

ECONOMICS COURSES IN INDIAN UNIVERSITIES

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THIS paper is an attempt to study the structure and content of the Economics Courses adopted in the Indian Universities. It includes a note on internal assessment and grading of standards, as the examination system helps to indicate standards expected from students. The study is based on information relating to M.A. and B.A. courses of 30 universities and Pre-Degree or Pre-University courses of 23 universities. Though the universities studied here number less than half the total number of universities in India, they are quite representative in the sense that they cover all the states and consist of old and new ones.

1. Number of Papers

(a) P.D. or P.U.C.

Most of the universities have prescribed either three or four papers as optionals in different subjects of which Economics can be chosen as one subject. Banaras, Kerala, Kurukshetra, Osmania and Patna Universities provide an optional group of two papers in Economics. Other universities have prescribed one paper for Economics, except the Calcutta University which has prescribed 'Economics and Civics' as a single paper. The following table sums up the position.

Table 1 : UNIVERSITIES CLASSIFIED BY NUMBER OF PAPERS FOR P.D. OR P.U.C.

<i>No. of papers</i>	<i>No. of universities</i>
2	5
1	17
Half	1

(b) B.A.

Of the 30 universities, six universities, viz., Bombay, Osmania, Poona, Shivaji, S.N.D.T. and Venkateswara, provide two courses in