



UNIVERSITY OF CALCUTTA

Notification No. CSR/13/2022

It is notified for information of all concerned that the Syndicate in its meeting held on 08.12.2021 (vide Item No.27), approved & confirmed the **new revised Syllabus for the Women's Studies (General) under CBCS**, incorporating some modifications of the previous notification (CSR/12/18, dt.04.6.18), as laid down in the accompanying pamphlet.

The above shall be effect from the academic session 2022 -2023.

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CC 2/ GE 2 (Semester 2) Feminist Theory and Movements

Unit 1: Feminist Theory

- Rise of Feminism, Introduction to various stands of Feminism.
 - Liberal Feminism
 - Radical Feminism
 - Marxist Feminism
 - Socialist Feminism
 - Cultural Feminism
 - Eco-Feminism

Unit 2: International Women's Movement

- The Seneca Falls Convention and the Call for Women's Rights 1848
- Women's rights movement 1848-1920, Suffrag Movement, Working Women issues
- Waves of Feminism.

Unit 3: Women's Movement in colonial India

- Historical Developments of Social Reform Movements
- The Colonial and Nationalist Responses
- Karachi Congress Resolution, National Movement and women
- Women's revolutionary activities.

Unit 4: Women's Movements in Post-Independence India

- Tebhaga Movement and Telengana Movement
- Roop Kanwar incident and anti-sati agitation,
- Movements for Uniform Civil code and Shah Bano case
- Dalit women and the question of double marginality

CC 3/ GE 3 (Semester 3) Gender Issues in India

Unit 1: Problems of Girl Child

- Child abuse
- Child labour
- Child Marriage
- Female Foeticide and Infanticide

Unit 2: Women Health and Education

- Equal access to Health Services
- Adolescent Health
- Nutrition, Reproductive Health and Safe Motherhood
- Critical issues in Mental Health
- Disability
- HIV/AIDS
- Equal access to Education, Literacy
- Primary Education, Higher Education, vocational education.

Unit 3: Gender and Environment

- Nature and Feminine Principle – women's dependency on eco system
- Rise of eco – feminism in India
- India's Environmental Policies and its impact on women

Unit 4: Policies and Programmes for Women's Development and Empowerment

- What is Empowerment, National Policy for Empowerment of Women, 2001
- Gender Mainstreaming and UNDP Guidelines
- Towards Equality Report
- Beijing Platform
- CEDAW

CC 4/ GE 4 (Semester 4) Women's Rights and Politics

Unit 1: Woman and Law

- Violence against women: Domestic violence act 2005 Problems of Dowry, Sexual Harassments at Workplace, Rape Law, Trafficking of Women and Children and Corresponding Laws – definition and interpretations. Child Marriage Prohibition Act 2006,
- Personal Laws.
- Indecent Exposure in Media
- Maternity Benefit Act, Equal work Equal pay

Unit 2: Women's Rights

- Understanding Human Rights
- Constitutional Guaranties
- Protection of Women and Human Rights 1993

Unit 3: Women and Politics

- Political Representation of Women
- Reservation of Women in the parliament, Debate regarding Women's Reservation Policies
- Role of Women in Local Bodies and Panchayats

Unit 4: Women Labour and Economy

- Concept of Household Work
- Women in Agriculture
- Women in Industry
- Impact of Micro-Credit and Self-Help Group on Women's Empowerment.

SEC – A (Semester - 3 / 5) Community Development and Gender
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Unit1: Introduction to Community Development

- Meaning of Community – Rural, Urban and Tribal Communities.
- Concept of Community Development and Organization.
- Characteristics of Community Development – principles, objectives and importance of Community Development Programmes.

Unit 2: Historical Evolution

- Historical Development of Community Development Programmes.
- Role of women within CDP
- Community Development from a feminist perspective.

Unit 3: Models of Community Development

- Gandhian Model
- Women Centered Model
- Critique of the Models

Unit 4: Programme Formulation

- Concept of PRA and RRA
- Incorporation of Gender in programme formulation.

SEC – A(Semester- 3 / 5) Gender and Social Work

Unit1: Understanding Social Work

- Concept and definition of Social Work.
- Emergence of professional Social Work in India.
- Scope and concerns of Social Work practice.

Unit2: Understanding Society

- Society, meaning and characteristics
- Relevance of understanding sociology for Social Work
- Social Problems in India relating to marriage, family and caste problems and dowry, child marriage, divorce
- Gender discrimination within the family, problems of elderly women.

Unit3: Social work with Youth

- Youth and Modernization in India
- Identity of youth and related problems with emphasis on problems of young women.
- Problems of Trafficking and Rehabilitation in India
- Impact of NGOization of the situation of women in India.

Unit 4: Social work, Women and Disability

- Understanding Woman and Disability
- Policies, Legislations and Programmes for persons with disability in India (with special reference to women)
- Role and Challenges of Social Workers in working with Women with disabilities.

SEC – B (Semester – 4 / 6) Feminist Research Methodology

(Any one)

Unit 1: Research Types and Methods

- Meaning and Types of Research
- Issues of Subjectivity and Objectivity
- Research Designs – Definition, and types
- Hypothesis – Meaning and Construction.

Unit 2: Sampling and Data Collection

- Sampling Design – Types of sampling
- Techniques of data collection.
- Observation – Participant and Non – Participant.
- Structured and Unstructured Questionnaire.

