



SECOND SEMESTER 2015-16

Course Handout (Part II)

Introduction to Gender Studies

In addition to part I (General Handout for all courses appended to the time table) this portion gives further specific details regarding the course.

Course No.: BITS F385
Course Title: Introduction to Gender Studies
Instructor-in-charge: Dr. Sailaja Nandigama

1. Scope and Objectives of the Course:

To develop the knowledge necessary for addressing issues of gender equity and understanding gender roles. The course would help students get a greater insight into women's rights, their role in shaping political, social, economic and cultural institutions. Emphasis would be laid on understanding the dynamics of gender relations in educational institutions, work and home. The course would further aim at gender sensitization in the context of societal stratification.

2. Learning Outcomes:

- By the end of the course, students will learn the sociological and political nuances in the concept of gender and will be able to analyze the gender policy formulation in India and the world at large
- By the end of the course students will be able to analyze the public/private divide prevalent in our societies and devise ways of minimizing the gender biases that regulate these spheres
- By the end of the course students will be able to prescribe policy measures to ensure gender equality and social justice
- Through exposure to this course students will gain the knowledge required for working in the development sector (NGO as well as Govt. bodies)

3. Text Book/s:

- A). Indira, R. and Behera, D. K. 1999. *Gender and Society in India*. Vol. I, New Delhi: Manak Publications.
- B). Shirin. M.Rai, 2008. *The gender politics of development: essays in hope and despair*. New Delhi: Zubaan.





Note: Book chapters, Journal papers, films and newspaper report will be given in advance as reading materials before each session. Students should be prepared to think out of box for maximizing their learning curve.

4. Course Format: The course format will be interactive with regular class discussions and several group exercises, film screening and presentations. Students are expected to prepare in advance with the help of reading material provided and through self initiative.

5. Course Plan

No. of Lec.	Topics to be covered	Reference Material
1-4	Introduction to Gender Studies, Sociological Theories about Gender; Gender and the Knowledge System: "Academic Response to Gender Concerns: An Overview"	TB. A, Intro, Ch 1
5-8	Gender and the Knowledge System: "Feminism and the Indigenous Knowledge System in India: An Exploration"	TB. A, Ch 2
9-12	Women and Religion: Hinduism and the Empowerment of Women, The Gender Question in the Christian Church	TB. A, Ch 3 & Ch 5
13-16	Women and Work: Work Place, Women and employment opportunities	TB. A, Ch 8 & Ch 9
17-20	Women and Education: Case Studies	TB. A, Ch 12, 13 & 14
21-24	Theorizing gender and democratization	TB. B, Ch. 3 Pp. 59-70





25-28	Women and Media	External sources/student group activity
29-32	Women, Population, Health, Marriage and Fertility	TB. A, Ch 16, 17, & 18
33-36	Women, Marriage and Career	TB. A, Ch 20 & Ch 21
37-40	Women and Oppression	TB. A, Ch 22 & Ch 24
40-42	For Review Assignment	External sources

6. Evaluation/Grading:

Component	Duration	Weightage %	Date	Remarks
1. Objective Quiz 1 & 2	1. 20 minutes each	30%	TBA	1. Quiz: individual assessment
2. Movie Review	2. One week for preparation & submission			2. Individual assessment
Mid-semester Test	90 minutes	30%	14/3 9:00 - 10:30 AM	Individual assessment (CB)
Compre. Exam.	3 hrs.	40%	3/5 FN	Individual assessment (CB & OB)

Make-up Policy:

Make-up component(s) will be allowed provided the concerned student submits a valid documented proof.

7. Chamber Consultation Hour: Chamber consultation is possible through prior appointment with the course instructor (Office: 6168M). Emails will be answered at the earliest convenience of the instructor-in-charge.





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8. **Notices:** Notices concerning the course will be posted in Nalanda and/or displayed on the office door of IC in the Humanities and Social Sciences Department (NAB).

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