



## ENT 31213: Microfinance

Level: 3000

Number of Credits : 03

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### Course Description

Microfinance is a field which has gained recognition due to its contribution to social and economic development. This course provides an understanding of microfinance principles, models and practices and it examines contemporary issues and debates in microfinance.

### Intended Learning Outcomes

At the end of the course, the student will be able to;

- Describe microfinance principles, models and practices,
- Determine social aspects of microfinance,
- Recognize the role of microfinance in socioeconomic development.
- Assess the applications of principles and models in microfinance.

### Teaching/Learning Methods

Lectures, Group discussions, Workshops and Seminars

### Methods of Assessment

In-course Assessments	: 30%
End Semester Examination	: 70%

### Course Contents

1. Introduction to Microfinance
2. Microfinance principles and models
3. Microfinance Industry
4. Regulations in microfinance
5. Microfinance Products and Services
6. Asymmetric Information in Microfinance
7. Delivery Methods of Microfinance
8. Financial Inclusion Techniques in Microfinance
9. Performance of Microfinance Institutions
10. Financial Literacy of Micro Small and Medium Enterprises
11. Women Empowerment through Microfinance
12. Socio-Economic Impact and Sustainability of Microfinance Industry
13. Challenges, Issues and Debates in Microfinance Industry

### Recommended Readings

1. Armendáriz, B., & Morduch, J. (2010). The economics of microfinance. (2nd Ed). MIT press.
2. Ledgerwood, J., Earne, J., & Nelson, C. (2013). The new microfinance handbook: A financial market system perspective. World Bank Publications.