



(A Unitary University, Govt. Of Karnataka)  
School of Excellence in Economics  
Jnana Bharathi Campus, Bengaluru



PROSPECTUS **2021-22**



Five-year Integrated MSc Economics  
Two-year MSc Economics



“na hi jnanena sadrsam pavitram iha vidyate”

“Verily there is nothing as purifying as wisdom”

With the aim of establishing an institute of higher education in the field of Economics and allied disciplines, the Government of Karnataka constituted a committee under the Chairmanship of Shri. S. V. Ranganath, Vice Chairman, KSHEC and former Chief Secretary to the Government of Karnataka. Based on the recommendation, the Government of Karnataka approved the establishment of the School of Economics at a cost of ₹350 crores and allotted 43.45 acres of land in the Jnana Bharathi Campus of Bangalore University.

Dr.B.R.Ambedkar School of Economics University, Bengaluru (BASE University) is registered under the Karnataka Societies Registration Act, 1960 (Act No.17 of 1960). The foundation stone of BASE University was laid by Honourable President of India, Shri. Pranab Mukherjee on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2017, in the Banquet Hall of the Vidhana Soudha, Bengaluru to mark the 125<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of the architect of the Indian Constitution.

The first batch of B.Sc. (Honours) Economics was admitted in June-July 2017, through an all-India entrance test conducted by Karnataka Examination Authority and classes commenced on 28<sup>th</sup> August 2017. The Academic session of the BASE University was formally inaugurated at Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Bhavan by Honourable former Prime Minister of India Dr. Manmohan Singh on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

We are proud to announce that Dr. B.R Ambedkar School of Economics, Bengaluru became a Unitary University under Government of Karnataka in the field of Economics and Social Sciences vide notification no. ED 41 UBV 2018(P-2) dated 30<sup>th</sup> October 2019.

## School of Excellence (BASE University)



With the construction of new campus quickly moving towards completion, the University will soon have world class facilities at the disposal of the students and faculty. The 43-acre campus lies in the heart of one of the few remaining green areas in the city of Bengaluru - Nagarbhavi, a stone's throw from Bangalore University, the Institute for Social and Economic Change, NAAC, and the National Law School of India University. The University will have state-of-the-art sports facilities, auditoriums, staff accommodation, guest house etc. We aim to secure the Platinum rating for a green campus.



Dr. B. R. Ambedkar School of Economics University, Bengaluru is established for public benefit and accordingly its objectives are to endeavour along the lines indicated by Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, the main architect of the Constitution of India and a renowned economist. He wrote:

*“The student so trained should learn to distinguish between what may fairly be called matter of fact and what is certainly mere matter of opinion. He should be accustomed to distinguish issues, and to look at separate questions each on its own merits and without an eye to their bearings on some cherished theory. He should learn to state fairly, and even sympathetically the position of those to whose practical conclusions he is most stoutly opposed. He should become able to examine the suggested idea, and see what comes of it, before accepting it or rejecting it. Without necessarily becoming an original student he should gain an insight into the conditions under which original research is carried on. He should be able to weight evidence, to follow and criticize argument and put his own value on authorities.”*

*-- From Works and Speeches of Dr B  
R Ambedkar, VolII-P-296-297*

# Academic Aspirations



The Board of Governors of our University consist of distinguished people with diversified fields of expertise and their guidance has been essential in laying the foundations of the university. Under their guidance and able leadership of our first Vice Chancellor, Dr. N. R. Bhanumurthy and first Registrar, Shri. G. Prabhu, IAS, we already have close to 200 students enrolled in the 2-year MSc Economics and the 5-year Integrated MSc Economics programmes, and we expect to start our PhD programme soon. The national character of the University is amply reflected in the many states that our students come from. Admission of the candidates belonging to Persons of Indian Origin (PIO) and Foreign Nationals will start from the year 2021-22, with an intake of 5 which is in addition to the exiting intake capacity for each of the courses offered by the University.

BASE University aims to make its presence felt world over as one of the finest training institutions in Economics. We will not only set a new model in teaching and research in Economics but also assist the Government of Karnataka, other state governments, Union Government of India and other international institutions in policy formulation. BASE University focuses on imparting holistic knowledge in the discipline of Economics by providing an understanding of other social science disciplines such as Political Science, Sociology, Philosophy, Ethics etc. The teaching and training will focus on freedom to think and allow a free flow of new currents of thought.

