



**GUJARAT TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY**  
**Syllabus for Master of Business Administration (Part-Time), 4<sup>th</sup> Semester**  
**Specialization: Production and Operations Management**  
**Subject Name: Operations Research**  
**Subject Code: 5549934**

**1. Learning Outcomes:**

Learning Outcome Component	Learning Outcome
Business Environment and Domain Knowledge (BEDK)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Define and formulate linear programming problems.</li> </ul>
Critical thinking, Business Analysis, Problem Solving and Innovative Solutions (CBPI)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Solve OR problems using appropriate tools and techniques, interpret the results and translate results into directives for action.</li> <li>Ability to implement practical cases by using TORA.</li> </ul>
Global Exposure and Cross-Cultural Understanding (GECCU)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Understanding the universal applicability of the OR tools and techniques.</li> </ul>
Social Responsiveness and Ethics (SRE)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evaluate the shortcomings of these tools, and assess trade-offs without compromising stakeholder interests and well-being.</li> </ul>
Effective Communication (EC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Communicate ideas, explain procedures and interpret results and solutions in written and electronic forms to different audiences with clarity and conviction.</li> </ul>
Leadership and Teamwork (LT)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Define the roles and responsibilities of operations managers, and the challenges they face.</li> <li>Ability to lead through decisive choices backed by objective analysis.</li> </ul>

**LO – PO Mapping: Correlation Levels:**

1 = Slight (Low); 2 = Moderate (Medium); 3 = Substantial (High), “-“= no correlation

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LO1: <i>Develop</i> an understanding and appreciation of linear optimization models as effective tools in addressing problems that are relevant to decisionmaking in business, economics and other related areas.	3	3	1	1	1	1	-	1	3
LO2: <i>Formulate</i> Linear Programming models for service and manufacturing systems, and apply operations research techniques and algorithms to solve these LP problems.	2	2	3	2	1	2	-	1	2
LO3: <i>Formulate</i> Network models for service and manufacturing systems, and apply operations research techniques and algorithms to solve these Network problems.	2	2	3	2	1	2	-	1	2
LO4: <i>Appraise</i> the latest mathematical model(s) and									



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software tools to make optimal decisions under conditions of certainty, risk and uncertainty.	3	3	-	-	3	-	-	-	2
LO5: <i>Formulate</i> Queuing models for service and manufacturing systems, and <i>apply</i> operations research techniques and algorithms to solve these Queuing problems to enhance customer service.	3	3	1	2	1	1	3	1	1
LO6: <i>Develop</i> operational research models from the verbal description of the real system.	1	2	1	3	-	-	1	1	2
LO7: <i>Identify</i> project goals, constraints, deliverables, performance criteria, control needs, and resource requirements in order to achieve project success.	3	1	1	3	-	3	1	1	1

**2. Course Duration:** The course duration is of **40 sessions of 60 minutes each.**

**3. Course Contents:**

Module No:	Contents	No. of Sessions	70 Marks (External Evaluation)
I	<p><b>Operations Research:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Definition, Features of OR approach</li> <li>• Modelling in OR:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Mathematics – The Language of Modelling</li> <li>○ Classification of models</li> <li>○ Building a Mathematical Model, Verifying and Refining a Model, Variables and Parameters</li> <li>○ Advantages of model building</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Methodology of Operations Research</li> </ul> <p><b>Linear Programming:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Structure of the Linear Programming model</li> <li>• Advantages, limitations and applications</li> <li>• Guidelines on linear programming model formulation</li> </ul>	10	18
II	<p><b>Linear Programming: Graphical Method: (Theory and numerical)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Graphical solution methods:</li> <li>• Extreme point solution method, Maximization and Minimization Models, mixed constraints</li> <li>• Alternative optimal solutions, Unbounded Solution, infeasible solution, redundancy</li> </ul> <p><b>Linear Programming: Simplex Method: (Theory and</b></p>	10	18



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	<p><b>numerical)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additional Variables Used in Solving LPP</li> <li>• Maximization Case</li> <li>• Minimization LP Problems <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Two phase method, Big M Method,</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Resolving complications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Unrestricted variables, Degeneracy</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Types of solutions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Optimal, unbounded, infeasible</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Solving LP Problems using Computer With TORA.</b>  <b>Duality in LPP Problems</b>  <b>Sensitivity Analysis (Only theory)</b></p>		
<b>III</b>	<p><b>Transportation Model: (Theory and numerical)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mathematical Formulation, Network Representation of Transportation Model, General Representation of Transportation Model.</li> <li>• Finding initial solutions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ North-West Corner Method, Least Cost Method, Vogel's Approximation Model</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Variations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Unbalanced supply and demand</li> <li>○ Degeneracy</li> <li>○ Alternative optimal solutions</li> <li>○ Prohibited routes</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Maximization Transportation Problem.</li> <li>• Transshipment Problem.</li> </ul> <p><b>Waiting Model (Queuing Theory):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Queuing Systems, Characteristics of Queuing System</li> <li>• Structure of a queuing system, performance measures, probability distributions in queuing systems</li> <li>• Classification of queuing models</li> <li>• Symbols and Notations,</li> <li>• Single Server Queuing Model</li> <li>• Solving The Problem using Computer with TORA</li> </ul>	10	17
<b>IV</b>	<p><b>Markov Chains: (Only theory)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Characteristics, applications</li> <li>• State and transition probabilities</li> <li>• Steady state equilibrium</li> </ul> <p><b>Game Theory:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction</li> <li>• Two-Person Zero-Sum Game</li> <li>• Pure Strategies: Game with Saddle Point</li> <li>• Mixed Strategies: Games without Saddle Point, Dominance Property</li> <li>• Solving Problem on the Computer with TORA</li> <li>• Solving LP Model Games Graphically Using Computer</li> </ul>	10	17



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	<b>Simulation:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Definition, types, steps of simulation</li> <li>• Advantages and Disadvantages of Simulation</li> <li>• Monte Carlo Simulation</li> <li>• Simulation of Demand Forecasting Problems</li> <li>• Simulation of Queuing Problems.</li> </ul>		
V	<b>Practical:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conduct simulations for transportation, queuing and network problems.</li> <li>• Solve operations management problems using OR tools and techniques.</li> <li>• Conduct OR problems on software.</li> </ul>	---	(30 marks CEC)

**4. Pedagogy:**

- ICT enabled Classroom teaching
- Case study
- Practical / live assignment
- Interactive class room discussions

**5. Evaluation:**

Students shall be evaluated on the following components:

<b>A</b>	<b>Internal Evaluation</b>	<b>(Internal Assessment- 50 Marks)</b>
	• Continuous Evaluation Component	30 marks
	• Class Presence & Participation	10 marks
	• Quiz	10 marks
<b>B</b>	<b>Mid-Semester examination</b>	<b>(Internal Assessment-30 Marks)</b>
<b>C</b>	<b>End –Semester Examination</b>	<b>(External Assessment-70 Marks)</b>

**6. Reference Books:**

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1	S. R. Yadav, A. K. Malik	Operations Research	Oxford	2014
2	J. K. Sharma	Operations Research: Theory and Application	Trinity Press	2017
3	Hamdy A. Taha	Operations Research : An Introduction	Pearson	Latest Edition
4	P. Mariappan	Operations Research	Pearson	2013
5	Frederick S. Hillier, Gerald J. Liberman	Introduction to Operations Research	McGraw Hill	Latest Edition
6	Prem Kumar Guptha, D. S. Hira	Operations Research	S. Chand	2014

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3. Opsearch (Journal published by Operational Research Society of India)
4. The IUP Journal of Operations Management
5. <http://ifors.org/india/>

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