Tuljaram Chaturchand College, Baramati

Autonomous College

Two Year Degree Program in Geography

(Faculty of Science & Technology)

Revised Syllabus for

M.A./M.Sc. (Geography) Part-I

For Tuljaram Chaturchand College, Baramati

Sem-I (2022 Pattern)

Choice Based Credit System Syllabus

To be implemented from Academic Year 2022-2023

Preamble

Introduction:

Tuljaram Chaturchand College has decided to change the syllabi of various faculties from June,2019. Taking into consideration the rapid changes in science and technology and new approaches in different areas of Geography and related subjects, Board of Studies in Geography after a thorough discussion with the teachers of Geography from different colleges affiliated to the Tuljaram Chaturchand College, Baramati - Pune has prepared the syllabus of M.Sc./M. A. Semester - I and Geography course under the Choice Based Credit System (CBCS). The model curriculum as developed by U.G.C. is used as a guideline for the present syllabus.

Aims and Objectives of the new curriculum:

i) To maintain updated curriculum.

To take care of fast development in the knowledge of Geography.

ii) To enhance the quality and standards of Geography Education.

iii) To provide a broad common frame work, for exchange, mobility and free dialogue across the Indian Geography and associated community.

iv)To create and aptitude for Geography in those students who show a promise for higher studies and creative work in Geography.

v) To create confidence in others, for equipping themselves with that part of Geography which is needed for various branches of Sciences or Humanities in which they have aptitude for higher studies and original work.

Programme outcomes (Pos) (M.A./M.Sc. Geography):

PO.1. Ability of Problem Analysis: Student will be able to analyse the problems of physical as well as cultural environments of both rural and urban areas. Moreover, they will try to find out the possiblemeasures to solve those problems.

PO.2. Conduct Social Survey Project: They will be eligible for conducting social survey project, which is necessity for the assessment of development status of a particular group or section of the society.

PO.3. Individual and teamwork: Works effectively as an individual and as a member or leader in diverse teams and in multidisciplinary settings.

PO.4. Application of modern instruments: Students will be able to apply various modern instruments for data collection and field survey.

PO.5. Application of GIS and modern Geographical Map Making Techniques: Students will learn how to prepare map based on GIS by using the modern geographical map-making techniques.

PO.6. Critical Thinking: Students will able to understand and solve the critical problems of physical and cultural environment.

PO.7. Development of Observation Power: As a student of Geography, they will be capable to develop their observation power through field experience and in future, they will be able to identify the socio-environmental problems of a locality.

PO.8. Development of Communication Skill and Interaction Power: After the completion of the course, they will be efficient in their communication skill as well as power of social interaction.

PO.9. Effective Citizenship: Demonstrate empathetic social concern and equity centred national development and the ability to act with an informed awareness of issues and participate in civic lifethrough volunteering.

PO.10. Enhancement of the ability of Management: Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the management principles and apply these to their own work, as a member and leader in a team, to manage projects. They will perform effectively as an individual, and as a member or leader in diverseteams, and in multidisciplinary settings.

PO.11. Ethics: Recognize different value systems including your own, understand the moral dimensions of your decisions and accept responsibility for them.

PO.12. Understand Environmental Ethics and Sustainability: Understand the impact of the acquired knowledge in societal and environmental contexts and demonstrate the knowledge of need for sustainable development.

PO.13. Self-directed and Life-long Learning: Acquire the ability to engage in independent and life- long learning in the broadest context social, environmental and technological changes.

PO.14. Presentation Skill: Students are being able to understand and write effective reports and design credentials, make effective demonstrations, give and receive clear instruction.

Tuljaram Chaturchand College, Baramati

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Board of Studies in Geography

From 2022-23 To 2024-25

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M.Sc. GEOGRAPHY PROGRAMME CREDIT DISTRIBUTION PATTERN (108)

Class	Semester	Core Course	Elective Course			Ability Enhancement Compulsory Courses (AECC)		Total Credit
			Discipline Specific Elective	Dissertation Project	Generic Elective Course	Ability Enhancement Compulsory Courses	Skill Enhancement Courses	
M.Sc. I	I	i) PAGG111 Principles of Geomorphology ii) PAGG112 Principles of Climatology iii) PAGG113 Principles of Economic Geography iv) PAGG114 Principles of Population and Settlement Geography	-	-	HR – I 2 Credit CS – I 2 Credit	Communication Skill 2 Credit	i) PAGG115 Practical in Physical Geography ii) Practical in Human Geography	30
	II	4 papers 4 x 4= 16 Credits	-	-	CS – II 2 Credit	-	2 Practicals = 8 Credits	26
M.Sc. II	III	3 papers 3 x 4= 12 Credits	Paper (A) 4 Credit *OR* Paper (B) 4 Credits	-	-	-	2 Practicals = 8 Credits Subject Related Skill Dev. Course 2 Credit	26
	IV	3 papers 3 x 4= 12 Credits	Paper (A) 4 Credit *OR* Paper (B) 4 Credits	1 Project = 4 Credits	-	-	1 Practical = 4 Credits Subject Related Skill Dev. Course 2 Credit	26
Total Credits		**56**	**8**	**4**	**6**	**2**	**32**	**108**

Structure of the Syllabus:

Semester – I

Sr. No.	Course Code	Core Compulsory Theory Paper (CCTP)	Choice Based Optional Paper (CBOP)	Core Compulsory Practical Paper (CCPP)	Credit
1	PAGG111	Principles of Geomorphology	-	-	04
2	PAGG112	Principles of Climatology	-	-	04
3	PAGG113	Principles of Economic Geography	-	-	04
4	PAGG114	Principles of Population and Settlement Geography	-	-	04
5	PAGG115	-	-	Practical in Physical Geography	04
6	PAGG116	-	-	Practical in Human Geography	04
				Total Credits	**24**

