

Solapur University with UDDYAM – PAHSUI Introduces ARTHAVIDYA		
NEP 2020 UG: IKS Year 3 Syllabus for Commerce Students		
Title of the Paper	Syllabus for Arthavidya (Undergraduate Level)	
Mandatory Credits	2	
Target Audience	Undergraduate Bachelor students	
Purpose	To provide an overview of Indian Knowledge Systems, acquainting students with the vast and diverse knowledge that has been developed in India throughout history. The course aims to show how this knowledge remains relevant in the modern era and to inspire students to delve deeper into their own studies.	
Course Structure	This course is for One semester with 30 one-hour lectures each.	
About Syllabus	These modules aim to provide a comprehensive and engaging curriculum tailored to commerce students, incorporating the teachings of Chanakya and the principles from his works.	
From Academic Year	2025-26	
Sr No	Heading	Particulars
1	Course Title	ARTHAVIDYA
2.	Course Code	(To be assigned by Solapur University)
3.	Description of The Program	<p>The Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) for Commerce Students program explores the economic, political, and strategic insights from ancient Indian thought, with a special focus on the works of Vishnugupta Chanakya (Kautilya). Rooted in the NEP 2020 vision, this course connects traditional wisdom with modern commercial education.</p> <p>Students will engage with the ethical, financial, and governance principles from Chanakya Neeti and Arthashastra, learning their relevance to contemporary commerce, trade, public finance, economic planning, and corporate governance. Case studies, comparative analyses, and real-world applications help students appreciate how ancient knowledge continues to offer valuable guidance in today's business and economic landscapes.</p>
4.	Vertical:	✓ Indian Knowledge System
5.	Type	Theory
6.	Credit	2 credits
7.	Hours allotted	30 hours
8.	Marks allotted	50 marks
9.	Course Objectives of the Program	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduce students to the foundational economic and administrative ideas of Vishnugupta Chanakya and their continued relevance in modern commerce. • Explore ethical and strategic principles from Chanakya Neeti applicable to personal finance, leadership, and business governance. • Analyze economic systems, taxation, trade, and fiscal strategies from Arthashastra in comparison with modern public finance frameworks. • Understand ancient Indian perspectives on corporate responsibility, market regulation, and sustainable resource management. • Develop strategic thinking, leadership qualities, and financial acumen through a historical lens integrated with modern applications.
10.	<p>Program Outcomes</p> <p>After completing the course, students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand the life, philosophy, and economic wisdom of Chanakya and its implications in governance and commerce. • Analyze key economic concepts and administrative policies from <i>Arthashastra</i>, including taxation, trade, and market regulation. • Apply ethical and strategic principles from <i>Chanakya Neeti</i> to modern-day financial planning, leadership, and corporate governance. • Compare ancient and modern economic frameworks, appreciating their points of convergence and divergence. • Develop critical thinking and decision-making skills inspired by Indian wisdom to address real-world economic and commercial challenges. • Build a foundational appreciation of IKS in the context of commerce, policy-making, and global economic leadership.
11.	<p>Modules:</p> <p>Module 1: Foundations of Indian Knowledge in Commerce</p> <p>Module Content –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NEP 2020 and relevance of Indian Knowledge Systems • Life and contributions of Vishnugupta Chanakya • Overview of <i>Chanakya Neeti</i> and its structure • Ethics, leadership, and personal development principles from <i>Chanakya Neeti</i> <p>Learning Outcomes - Students will understand the historical context and foundational ethical and leadership principles from Chanakya's teachings relevant to personal and professional development.</p>

Module 2: Strategic and Financial Wisdom in Chanakya Neeti	
	Module Content – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wealth accumulation, financial planning, and savings • Governance and leadership strategies • Diplomacy, negotiation, and social relations • Self-discipline, personal success, and long-term vision
	Learning Outcomes - Students will be able to extract strategic, financial, and diplomatic wisdom from <i>Chanakya Neeti</i> and apply it to modern commerce, interpersonal, and leadership contexts.
Module 3: Arthashastra and the Foundations of Economic Governance	
	Module Content – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to <i>Arthashastra</i>: structure, historical significance • Economic systems, taxation, and fiscal planning • Public finance, trade, and commerce regulations • Law, justice, and the role of the king in economic management • Pricing, wage policy, and market control
	Learning Outcomes - Students will gain insights into ancient Indian economic policies, trade systems, and public finance, and understand how governance impacted commerce and economic stability.
Module 4: Integration with Modern Economics and Corporate Practice	
	Module Content – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comparative analysis: <i>Arthashastra</i> and modern economic theories • Case studies: applications of Chanakya's principles today • Strategic financial management, corporate governance, and ethics • Public administration, policy-making, and economic reforms • Sustainability, leadership in finance, and international trade diplomacy
	Learning Outcomes - Students will learn to integrate ancient principles with contemporary economic and business practices, enhancing their understanding of policy-making, ethical commerce, and leadership in finance.
13.	Semester-End Examination - MCQ-based online exam conducted through the LMS. The question paper is for 100 marks. Minimum 40 marks required to pass.
14.	Format of question paper: Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs)
15.	Live Sessions and Course material - There is no live online sessions. The entire course is self-study-oriented in accordance with the syllabus prescribed by the UGC. It includes E- book, recorded videos, and assignments. The course is made available

