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**As Per NEP 2020**

**Tolani College of  
Commerce  
(Autonomous)**



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**Title of the Course: Introduction to Financial Markets**

**Programme: B. Com (Financial Markets)  
Semester I**

**Syllabus for 4 Credits**

**From the Academic Year: 2024-2025**

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Sr. No.	Heading	Particulars
1	<b>Description of the Course :</b>	This course is aimed at the study of fundamentals of financial markets and financial instruments, the features of modern financial markets, financial instruments, regulatory agencies, and their roles in the financial markets.
2	<b>Vertical :</b>	Major
3	<b>Type :</b>	Theory
4	<b>Credit:</b>	4 credits
5	<b>Hours Allotted :</b>	60 Hours
6	<b>Marks Allotted:</b>	100 Marks Continuous Evaluation: 40 Marks Semester- End : 60 Marks
7	<b>Course Objectives:</b> The objective of this course is to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. develop a comprehensive understanding of the Indian financial system including its structure, participants, and functions.</li> <li>2. familiarize learners with the various financial markets in India such as money market and capital market.</li> <li>3. help learners understand the evolution and functions of equity and debt markets.</li> <li>4. acquaint the learners with different types of commodities, and foreign exchange markets.</li> </ol>	
8	<b>Course Outcomes:</b> After successful completion of this course a learner will be in a position to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. demonstrate a thorough understanding of the structure, participant and functions of Indian Financial System.</li> <li>2. describe the different types of financial markets.</li> <li>3. comprehend the functions of equity and debt markets.</li> <li>4. differentiate between different types of markets players and motivated to become more financially included by participating in financial markets.</li> </ol>	

9	<b>Modules:</b>
	<b>Module 1: Overview of the Financial Markets (15 Hours)</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Financial Markets:</b> Definition, functions, and types.</li> <li>● <b>Role of Financial Markets:</b> Allocation of capital, Risk management, Price discovery, Facilitating economic transactions, Mobilising savings, corporate governance and accountability.</li> <li>● <b>Recent Trends in Financial Markets:</b> Digitization of the financial markets, Rise of algorithmic trading, Integration of blockchain technology in financial transactions and emergence of fintech startups.</li> </ul>
	<b>Module 2: Indian Money Market and Capital Market (15 Hours)</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Indian Money Market:</b> Meaning, Features, Functions, Importance, Participants, and Money Market Instruments.</li> <li>● <b>Indian Capital Market:</b> Meaning, Features, Functions, Importance, Participants, and Instruments.</li> <li>● <b>Recent Trends in Money and Capital Market:</b> Money market- Growth of digital payment systems, Expansion of short-term debt instruments -Capital market- Rise of retail participation, and Emergence of specialized investment vehicles (Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) and Infrastructure Investment Trusts (InvITs).</li> </ul>
	<b>Module 3: Equity Market and Debt Market (15 Hours)</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Equity Market:</b> Evolution of Equity Market in India, Primary Activities – Initial Public Offer (IPO), Application Supported by Blocked Amount (ASBA), Green Shoe option, Sweat equity, ESOP, Right Shares, and Bonus Shares.</li> <li>● <b>Debt Market:</b> Evolution of Debt Market in India, Structure of Debt Market, Market Participants, and Types of Debt Markets.</li> <li>● <b>Recent Trends in Equity and Debt Market:</b> Equity market- Growth of thematic investment (ETFs), Increase in Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) investing-Debt market- Interest rate fluctuations, Rise of green bonds and sustainable finance.</li> </ul>
	<b>Module 4: Commodity and Foreign Exchange Markets (15 Hours)</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Commodities Market:</b> Meaning, Evolution, Structure, Participants, Types of commodities traded.</li> <li>● <b>Foreign Exchange Market:</b> Meaning, Evolution, Structure and Types of FOREX.</li> <li>● <b>Recent trends in Commodity and Foreign Exchange Markets:</b> Commodity markets: Rise of renewable energy commodities and technological innovation in agricultural commodities, Win 12, Economic data releases : unemployment claims and rates. Foreign Exchange Market: Impact of Central Bank Policies on FOREX market and growth of algorithmic trading in FOREX.</li> </ul>

**10****References :**

1. Anil Agashe, Financial Services, Markets and Regulations, Himalaya Publishing House, 2010.
2. Bhole L. M., Financial Institutions & Markets, McGraw Hill, 6<sup>th</sup> edition, 2017.
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6. M. Y. Khan, Indian Financial System, Tata McGraw Hill, 11<sup>th</sup> edition, 2019.
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**11****Internal Continuous Assessment: 40%****Semester End Examination : 60%****12****Continuous Evaluation through:**

Component	Total Marks
1) Assignment/Case Studies	15 Marks
2) Presentation/ /Project	15 Marks
3) MCQ Questions	10 Marks
<b>Total</b>	<b>40 Marks</b>

*Note: Learner must be Present in all the three exam components of Continuous Evaluation.*

**13****Format of Question Paper:****Question Paper Pattern for Semester End Examination (SEE)****Maximum Marks: 60****Duration:2 Hours**

Q. No.	Particular	Marks
<b>Q-1</b>	<b>Attempt any TWO the following:</b> (Module 1) A. Full Length Question B. Full Length Question C. Full Length Question	<b>15 Marks</b>
<b>Q-2</b>	<b>Attempt any TWO the following:</b> (Module 2) A. Full Length Question B. Full Length Question C. Full Length Question	<b>15 Marks</b>
<b>Q-3</b>	<b>Attempt any TWO the following:</b> (Module 3) A. Full Length Question B. Full Length Question C. Full Length Question	<b>15 Marks</b>

	<b>Q-4</b>	<b>Attempt any TWO the following:</b> (Module 4) A. Full Length Question B. Full Length Question C. Full Length Question	<b>15 Marks</b>
	Note : Two Sub-questions of 7.5 Marks each can be of 10 /5 marks or one full length question of 15 Marks		

### Signatures of Team Members

<b>Sr.No</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Signature</b>
<b>1.</b>	Dr. Sadhana Venkatesh	
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