Semester – II

Sr. No.	Course Code	Core Compulsory Theory Paper (CCTP)	Choice Based Optional Paper (CBOP)	Theory / Practical	Credit	Core Compulsory Practical Paper (CCPP)	Credit
1	PAGG121	Geoinformatics - I					04
	One of the following according to specialization from CCTP						
2	PAGG122 (A)	Synoptic Climatology	-	-	04	-	04
	PAGG122 (B)	Population Geography	-	-	04	-	
	One of the following according to specialization from CCTP						
3	PAGG123 (A)	Monsoon Climatology	-	-	04	-	04
	PAGG123 (B)	Geography of Rural Settlements	-	-	04	-	
	Optional Paper (CBOP) (1 Theory + 1 Practical)						
4	PAGG124			Geography of Disaster Management	04		08
	PAGG125			Practicalin Surveying	04		
	Core Compulsory Practical Paper (CCPP)						
5	PAGG126					Practical of Statistical Techniques for Geography	04
		Total Credits of Semester - II					**24**

Semester – 8

Course Code	Core Compulsory Theory Paper (CCTP)	Choice Based Optional Paper (CBOP)	Theory / Practical	Credit	Core Compulsory Practical Paper (CCPP)	Credit
PAGG231	Geoinformatics-II	-	-	04	-	04
PAGG232	Geographical Thoughts	-	-	04	-	04
One of the following according to specialization from CCTP						
PAGG233 (A)	Agro Meteorology	-	-	04	-	04
PAGG233 (B)	Urban Geography	-	-	04	-	
Choice Based Optional Paper (CBOP) (1Theory + 1Practical)						
PAGG234			Practical in GIS	04	-	08
PAGG234			Watershed Management	04	-	
One of the following according to specialization from CCPP						
PAGG235 (A)					Practical in Climatology	04
PAGG235 (B)					Practical in Population and Settlement Geography	
Total Credits of Semester -III						**24**

Semester – IV

	Core Compulsory Theory Paper (CCTP)	Choice Based Optional Paper (CBOP)	Theory / Practical	Credit	Core Compulsory Practical Paper (CCPP)	Credit
PAGG241	Geography of India	-	-	-	-	04
PAGG242	Oceanography	-	-	-	-	04
PAGG243	Research Methodology	-	-	-	-	04
Choice Based Optional Paper (CBOP) (1Theory + 1Practical)						
PAGG244			Geography of Soils	04		04
PAGG245			Practical in Remote Sensing	04		
Core Compulsory Practical Paper (CCPP)						
PAGG246					Dissertation / Research Project	04
Total Credits of Semester - IV						**24**

M.A./M.Sc Geography, Syllabus for Semester I

Subject: Principles of Geomorphology

Subject Code: PAGG111 **No. of Credits:** 04

Course Objectives:

1. To describe the concept of drainage basin and stream network.
2. To understand the basic laws and models of the fluvial process.
3. To discuss characteristics of drainage basin hydrology .
4. To apply quantitative methods to measure and asses fluvial processes and landforms.
5. To analyze the role of fluvial processes in shaping landscapes.
6. To explain the factors influencing the formation and evolution of river channels.
7. To identify the flow types and measure the velocity of the river flow.

Course Outcomes:

After the completion of the course, Students will be able to understand the current issues in Human geography. Specifically Human geography focused on population and agriculture.

1. Accurately describe the concept of a drainage basin and stream network, including their Component and interconnectedness.
2. Demonstrate a comprehensive understanding of the basic laws and models of fluvial Processes, enabling them to explain and apply them to real-world scenarios.
3. Discuss the characteristics of drainage basin hydrology, including aspects such as Precipitation runoff, and stream flow patterns.
4. Identify different flow types within a river system.
5. Analyze the role of fluvial process.
6. Explain in detail the factors influencing the formation and evolution of river channels.
7. Utilizing appropriate measurement techniques and tools.

Semester-I

PAGG-111 : Principles of Geomorphology

No. of credits-04 No. of lectures- 60

Unit No.	Unit Name	Lectures
1	**Introduction to Geomorphology** 1.1 Definitions, Nature and Scope of 1.2 Geomorphology 1.3 History of Geomorphology 1.4 Basic concepts in Geomorphology 1.5 Branches of Geomorphology 1.6 Hierarchy of spatial and temporal scales in 1.7 Geomorphology 1.8 Geologic timescale	08
2	**Geomorphology and Tectonics** 2.1 Internal structure of the Earth: Layers based on physical and chemical properties 2.2 Seismic waves and types Wegener's Continental Drift Theory 2.3 Theory of Plate Tectonics and associated landforms 2.4 Holmes Convectional Current Theory 2.5 Gravity and Isostasy 2.6 Paleomagnetism 2.7 Folds: Types and landforms 2.8 Faults: Types and landforms	10
3	**Weathering and Mass Movement ProcessesWeathering**: 3.1 Types and related landforms 3.2 Mass Movement: Types of mass movement	06
4	**Hill slopes** 4.1 Hill slope processes and forms 4.2 Models of hill slope evolution	06
5	**Fluvial Processes and Landforms** 5.1 Genetic classification of streams 5.2 Playfair' slaw 5.3 River and stream, drainage basin and drainage network patterns 5.4 River processes: erosion, transportation and deposition 5.5Fluvial landforms: erosional and depositional Davisian Cycle of Erosion	12
6	**Glacial Processes and Landforms** 6.1 Glacial system: Types of glaciers 6.2 Glacial processes: erosion, transportation and deposition 6.3 Glacial landforms: erosional and depositional	06

