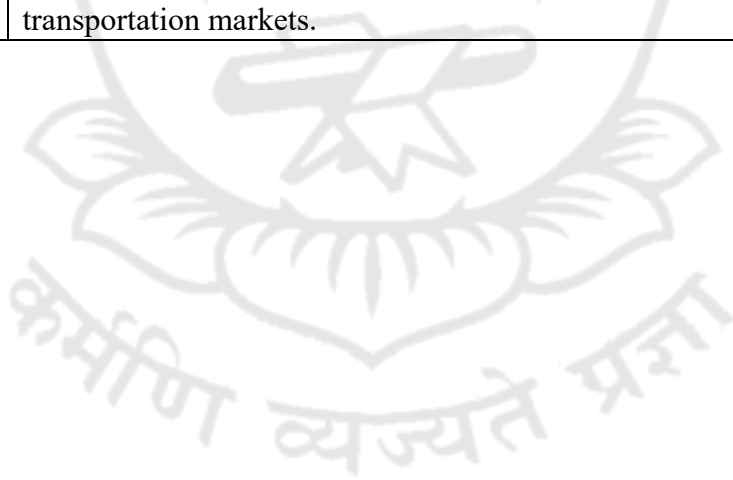




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| Discipline | ECONOMICS | | | | |
| Course Code | UK4SECECO201 | | | | |
| Course Title | Logistics and Transportation Economics | | | | |
| Type of Course | SEC | | | | |
| Semester | IV | | | | |
| Academic Level | 200 - 299 | | | | |
| Course Details | Credit | Lecture per week | Tutorial per week | Practical per week | Total Hours/Week |
| | 4 | 4 hours | - | - | 4 |
| Pre-requisites | Basic Knowledge on economics | | | | |
| Course Summary | This course helps to enhance skills in fundamental logistics and supply chain management, including transport demand, private and social transport costs, market structures, competition, and pricing strategies in transportation markets. | | | | |



Detailed Syllabus:

| Module | Unit | Content | Hrs |
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| I | Concepts of Logistics and Supply Chain | | 10 |
| | 1 | Importance of Logistics in global Sourcing, Production and consumption | |
| | 2 | Dimension of Logistics: Macro and Micro aspects | |
| | 3 | Key components of logistics: transportation, warehousing, inventory management, and information systems. | |
| | 4 | Supply chain contours: Backward and forward linkages- Supply chain efficiency | |
| II | Logistics and Procurement | | 10 |
| | 5 | Logistics as a Support function of Procurement and Vendor Facilitation | |
| | 6 | Logistics as interface function of Demand Forecasting, Global procurement, Tracking inward shipments and Storage Planning | |
| | 7 | Logistics as an enabler of Just-in-Time (JIT), Kanban (A scheduling system for lean inventory), Vendor Managed Inventory (VMI) for Vendors and the firm. | |
| | 8 | Measuring Performance, Comparing Performance, Analysing a Supply Chain, Improving Performance | |
| | 9 | Environmental costs of logistic infrastructures – containing the environmental costs | |
| III | Transportation Economics | | 10 |
| | 10 | The subject matter of transportation economics - economic characteristics of transport | |
| | 11 | Transportation Demand - Divisible Goods Case, Discrete Good Case | |
| | 12 | Firm Production and Cost in Transportation - The Long Run and Short Run | |
| | 13 | Direct Costs of Transport -Factors influencing the supply of transport - Fixed and variable costs | |
| | 14 | Economies of scale, scope, density, experience, and commonality | |
| | 15 | Problems of common cost allocation: the road and rail track cases | |
| | 16 | Transport user costs and the notion of generalized costs | |
| | 17 | The bunching of public transport services | |
| | 18 | Transportation Investment | |
| IV | Pricing of Transport | | 10 |
| | 19 | Matching supply with demand -Marginal cost pricing | |
| | 20 | Price differentiation, price discrimination, and yield management - Pricing with stochastic demand | |
| | 21 | The problem of the peak -Indirect pricing | |