BASE University students receive a rigorous training in all the core Economics courses, wherever applicable, from a quantitative approach. Apart from core Economics courses, additional core courses include Computer Fundamentals, Computer Laboratory, Constitutional Economics, Behavioural Economics, Social and Economics Thoughts of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, and Programming with R and Python. Students also have a rich variety of elective courses to choose from, including Economic Applications of SQL-RDMS, International Finance, Entrepreneurship Development, Big Data Analytics, Law and Economics, Corporate Finance, Economics of Climate Change, Introduction to Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning, among others. Overall, our courses train students for a career in the corporate, academic, public policy or analytics sectors depending on their interest.

# Board of Governors



Dr. B.R. Ambedkar School of Economics University, Bengaluru is governed by the Governing Council consisting of the following Members:- (as on 31/5/2021)

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20	Sri Srinivas Srirangam	Special Invitee
21	Sri Vasanth Horatti, Chairman of Oxford College, Sholapur Highway, Kusgal Road, Hubli -580 023	Special Invitee

## Vice Chancellor and Registrar



**N. R. Bhanumurthy, Vice-Chancellor**

Prof N R Bhanumurthy took charge as a first Vice-Chancellor in June 2020. He is on leave from NIPFP, New Delhi, where he has been Professor since 2009. He also worked as Assistant Professor and Associate Professor at Institute of Economic Growth.

His research areas are macro-monetary economics, fiscal policy, international money and finance, macroeconomic modelling and development economics. In these areas he has authored over 70 research papers and five books. He has had brief stints at several international developmental organisations and served in 22 Government Committees. At the national level, currently he is serving on the 'Advisory Committee on Ways and Means Advances to State Governments' constituted by RBI; Advisory Committee on National Accounts Statistics' constituted by Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation; 'High Level Committee on Monitoring and Evaluation' by Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India.

He has received two prestigious awards: **Mahalanobis Memorial Medal (National) Award** for the year 2014 for his outstanding contributions to the field of quantitative economics in India; and **VKRV Rao Prize in Social Sciences (Economics)** for the year 2015, for high quality research and for significant contributions to social science research in India.

**Prabhu G, I.A.S, Registrar**

Prabhu G, hails from Hiriya Taluka in Chitradurga District, has taken charge as first Registrar in September 2020. He is an Indian Administrative Service cadre officer, presently serving as Chief Executive Officer - Zilla Panchayat, Chikkamagaluru, Government of Karnataka along with additional in-charge as the Registrar at BASE University.



He has served at various prominent posts in State Government viz., Director, DSSP, Private Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister Government of Karnataka, Private Secretary to Hon'ble Minister for Housing GOK., Commissioner Belagavi Mahanagara Palike, General Manager Rajiv Gandhi Housing Corporation Limited, and as Assistant Commissioner at Madikeri and Pandavapura Subdivisions.

He is a famed administrator with enterprising spirit and zeal with versatile interests in history, study of ancient stone sculpture and architecture. He is a passionate naturalist keenly interested in wildlife photography.



# Faculty



## FULL TIME FACULTY [Qualification & Research areas]

1. **N R Bhanumurthy**- Vice Chancellor, PhD Economics from Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore, India, 2003. [Macro-Monetary Economics, Fiscal Policy, International Money and Finance, Macroeconomic Modelling, Development Economics]
2. **Bipin Sony**- Assistant Professor, PhD Economics from Madras School of Economics, Chennai, 2019.[Financial Economics, Corporate Finance, Macro economics, Econometrics]
3. **Muhammed Rafi OPC**- Assistant Professor, PhD Economics from Pondicherry University,2020. [International Finance, Applied Econometrics; Open-Economy Macro economics]
4. **Nayantara Dutt**-Assistant Professor, PhD Economics from IIM Bangalore,2020. [Labour Economics]
5. **Nita Maitra**-Assistant Professor, MA (Hons) Economics from Rabindra Bharati University.
6. **Pleasa Abraham** – Assistant Professor, PhD Economics from IIT Bombay, 2017. [Environmental Economics, Infrastructures economics]
7. **Rajesh B** -Assistant Professor, PhD Computer Science from REVA University, Bangalore, 2020 [Signal Processing, Big Data, Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning]
8. **Sheetal Bharat** -Assistant Professor, PhD Economics from University of California, Riverside, USA, 2012. [Economic History, History of Economic Thought, Development Economics, Political Economy]
9. **Sumirtha Gandhi** – Assistant Professor, PhD Economics from IIT Chennai, 2021. [Health Economics, Behavioural Economics]
10. **Vikash Vaibhav** – Assistant Professor, PhD Economics from Indira Gandhi Institute for Development Research, Mumbai (submitted 2020). [Microeconomics, Labour Economics]

