

Action taken report of the Annual feedback process of various stakeholders for Department of Policy Studies on June 2020

M.Sc. Economics

Stakeholders	Suggestions requested	Suggestions made	Action Taken
Faculty	Suggestions for any courses/skills that may be included to make the program Industry/Research relevant	1. The answer can include a long list of optional papers on different sub-disciplines of economics. However, I think we are doing fine within the constraints of credits and faculty strength. Marketing Analytics should be introduced as a subject. Assign 2 credits to the summer internship and call it a minor project. Finance and Accounting, Industrial Organization, Regulation	1. Faculty is encouraged to offer new electives. A course on <i>energy economics</i> is under the process of approval. Courses on finance are offered in other programs such as MBA. Students are encouraged to select electives from programs other than Economics.
Employers	Suggestions were also requested from the employers concerning any courses/skills that they may think may be included to make the program more relevant for their organization.	1. Corporate Social Responsibility, Environment, and Development can be incorporated in the course curriculum. 2. Well-groomed in developing analytical skill, Ms. Excel and presentation skill. 3. To update the curriculum on latest developments, municipal financial analysis, urban planning issues, project planning, and development 4. Recommendation of people management and leadership skills through the program	1. In the proposed program restructuring many <i>research electives</i> will be offered for which evaluation criteria is designed to achieve learning outcomes that include development of analytical skills, presentation skills, among others.
Alumni	Please suggest any courses/skills that you think may be included	1. More field exposure, Monitoring, and evaluation, software packages like R, Program implementation-	1. Some of these suggestions have been incorporated in proposed program restructuring.

	<p>to make our program Industry/Research relevant</p>	<p>developing of intervention, emphasis on Proposal writing, economic evaluation techniques, Exposure to CSR and policy advocacy can be incorporated Some latest tools, a robust research project module can be introduced that helps to experience hypothesis or theoretical lens construction and other technicalities. This will help the students to place their arguments better when they in the industry.</p>	<p>Particularly, in the dissertation track, fourth semester is allocated for thesis writing- no classes during this semester have been specifically proposed to facilitate field work. A research methods course is already approved that improves upon the skills of proposal writing, among other improving the research aptitude of the students.</p>
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M.A Sustainable Development Practice

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Faculty	Suggestions for any courses/skills that may be included to make the program Industry/Research relevant	<p>1. A course like research methodology should be more practical oriented</p> <p>2. Presently, the program is already having plenty of diverse courses along with the elective courses offered by other programs and departments. However, a restructuring of the courses in terms of their emphasis, time allocation, and relevance could be perused and that is already under consideration</p>	<p>1. There are three courses (two core courses and one elective) specific to research methodology (both qualitative and quantitative) are offered in the programme from SEM-1 to SEM 3. All these courses have practical components including fieldwork. Therefore, the courses on research methodology do not need any practical component further.</p> <p>2. Currently, MA SDP programme is under review process. Hence, the issues on the courses in terms of their emphasis, time allocation, and relevance will be addressed in the review and restructuring exercise.</p>
Employers	Suggestions were also requested from the employers concerning any courses/skills that they may think may be included to make the program more relevant for their organization.	<p>1. Corporate Social Responsibility, Environment, and Development can be incorporated in the course curriculum.</p> <p>2. Well-groomed in developing analytical skill, Ms. Excel and presentation skill.</p> <p>3. To update the curriculum on latest developments, municipal financial analysis, urban planning issues, project planning, and development</p> <p>4. Recommendation of</p>	<p>1. At present, the MA SDP programme is under review process. The research electives will be offered as per the suggestions made by the relevant stakeholders. A special attention will be given on the development of soft skills and pedagogy including development of analytical skills, presentation skills, leadership skills, etc.</p>

		people management and leadership skills through the program	
Alumni	Please suggest any courses/skills that you think may be included to make our program Industry/Research relevant	1. For M.A in SDP, Compulsory Courses like Social Audit, Impact Assessment, data analytics, Project Management, Peace and conflict studies, monitoring and evaluation can be introduced.	1. All the courses mentioned has already been offered in the programme except the course on peace and conflict studies.