



1-Year Certificate Course in "Business Administration" Awarded by St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, India.

Objectives of the certificate course on "Business Administration":

- To understand the concepts of e-commerce and to create an online store using popular e-commerce platforms.
- To gain a deep understanding of financial accounting principles, including the accounting cycle, the balance sheet, the income statement, and the cash flow statement.
- To understand the role of accounting in decision-making and to apply accounting techniques to evaluate business performance.
- To develop an entrepreneurial mindset and explore the traits and characteristics of successful entrepreneurs.
- To understand the concept of social entrepreneurship and its potential for creating social change and impact.

Curricular plan for the certificate course on "Business Administration."

The curricular plan consists of the following courses: each course runs for 8 weeks. The order of the course study follows as numbered below. Each of the prior courses is the pre-requisite for the subsequent course study. In case of non-passing a course, a student can repeat the same course as and when scheduled in the next immediate run.

• Business Administration:

First Course: Code: PCPEC1: Name: E-Commerce

Second Course: Code: PCPACCL 12: Name: Accounting Level 1
Third Course: Code: PCPACCL 23: Name: Accounting Level 2
Fourth Course: Code: PCPEN 4: Name: Entrepreneurship
Fifth Course: Code: PCPSE 5: Name: Social Entrepreneurship

Total number of credits: 30

- There will be 5 terms in a year, each term study period for 8 weeks.
- Each course will be scheduled in one term, and so on.
- The 5 terms can be Spring 8w1 (starting Feb 2026), Spring 8w2, Summer, fall 8w1, fall 8w2 (ending in Dec 2026)
- There may be a break of 1 week in between 2 terms where in "Make up final exam" can happen for the absentees.

Internal and External assessment for each of the above course.

INTERNAL ASSESSMENT (40 Marks)

- ACTIVITY: Each unit/week of a course has various activities such as discussions, quizzes, reflections, and assignments, and the maximum point for each course is 160 Marks.
- Each unit activity is for a maximum of 20 marks
- For one course having 8 units, the maximum score is 160 marks
- 160 Marks is to be converted to 40 marks as CIA (Continuous Internal Assessment)

EXTERNAL ASSESSMENT (60 Marks)

- A student must write a final examination at the end of each Course (in week 8) for a maximum of 60 marks.
- The final exam duration will be 3 hours to answer 6 questions (each question carries 10 points)
- There will be 8 questions (each question from each unit) available to the student at the time of the final examination, and students need to choose ANY 6 questions to answer.
- The final examination must be administered under the invigilation of an onsite facilitator from the JWL learning center.
- Students who are absent for the final exam in week 8 for some genuine reason can take the final examination in week 9.
- The final exam is mandatory to earn a passing grade.

OVERALL, MARKS

• 40 marks as CIA and 60 marks from external examination = 100 Marks

Academic requirements to earn a certificate and transcript in the above course:

• The course above follows the grading schema below:

Grading schema				
% Marks	Equivalent Grade	Grade points per credit		
95-100	0	10		
90-94	A+	9		
80-89	Α	8		
70-79	B+	7		
60-69	В	6		
50-59	С	5		
< 50	F	0		

- Each of the course modules will be awarded a grade and counts for 6 credits. Hence, a total of 30 credits per course.
- Transcript shows the grades earned in each course as per the above grading scheme and hence a CGPA out of 10 at the end of the course.
- In case of non-completion of the course with a passing grade, a student is allowed to retake the course ONLY once in the immediate course scheduling.
- In case of failure in the second attempt, the decision by SJU is final whether to allow the student to continue their studies or not.
- Though a student can finish the study within 1 year, a student can be allowed to complete it within a maximum of 2 years in case of unavoidable circumstances, with the prior approval from the SJU.

