

# **KALINGA COLLEGE OF COMMERCE, BHUBANESWAR**

**Core XX**

**Semester VIII**

## **International Business Environment**

### **Course Objectives**

- Understand the concepts and theories of international business and globalization.
- Analyze the economic, political, legal, and cultural dimensions of the international business environment.
- Learn about international trade policies, trade agreements, and trade barriers.
- Explore foreign market entry strategies and modes of international expansion.
- Gain insights into managing cultural diversity and ethical challenges in international business.
- Understand the role of technology and innovation in shaping the global business landscape.
- Analyze international business risks and develop risk management strategies.

### **Course Outcomes**

After completion of the course, learners will be able to:

- Understanding of International Business Concepts.
- Analysis of Economic Environment.
- Assessment of Political and Legal Risks.
- Management of Cultural Diversity.
- Evaluation of Trade Policies and Agreements.
- Development of Foreign Market Entry Strategies.
- Integration of Technology and Innovation.

### **Unit-1: Introduction to International Business**

Definition and scope of international business, Theories of international trade and investment, Drivers of globalization and its impact on businesses. Economic Environment of International Business; Global economic systems: capitalism, socialism, mixed economies, Economic indicators and measures: GDP, GNP, inflation, exchange rates, International financial institutions and their role in global finance

### **Unit-2: Political, Legal and Cultural Environment of International Business**

Political systems and ideologies: democracy, authoritarianism, communism, Legal frameworks governing international business: international law, trade regulations, intellectual property rights, Political risk assessment and management strategies, Dimensions of culture: Hofstede's cultural dimensions theory, Cultural differences and their impact on business practices, Managing cultural diversity and fostering cross-cultural communication

### **Unit-3: International Trade Policies and Agreements**

Trade theories: comparative advantage, absolute advantage, factor endowment theory, Trade policies: tariffs, quotas, subsidies, Regional trade agreements and their impact on international business. Foreign Market Entry Strategies; Modes of international market entry: exporting, licensing, franchising, joint ventures, acquisitions, greenfield investments, Factors

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influencing the choice of entry mode, Entry strategies for emerging markets vs. developed markets

## **Unit-4: Technology and Innovation in International Business**

Role of technology in facilitating international business operations, Impact of innovation on global competitiveness, Digital transformation and its implications for international business. Managing International Business Risks; Types of international business risks: political risk, financial risk, operational risk, Risk assessment techniques and tools, Risk management strategies and contingency planning