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# **ANNEXURES**

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Project Proposal No. \_\_\_\_\_

(To be assigned by the School)



**School of Social Sciences**  
**INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY**  
**Proforma for Approval of Project Proposal (MECP-101)**

Enrolment No. \_\_\_\_\_

Study Centre Code \_\_\_\_\_

Regional Centre Code \_\_\_\_\_

Name of the Student : \_\_\_\_\_

Address of the Student : \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address and Phone No. : \_\_\_\_\_

Title of the Project : \_\_\_\_\_

Name of the Guide : \_\_\_\_\_

Is the Guide an Academic Counsellor of M A Economics Programme of IGNOU? Yes/No

If Yes, Name and Code of Study Centre : \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Students currently working: under the supervision for MECP-101 \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Student

Signature of Guide

Date:

Date:

Please do not forget to enclose the Project Proposal and signed Bio-data of the guide

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Proposal	Guide
Approved	Approved
Not Approved	Not Approved

(SIGNATURE OF ECONOMICS FACULTY)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments of the Faculty if the proposal is not approved:

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Programme Code : 

MEC
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Course Code : 

MECP-101
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Enrolment No : 

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Study Centre Code : 

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Regional Centre : .....

**TOPIC OF THE PROJECT WORK**

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Project Work submitted to the Indira Gandhi National Open University in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the award of the Degree – Master of Arts (Economics). I hereby declare that this work has been done by me and has not been submitted elsewhere.

Signature of the Candidate .....

Name of the Candidate .....

Address, if any .....

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Year .....

## CERTIFICATE

Certified that the Project Work entitled (Topic of the Project) .....  
submitted by (Name of the Candidate) .....  
is his/her own work and has been done/redone in the light of evaluator's comments under my  
supervision.

It is recommended that this Project be placed before the examiner for evaluation.

**(Signature of the Supervisor)**

Name .....

Address .....

Study Centre: .....

Regional Centre: .....

Date: .....

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# **Project Guide**

## **For**

### **Project Work for Master of Arts**

#### **(Economics) Programme**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

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As mentioned in the Programme Guide of MA Economics Programme, you have the option to undertake the project work as an optional course MECP-101. In case you opt the project work, you will be required to submit the Project Report to the University.

This guide has been prepared to help you in doing a Project work by familiarizing you with its various aspects. Go through the guide before you begin work on the Project. This Project Guide has three parts. The first part provides general information about the project work; the second part details the different stages of the Project Work; and the third part consists of annexures which shall be used at different stages of the Project work.

## **PART 1 – GENERAL INFORMATION**

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Project work is an application oriented academic activity and aims to sharpen your theoretical and quantitative skills through their application in the light of theoretical knowledge gained while pursuing the various courses of MA Economics particularly MEC-001, MEC-002, MEC-003, and MEC-109. The project work will enable you to analyse the various economic events and situations observed in real life. In short, **it is a way of applying the knowledge gained through the various courses to the issues and concerns of day to day events in the economy.**

This Project Work is of six credits and you are expected to spend about 180 hours of total work in completing the Project work. We would prefer to receive a **typed and bound copy of your Project Report**. The length of your Project Report may be between 15000-20000 words (50-60 pages). Keep this in mind while choosing the Project theme. The idea is that you should be able to say all that you want to say within these words limit. **You are free to write your Project Report in English or in Hindi language.**

### **1.1 SUBMISSION OF PROJECT PROPOSAL**

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After you opt for project work, you are expected to submit hard copy in the typed form of the project proposal along with project proposal form (Annexure 'A' of this manual) on the following address:

<p><b>Course Coordinator</b> <b>MECP-101 Course</b> <b>M.A. Economics Programme</b> <b>Block 'F'</b> <b>School of Social Sciences</b> <b>IGNOU, Maidan Garhi</b> <b>New Delhi – 110068</b></p>
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## **PART 2 STAGES OF PROJECT WORK**

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### **2.1 FORMULATION OF THE PROJECT PROPOSAL**

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After successful completion of the various compulsory courses of MA Economics Programme, a question may arise in your mind whether the utility of various courses pursued so far is confined to obtain MA degree or are they relevant in real life situation to understand and analyse the functioning of economy and behavior of various economic agents like consumer, firm, entrepreneur, labourer etc. Project work provides you an opportunity to understand and apply your theoretical knowledge and quantitative skills to analyse an economic event or phenomenon observed in your day to day life.

As we have said earlier, your project proposal must include the following:

- i) The title of the proposed project,
- ii) A clear statement of the problem(s) to be examined,
- iii) Objectives of the proposed study,
- iv) Research Questions to be raised,
- v) The kind of data/information to be used,
- vi) Research Methodology, and
- vii) Expected outcome.

Let us spell out details of these points:

#### **1) Identification of the theme of the Project and formulation of the problem**

For project work, you may take up such issues which you think interesting to explain with the help of economic theories and statistical techniques. For instance, if you are living in rural area, you might have observed – many workers migrate from your (rural) area to some urban areas. Questions in this regard may arise in your mind: why do they migrate? Whether migration does help them to improve their economic condition? How does migration affect the education of their children and their families? Similarly, you might have observed that some areas are more developed than others. Question may arise what are the reasons for difference in the level of their development. Inequality in the distribution of income in your area may attract your attention and motivate you to know the reasons behind this situation.

If you are working in manufacturing or marketing division of any manufacturing company, you might have come to know the cost of various inputs involved to produce the output of a commodity. You may examine in your project the cost components and price behavior and see to what extent this is explained by the theory of the firm behavior? How the price elasticity of demand of the particular product manufactured by a firm/industry is useful to determine its price? Similar type of more questions relating to various situations may arise in your mind. Such type of questions will motivate you how to put your theoretical knowledge into practice.

Depending upon your area of interest you can note down your questions and try to identify the theme of your project. The theme of the project should reflect the focus of the issues of study. Depending upon your research questions, the project may belong to any area of specialization

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**PART 3**

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