Admission Criteria:

- Online Screening test score > B1+ 56 above / 120
- Lingua Skill test or New CEST Test score > B1 140 above / 240
- Applicants who have scored B1 and above will need to write an essay as proof of their commitment to the course and their motivation towards the course (4 points)
- Admission criteria- Essay score 50% (2 out of 4) + advocacy
- Certificate proof for the completion of high school
- ID proof

Course 1: E commerce

Course Outcomes:

- Understand the concepts of E-Commerce in a broader perspective, emphasizing the various business models.
- Comprehend the various e-commerce concepts.
- Explore the relevance and impact of E-Commerce in different sectors of businesses.
- Analyze the transition from traditional to modern business using the tools of EDI.
- Identify the basic concepts of Artificial Intelligence, its applications and various payment gateway techniques

Course Specific outcomes:

After completion of the course students will be able to:

- Explain what is required to start an E-Commerce business
- Apply various business models
- Identify possibilities of E-commerce in the retail and services sector
- Understand the use of e-marketing for a business

Syllabus Theoretical topics:

Unit - 1	Introduction to E-commerce
	Introduction, Goals and Prospects of Ecommerce, Pre-requisites of setting up ecommerce, Types of Ecommerce-B2B, B2C, B2G, Advantages and Disadvantages, Value chains and its significance. Role of Ecommerce in development of an
	enterprise.
Unit - 2	Importance of E-commerce in Business Importance of e-
	commerce, factors of e-commerce, Scope development
	companies,
	Major e-commerce players.
Unit -3	Ecommerce in Services and Retailing Online services in
	employment agencies, Tourism, Real Estate,
	Vision of online retailing. Stock trading, Online
	publishing platform, E-Agriculture.
Unit -4	Electronic Data Interchange
	Concept of EDI, Working Concept, Prerequisites for EDI.
	Implementation difficulties of EDI, Issues of EDI: Legal
	issues, Security issues, Privacy issues.
Unit -5	Artificial Intelligence
	History of AI and intelligence, Importance of AI in
	business/application of AI in E-
	commerce
Unit -6	E-Marketing E - Marketing: The scope of E- Marketing, Internet Marketing Techniques.

Unit-7	Payment Gateway System
	Payment gateway system- (PayPal, Amazon pay- Paytm) - Cyber security- Digital signature.
	Electronic payment system: Advantages- Types of Payment System (Credit Cards, E-Cash, Smart- Cards) and risks (credit, operational and legal).
Unit -8	Major Project Work
	A major project of learning
	from Unit 1 to Unit7

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1	E-Commerce	Avriti Tangri	VK Global Publications Pvt
			Ltd
2	Essential of E-Commerce	M.K. Mallick	National Publications
3	Artificial Intelligence	Sumit Arora	Dhanpat Rai & Co.
4	Electronic Data Interchange: An introduction.	Christopher Cancilla	Kindle Edition
5	Payment Gateway Solutions: Everything You Need to Know	Dr. Anirudh Kataria	Kindle Edition

Course 2 - Accounting - Level 1

Course Outcomes

- To equip the students with the conceptual understanding of principles of accounting and double entry system.
- To understand the scientific preparation of transactions with relevant interpretation.
- To know the classification of accounting transactions and its relevance in business.
- To understand fundamental accounting concepts and standards.
- To demonstrate the accounting process, prepare Journal and Ledger.
- To execute various types of Subsidiary Books & Balancing of Accounts.

Course Specific Outcomes

- Basic knowledge of accounting such as calculation of Assets, Liabilities, Expenses, Income and Equity.
- Demonstrate the applicability of accounting concepts to understand the managerial Decisions and financial statements.
- To assist the students in familiarizing the significance of accounting in organizations' financial statements.

Unit -1	Basis of Accounting Part I:
	 Introduction to Accounting (Meaning, Definition & scope) Features Objectives and Limitations Classifications of accounting Terminologies in accounting, Ethics in Accounting.
Unit -2	Basis of Accounting Part II:
	 GAAP Concepts of accounting Accounting Standards.
Unit -3	Recording of Transaction I:
	 Introduction Business transaction Source document Book-keeping.
Unit -4	Recording of Transaction II:
	 Accounting Cycle Rules of Debit & Credit Accounting Equation.
Unit -5	Recording of Transaction III:
	 Introduction Journal and Ledger
Unit -6	Subsidiary Book I:
	 Introduction Sales & Sales Returns Book Purchase & Purchase Returns Books.
Unit -7	Subsidiary Book II: 1. Cash book
	2. Petty Cash Book

Unit -8	Basis of financial statements
	1. Trial Balance
	2. Rectification of Errors