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| | 22 | Containing the Environmental Costs of Transport - The OECD's 'polluter pays principle' | |
| | 23 | Transport subsidies and the environment | |
| V | Activity | | 5 |
| | 24 | Analyze the logistics industry in India: https://data.gov.in/search?title=logistics | |
| | 25 | Find the trends of transport sector in the world using the data set: OECD. International Transport Forum. 2012. "Trends in the Transport Sector: 1970-2009". http://www.oecdilibrary.org/prx.library.gatech.edu/ | |
| | 26 | Using the database in the website: https://portwatch.imf.org/ , analyse the activities of the port in different parts of the world | |

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Course Outcomes

| No. | Upon completion of the course the graduate will be able to | Cognitive Level | PSO addressed |
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| CO-1 | Familiarize with the critical role of logistics in global operations | R, U | PSO-1,2 |
| CO-2 | Analyze logistics as a support and interface function in procurement | R, U, Ap, An | PSO-3 |
| CO-3 | Analyze the cost-benefits of logistics and transportation industries | R, U, Ap, An | PSO-2,3 |
| CO-4 | Evaluate the economic characteristics of transportation and pricing strategies in transportation | R, U, Ap, An, E | PSO-2 |
| CO-5 | Devise policies for addressing environmental issues related to logistics and transportation sector | R, U, Ap, An, E, C | PSO-1, 4 |
| CO-6 | Evaluate the logistics industry using relevant databases and create models | R, U, Ap, An, E, C | PSO-3, 4 |
| CO-7 | Design innovative strategies to solve logistic inefficiency and transportation challenges. | R, U, Ap, An, E, C | PSO-1,2,3,4 |

R-Remember, U-Understand, Ap-Apply, An-Analyse, E-Evaluate, C-Create

Note: 1 or 2 COs/module

Name of the Course: Credits: 4:0:0 (Lecture: Tutorial:Practical)

| CO No. | CO | PO/PSO | Cognitive Level | Knowledge Category | Lecture (L)/Tutorial (T) | Practical (P) |
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| 1 | Familiarize with the critical role of logistics in global operations | PO - 1 PSO-1,2 | R, U | F, C | L | |
| 2 | Analyze logistics as a support and interface function in procurement | PO -2 PSO-3 | R, U, Ap, An | P | L | |
| 3 | Analyze the cost-benefits of logistics and transportation industries | PO- 2 PSO-2 | R, U, Ap, An | P | L | |
| 4 | Evaluate the economic characteristics of transportation | PSO-2 | R, U, Ap, An, E | P | L | |
| 5 | Evaluate pricing strategies in transportation | PO-3 PSO-1, 4 | R, U, Ap, An, E, C | P | L | |
| 6 | Evaluate the logistics industry using relevant databases | PO-2, 3 PSO-3, 4 | R, U, Ap, An, E, C | M | T | |
| 7 | Design innovative strategies to solve logistic inefficiency and transportation challenges. | PSO-1,2,3,4 | R, U,Ap, An, E, C | P | T | |

F-Factual, C- Conceptual, P-Procedural, M-Metacognitive



Mapping of COs with PSOs and POs :

| CO No. | PSO1 | PSO2 | PSO3 | PSO4 | PO1 | PO2 | PO3 | PO4 | PO5 | PO6 | Average |
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| CO-1 | 3 | 3 | - | - | 3 | - | - | - | - | - | 3 |
| CO-2 | - | - | 2 | - | - | 3 | - | - | - | - | 2.5 |
| CO-3 | - | 2 | - | - | - | 3 | - | - | - | - | 2.5 |
| CO-4 | 2 | - | - | 3 | - | - | 3 | - | - | - | 2.67 |
| CO-5 | 2 | - | 2 | 2 | - | 3 | 3 | - | - | - | 2.4 |
| CO-6 | - | - | 3 | 3 | - | - | 2 | - | - | - | 2.67 |
| CO-7 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | - | - | - | 2.86 |
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Correlation Levels:

| Level | Correlation |
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| - | Nil |
| 1 | Slightly / Low |
| 2 | Moderate / Medium |
| 3 | Substantial / High |

Assessment Rubrics:

- Internal Exam
- Assignment
- Project evaluation
- End Semester Examinations

Mapping of COs to Assessment Rubrics :

| CO No. | Internal Exam | Assignment | Project Evaluation | End Semester Exam |
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| CO-1 | ✓ | - | - | ✓ |
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| CO-7 | - | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |



