

Course title: Growth Economics				
Course code: MPE 182	No. of credits: 4	L-T-P: 56-0-0	Learning hours: 56	
Pre-requisite course code and title (if any): MPE111 (Introduction to Mathematical Methods in Economics) or equivalent				
Department: Department of Policy Studies				
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Course type: Core			Course offered in: Semester 2	
Course description: This course introduces theories of economic growth and their applications with an emphasis on application to India's economic growth. Dynamic macroeconomic models are used here to analyse the process of economic growth. Besides the models, other empirical tools will also be used to identify factors that lead to economic growth in India and other developing nations.				
Course objectives: 1. Understanding the factors that lead to economic growth of nation-states. 2. To equip the students with tools and techniques to appreciate and analyse dynamic macroeconomic models and empirical strategies that can explain the process of economic growth. 3. To foreground the role(s) played by the institutions, human capital and environment in the economic growth. Enabling the students to evaluate the application of concepts, theories and models in explaining India's economic growth.				
Course contents				
Module	Topic	L	T	P
1	Introduction; Cross country differences in Income; A narrative on India's economic growth	4	0	0
2	Harrod-Domar Model	4	0	0
3	Kaldorian and Kaleckian Growth Models	6	0	0
4	Solow Model	4	0	0
5	Solow Growth Accounting	4	0	0
6	Neo-Classical Growth Models: Introduction	6	0	0
7	Models with Overlapping Generations	4	0	0
8	Empirics: Cross-country Differences in Economic Performances	6	0	0
9	Endogenous Growth Models	6	0	0
10	Institutions and Economic Growth	4	0	0
11	Human Capital and Economic Growth	4	0	0
12	Environment and Economic Growth	4	0	0
	Total (in hours)	56	0	0
Evaluation criteria: 1. Test 1: Written examination (Modules 1 to 5) [30%] 2. Test 2: Assignments [10%] 3. Test 3 Written examination (Modules 6 to 12) [30%] 4. Test 4: Term Paper (Critical Literature Review) [30%] a. Task: Undertake a critical appraisal of literature on any topic listed in the syllabus. b. Structure of submission: A paper that consists of introduction; summary of the literature; critique of the literature with supportive evidence; application in Indian context, synthesis and conclusion. c. Indicators of assessment: selection of appropriate literature (weightage: 5%); clear and concise summaries (weightage: 30%); critique that is supported by evidence using author's calculations or by literature (weightage: 40%); effective introduction and conclusion (weightage: 10%); well-structured essay with no grammatical errors (weightage: 10%); and appropriate format of citations and references (weightage: 5%).				

Learning outcomes:

At the end of this course, students will be able to

1. Understand different macroeconomic models of growth. [test 1 and 3]
2. Appreciate empirical strategies in Growth Economics [test 2]
3. Identify factors that have influenced economic growth in India and the associated policy implications [test 1 and 3]
4. Understand the contribution of institutions and human capital to economic growth as well as limits of growth imposed by natural resources and environmental degradation. [test 3]
5. Assess the applicability of economic growth models in India and other developing nations. [test 4]

References (* = compulsory readings)**Books**

- a. Acemoglu, Daron. 2009. *Introduction to Modern Economic Growth* (DA henceforth), Princeton: Princeton University Press.
- b. Sen, Amartya. 1970. *Growth Economics – Selected Readings*, Middlesex, England: Penguin.
- c. Aghion, Philippe and Peter W. Howitt. 2008. *The Economics of Growth*, Cambridge MA: MIT Press.
- d. Robert J. Barro and Xavier I. Sala-i-Martin. 1998 *Economic Growth*, Cambridge MA: MIT Press,
- e. Romer, David. 2018. *Advanced Macroeconomics*, 5th Ed. (DR henceforth) New York: McGraw Hill.

Suggested Readings**1. Introduction; Cross-country differences in income; A narrative of India's growth story**

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- b. Jones, Charles I. 1997. "On the Evolution of the World Income Distribution." *Journal of Economic Perspectives* 11, no. 3 (Summer): 19-36.
- c. Basu, K., and A. Maertens. 2007. "The Pattern and Causes of Economic Growth in India." *Oxford Review of Economic Policy*, 23(2): 143-167.
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2. Harrod-Domar Model

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- b. Domar, E. 1946. "Capital Expansion, Rate of Growth, and Employment". *Econometrica*. 14 (2): 137–147.

