

# Do you aspire to be a Real World Economist ?



Meghnad Desai  
Academy of Economics

Introducing an 11-month Post Graduate Program in Economics and Finance, starting from July 2015, in collaboration with some of the world's leading economists.

"Come, learn, think, apply and prepare yourself to take a leadership position in the global economy."

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### Course Structure:

The Post Graduate Program in Economics and Finance at the Meghnad Desai Academy of Economics (MDAE) is a carefully crafted course with real world applications under the supervision of renowned experts in the field. This course will move students from the traditional way of thinking to critical thinking in the MDAE way.

Our unique teaching methods focus on applied learning and case studies rather than on rote learning. Students will participate in workshops and seminars with renowned economics and finance professionals from around the world. In addition, students will also have the opportunity to participate in live projects.

The course will begin with a five week foundations course in Mathematics/Econometrics and Intermediate Economics.

### Semester one: Core Courses

These courses will equip students with the necessary framework to analyze problems in the real world. This semester will be spread over an 18 week period and the courses taught will be:

- Applied Microeconomics
- Advanced Macroeconomics
- Econometrics for Business

### Semester two: Electives

These courses will train students for a variety of jobs in the financial sector and beyond. 8 courses will be offered of which students can elect 6.

#### The courses taught will be:

- Financial Accounting
- Corporate Finance
- International Trade & Public Policy
- Analyzing Public Policy
- Industry & Strategy
- Financial Markets & Products
- Money & Banking
- Growth, Development & Geopolitics

In addition to the above, students will enhance their communication skills through class discussions and presentations, where they will be trained to present complex information in a concise manner. Students will also improve their writing skills through research papers, teaching them how to express intricate ideas and analysis eloquently and effectively. In order to equip them for a career in economics and finance, students will expand their quantitative and computing skills pertaining to handling complex data and testing hypotheses.

MDAE bears the unique distinction of bringing together some of the most renowned economists from across the globe. Our team also comprises of seasoned professionals from financial services organisations of international repute.



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Chairman MDAE, Professor Emeritus London School of Economics, Life peer, British House of Lords.



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Vice Chairperson MDAE, Principal of HR College, PhD Mumbai University; previously visiting faculty member at NYU Stern & UC Berkeley.

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## Faculty

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- PhD MIT; previously Assistant Professor Haverford college.

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Rakesh Singh  
- Professor Economics, Great Lakes Institute of Management, PhD Mumbai University.

## Career Opportunities

“Economics is evolving with a mission to solve firm's real life problems at his heart. Armed with vast data sets produced by tech firms (BIG DATA), micro-economists can produce startlingly good forecasts of human behavior. Tech giants like Google, Facebook, LinkedIn, all hire economists.”  
- The Economist magazine, January 10, 2015.

The study of economics opens up a diverse array of career opportunities. At MDAE, our approach to learning is highly rigorous and practical. Hence, we aim to provide students with internship opportunities with leading firms across the country. Our tie-ups with the corporate world also ensures that students have a first-hand perspective of what their options would be after completing the course.

Among the many options available, students can look forward to a career as:

1. Market Economists - Commercial and Investment Banks
2. Analysts – Treasury, Rating Agencies, Banks, Consultancies
3. Data Scientists for Big Data
4. Research – Think Tanks
5. Economic Journalists
6. Finance related roles

## Admissions

We encourage applications from students with diverse backgrounds, who display a keen interest in the study of economics. Academic excellence, quantitative and communication skills, and willingness to learn will be key criteria in choosing our class of 2016, as we have only 30 seats.

In order to be eligible to apply for this course, you must be a graduate in any stream with minimum 50% marks.

An entrance test will be conducted to determine suitability of the applicants. The short-listed students will then go through a personal interview.

## Location

We are located at the iconic World Trade Center in Cuffe Parade, in India's financial capital, Mumbai.



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