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1	Financial Accounting	Kaplan financial limited	Kaplan Publication
2	Financial Accounting	ВРР	BPP Publishing UK
3	Accountancy – Class XII Textbook	- 1	The National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT)

Course 3 - Accounting - Level 2

Course Outcomes:

- To Equip the students with the treatment of adjustments in the Financial Statements
- To learn the Preparation of Financial Statements
- To know the classification of ratios and its relevance in business
- To understand the interpretation of the financial ratios

Course Specific Outcomes

- To understand the basics of financial statements
- To enable preparation of financial statements
- To interpret performance and position of an entity

Unit -1	Introduction to financial statements
	1. Basis of financial statements
	2. Distinction between capital and Revenue
	3. Adjustments
Unit -2	Performance statement
	1. Statement of Profit or Loss
	2. Other comprehensive income
Unit -3	Position statement
	. Statement of Financial Position
	. Statement of changes in
	equity
Unit -4	Financial statement
	. Treatment of adjustments in Statement of Financial Position
	. Preparation of financial statement
Unit -5	Ratio analysis – conceptual understanding
	Different sections to analyze
Unit -6	Ratios related to performance statement
	1. Gross profit ratio
	2. Operating profit ratio
	3. Return on capital employed
	4. Net asset turnover
Unit -7	Ratios related to position statement
	1. Current ratio
	2. Quick ratio
	3. Inventory turnover
	4. Receivable collection period
	5. Payables payment period
Unit -8	Performance and position statement analysis
	Interpretation of ratios related to statement of profit or loss
	 Interpretation of ratios related to statement of financial position
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1	Financial Accounting	Kaplan financial limited	Kaplan Publication
2	Financial Accounting	ВРР	BPP Publishing UK
3	Accountancy – Class XII Textbook	The National Council of	The National Council of
		Educational	Educational Research
		Research and Training	
		(NCERT)	Training (NCERT)

Course 4 - Entrepreneurship

- Course Outcomes:
- Acquiring entrepreneurial spirit and resourcefulness
- Familiarization with various uses of human resources for earning dignified means of living.
- Understanding the concept and process of entrepreneurship its contribution and role in the growth and development of the individual and the nation.
- Acquiring entrepreneurial quality, competency and motivation.
- Learning the process and skills of creation and management of entrepreneurial ventures.

Course Specific Outcomes

- Upon completion of the course, students will be able to identify and evaluate potential business opportunities, including conducting feasibility studies.
- After completing the course, students will be able to develop a comprehensive business plan that includes financial projections, marketing strategies, and resource mobilization plans.
- By the end of the course, students will be able to analyze and evaluate the impact of entrepreneurship on economic development.

Syllabus Theoretical Topics:

Unit-1	Introduction to Entrepreneurship
	Entrepreneurship- Concept, Functions, Need and Importance.
	Entrepreneurship, entrepreneur and enterprise
	. Myths about Entrepreneurship
	. Factors affecting entrepreneurship
	. Process of Entrepreneurship
Unit-2	Being an Entrepreneur
	1. Types of Entrepreneurs
	2. Qualities of an entrepreneur
	3. Role of entrepreneur in economic development
	4. Intrapreneur VS Entrepreneur
	5. Pros and Cons of Being and entrepreneur
Unit-3	Business opportunities
	1. Sensing Entrepreneurial Opportunities
	2. Environment Scanning
	3. Problem Identification- Creativity and Innovation
	4. Feasibility study
	5. Small Scale Industry Start-up Issues (location, legal
	considerations, clearance, license etc.)
Unit-4	Entrepreneurship as Innovation and Problem Solving
	1. Entrepreneurs -as problem solvers.
	2. Innovations and Entrepreneurial Ventures –Global and Indian
	3. Role of Technology –E-commerce and social media
	4. Social Entrepreneurship as Problem Solving-Concept and Importance.
	5. Risk Taking-Concept; types of business risk
Unit-5	Preparing Business plan
	1. What is a business plan?
	2. Importance of business plan for Entrepreneur
	3. Features and Contents of business plan
	4. Dos and don'ts of a business plan
	5. Types of Business models
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Unit-6	Understanding the Market	
	. Market- Traditional and E-commerce- Concept and Role	
	. Types of Business: Manufacturing, Trading and Services.	
	. Market Forces: Sellers, consumers and competitors.	
	. Expanding Markets: Local to global, Strategies needed.	
	. Marketing Mix: Concept and Elements.	
Unit-7	Business Arithmetic	
	1. Simplified Cash Register and Record Keeping	
	Unit of Sale, Unit Price and Unit Cost - for single	
	2. product or service	
	3. Types of Costs - Start up, Variable and Fixed	
	4. Income Statement, Break-even analysis for single product	
	Cash flow Projections, taxes (Meaning, Purpose)	
Unit-8 Resource Mobilization		
	. Types of Resources - Human, Capital and other Resources	
	. Selection and utilization of human resources and professionals like	
	Accountants, Lawyers, Auditors, Board Members, etc.	
	. Role and Importance of a Mentor	
	. Estimating Financial Resources required.	
	. Methods of meeting the financial requirements, Size and capital-based classification of business	