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- d. Blecker, Robert. 2002. "Distribution, Demand and Growth in Neo-Kaleckian Macro-Models." In *The Economics of Demand-Led Growth*, edited by Setterfield. M., 129-152. Mass: Edward Elgar Publishing.
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4. Solow Model

- a. DA – Chapter 2
- b. Solow, Robert. 2000. *Growth Theory: An Exposition*. 2nd ed. NY: Oxford University Press, ISBN: 9780195109030
- c. DeLong, J. B. 2003. "India since Independence: An analytic growth narrative." In *In Search of Prosperity*:

Analytic Narratives on Economic Growth, edited by D. Rodrik: 184-204. Princeton NJ: Princeton University Press.

d. Robertson, Peter E. 2010. "Investment Led Growth in India: Fact or Mythology", *Economic and Political Weekly*, 45(40): 120-124.

5. Solow Growth Accounting

a. DA – Chapter 3

b. Bosworth, Barry & Susan M. Collins & Arvind Virmani. 2006. "Sources of Growth in the Indian Economy," *India Policy Forum*, vol. 3: 1-6. http://www.ncaer.org/publication_details.php?pID=161

6. Neo-classical Growth Models (Ramsey-Cass-Koopman model)

a. DA Chapter 5; Chapter 8

7. Growth with Overlapping Generations

a. DA Chapter 9

b. Ghate, Chetan, Gerhard Glomm and Jialu Liu Streeter. 2016. "Sectoral Infrastructure Investments in an Unbalanced Growing Economy: The Case of Potential Growth in India", *Asian Development Review*, 33(2): 144-166.

c. Agénor, P., J. Mares and P. Sorsa. 2015. "Gender Equality and Economic Growth in India: A Quantitative Framework", *OECD Economics Department Working Papers, No. 1263*, OECD Publishing, Paris. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1787/5jrtpbnt7zf4-en>

8. Endogenous Growth Models

a. DA Chapter 11

b. Madsen, Jakob B., Shishir Saxena, and James B. Ang. 2010. "The Indian growth miracle and endogenous growth." *Journal of Development Economics*, vol. 93(1): 37-48.

9. Empirics: Determinants of differences in economic performances

a. DA Chapter 4

b. Mankiw, N. Gregory, David Romer, and David N. Weil. 1992. "A Contribution to the Empirics of Economic Growth." *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 107 (2): 407-437.

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"The evolution of institutions in India and its relationship with economic growth." *Oxford Review of Economic Policy*, 23(2): 196-220.

11. Human Capital and Economic Growth

- a. Mankiw, G., D.Romer, , D.Weil, . 1992. "A Contribution to the Theory of Economic Growth." *Quarterly Journal of Macroeconomics*, 107 (May) :407-437.
- b. Benhabib, Jess and Mark M. Spiegel. 1994. "The Role of Human Capital in Economic Development: Evidence from Aggregate Cross-Country Data." *Journal of Monetary Economics*, Vol. 34(2):143-173.
- c. Hanushek, Eric and Dennis Kimko (2000) "Schooling, Labor-Force Quality, and the Growth of Nations." *American Economic Review*, Vol. 90 (5) :1184-1208.
- d. Krueger, Alan B. and Mikael Lindahl. 2001. "Education for Growth: Why and For Whom?" *Journal of Economic Literature*, Vol. 39(4):1101-1136.
- e. Moretti, Enrico. 2004. "Workers' Education, Spillovers and Productivity: Evidence from Plant-Level Production Functions." *American Economic Review*, Vol. 94(3):656-690.
- f. GhateChetan, GerhardGlommand John T. Stone III. 2015 "Public and Private Expenditures on Human Capital Accumulation in India." *WIDER Working Paper Series 024*, World Institute for Development Economic Research (UNU-WIDER).
- g. Rao, B. Bhaskara and Krishna Chaitanya Vadlamannati. 2010. "The level and growth effects of human capital in India." *Applied Economics Letters*, 18(1): 59-62, DOI: 10.1080/13504850903427146
- h. Schündeln, Matthias and John Playforth. 2014. "Private versus social returns to human capital: Education and economic growth in India." *European Economic Review*, vol. 66(C): 266-283.

12. Environment and Economic Growth

- a. DR - Ch 1.8
- b. Brock, William A. andM. ScottTaylor. 2005. "Economic Growth and the Environment: A Review of Theory and Empirics," In *Handbook of Economic Growth* Edited by Philippe Aghion& Steven Durlauf (ed.), *Handbook of Economic Growth*, edition 1, volume 1: 1749-1821. Amsterdam: North Holland.
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Additional information (if any):

Suggested journals—*Journal of Economic Perspectives*, *Journal of Development Economics*, *Journal of Economic Growth*, *Indian Economic Review*

Pedagogical Approach:

- Classroom teaching
- Emphasis on solving neoclassical growth models and calibration
- Replicating important empirical results through matrix programming languages like MATLAB/R

Student responsibilities: Attendance, feedback, discipline: as per university rules.

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