7	**Coastal Processes and Landforms** 7.1 Sea waves, currents and tides 7.2 Coastal processes: erosion, transportation and deposition 7.3 Coastal landforms: erosional and depositional	06
8	**Aeolian Processes and Landforms** 8.1 Aeolian environment 8.2 Wind processes: erosion, transportation and deposition 8.3 Aeolian landforms: erosional and depositional 8.4 Work of water in desert and landforms	06

Reference Books:

- **Bloom, A.L. (2012**): Geomorphology- A Systematic Analysis of Late Cenozoic Landforms, Prentice-Hall of India, NewDelhi
- **Chorley, R.J., Schumm, S. A. and Sugden, D. E. (1984):** Geomorphology, Methuen, London.
- **Gregory, K.J. and Goudie, A.S. (2014):** The SAGE Handbook of Geomorphology, SAGE, London.
- **Christiansen E.H. and Hamblin, W.K. (2008):** The Earths dynamic systems Macmillan, New York and Collier MacmillanLondon.
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- **Huggett, R.J. (2008):** Fundamentals of Geomorphology, Routledge, London and NewYork.
- **Goudie A.S. (2004):** Encyclopedia of Geomorphology, Routledge, London and NewYork.
- **Kale, V.S. (2014):** Landscapes and Landforms of India, Springer, London/NewYork.
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- **Migon, P. (2010):** Geomorphological Landscapes of the World, Springer, London/NewYork.
- **Ollier, C.D. (1981):** Tectonics and Landforms, Longman,London.
- **Singh, S. (2011):** Geomorphology, PrayagPustakBhawan,Allahabad.
- **Siddhartha, K. (2001):** The Earth's dynamic surface, Kisalaya,Delhi.
- **Spark, B.W. (1972):** Geomorphology, Longman, NewYork.
- **Steers, A. (1958):** The Unstable Earth, Methuen,London.
- **Strahler, A.H. and Strahler, A.N. (1992):** Modern Physical Geography, John Wiley, New York.

Choice Based Credit System Syllabus (2022 Pattern)

Mapping of Program Outcomes with Course Outcomes

Class: M.A./MS.c Geography I **Subject:** Geography

Course: Principles of Geomorphology **Course Code:** PAGG-111

Weightage: 1= Weak or low relation, 2= Moderate or partial relation, 3= Strong or direct relation

Program Outcomes (POs)								
Course Outcomes	PO 1	PO 2	PO 3	PO 4	PO 5	PO 6	PO 7	PO 8
CO 1				3				
CO 2		2						
CO 3				3				
CO 4				2				
CO 5		2				2	2	
CO 6						2		
CO 7						2		

Justification for the mapping

PO 2: Effective Citizenship and Ethics:

CO2- A comprehensive understanding of fluvial processes empowers citizens to make informed decisions, promote sustainable practices, and advocate for ethical policies that safeguard water resources and the broader environment. This knowledge is essential for effective citizenship and contributing to a more sustainable and ethically responsible society.

CO5- The role of fluvial processes in effective citizenship and ethics is centered around informed decision-making, responsible behaviors, and active participation in the protection and sustainable management of river systems. By understanding and respecting fluvial dynamics, citizens contribute to a more resilient, sustainable, and ethically conscious society.

PO4: Disciplinary Knowledge:

CO1- The concept of a drainage basin and its interconnected components is fundamental to disciplines such as hydrology, geography, environmental science, and civil engineering. It provides a framework for understanding water movement, managing water resources, and making informed decisions about land use and environmental conservation.

CO3-Understanding the characteristics of drainage basin hydrology, including precipitation, runoff, and stream flow patterns, is essential for various disciplines such as hydrology, meteorology, civil engineering, and environmental science. This knowledge contributes to effective water resource management, flood prediction, and the sustainable development of watersheds.

CO4- Understanding these different flow types within a river system is crucial for disciplines such as hydrology, ecology, geology, civil engineering, and environmental science. This knowledge contributes to effective water resource management, sustainable river basin planning, and the preservation of aquatic ecosystems.

PO 6: Self-directed and life-long Course:

CO5-The role of fluvial processes in self-directed and lifelong Course is instrumental in fostering interdisciplinary knowledge, critical thinking, problem-solving skills, adaptability, and an appreciation for the environment. Individuals who engage in continuous Course about fluvial systems are better equipped to navigate a world shaped by complex interactions between human activities and natural processes.

CO6- Studying the factors influencing the formation and evolution of river channels is not only intellectually stimulating but also empowers individuals to become lifelong learners with a deep appreciation for Earth's dynamic processes and the interconnectedness of natural systems.

CO7- Utilizing measurement techniques and tools is not only instrumental in acquiring specific knowledge within a discipline but also in developing a range of transferable skills. These skills, acquired through self-directed and lifelong Course, empower individuals to navigate a dynamic and ever-changing world, fostering adaptability, critical thinking, and continuous personal and professional growth.

PO7: Environment and Sustainability:

CO7- Fluvial processes is central to environmental sustainability. Understanding and managing these processes contribute to responsible land use, the protection of ecosystems, and the sustainable use of water resources. By incorporating this knowledge into environmental policies and practices, communities can strive to achieve a balance between human needs and the preservation of natural systems, ensuring the long-term health and resilience of river ecosystems and the broader environment.

M.A./M.Sc Geography, Syllabus for Semester I

Subject: Principles of Climatology

Subject Code: PAGG112 **No. of Credits:** 04

Course Objectives:

1. To make student well aware of the basic concept of climatology.
2. To understand the theories of evolution of earth and atmosphere.
3. To understand the laws of radiation and interaction with atmosphere.
4. To understand composition and structure of atmosphere.
5. To recognize factors affecting solar radiation and temperature.
6. To study global wind circulation and wind pattern.
7. To understand the types of air masses and fronts.

