



# St. Xavier's College – Autonomous Mumbai

## Syllabus For 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester Courses in **Economics** (June 2016 onwards)

Contents:

Theory Syllabus for Courses:

A.Eco.2.01 - Introductory Microeconomics:

Pricing Theories – Product Market

**FYBA**

**COURSE: A.ECO.2.01**

**TITLE: INTRODUCTORY MICROECONOMICS: PRICING THEORIES -  
PRODUCT MARKETS**

**Learning Objectives:**

1. To introduce students to analyzing microeconomic concepts quantitatively.
2. To encourage students understand the relevance of theory in the real world.

**Number of Lectures: 60**

**UNIT I:**

**Theory of the firm**

**[10 lectures]**

1. Objectives of the firm (Profit and Sales Maximisation)
2. Break even analysis
3. Pricing methods (Marginal Cost and Full Cost Analysis)

**UNIT II:**

**Market Structures**

**[20 lectures]**

1. Short-run and long-run equilibrium of a firm under Perfect Competition
2. Short-run and long-run equilibrium of a Perfectly Competitive Industry
3. Short-run and long-run equilibrium of Monopoly; Discriminating Monopoly, Dumping
4. Short-run and long-run equilibrium of firm and industry under Monopolistic Competition

**UNIT III:**

**Factor Markets**

**[20 lectures]**

1. Factor pricing in perfectly and imperfectly competitive markets.
2. Wage determination; Collective Bargaining
3. Risk, Uncertainty and Profits
4. Economic Rents

## **UNIT IV:**

### **Choice under Uncertainty**

**[10 lectures]**

1. Expectations and expected utility
2. Concept of risk-aversion.
3. Jensen's inequality.
4. Insurance and risk-aversion.

Reference for choice under uncertainty: Sampat Mukherjee. *Microeconomics*

**First C.I.A. :** MCQs

**Second C.I.A. :** Presentations of Project (the theme of the project is 'Experiencing the real market')

### **List Of Recommended Reference Books**

#### **Basic Reference Book**

Mankiw, N. G. (2002), Principles of Economics, Thomson Asia Pte. Ltd., Singapore.

#### **Additional References:**

1. Ahuja, H. L. (2012), Advanced Economic Theory, S. Chand & Company, New Delhi.
2. Koutsoyiannis, A. (1980) Modern Microeconomics, The Macmillan Press Ltd, London.
3. Lipsey and Chrystal (2004), Economics, Oxford University Press.
4. Salvatore, D. (2003), Microeconomics, Oxford University Press.
5. Paula J. Meske. The Solid Waste Dilemma: Municipal Liability and Household Hazardous Waste Management in Journal of Environmental Law. Volume: 23. Issue: 1. Jan, 1993