession, capital gains, and other sources

Taxability of various types of income and exemptions

# **Corporate Taxation:**

**Taxation of Companies** 

Classification of companies for tax purposes Computation of taxable income for companies Tax Planning for Corporates

Strategies for minimizing corporate tax liability Provisions related to deductions, incentives, and exemptions for corporates

# Tax Deductions, Exemptions, and Rebates:

**Deductions and Exemptions** 

Deductions under Section 80C, 80D, 80G, etc.
Exemptions for agricultural income, dividends, etc.
Tax Rebates and Relief

Rebates under Section 87A Relief under Double Taxation Avoidance Agreements (DTAA)

# Assessment and Appeals:

Assessment Procedures

Types of assessments (scrutiny assessment, best judgment assessment, etc.)

Time limits for filing returns and assessment proceedings Appeals and Dispute Resolution

Appellate authorities under the Income Tax Act Procedures for filing appeals and resolution of tax disputes

# Tax Administration and Compliance:

Tax Administration Structure

Role of Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)
Tax collection mechanisms and procedures
Tax Compliance Requirements

Tax deduction at source (TDS) provisions

Tax audit requirements and penalties for non-compliance

### **Advanced Topics:**

International Taxation

Taxation of foreign income and non-resident entities Transfer pricing regulations Taxation of Specific Entities

Taxation of partnerships, LLPs, trusts, etc.

Special provisions for startups and small businesses

# Case Studies and Practical Applications:

Analyzing case studies related to tax planning, computation, and compliance Preparation of tax returns for individuals and corporates Simulation exercises on handling tax assessments and appeals

#### Additional Resources and Tools:

Tax software and online tools for computation and filing of tax returns

Taxation journals, books, and online resources Workshops, seminars, and webinars conducted by tax experts

### **Evaluation and Assessment:**

Practical assignments on tax computation, planning, and compliance Quizzes and tests assessing understanding of tax laws and principles Project work involving application of tax knowledge in real-world scenarios

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### Foundations of Indirect Taxes:

Introduction to Indirect Taxes

Definition and types of indirect taxes
Importance and role of indirect taxes in the economy
Evolution of Indirect Taxation in India

Historical overview of indirect taxation in India Transition from cascading taxes to GST regime Basic Concepts in Indirect Taxation

Concepts of supply, goods, services, and taxable events Principles of levy, collection, and administration of indirect taxes

# Goods and Services Tax (GST):

Overview of GST

Introduction to GST and its objectives GST structure (CGST, SGST, IGST) and compliance mechanism GST Law and Regulations

Provisions of the CGST Act, 2017 and related rules

Amendments and updates in GST law GST Registration and Compliance

GST registration process and eligibility criteria Filing GST returns (GSTR-1, GSTR-3B, etc.) and compliance requirements

# **Customs Duty:**

**Customs Law and Regulations** 

Customs Act, 1962 and related rules
Classification of goods, valuation, and assessment under customs
Import Duties and Procedures

Basic customs duty, countervailing duty (CVD), and special additional duty (SAD) Customs clearance procedures, documentation, and compliance requirements

### Excise Duty and Other Indirect Taxes:

**Excise Duty** 

Overview of central excise duty and related laws
Excise duty on manufacturing, production, and clearance of goods
Service Tax

Introduction to service tax and its applicability Service tax rates, exemptions, and compliance procedures

# Indirect Tax Planning and Management:

**Tax Planning Strategies** 

Strategies for minimizing indirect tax liability
Impact of indirect taxes on business decisions and operations
Tax Compliance Management

Record-keeping requirements for indirect tax compliance

Internal controls and audit procedures for indirect taxes

## **Advanced Topics:**

**GST** in Specific Industries

GST implications for manufacturing, services, and e-commerce sectors Sector-specific exemptions and compliance challenges International Trade and Customs

Customs duties on imports and exports
Customs valuation, classification, and tariff concessions

# Case Studies and Practical Applications:

Analyzing case studies related to GST registration, compliance, and indirect tax planning

Preparation of GST returns and customs documentation using case studies Simulation exercises on handling GST-related queries and customs clearance procedures

#### Additional Resources and Tools:

GST portals, customs websites, and online resources provided by government authorities

Training materials and guides on GST compliance and customs procedures Workshops, seminars, and webinars conducted by experts in indirect taxation

#### **Evaluation and Assessment:**

Practical assignments on GST registration, filing returns, and customs clearance procedures

Quizzes and tests assessing understanding of indirect tax laws and compliance requirements

Project work involving application of indirect tax knowledge in real-world scenarios

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