Course Outcomes:

After the completion of the course, Students will be able to understand the current issues in Human geography. Specifically Human geography focused on population and agriculture.

1. Understand the various concepts of climatology.
2. Understand how the atmosphere and earth evolved over a time.
3. Aware about the laws of radiation and how solar radiation does interacts with atmosphere.
4. Understand by which component atmosphere are composed and different layers of atmosphere.
5. Understand which factor affects the solar radiation distribution on earth surface.
6. Understand the global wind circulation and wind pattern.
7. Identify ideal sources region of air masses and front and weather conditions associated with fronts.

Semester-I

PAGG-112 : Principles of Climatology

No. of credits-04 No. of lectures- 60

Unit No.	Unit Name	Lectures
1	**Introduction to Climatology** 1.1 Meteorology and Climatology 1.2 Nature and Scope of Climatology 1.3 Development of Climatology 1.4 Tropical Climatology	06
2	**Earth's Atmosphere** 2.1 Evolution 2.2 Structure and composition of atmosphere 2.3 The ozone layer depletion 2.4 Aurora -types	08
3	**In solation** 3.1 Solar and terrestrial radiation 3.2 Electromagnetic spectrum 3.3 Factors affecting in solation 3.4 Latitudinal and seasonal variation 3.5 Effect of atmosphere 3.6 Greenhouse effect 3.7 Heat budget 3.8Mechanisms of heat transfer	10
4	**Temperature** 4.1 Heat and temperature 4.2 Temperature measurements and controls 4.3 Lapse rate 4.4 Temperature inversion 4.5 Types of inversion	06
5	**Atmospheric Pressure and Winds** 5.1 Pressure measurement and distribution 5.2 Factors affecting distribution of pressure 5.3 Wind observation and measurement 5.4 Factors affecting wind 5.5 Geostrophic wind and Gradient wind 5.6 Models of general circulation of the atmosphere 5.7 Eddy theory 5.8 Local winds 5.9Jet stream Cyclones and Anticyclones	12
6	**Atmospheric Moisture** 6.1 Atmospheric moisture 6.2 Hydrologic cycle 6.3 Evaporation and condensation 6.4 Forms of condensation 6.5 Precipitation 6.6 Types of precipitation 6.7 Measurement of humidity	06

7	**Atmospheric Stability** 7.1 Lapse Rate: normal, environmental, dry adiabatic lapse 7.2 rate and wet adiabatic lapse rate 7.3 Stable and unstable air 7.4 Absolute stability 7.5 Conditional instability	06
8	**Air Masses and Fronts** 8.1 Introduction to air masses and fronts 8.2 Types of air masses 8.3 Types of fronts	06

Reference Books:

- **Critchfield, H.J. (Rep. 2010):** General Climatology. Prentice Hall, NewDelhi.
- **Lal, D.S. (1998):** 'Climatology', Chaitanya Publishing House,Allahabad.
- **Lutgens, Frederic K. &Tarbuck, Edward J. (2010):** 'The Atmosphere: An Introduction to Meteorology', Pearson Prentice Hall, NewJersey.
- **Oliver, John E. &Hidore, John J. (2003):** Climatology: An Atmospheric Science, Pearson Education,Delhi
- **Savindra Singh (2005):** Climatology, PrayagPustakBhawan,Allahabad.
- Trewartha: Introduction to Weather andClimate.
- **More, Pagar, Thorat (2014):** (Marathi), Elements of Climatology & Oceanography, Atharv Publication,Pune

Choice Based Credit System Syllabus (2022 Pattern)

Mapping of Program Outcomes with Course Outcomes

Class: M.A./MS.c Geography I **Subject:** Geography

Course: Principles of Climatology **Course Code:** PAGG112

Weightage: 1= Weak or low relation, 2= Moderate or partial relation, 3= Strong or direct relation

Program Outcomes (POs)								
Course Outcomes	PO 1	PO 2	PO 3	PO 4	PO 5	PO 6	PO 7	PO 8
CO 1				2			2	
CO 2							3	
CO 3							2	2
CO 4				3				
CO 5							3	
CO 6				2			2	
CO 7					2			

Justification for the mapping

PO4: Disciplinary Knowledge:

CO1- Comprehensive understanding of climatology concepts is highly useful for disciplinary knowledge across a range of fields. It informs decision-making processes, guides sustainable practices, and contributes to addressing the complex challenges associated with climate variability and change.

CO4- Comprehensive understanding of the composition and layers of the atmosphere is essential for various disciplines. It forms the basis for studying weather patterns, climate dynamics, environmental interactions, space exploration, and more, contributing to a holistic understanding of Earth's atmospheric system.

CO6- Knowledge of global wind circulation and wind patterns is a cornerstone for various scientific disciplines. It provides insights into atmospheric dynamics, climate variability, and the interconnectedness of Earth's systems, contributing to advancements in weather forecasting, climate science, environmental management, and the sustainable use of natural resources.

PO5: Personal and professional competence:

CO7- Identifying the ideal source regions of air masses and understanding the weather conditions associated with fronts is essential for critical thinking and problem-solving in meteorology and related disciplines. This knowledge informs weather forecasting, emergency response planning, infrastructure design, and various aspects of environmental management, contributing to informed decision-making and the development of effective solutions to weather-related challenges.

PO7: Environment and Sustainability:

CO1- A deep understanding of climatology concepts is essential for critical thinking and problem-solving in diverse fields. It enables individuals to analyze complex environmental challenges, evaluate scientific information, and develop practical solutions to address the impacts of climate variability and change.

CO2-Comprehending the Earth's evolution, particularly the changes in its atmosphere, is a cornerstone for critical thinking and problem-solving in addressing contemporary global challenges, encouraging sustainable practices, and fostering advancements across multiple disciplines.

