



SARDAR PATEL UNIVERSITY
Vallabh Vidyanagar, Gujarat
(Reaccredited with 'A' Grade by NAAC (CGPA 3.11))
Syllabus as per NEP 2020 with effect from the Academic
Year 2025-2026

Bachelor of Commerce (B.Com.)
'Semester - III

Course Code	UB03IKCOM10	Title of the Course
Total Credits of the Course	02	Kautilya's Arthashastra

Course Objectives / Purpose:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• This course will introduce the students to Kautilya's thoughts.• It will introduce them to various thoughts of Kautilya's Trade and commerce.• Students understand the Kautilya as an Economist and relevance of Kautilya's Arthashastra.• Students understand the Kautilya's ideology.
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Course outline		
Unit	Course Description	Weightage*
1.	Kautilya's Arthashastra: An overview 1.1 Introduction of Kautilya's Arthashastra 1.2 Economic thoughts of Kautilya 1.3 Seven departments of governments 1.4 Functions and duties of the state 1.5 Governance system of the state 1.6 Trade and Commerce 1.7 Relevance of Kautilya's Arthashastra 1.8 Kautilya as an Economist	50%
2.	Kautilya's Ideology: Agricultural and Trade (A) Agriculture in Context with Kautilya 1.1 Current status of Agriculture in India (B) Domestic Trade 1.2 Introduction of Trade Routes and Domestic Trade 1.3 Merits of Economic Activities 1.4 Protections of Merchants (C) Foreign Trade 1.5 Trade as Revenue Generator 1.6 Imports and Exports of Goods.	50%

* Units will have the same weightage in the evaluation as suggested in the course outline

Teaching-Learning Environment	The course would be taught/learnt through various means like lectures, discussions, writing assignments, viva-voce.
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Evaluation Pattern		
Sr. No.	Details of the Evaluation	Weightage
1.	Internal Written	25%
2.	Internal Continuous Assessment in the form of Practical, Quizes, Assignments, Attendance, Participation in co-curricular and extra-curricular activities	25%
3.	University Examination	50%

Note: Students will have to score a minimum of 30 (Thirty) percent to pass the course.

Course Outcomes: Having completed this course, student should be able to:	
1.	The course will enable the students to understand the Kautilya's economic thinking.
2.	Students understand the Kautilya's Ideology in terms of Agriculture and Trade
3.	Student also understand Domestic Trade
4.	Student also understand Trade as Revenue.

Suggested References: (include reference material from where a student is expected to study the said content in APA style)	
Sr. No.	Reference Books / Research papers / Reports / Any reference material used for teaching / learning the content in the course outline
1	Kautilya's Artha shastra - Jaico Publishing House, Mumbai (2021) English Version.
2	Kautilya's Artha shastra - Jaico Publishing House, Mumbai (2013) Gujarati Version.
3	Kautilya Artha shastram, Narmada Parghi-Parshva Publication, Ahmedabad.
4	Kautilya Artha shastram, Parts - 1, 2, 3, Original Sanskrit Text, Jaisukharaya Purushottamaraya Joshipura Editor Gautam Patel.
5	L. N. Rangrajan, Kautilya: The Artha shastra (Penguin India – 1992).
6	Usha Mehta & Usha Thakkar, 1980: Kautilya and his Artha shastra.