## VISITING FACULTY [Courses they have taught at BASE University]

11. **M Ramachandran** - Ph.D, Pondicherry University. [Advanced Macroeconomics]
12. **VeadaNoopura** - PhD, University Law College [Business Law and Economic Legislation, Constitutional Economics]
13. **Preeti Gupta** - PhD, Ramaiah College of Arts Science and Commerce [English]
14. **Balaji Naik L**, - KSET Mysore University, PG Translation Diploma Bangalore University, M.A in EnglishMangalore University(DCC), M.A in Hindi, Bangalore University. [Basics of Kannada and Hindi]
15. **Kaushal Kumar Patel** -Ph.D,M.Sc, M.Ed, M.A. [Advanced Hindi]
16. **Shivamallu** - Ph.D,Bangalore university, B.A, B.E. [Advanced Kannada]
17. **Shreekumar** - Ph.D, IIT Madras [Advanced Research Methodology]
18. **H.K.Moulesh** - M.A in Sociology,Bangalore University [Economics of Caste and Discrimination]
19. **Neeraj Hatekar** - Ph.D, Mumbai [Advanced Microeconomics]

## Students & Faculty



Students are the finest asset of the University, and there are dedicated faculty members and office staff to support them.

First batch of students showed great initiative and drive through their internship process. Some undergraduate dissertations are already published. This is apart from the conference presentations made by our students. Our students, very early in their undergraduate economics programme have won prizes at various undergraduate level research competitions across the country. The BASE University Placement Cell (BPC) manage internships/placements for students and secured 100% internship placement for MSc Economics batch 2020-21.

The faculty at BASE University are young and enthusiastic about research and teaching. Their classroom discussions are lively and students are fully engaged - intellectually. This is achieved through a seamless integration of their own research findings with the University curriculum. The areas they are currently researching include Macroeconomics, Public Finance, International Finance, Information Asymmetry, Financial Economics, Choice Modelling, Modelling Returns to Skill, Data Mining, History of Economic Methodology, Political Economy, Environmental and Energy, Labour, and Health Economics among others. As we are soon going to be recruiting more full-time faculty members, we expect this list to expand greatly. The University recently initiated BASE Working Paper series to disseminate faculty/student research. For more details, please visit [www.base.ac.in](http://www.base.ac.in).



# Summer Internships - 2021 for 2 years M.Sc Economics



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# Entrance and Course Details



## Programs Offered:

- Five-year Integrated M.Sc. Economics with an option to exit after 3 years B.Sc (Honours) Economics
- Two-year M.Sc. Economics

## Admission Eligibility:

### a. Five-year Integrated M.Sc. Economics

For admission to the five-year integrated M.Sc. Economics programme, candidates should have passed in 12<sup>th</sup> Std/2nd PUC / Equivalent Exam with English as one of the Languages and Mathematics as a core subject and obtained a minimum of 65% marks (60% for SC/ST) in aggregate. [60 seats for Indian candidates + 5 seats for PIO/Foreign Nationals]

### b. Two-year M.Sc. Economics

For admission to our two-year M.Sc. programmes, Candidates should have completed B.Sc (Honors)/B.A (Honors) in Economics or B.Sc/ B.A in Economics with Mathematics and Statistics/Econometrics as major courses in the degree with minimum of 55% (50% for SC/ST) in aggregate. (20 seats for Indian candidates + 5 seats for PIO/Foreign Nationals)

**Selection procedure:** Students will be selected for the admission to the above courses based on the merit list of the marks scored in all India level entrance examination conducted by the University, eligibility criteria and the existing reservation policy.

Selection procedure the PIO/ Foreign National is based on the merit list of the performance in the respective qualifying examination.

- The online entrance test for the above two courses consists of 100 marks of multiple choice questions.
- The online entrance test for the five-year integrated MSc Economics programme will contain questions on numerical aptitude, general knowledge, data interpretation, English and reasoning.
- The online entrance test for the two-year MSc Economics programme will contain questions on English, Economics and Quantitative ability.