CO3-The laws of radiation and solar radiation's interaction with the atmosphere is fundamental for critical thinking and problem-solving across various fields, from climate science and renewable energy to urban planning, agriculture, health, and beyond. It forms the basis for addressing challenges and creating innovative solutions in a wide array of disciplines.

CO5-Understanding the factors affecting solar radiation distribution empowers critical thinkers to address challenges related to energy, climate, agriculture, construction, and policy-making by considering these influences and devising innovative solutions.

CO6- Comprehending global wind circulation and wind patterns empowers critical thinkers to address challenges in weather prediction, climate modeling, renewable energy, aviation, agriculture, disaster management, urban planning, and various other fields. It provides a foundation for problem-solving and innovation by leveraging the insights derived from these wind dynamics.

PO7: Critical thinking and problem solving:

CO3- The laws of radiation and how solar radiation interacts with the atmosphere, critical thinkers can address challenges related to climate change, renewable energy, weather forecasting, environmental impact, health, technology, and design. It serves as a foundation for problem-solving and innovation in diverse fields, facilitating the development of sustainable solutions and informed decision-making.

M.A./M.Sc Geography, Syllabus for Semester I

Subject: Principles of Economic Geography

Subject Code: PAGG113 **No. of Credits:** 04

Course Objectives:

1. To make students well aware of the basic concepts of economic geography.
2. To understand theories related to economic geography.
3. To acquaint the knowledge of types labours.
4. To understand economic sector available in India.
5. To recognize factors affecting location of industries.
6. To study major types of industries in India.
7. To understand the types and factors affecting agriculture and recognize the problems of Indian agriculture.

Course Outcomes:

After the completion of the course, Students will be able to understand the current issues in Human geography. Specifically Human geography focused on population and agriculture.

1. Demonstrate an understanding of the asset, cost, benefit, analysis, tax, policy, impacts and other economic aspects.
2. Understand the demand of population and availability of raw material.
3. Aware about the labor types, cost, importance and role also in industrial zone.
4. Understand the value of land it proper use.
5. Aware about factors affecting on transport and role of transport in economy of the nation.
6. Recognize factors affecting location of industries.
7. Identify major types of industries in India.

Semester I

PAGG 113: Principles of Economic Geography

No. of Credits: 04 No. of Periods: 60

Topic No.	Topic	Sub topics	No. of Periods
1	Introduction to Economic Geography	i. Definition, nature and scope ii. Approaches :traditional and modern iii. Recent trends in Economic Geography	06
2	Economic Activities	i. Definition and classification of economic activities ii. Factors of location of economic activities: physical, social, economic and technical iii. Location of economic activities: Weber's and Von Thunen's model	10
3	Resources	i. Definition and classification of resources ii. Significance of natural and human resources in economic development iii. Importance of non-conventional energy resources for sustainable development	08

4	Economic Development	i. Definition and concept of economic development ii. Measures of economic development iii. Classification of countries on the basis of economic development iv. Rostow's and Myrdal's model	08
5	Transport and Communication	i. Various modes of transport ii. Geographical factors and transportation iii. Various means of communication iv. Role of transport and communication in economy	06
6	Trade	i. Definition and types of trade ii. Factors affecting on international trade iii. Problems and prospects of international trade with reference to India iv. E-commerce	06
7	Economic Development in India	i. Pre-and post-independence economic development in India ii. Green revolution in India iii. Need of new green revolution in India iv. Regional disparities in India v. Impact of globalization and privatization on economic development	06
8	Contemporary Issues	i. Regional disparities in Maharashtra ii. Role of IT industry in economic development in Maharashtra iii. A case study of one local agro-based industry: Economic analysis, problems and prospects (Sugar factory/ winery/ agro-tourist center etc.)	10

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- **Alexander, J.W. (1977):** Economic Geography, Prentice Hall of India Pvt. Ltd.,New.
- **Chorley, R.J. and Haggett, P. (1970):** Socio Economic Models in Geography, Concept publishing Company Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi.
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Mapping of Program Outcomes with Course Outcomes

Class: M.A./M.Sc. Geography I **Subject:** Geography

Course: Principles of Economic Geography **Course Code:** PAGG113

Weightage: 1= Weak or low relation, 2= Moderate or partial relation, 3= Strong or direct relation

Program Outcomes (POs)								
Course Outcomes	PO 1	PO 2	PO 3	PO 4	PO 5	PO 6	PO 7	PO 8
CO 1				2	3			
CO 2		2						
CO 3		2	3					
CO 4						2		
CO 5			3					
CO 6							2	
CO 7				2				

Justification for the mapping

PO 2: Effective Citizenship and Ethics:

CO2- By understanding the demand of the population and the availability of raw materials, individuals can actively participate in ethical decision-making, advocate for sustainable practices, and contribute to a more equitable and environmentally responsible society. It fosters a sense of global citizenship, encouraging actions that prioritize the well-being of both current and future generations.

CO3- Being aware of these factors and advocating for fair labor practices is part of effective citizenship. Citizens can contribute to ethical industrial practices by supporting companies that prioritize fair labor conditions, promoting transparency, and advocating for policies that protect workers' rights. Additionally, participating in discussions about labor practices and staying informed about industry standards can contribute to a more ethical and responsible industrial landscape.

PO 3: Social competence and communication skills:

CO3- Being aware of labor-related aspects in industrial zones enhances social competence by promoting empathy, cultural awareness, and collaboration. It also improves communication skills.an understanding of labor dynamics in industrial zones enhances social competence by fostering effective communication, promoting collaboration, and encouraging advocacy for ethical practices. These skills are valuable in a professional context and contribute to building strong relationships within and beyond the workplace.

CO5- A well-developed and efficient transportation system is integral to a nation's economic prosperity, and it also plays a crucial role in enhancing social competence and communication skills by connecting people and facilitating the exchange of ideas and resources.

