

St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Ahmedabad
Syllabus of Semester –V of the following departments under Faculty of Arts based on
Undergraduate Curriculum Framework - 2023 to be implemented for the Academic Session
June 2025-October 2025

FACULTY OF ARTS

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

SEMESTER-5

Course	Title	Content	Hours/week	Credit
Major SEC EC-SE 551C	Economics of IPR	Unit 1: Introduction to IPR and Economics of IPR Unit 2: Contemporary issues and disputes in IPR	2hrs	2

(SEC) EC-SE – 551C: Economics of IPR

CREDIT DISTRIBUTION, ELIGIBILITY AND PRE-REQUISITES OF THE COURSE

Course Title & Code	Credit Distribution of The Course (Total Credit-04)			Eligibility Criteria	Prerequisite (s) of the Course (if any)
	Lecture	Practical	Experiential Learning		
EC-SE551C Economics of IPR	2	0	0	10 + 2 from a recognized board in any stream	

I. Learning Objectives (LO):

LO-1	Understand the facets of IPR
LO-2	Understand economics of IPR

II. Course Outcomes (CO):

CO-1	Will be able to differentiate between different forms of IPR.
CO-2	Will be able to understand the issues and policies related to the protection of IPR.

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Unit 1

Introduction to IPR and Economics of IPR

Evolution of IPR- Application of IPR- Why IPR Matters- How IPR Globalised- Economic Perspective of IPR- Types of IPR - Economics of copyright, Patent, Trademark, Trade Secrete, Industrial Designs, Geographical indications – Justification of the protection of IPRs on the basis of economic theory (Private property vs. public goods, non-rivalry, and non-excludability in economics) – Optimal regulation of IPRs

Unit 2

Contemporary issues and disputes in IPR

Why IPR has become contestable issue? – Economic issues related to various forms of IPR – Infringement, online privacy, bio-privacy, pharmaceutical patent, unfair patent, Duel IPR system – Protection of plant varieties and biotechnology – Protection of traditional knowledge – New world after TRIPS – Challenges in protection of IPRs – Two Faces of IP ie. Advantageous and disadvantageous.

III. Teaching Methodology: Self-study through Swayam Videos, Class discussions, Quizzes and Presentations

IV References:

1. "Economics of Intellectual Property Rights"
By N.S. Siddharthan and K. Narayanan. Oxford University Press (India)
2. "Intellectual Property and Economic Development"
Edited by Carsten Fink and Keith Maskus. World Bank / Oxford University Press