The application form may be filled online and further details of the admission process may be accessed at BASE University website <http://base.ac.in>

The online tests will be conducted at the following centres: Ahmedabad, Vijayawada, Bengaluru, Mysore, Mangalore, Hubli/Dharwad, Gulbarga, Belagavi, Benares, Bhopal, Bhubaneshwar, Chandigarh, Chennai, Dehradun, Guwahati, Hyderabad, Imphal, Indore, Jaipur, Jammu, Kolkata, Lucknow, Mumbai, Delhi, Panaji, Patna, Pune, Raipur, Ranchi, Thiruvananthapuram.

**Important Dates of Admission Process:**

Sl.No.	Particulars	Dates
1	Start date of online application form	16th July 2021
2	Last date of online application form submission	8 <sup>th</sup> August 2021
3	Issue of admit cards (Download)	14th August 2021
4	Date of online entrance test	25 <sup>th</sup> August 2021
5	Result declaration / Score card (Download)	2 weeks after the examination
6	Merit list declaration	Will be notified in due course
7	Counselling date	Will be notified in due course
8	Orientation programme and commencement of classes	Will be notified in due course

\* All dates are subject to change depending on government regulations regarding pandemic situation.

**Reservation of seats:**

60% seats are reserved for students of Karnataka and the remaining 40% seats are open for students of all states including Karnataka.

Of the 60% seats reserved for students of Karnataka, 20% is reserved for SC and 10% for ST student. As regards other reservations, the policy adopted by the Government of Karnataka will be followed.

Of the 40% seats reserved for students from all states of India (including Karnataka), 20% is reserved for SC and 10% for ST students, as per government of India reservation notification.

The candidates are required to appear for an online entrance test and the marks obtained will be considered for admission process.

In addition to the above mentioned seats, 5 seats are reserved for persons of Indian origin (PIO) and foreign nationals for each of the two programmes listed above.



## Fee Structure



The fee is nominal when compared with other institutes and universities providing similar but not same course. **The details of fee structure for the Five year Integrated M.Sc.(Economics) course and Two year M.Sc.(Economics) course is available at the BASE University website [www.base.ac.in](http://www.base.ac.in):**

### Fee Refund Policy

#### 1. Fee Refund Policy for the students who wants to withdraw their seat after admission

If a student chooses to withdraw from the programme of study in which she/he is enrolled, the institution shall follow the following five-tier system for the refund of fees remitted by the student.

Sl. No.	Percentage of refund of fees	Point of time when notice of withdrawal of admission is received in BASE University
1	100%	15 days or more before the formally notified last date of admission
2	90%	Less than 15 days before the formally notified last date of admission
3	80%	15 days or less after the formally notified last date of admission
4	50%	30 days or less, but more than 15 days, after formally notified last date of admission
5	00%	More than 30 days after formally notified last date of admission

- In case of (1) in the above table, BASE University shall deduct an amount not more than 5% of the fees paid by the student, subject to maximum of ₹ 5,000/- as processing charges from the refundable amount.
- In case of (5), only respective refundable deposits paid by the student will be returned to him/her.
- Fee shall be refunded to eligible students within fifteen days from the date of receiving written application from the candidate in this regard.
- The above rules (1-5) are applicable only for the newly admitting students. If the students studying in 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> year wants to withdraw their seats, only refundable deposit will be paid to them.

2. The Fees structure is subject to revision on the basis of the decisions of the Governing Council of BASE University and shall be notified through separate notification.

## Scholarships / Fellowships



1. Scholarships: BASE University shall facilitate the scholarship applications of the reserved category and minority students of Karnataka by providing them the required AISHE (All India Survey on Higher Education) Code, which is necessary during online application in the National Scholarship Portal (<https://scholarships.gov.in/>).



2. Exim Bank would provide scholarship for 3 meritorious students from the two-year M.Sc. Economics final year. The **Exim Bank-BASE University Scholarship** will be offered to two meritorious students along with another scholarship for the topper among the reserved category (SC/ST/OBC) students, based on the performance of the students in their first year. Scholarship amount would be 5,000/- per month per student.



## The Halls of Residence



BASE University offers only full-time residential programmes. Residing on campus enables students to widen their horizon and acquire important interpersonal skills. There are separate girls' and boys' hostel blocks in the campus.