PO 4: Disciplinary Knowledge:

CO1-Understanding these economic aspects in transportation is critical for making informed decisions, ensuring sustainable development, and addressing societal needs. It also highlights the interconnected nature of disciplines and the importance of a holistic approach to solving transportation challenges.

Co7- By delving into the specifics of these industries, scholars, students, and professionals can gain a holistic view of India's economy, its global connections, and the intricate dynamics shaping various sectors.

PO5: Personal and professional competence:

CO1- Competence in these economic aspects empowers individuals to make informed decisions, adapt to changes, manage resources effectively, and navigate both personal and professional landscapes with greater confidence and success.

PO6: Self-directed and Life-long Course:

CO4- Course about the value of land and its proper use enables individuals to make informed decisions about investments, lifestyle choices, environmental conservation efforts, and community development. It fosters a deeper understanding of the intersection between economics, ecology, and human activities, empowering self-directed learners to engage with their surroundings more meaningfully and sustainably.

PO7: Environment and Sustainability:

CO6- By comprehending these factors, policymakers, urban planners, and industry stakeholders can make informed decisions that promote industrial locations and practices aligned with environmental sustainability goals. This includes encouraging the adoption of cleaner technologies, promoting resource efficiency, reducing pollution, and minimizing the ecological footprint of industrial activities.

M.A./M.Sc Geography, Syllabus for Semester I

Subject: Principles of population and settlement geography

Subject Code: PAGG 114 **No. of Credits:** 04

Course Objectives:

1. To acquaint the students with various dimensions of population geography, and its challenges.
2. To notify the students about different structures and characteristics of population.
3. To make the students aware of the need and importance of population and policies.
4. This course gives an idea to collect the population data.
5. To aware knowledge about distribution of population in different region.
6. To aware knowledge about various types and structure of settlement.
7. To give information about growth and population density of different region of the world.

Course Outcomes:

After the completion of the course, Students will be able to understand the current issues in Human geography. Specifically Human geography focused on population and agriculture.

1. Aware the basic principles and concepts in population geography.
2. Apply demographic concepts and population theories to explain past and present population characteristics.
3. Evaluate the use of demographic concepts and population theories to understand contemporary socio-economic issues and current affairs.
4. Realize the world-wide distribution of population.
5. Knows the various theories in population geography.
6. Recognize factors affecting on settlement and population distribution.
7. Identify major types and pattern of settlements.

Semester I

PAGG 114: Principles of Population and Settlements Geography

No. of Credits: 04 **No. of Periods: 60**

Topic No.	Topic	Sub topics	No. of Periods
1	Introduction to Population and Settlement Geography	i. Definition, Nature and scope of Population Geography ii. Development of Population Geography as discipline iii. Approaches to the study of population Geography iv. Definition, subject matter and scope v. Development of Settlement Geography vi. vi. Approaches: genetic, spatial and ecological	08
2	Population Distribution	i. Population distribution and factors affecting distribution of population ii. Density : definition and types iii. Factors affecting density of population iv. Population density in India v. Urbanization: definition and stages vi. Trend and level of urbanization in India	08
3	Population Growth and trend	i. Concept of population growth ii. Component of population growth (Fertility, Mortality, and Migration) iii. Theory of Demographic Transition iv. Malthus Theory v. Population growth and trend in India vi. Migration: concept of migrant and migration, immigration and emigration	08

4	Population Structure and Characteristics	i. Age and sex structure ii. Concept of aging of populations, iii. Dependency ratio iv. Sex Ratio: definition and affecting factor of sex ratio v. Sex ration in India vi. Population Composition: religious, linguistics, ethnic, marital and educational vii. Literacy: definition and measures of literacy viii. Literacy in India	06
5	Fertility and Mortality	i. Concepts: fertility, fecundity, sterility, cohort ii. Crude birth rate, Total fertility rate iii. Concept of baby boom iv. Concepts: mortality and morbidity v. Death rate and its measures vi. Level and trends of mortality in India	06
6	Human Settlement	i. Classification: urban and rural ii. Rural-urban dichotomy iii. Site and situation aspect in settlement iv. Types: compact, semi-compact, hamlet and dispersed v. Patterns of settlement	08
7	Rural Settlements	i. Definition, classification of villages ii. Size and spacing of villages iii. Nearest neighbour analysis iv. Concepts of dispersion and nucleation v. Factors affecting dispersion and nucleation	08
8	Urban Settlements	i. Concept: urban place, urban agglomeration, urban sprawl ii. Urban settlement hierarchy iii. Urban-rural fringe iv. Rank-size rule v. Central Business District(CBD)	08

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Choice Based Credit System Syllabus (2022 Pattern)

Mapping of Program Outcomes with Course Outcomes

Class: M.A./M.Sc. Geography I **Subject:** Geography

Course: Principles of population and settlement Geography **Course Code:** PAGG114

Weightage: 1= Weak or low relation, 2= Moderate or partial relation, 3= Strong or direct relation

Program Outcomes (POs)								
Course Outcomes	PO 1	PO 2	PO 3	PO 4	PO 5	PO 6	PO 7	PO 8
CO 1				2				
CO 2					3			
CO 3			3					
CO 4					2			
CO 5						2		
CO 6			3					
CO 7						2		

Justification for the mapping

PO3: Social competence and communication skill:

CO3- A strong foundation in demographic concepts and population theories enhances social competence by providing a deeper understanding of societal issues, fostering better communication skills across diverse audiences, and enabling more informed and empathetic engagement with contemporary socio-economic challenges.

CO6- Understanding these factors, individuals can engage in more informed and empathetic discussions, communicate effectively about social, economic, and environmental issues related to settlement patterns, and contribute meaningfully to discussions on urban development, community empowerment, and equitable resource distribution.