Unit 3: Doing Feminist Research

- Feminist Critique of Positivist Research – Feminist Empiricism.
- Feminist Methodology: Content Analysis, Feminist Ethnography, FGD, Case Studies, Oral Narratives.

Unit 4: Analysis of Data

- What is variable
- Qualitative and Quantitative data analysis of variables.
- Data processing and analysis.
- Research Report writing

SEC – B (Semester – 4 / 6) Mental Health and Basic Helping Skills

Unit: 1: Mental Health and Women

- What is Mental Health
- Critical issues in Mental Health and Women
- Gender Bias in Mental Health
- Psychological effect related to reproductive health

Unit 2: Gender Roles and Psychology of Sex Difference

- Conceptualization of gender roles and gender role attitudes
- Gender: Aggression, Achievement, Communication, Friendship and Romantic Relationships
- Sex Differences in Mental Health.

Unit 3: Psychology of Women

- Women and Distress
- Trauma relating to Rape, Childhood Sexual Abuse, Domestic Violence, Sexual Harassment at Workplace, Eve Teasing etc.
- Psychological Wellbeing of Women; Dealing with Psychological Distress
- Coping Strategies, Personal Growth and Wellbeing.

Unit 4: Counseling and Guidance Skills

- What is Counselling?
- Essential elements and Process of Counseling
- Introduction to Communication
 - Attending Skill,
 - Listening Skills: Barriers to Listening
 - Responding Skills
- Qualities of a Counselor
- Values and ethics in Counseling
- Family and Group Counseling

DSE – A (Semester: 5) Gender and Law

Unit 1: Laws related to Family and Marriage

- Rights inside the family: Personal laws, Laws of Marriage Special Marriage act 1954
- Divorce Laws, Judicial Separation and Divorce, Hindu Divorce Laws, Muslim Divorce Laws
- Maintenance Laws: Hindu, Muslim
- Women and Property Rights including Right to Succession and Inheritance (with reference to Hindu and Muslim Laws)
- Issues and Rights related to Abortion (Medical termination of pregnancy)
- Domestic Violence
- Dowry Prohibition Act
- Family Court Act 1986
- Need for Uniform Civil Code

Unit 2: Laws related to Gender based Violence

- Laws against Violence and Sexual Crimes
- Eve Teasing
- Rape
- Indecent Representation of Women
- Abduction and Kidnapping – Immoral Trafficking
- Prevention of Sati – Devdasi act.

Unit 3: Laws for working people

- Labor Law relating to Women – Minimum Wages Act, - Equal wages & Equal Remuneration
- Maternity Benefit and Child Care, Employee State Insurance [ESI]
- Sexual Harassment at Workplace and Visakha Judgment.

Unit 4: Right for justice

- Awareness regarding access to legal and judicial machinery:
- Rights at the time of filing FIR in Police Stations
- Rights at the time of Arrest and Custody
- Role of Counseling Centres
- Legal AID cells, Help line
- Women's Organizations and Women's Rights

DSE – A(Semester: 5) Gender and Media

Unit1: Understanding Communication

- What is Communication
- What is Mass Media
- Types of Mass Media- Print, Electronic, Digital Media
- How it Works

Unit 2: Culture Construction of Gender

- Public Opinion and Ideology Formation
- Media Exposure and Gender Construction
- Gender Representation in Mass Media
- Feminist Movement and Media

Unit3:Media Practitioners

- Participation of Women in Media
- Job Opportunities, Constraints and Challenges
- Role of Media as liberating instruments
- Gender specific job responsibility in Media

Unit 4:Media Ethics, Law and Gender

- Indecent Representation of Women (Prohibition) Act, 1986
- Code for Ethics for Advertisement

DSE – B (Semester 6) Gender and Sexuality

Unit1: Understanding Sex, Gender and Sexuality

- Defining Sex, Gender, Sexuality and its relation
- Shift from Women to Gender
- Questioning the Sex – Gender System
- Construction of the 'Body'

Unit 2: Queer Perspective

- Understanding Queer Movement
- LGBTQA...
- Third Gender Activism

Unit 3: Theories

- Radical Feminism
- Queer Activism
- Post Structural Feminism
- Post Feminism

Unit 4: Laws and Policies

- IPC 377
- Right to Privacy
- Right to Live with Dignity
- Schemes and Policies
- Transgender Bill

DSE – B (Semester 6) Gender and Empowerment

Unit 1: Gender Mainstreaming

- Concept and Theories of Development: Gender Development Approaches
- Paradigm shift from women's well-being to women's development; gender equality and women's empowerment.
- Mainstreaming Gender in development process,
- UNDP Guidelines of mainstreaming gender, MDGs

Unit 2: Approaches to Gender Development

- Women in Development; Women and Development; Gender and Development
- Gender Development Index, Gender Empowerment Measure, Human Development Index.
- The impact of Globalization on women with special reference to India, in the fields of - Education, Health, Agriculture, Organized Sector and Unorganized Sector.

Unit 3: Participation and Empowerment

- Political Rights of women in India
- Electoral process – Women as Voters, Candidates and Leaders
- Women in Panchayat and Local Bodies
- National Schemes and Roles of Panchayat and its implementation.
- Role of Micro Finance in empowering Women.

Unit 4: Gender Development and the Planning

- The Five Year Plans Towards Equality,
- National Commission for Women
- Central and State Social Welfare Boards (CSWB), Department of Women and Children, Women Development Corporation.
- Gender Responsive Planning and Gender Budgets