

St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Ahmedabad

FACULTY OF ARTS

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

BA Economics Hons. (SF)

SEMESTER-1

SEC: Stock Market Essentials

CREDIT DISTRIBUTION, ELIGIBILITY AND PRE-REQUISITES OF THE COURSE

Course Title & Code	Credit Distribution of The Course			Eligibility Criteria	Prerequisite(s) of the Course (if any)
	Lecture	Tutorial	Practical / Practice		
Stock Market Essentials (ECHSE111C)	2	0	0	10 + 2 from a recognized board in any stream	NA

Learning Objectives:

1. Understand the structure, functions, and classification of financial markets and stock exchanges in India, including key instruments and participants
2. Explain the functioning of stock markets and mutual funds, including trading mechanisms, indices, market capitalization, and the regulatory role of SEBI

Course Outcomes:

1. Analyze the role of financial markets, stock exchanges, and intermediaries in mobilizing savings and facilitating capital formation in the economy
2. Apply foundational concepts of stock trading, market indices, and mutual fund investment to interpret real-world financial market developments and policy decisions

Unit 1

Introduction to Financial Markets & Stock Exchange

Basics of financial markets, Classification of financial markets- Characteristics, instruments, participants, Primary and secondary markets, Difference between money and capital markets,

Unit 2

Stock market Participants and Mutual Funds:

National stock exchange- Products, and types of indices, market capitalization, Bombay stock exchange, Basic concepts of trading, stock market intermediaries, Mutual funds- why mutual funds, Types of mutual funds, Advantages and risks, role of SEBI in mutual funds.

References

1. L. M. Bhole and J. Mahukud, Financial Institutions and Markets, Tata McGraw Hill, 5th edition, 2011.
2. Other material will be provided during lectures.