PO4: Disciplinary Knowledge:

CO1- By grasping these basic principles and concepts in population geography, scholars, researchers, policymakers, and students gain a comprehensive understanding of how human populations are distributed, how they evolve over time, and how these patterns shape societies, economies, and the environment. This interdisciplinary knowledge aids in addressing societal challenges, planning for sustainable development, and formulating effective policies to meet the needs of diverse populations.

PO5: Personal and professional competence:

CO2- By applying demographic concepts and population theories to explain past and present population characteristics, individuals gain insights that empower them to make informed decisions, predict trends, understand societal changes, and develop strategies that align with demographic realities in both personal and professional spheres.

CO4- Understanding the worldwide distribution of population is invaluable for personal growth, professional development, decision-making, and fostering a more globally aware and culturally sensitive approach to various aspects of life and work.

PO6: Self-directed and Life-long Course:

CO5-Course various theories in population geography fosters a range of skills and attributes that are valuable for self-directed and lifelong Course. It promotes critical thinking, interdisciplinary understanding, problem-solving, adaptability, and continual engagement with knowledge, enhancing personal and professional growth.

CO7- Comprehending the major types and patterns of settlements enriches self-directed and lifelong Course by providing a multifaceted understanding of historical, cultural, geographical, social, and environmental aspects. It encourages a deeper exploration of societal dynamics and contributes to personal and professional growth.

M.A. /M.Sc. Geography, Syllabus for Semester I

Subject: Practical in physical Geography

Subject Code: PAGG 115 **No. of Credits:** 04

Course Objectives:

1. Develop a comprehensive understanding of the Earth's physical features, including landforms, climate, vegetation, and natural resources.
2. Gain insights into the processes that govern weather and climate patterns.
3. To make the students aware of the need and importance of drainage network.
4. To aware knowledge about the various relief features.
5. To aware knowledge about various methods are used in to develop drainage network.
6. To aware knowledge about atmospheric circulation, precipitation, and temperature variations.
7. Develop proficiency in reading and interpreting various types of relief analysis.

Course Outcomes:

After the completion of the course, Students will be able to understand the current issues in Human geography. Specifically Human geography focused on population and agriculture.

1. Aware the basic concept of drainage basin and its classification.
2. Students will conduct weather and climate observations in the field.
3. Student will classify the climate by various method.
4. Realize the world-wide distribution of climate and drainage network.
5. Knows the various types of drainage in worldwide distribution.
6. Recognize factors affecting on drainage network.
7. Identify major types and pattern of drainage basin.

Semester I

PAGG 115 : Practical in Physical Geography

No. of Credits: 04 **No. of Periods: 60**

Topic No.	Topic	Sub topics	Periods
		A Geomorphology	
1	Drainage Network	Stream ordering and Bifurcation ratio i. Strahler'smethod ii. Horton'smethod	15
2	Drainage Basin Relief Analysis	Relief analysis (for a 3 to 5 order drainage basin; based on grid method) i. Absolute reliefmap ii. Relative reliefmap iii. Hypsometricanalysis iv. Basin crossprofiles v. Block diagram (multiplesection)	15
		B Climatology	
3	Climatic Element Diagrams	i. Climatograph ii. Climograph iii. Simple windrose iv. Hythergraph v. WaterBudget	20
4	Climatic Classification	i. Koppen'sclassification	10

Reference Books:

- **Ashis Sarkar (2015):** Practical Geography, A Systematic Approach, Orient BlackSwan

Choice Based Credit System Syllabus (2022 Pattern)

Mapping of Program Outcomes with Course Outcomes

Class: M.A./ M.Sc. Geography I **Subject:** Geography

Course: Practical in physical Geography **Course Code:** PAGG-115

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Program Outcomes (POs)								
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CO 2						3		
CO 3				3		2		
CO 4			2					
CO 5				2				
CO 6			2	2				
CO 7						2		

Justification for the mapping

PO3: Social competence and communication skill:

CO4- knowledge about the worldwide distribution of climate and drainage networks enhances social competence by fostering empathy, improving communication skills across diverse groups, and enabling informed discussions and collaborations on global environmental issues.

CO6- Awareness of the factors influencing drainage networks contributes to social competence and communication skills by empowering individuals to engage in informed discussions, advocate for sustainable practices, collaborate effectively with communities, and address environmental challenges in a holistic manner.

PO4: Disciplinary Knowledge:

CO1- Understanding of the basic concept and classification of drainage basins is essential across disciplines. It forms the foundation for studying landscapes, managing water resources, preserving ecosystems, planning infrastructure, and formulating policies that ensure sustainable development and environmental conservation.

CO3- Climate classification is a fundamental tool that provides a framework forunderstanding, studying, and making informed decisions across various disciplines. It serves as a basis for research, planning, and implementing strategies that consider the diverse environmental conditions experienced across the globe.

CO5- Awareness of the various types of drainage systems is invaluable across disciplines. It contributes to understanding landscape formation, managing water resources, planning infrastructure, assessing environmental impacts, and making informed decisions in diverse fields that interact with the natural environment.

CO6- knowledge of the factors affecting drainage networks is fundamental across disciplines. It facilitates understanding landscape processes, predicting water flow, managing natural resources, planning infrastructure sustainably, assessing environmental impacts, and making informed decisions related to land use and water management.

PO6: Self-directed and Life-long Course:

CO2- Conducting weather and climate observations in the field is a powerful tool for self-directed and lifelong Course. It empowers students to explore, think critically, develop skills, and foster a genuine interest in understanding the natural world.

CO3- Course about climate classification methods promotes self-directed and lifelong Course by nurturing critical thinking, data interpretation skills, environmental awareness, interdisciplinary connections, and a passion for exploring and understanding the complexities of climates worldwide.