	completely online through the LMS, allowing students to explore the content in a self-paced manner.
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Detailed Syllabus – ARTHAVIDYA

Aligned for Commerce Students – Any one can take

Lecture 1: Introduction to Ancient Indian Knowledge Systems

Overview of NEP 2020 and its objectives

Importance of ancient Indian knowledge in modern education

Lecture 2: Life and Times of Vishnugupta Chanakya

Early life and background

Political and social context of the Maurya Empire

Lecture 3: Overview of Chanakya's Contributions

Chanakya as a teacher, philosopher, and advisor look

Major works and their significance

Lecture 4: Introduction to Chanakya Neeti

Structure and themes of Chanakya Neeti

Objectives and importance

Lecture 5: Ethical Principles in Chanakya Neeti

Moral guidelines and principles

Application in personal and professional life

Lecture 6: Financial Wisdom in Chanakya Neeti

Principles of wealth accumulation and management

Practical financial advice

Lecture 7: Governance and Leadership in Chanakya Neeti

Qualities of a good leader

Governance strategies

Lecture 8: Diplomatic and Social Relations in Chanakya Neeti

Handling relationships and diplomacy

Strategies for social dynamics

Lecture 9: Personal Success Strategies

Self-discipline and personal development

Achieving personal goals

Lecture 10: Introduction to Kautilya's Arthashastra

Structure and content of Arthashastra

Historical significance

Lecture 11: Economic Policies in Arthashastra

Economic systems and principles

Taxation and trade

Lecture 12: Financial Administration in Arthashastra

Resource management and economic planning

Fiscal policies

Lecture 13: Public Finance and Revenue Systems

Revenue collection and administration

Public finance management

Lecture 14: Trade and Commerce in Arthashastra

Trade regulations and policies

Commerce strategies

Lecture 15: Law and Justice in Arthashastra

Legal framework and judicial processes

Principles of justice

Lecture 16: Role of the King in Economic Management

Duties and responsibilities related to the economy

Administrative strategies

Lecture 17: Market Regulation and Control

Market structures and regulation

Control mechanisms

Lecture 18: Pricing and Wage Policies

Determination of prices and wages

Economic implications

Lecture 19: Comparative Study of Arthashastra and Modern Economics

Similarities and differences

Relevance to contemporary economic theories

Lecture 20: Chanakya's Influence on Modern Economic Thought

Impact on Indian and global economic theories

Modern leaders influenced by Chanakya

Lecture 21: Case Studies of Economic Principles in Arthashastra

Analysis of real-world examples

Application in modern scenarios

Lecture 22: Ethics in Commerce and Trade

Ethical guidelines in business

Relevance of Chanakya's principles

Lecture 23: Strategic Financial Management

Financial planning and risk management

Decision-making strategies

Lecture 24: Corporate Governance and Responsibility

Governance frameworks and corporate ethics

Application of ancient wisdom

Lecture 25: Resource Management and Sustainability

Sustainable practices in commerce

Chanakya's views on resource management

Lecture 26: Leadership in Financial Management

Developing leadership qualities in finance

Chanakya's advice on financial leadership

Lecture 27: Public Administration and Economic Welfare

Governance structures and public policies

Welfare programs

Lecture 28: International Trade and Diplomacy

Foreign trade policies

Diplomatic tactics

Lecture 29: Economic Reforms and Policy Making

Role of reforms in economic development

Chanakya's approach to policy making

Lecture 30: Integration of Ancient Wisdom in Modern Commerce

Reflecting on Chanakya's teachings

Practical applications and future outlook