Students are each provided with a cot, cupboard, chair and desk. They are advised to bring their own mattresses, curtains and bed-linen. Hostels have 24-hour running hot water facility. Laundry facilities are also available in the hostels. As Bengaluru experiences cold weather during November-January, students are advised to bring blankets and warm clothing.

The Halls of Residence have a common-room area for each floor, equipped with cable television, facilities for indoor games and a small in-house library. To ensure uninterrupted power supply, the Halls of Residence have their own generators. Facilities of the public call office (PCO) and 24 hour security are some of the other features which ensure that students enjoy basic amenities and security so that they can focus on their studies.

The Halls of Residence Rules and Regulations are shared at the beginning of each academic year. Committees are constituted to ensure compliance.

Students are expected to adhere to the Rules and Regulations, failing which they will be subject to disciplinary action. Students must also identify a local guardian who can be contacted in case of any emergency.

All the day-to-day activities are to be managed by the students themselves through any committees necessary for maintaining discipline, planning meals, or other activities. At the beginning of every academic year, students may be elected to the committees. This will enable students to gain valuable organisational skills. The kitchen will serve vegetarian food on all days and non-vegetarian food on designated days.

The residents are not permitted to leave campus without permission and are not allowed to stay outside their Halls of Residence, after specified hours. Keeping four/two wheelers on campus is not permitted.

The University reserves the right to refuse admission to the Halls of Residence to students who refuse to abide by the Rules and Regulations.

The wardens of the girls' and boys' hostels may be approached at any time.



## Facilities



### **Academic**

#### **i. Library**

While the BASE University library is under construction, the temporary library houses all the books needed and recommended for all courses taught. Every week, new books are added to the shelves on the recommendation of the faculty.

Very soon, we expect to have online access to economics and related disciplines journals. In the meanwhile, we benefit from the generosity of ICSSR, the ISEC library, and DELNET.

#### **ii. Guest lecture series**

A holistic understanding of any subject requires an interdisciplinary approach. This is done by not only having theoretical courses on subjects such as Ethics, Economy and Society, Political Economy, Perspectives in Social Sciences etc. but by also conducting discussions on various topics of Social Sciences disciplines by inviting various leading researcher since their respective fields. This initiates rich academic discussions, which widens the knowledge of the students. This approach builds a bridge between Economics and other social sciences disciplines.

#### **iii. Distinguished Lecture Series**

BASE University is proud to have already started the Distinguished Lecture Series with the world-renowned Dr Avinash Dixit of Princeton University – telecast live on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2021. We have more exciting lectures scheduled in the coming months.

#### **iv. Foundation Day Lecture Series**

October is the month that university Act came into existence. BASE University will be annually celebrating during the month of October Foundation Day. We plan to have an eminent speaker address the staff, faculty and students of BASE University, as well as the people of Bengaluru.

#### **v. Wi-Fi Campus**

The entire campus will be provided with high-speed internet.

#### **vi: Smart Classrooms**

Classrooms are equipped each with a touch-screen computer, projector, and an audio system to facilitate the use of all kinds of media for classroom activities.

#### **vii. Computer Laboratory**

Two large Computer Laboratory is nearly ready with powerful systems which will have all the required software.

# Disciplinary Norms



## Note to the Students:

The University expects the students to be highly focused in academics and make maximum use of the facilities available for holistic development. Exams will be conducted periodically.

Dr. B. R. Ambedkar School of Economics University, Bengaluru is dedicated not only to learning and advancement of knowledge but also to developing ethical and responsible human beings. The disciplinary policies are made with this uncompromising perspective.

- Ragging of any kind and magnitude inside/ outside the college campus will lead to appropriate disciplinary action.

- Any kind of disturbing behaviour in the campus is not permitted.
- Smoking, use of drugs, alcohol or peddling drugs in the campus is prohibited.
- Any ill-treatment, both physical and verbal, based on gender, caste and religion will lead to appropriate disciplinary action.

## Note to Parents:

Parents and guardians are asked to follow the student's progress in studies and his/her general conduct in and outside the college. Their co-operation is solicited specially to ensure a regular attendance and academic progress. Visit regularly the University website [www.base.ac.in](http://www.base.ac.in) for any information about your ward / college particularly through Student Portal.





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