CO7- exploring the major types and patterns of drainage basins promotes self-directed and lifelong Course by fostering critical thinking, interdisciplinary connections, spatial visualization skills, problem-solving abilities, and an enduring curiosity to understand the complex geological processes shaping our world.

M.A./M.Sc. Geography, Syllabus for Semester I

Subject: Practical in Human Geography

Subject Code: PAGG 116 **No. of Credits:** 04

Course Objectives:

1. To enable the students to use various techniques of calculating rates.
2. To acquaint the students with crop combination methods.
3. To familiar the students' different theories related to huma geography.
4. To make awareness about dependency ratio and growth of population.
5. To intimate gender scenario of different countries.
6. To make knowledge about future population and age structure of different countries.
7. To make knowledge about nucleation and dispersion of settlement.

Course Outcomes:

After the completion of the course, Students will be able to understand the current issues in Human geography. Specifically Human geography focused on population and agriculture.

1. Students can understand calculation techniques of growth rates.
2. Student can able to calculate rates and apply to various state of India.
3. Study in crop combination to give knowledge of society.
4. Students can able to apply various theories in human geography to their society.
5. Students understood the dynamics of population and its role in population policies
6. Student can understand about population structure and characteristics of different countries.
7. Student can understand population growth of different countries, they can also predict future population setting of the country.

Semester -I

PAGG-116 Practical in Human Geography

No. of credits: 04 **No. of Lectures: 60**

Topic No.	Topic Name	Lectures
	A Economic Geography	
1	Crop Combination and Crop Diversification 1.1)Weaver's method 1.2)Jasbir Singh	20
2	Measures of Network Structure 2.1)Ratio measure 2.2) Alpha, beta, gamma, etc. 2.3)Associated number, cyclomatric number	10
	B Population and Settlement Geography	
3	Population Indices and Projection 3.1) Age-sex pyramid 3.2) Infant mortality rate 3.3) Population growth rate 3.4) Population projection	10
4	Measures of Nucleation and Dispersion 4.1) Rank size rule 4.2) Nearest neighbour analysis 4.3) Calculation of centrality	15
5	Field Visit and Report Writing One day study tour or long tour of geographical interest places anywhere in the country and excursion report	05

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Course: Practical in Human Geography **Course Code:** PAGG-116

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Justification for the mapping

PO3: Social competence and communication skill:

CO1- proficiency in growth rate calculations goes beyond numerical skills; it cultivates the ability to comprehend, analyze, and communicate data effectively. This skill set enhances social competence by enabling individuals to engage in informed discussions, advocate for evidence-based decisions, and contribute meaningfully to various societal and interdisciplinary conversations.

CO3- By studying crop combinations, individuals develop a holistic understanding of the interplay between agriculture, society, economy, and the environment. This knowledge enhances social competence by fostering empathy, promoting informed discussions, and enabling effective communication on issues related to agriculture, food systems, and societal well-being.

CO4-Applying theories from human geography to society enhances social competence by fostering critical analysis, interdisciplinary understanding, cultural sensitivity, effective communication, a global perspective, community engagement, problem-solving abilities, and empathy. These skills are invaluable in navigating and contributing to a complex and diverse society.

CO6- Understanding population structure and characteristics across different countries enhances social competence by promoting cultural sensitivity, global perspective, effective communication, empathy, analytical skills, community engagement, informed decision-making, and active participation in societal issues. These skills are crucial for fostering inclusive and respectful interactions in diverse communities and global settings.

CO7- Understanding and predicting population growth in different countries enhance social competence by promoting cultural sensitivity, global awareness, effective communication, critical thinking, community engagement, informed decision-making, and fostering empathy and social responsibility. These skills are crucial for engaging constructively in discussions and addressing societal challenges in an increasingly diverse and dynamic world.

PO4: Disciplinary Knowledge:

CO1- Understanding growth rate calculations provides a foundational skill set applicable across various disciplines. It enables individuals to analyze trends, make informed decisions, and contribute meaningfully to fields that rely on data interpretation, forecasting, and planning.

CO5- By comprehending population dynamics and their role in shaping policies, individuals gain a multidisciplinary understanding that spans various fields. This knowledge allows for informed decision-making, strategic planning, and the development of effective policies that cater to the evolving needs of societies, economies, and environments.

PO5: Personal and professional competence:

CO5-Understanding population dynamics enhances personal and professional competence by enabling informed decision-making, fostering adaptability, strengthening leadership skills, promoting cultural competence, enhancing problem-solving abilities, guiding ethical considerations, and fostering a mindset of continuous Course and adaptation. These competencies are invaluable across various professions and contribute to personal growth and professional success.

PO6: Self-directed and Life-long Course:

CO2- The ability to calculate rates and apply them to various states in India fosters self-directed and lifelong Course by promoting data analysis skills, regional understanding, research exploration, statistical proficiency, critical thinking, policy awareness, interdisciplinary Course, and a global outlook. These skills are instrumental in navigating and understanding the complexities of a diverse and dynamic society.

CO4- Applying theories in human geography to understand society promotes self-directed and lifelong Course by fostering critical analysis, interdisciplinary understanding, cultural sensitivity, research exploration, problem-solving skills, personal reflection, communication abilities, and a commitment to continuous Course. These skills are vital for navigating a complex and diverse world and contributing meaningfully to society.

CO7- Understanding population growth and predicting future settings facilitates self-directed and lifelong Course by promoting data analysis skills, understanding demographic trends, fostering research exploration, applying statistical techniques, critical thinking, policy awareness, global perspectives, and personal decision-making based on anticipated demographic changes. These skills are crucial for navigating a rapidly changing world and making informed choices across various facets of life.