

**UNIVERSITY OF MADRAS**  
**B.COM. (GENERAL) DEGREE PROGRAMME**  
 SYLLABUS WITH EFFECT FROM 2023-2024

**FIRST YEAR – SEMESTER – I**  
**ELECTIVE - I: BUSINESS COMMUNICATION**  
 (Common to BCom-AF, BM & MM)

Subject Code	L	T	P	S	Credits	Inst. Hours	Marks		
							CIA	External	Total
146E1A	4				3	4	25	75	100
<b>Learning Objectives</b>									
<b>LO1</b>	To enable the students to know about the principles, objectives and importance of communication in commerce and trade.								
<b>LO2</b>	To develop the students to understand about trade enquiries								
<b>LO3</b>	To make the students aware about various types of business correspondence.								
<b>LO4</b>	To develop the students to write business reports.								
<b>LO5</b>	To enable the learners to update with various types of interviews								
<b>Prerequisites: Should have studied Commerce in XII Std</b>									
Unit	Contents								No. of Hours
I	<b>Introduction to Business Communication</b> Definition – Meaning – Importance of Effective Communication – Modern Communication Methods – Barriers to Communication – E-Communication - Business Letters: Need - Functions – Essentials of Effective Business Letters – Layout								12
II	<b>Trade Enquiries</b> Trade Enquiries – Orders and their Execution – Credit and Status Enquiries – Complaints and Adjustments – Collection Letters – Sales Letters – Circulars								12
III	<b>Banking &amp; Insurance Correspondence</b> Banking Correspondence – Types – Structure of Banking Correspondence – Elements of a Good Banking Correspondence – Insurance – Meaning and Types – Insurance Correspondence – Difference between Life and General Insurance – Meaning of Fire Insurance – Kinds – Correspondence Relating to Marine Insurance – Agency Correspondence – Introduction – Kinds – Stages of Agent Correspondence – Terms of Agency Correspondence								12
IV	<b>Secretarial Correspondence</b> Company Secretarial Correspondence – Introduction – Duties of Secretary – Classification of Secretarial Correspondence – Specimen letters – Agenda and Minutes of Report writing – Introduction – Types of Reports – Preparation of Report Writing								12
V	<b>Interview Preparation</b> Application Letters – Preparation of Resume – Interview: Meaning – Objectives and Techniques of Various Types of Interviews –Creating & maintaining Digital Profile								12
<b>TOTAL</b>								<b>60</b>	

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<b>Course Outcomes</b>	
<b>CO1</b>	Acquire the basic concept of business communication.
<b>CO2</b>	Exposed to effective business letter
<b>CO3</b>	Paraphrase the concept of various correspondences.
<b>CO4</b>	Prepare Secretarial Correspondence like agenda, minutes and various business reports.
<b>CO5</b>	Acquire the skill of preparing an effective resume
<b>Textbooks</b>	
<b>1</b>	Rajendra Pal & J.S. Korlahalli, Essentials of Business Communication-Sultan Chand & Sons- New Delhi.
<b>2</b>	Gupta and Jain, Business Communication, Sahityabahvan Publication, New Delhi.
<b>3</b>	K.P. Singha, Business Communication, Taxmann, New Delhi.
<b>4</b>	R. S. N. Pillai and Bhagavathi. S, Commercial Correspondence, Chand Publications, New Delhi.
<b>5</b>	M. S. Ramesh and R. Pattanshetty, Effective Business English and Correspondence, S. Chand & Co, Publishers, New Delhi.
<b>Reference Books</b>	
<b>1</b>	V.K. Jain and Om Prakash, Business communication, S.Chand, New Delhi.
<b>2</b>	Rithika Motwani, Business communication, Taxmann, New Delhi.
<b>3</b>	Shirley Taylor, Communication for Business-Pearson Publications - New Delhi.
<b>4</b>	Bovee, Thill, Schatzman, Business Communication Today - Pearson Education, Private Ltd- NewDelhi.
<b>5</b>	Penrose, Rasbery, Myers, Advanced Business Communication, Bangalore.
<b>NOTE: Latest Edition of Textbooks May be Used</b>	
<b>Web Resources</b>	
<b>1</b>	<a href="https://accountingseekho.com/">https://accountingseekho.com/</a>
<b>2</b>	<a href="https://www.testpreptraining.com/business-communications-practice-exam-questions">https://www.testpreptraining.com/business-communications-practice-exam-questions</a>
<b>3</b>	<a href="https://bachelors.online.nmims.edu/degree-programs">https://bachelors.online.nmims.edu/degree-programs</a>

**MAPPING WITH PROGRAMME OUTCOMES  
 AND PROGRAMME SPECIFIC OUTCOMES**

	<b>PO 1</b>	<b>PO 2</b>	<b>PO 3</b>	<b>PO 4</b>	<b>PO 5</b>	<b>PO 6</b>	<b>PO 7</b>	<b>PO 8</b>	<b>PSO 1</b>	<b>PSO 2</b>	<b>PSO 3</b>
<b>CO1</b>	3	3	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
<b>CO2</b>	3	3	2	3	2	2	2	3	2	2	2
<b>CO3</b>	3	3	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
<b>CO4</b>	3	3	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
<b>CO5</b>	3	3	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	15	15	15	15	10	10	10	11	10	10	10
<b>AVERAGE</b>	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	2.2	2	2	2

**3 – Strong, 2- Medium, 1- Low**