



Birla Institute of Technology & Science, Pilani
Hyderabad Campus

INSTRUCTION DIVISION
FIRST SEMESTER 2016-2017
Course Handout Part II

Date: 20-7-2016

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

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Scope and Objective 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 stratifications.

Text Book

A Suneeta *Towards a World of Equals: A Bilingual Textbook on Gender* Telugu Akademi Hyderabad 2015

Reference Books

- A. Tapan Biswal. 2006. Human Rights, Gender and Environment, New Delhi: Viva Books Private Limited.
 - B. Shruti Banerjee. 2005. Role of Women in Development Sector, Delhi: Adhyayan Publishers & distributors
 - C. Nivedita Menon (ed.) 2013: Gender and Politics in India, Oxford University Press, New Delhi
- <http://worldofequals.org.in/data.php>

Course Plan:

Lecture No.	Learning objectives	Topics to be covered	Chapter in the Text Book
1-4	Scope and relevance of gender studies in contemporary India, Approach and dynamics of social relations between men and women with regard to different	Introduction to Gender Studies, Socialization	Ch.1, 2



	social institutions		
5-8	Women's invisible labour and sex selection	Household work and its relationship to market economy; the story of sex selection	Ch.3, 4.
9-11	Knowledge: Through the lens of gender	Point of view, gender and structure of knowledge	Ch. 5
12-15	Sexual Harassment	Coping with everyday harassment; eve-teasing, sexual molestation, rape	Ch. 6
16-18	Women's Work: Politics and Economics	Unrecognised and unaccounted work in the market economy	Ch. 7
19-20	Domestic violence: major forms of family violence, including child abuse and neglect, sexual abuse, spouse abuse, Violence against women	Women and Violence, Dowry	Ch 8
21-24	Critical analysis of cultural, national and historical study of women's movements	Women's Movement, Feminism, rights of women and human right issues	Ch 9
25-28	Gender Spectrum: Beyond the Binary	The Queer Debate and struggling with discrimination	CH 10
29-32	Sexual Violence	Constructing the victim through male gaze	Ch.11.
33-42	Women as agent of social change, Learning Gender roles	Gender and society, Women and family	Ch.12

Evaluation Scheme:

Component	Duration	Weightage (%)	Date & Time	Nature of Component
Test 1	1 hr	20%	9/9/16, 4-5 PM	open
Test2	1 hr	20%	24/10, 4-5 PM	open
Assignment	Take home	20%	Mid-October submission	open



Compre	3 hr	40%	10/12, 2-5 PM	open
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Chamber consultation hour: To be announced in the class.

Notices: All notices regarding the course would be put on CMS.

Make-up Policy: Make-up may be given only on genuine grounds, if prior permission obtained.

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