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1	Entrepreneurship Development and	Poornima M	Pearson Education
	Small Business Enterprise		
2	Entrepreneurship Strategies and	Mark J Dollinger	Pearson Education
	Resources		
3	Entrepreneurial Development	Dr. Venkataramana	Sulthan Chand
4	Entrepreneurship Development	Rekha & Vibha	Vision Book House
5	Developing Entrepreneurship	Sharama S	PHI learning Pvt
			Ltd

Course 5 - Social Entrepreneurship

Course Outcomes

- To equip the students with the conceptual understanding of social entrepreneurship
- To understand the various frameworks of social entrepreneurship
- To know the types and process of social entrepreneurship
- To understand the concept of social change and social value
- To illustrate various social entrepreneurship and innovation initiatives.

Course Specific Outcomes

- Basic knowledge of the concept of social entrepreneurship.
- To learn to connect social change and social value through social entrepreneurship
- To assist the students in familiarizing the social entrepreneurship framework and process.

Syllabus Theoretical Topics:

Unit-1	Introduction to Social Entrepreneurship			
	Meaning and definition of social entrepreneur, social entrepreneurship and social enterprise- Nature and concept of social entrepreneurship- Pioneers of social entrepreneurship- Types of social entrepreneurship- Difference between business entrepreneurship and			
	social entrepreneurship			
Unit-2	Social Entrepreneurship Process			
	Characteristics of a social entrepreneur- Process of Social entrepreneurship- Challenges of Social entrepreneurship- Theories of Social entrepreneurship- Role of social entrepreneurship in women empowerment.			
Unit-3	Social change Meaning and types of social change- Theories of social change- Factors influencing social change- Impact of social enterprises on social change-examples with case			
	studies.			
Unit-4	Social Value Concept of social value- Need and methods of measuring social value- Social return on investment- measuring vulnerability and efficiency of social enterprises- Organizational effectiveness of social enterprise			
Unit-5	Social Entrepreneurship Framework			
	The Timmon model of entrepreneurship- PCDO (People, Context, Deal and Opportunity) framework- The Social			

	entrepreneurship framework- Sources of social			
	entrepreneurship- Boundaries of social			
	entrepreneurship			
Unit-6	Social Business Models			
	Meaning of Social Business Model- Integrating a social enterprise with a non-profit organization- Types of Social Business Model: Entrepreneur Support, Market Intermediary, Employment,			
	Free-for-Service, Low-income Client, Cooperative, Market Linkage, Service Subsidization, Organizational			
	Support.			
Unit-7	Social Innovation			
	Meaning of Social Innovation- Difference between Social innovation and social entrepreneurship- Importance of social innovation- Social innovation process- Components of Social Innovation- Examples			
	of social innovation.			
Unit-8	Social Entrepreneurship in Practice			
	Bangladesh Rural Advancement Committee (BRAC)- The Grameen Bank (GB)- The Self-Employment Women's Association (SEWA)- The Ashoka			

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1	Building Social Business: The New Kind of Capitalism that Serves Humanity's Most Pressing Needs	Muhammad Yunus	Hachette India
2	Building a Successful Social Venture: A Guide for Social Entrepreneurs	Eric Carlson, James koch	Berrett-Koehler Publishers
3	Social Entrepreneurship – What Everyone needs to know?	David Bornstein and Susan Davis	Oxford University Press