



ECONOMICS OPTIONAL

SMART COURSE

REC Recorded Classes



Why Optional Matter in UPSC CSE

Choosing the right optional subject in UPSC CSE Mains can significantly influence your chances of success. It's a highly strategic decision and should be based on multiple factors such as your background, interest, aptitude, availability of resources, and overlap with GS papers. Below is a detailed evaluation of each of the subjects you mentioned — both English and Hindi medium options — to help you make an informed choice:

Optional Subject

The Hidden Power in UPSC Mains



500 Marks at Stake

Optional contributes **500 out of 1750** marks in the Mains exam. A high score here can **transform your final rank**.

The Real Differentiator

While GS papers level the field, the **optional creates the gap**. Many toppers owe their ranks to an outstanding optional score.



Scoring with Strategy

Optional subjects, with a **well-defined syllabus** and **less competition**, offer a chance to score **much higher than GS papers** — if approached smartly.

Subject Familiarity Pays Off

Choosing an optional aligned with your **interest or academic background** makes preparation smoother and answers stronger.



Overlap = Smart Preparation

Subjects like PSIR, Sociology, and Anthropology offer content that overlaps with **GS, Essay, and Interview**, giving you **multiple benefits from single preparation**.

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Exploring the Merits of Economics

OVERLAP WITH GENERAL STUDIES (GS) PAPERS

- Economics covers about 60% of the GS Paper III syllabus, i.e, 120-125 marks. This significant overlap can save you time and effort in preparation.
- GS Paper II: Economics can be helpful for understanding topics like governance, development, and international relations.
- In the prelims paper, at least 30-50 marks can be covered by this subject.



ANALYTICAL AND PROBLEM-SOLVING SKILLS



- Economics fosters analytical thinking and problem-solving abilities, which are crucial for a civil servant.
- It helps you analyse complex issues, evaluate policies, and make informed decisions.

SCORING POTENTIAL

- Economics is considered a logical and rational subject, making it generally scoring if you have a good understanding of the concepts.
- Candidates with a good grasp of graphs and data interpretation can score high marks in the economics papers.



SUCCESS RATE



- Economics has a consistent success rate among candidates.
- Constantly performs as Top 5 success rate.
- For instance, in the Civil Service Exam of 2013, the first rank holder, Gaurav Agrawal, had economics as his optional subject.
- At least 1 rank in top 10 and 4 in top 50 constantly for the last 5-6 years.

RELEVANCE TO CURRENT AFFAIRS

- Economics is highly relevant to current affairs, which is a crucial part of the UPSC syllabus. This relevance helps in both the prelims and mains exams.



Recorded Lectures

Topic no	Topic
1.	Indian Economy after 1990 (Post LPG Reforms)
2.	Indian Economy Before 1947
3.	Indian Economy Between 1947-1990
4.	Advanced Micro Economics
5.	Money and Banking
6.	Public Finance
7.	International Economics
8.	Growth and Development

Our Faculty



Hrishabh Singh

Economics Faculty | UPSC Mentor

- ▶ **6+ years of teaching experience** with specialization in Economics for UPSC and other competitive exams.
- ▶ **Academic Qualifications:** B.Tech in Information Technology and M.A. in Economics.
- ▶ **Cleared multiple prestigious exams:** UPSC CAPF, CDS, RBI, RRB, and SSC (4 times).
- ▶ Known for his **exam-oriented teaching**, real-world economic insights, and structured content delivery.
- ▶ Combines technical background with economic understanding to deliver **conceptual clarity and practical relevance**.

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Our Prices

Price: ~~₹25,999~~

₹11,999

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