

Vidyasagar University
Syllabus
For
M.Phil Course in Women's Studies

Programme Duration: 2 Years (4 semesters)

The components to be taught in classroom shall be normally completed within two semesters, two term papers should be written in third semesters. Guided dissertation will be completed by the next two semesters.

Total Marks: 500

Marks Distribution

Semester-I

Four core papers (Each paper 50, Total- $50 \times 04 = 200$)

Semester-II

Three Elective papers (Each paper 50, Total- $50 \times 03 = 150$)

& Seminars Paper 50

Semester-III

Dissertation starts.

Semester-IV

Dissertation ($70 + 30 = 100$)

No. of Seats-15

Eligibility of Candidates:

As per University norms. PG-55%

Subject Background: Geography, Sociology, History, Pol.Science, Economics, Education, Philosophy, Anthropology, Lib.Science, English, Bengali, Hindi, Santali, Sanskrit, Journalism and Mass Communication.

Medium of instruction and writing: English.

Total credits=40 Credit.

Research Methodology for Women's Studies

Unit – I

Identification of Research Problem

- Fundamentals of research
- Basic principles of research
- Theory building
- Preparation of proposal
- Review of literature
- Hypothesis and research questions

Unit – II

Research Designs

- Types of research
- Social research
- Research in Women Studies
- Ethics in research

Unit – III

Tools and techniques of research

- Interviews. Questionnaire, Observation, check-list
- Sampling methods
- Data analysis
- Tabulation and graphical representation
- Basic statistics – central tendency, correlation, regression, chi-square testing, etc. and nonparametric tests

Unit – IV

Research Reporting

- Reporting of research in thesis/dissertation
- International style of bibliographic citation
- Evaluation of research
- Technical writing

Reading Materials on Research Methodology

1. Murty Kasibhatta Satya. Handbook of research methodology in history. Sterling Publishers New Delhi.
2. Singh V K. Outline of social research methodology. 2013 Cyber Tech Publications New Delhi
3. Panneerselvam R. Research methodology. 2010 PHI Learning New Delhi.
4. Khasnabis Ratan Saha Suvasi. Research methodology. 2015 Universities Press Hyderabad.
5. Taylor Bill Sinha Gautam Ghoshal Taposh. Research methodology : a guide for researchers in management and social sciences. 2006 PHI Learning New Delhi.
6. Misra R P. Research methodology : a handbook. Concept Publishing New Delhi.
7. Kumar Ranjit. Research methodology : a step-by-step guide for beginners. 2014 Sage Publications London.
8. Kothari C R. Research methodology : methods and techniques. 2007 New Age International New Delhi.
9. Misra Harikesh N. ed Singh Vijai P. Ed. Research methodology : social spatial and policy dimensions. Rawat Publications Jaipur.
10. Kulkarni M.V. Research methodology : text,illustrations and cases. 2010 Everest Publishing House Pune.
11. Gupta Santosh. Research methodology and statistical techniques. Deep and Deep Publications New Delhi.
12. Chitnis K.N. Research methodology in history. Atlantic Publishers and Distributors New Delhi.
13. Pande G.C. Research methodology in social science. Anmol Publications New Delhi.
14. Vidyarphi L P Haldar A K. Research methodology in social science in india. Today and Tomorrows Printers and Publishers New Delhi.
15. Reddy Chilakala Ramamuni. Research methodology in social sciences. Daya Publishing House New Delhi.
16. Ray G L Mondal Sagar. Research methodology in social sciences. 2005 Kalyani Publishers New Delhi.
17. Thakur Devendra. Research methodology in social sciences. 2009 Deep and Deep Publications New Delhi.
18. Dash Priyaranjan. Research methodology with SPSS. 2011 Vrinda Publications Delhi.
19. Taylor Bill Sinha Gautam Ghoshal Taposh. Research methodology: a guide for researchers in management and social sciences. 2008 Prentice Hall of India New Delhi.
20. Gomm Roger. Social research methodology :a critical introduction. 2008 Palgrave Macmillan Hounds Mills.

21. Smagorinsky Peter. Speaking about writing: reflections on research methodology. Sage Publications California.

Semester-I

Paper-II

Feminism: Theories and Debates

Unit 1

- The necessity of Women's Studies: Concept, Nature and Scope;
- Feminist Roots of Women's Studies;
- Interdisciplinary Approach to Feminism;
- Gender and Patriarchy;
- History of Ideas on Women – Aristotle to Mill; Public vs Private Domain

Unit 2

- The First Wave: Liberal Feminism;
- The Second Wave: Radical Feminism;
- French Feminism(s): Kristeva, Irigaray, Witting, Cixous;
- Feminism and Women's Movement in India

Unit 3

- Cultural Feminism and Gynocentrism;
- Feminism and Post Modernism – the Crisis in Feminism;
- Gender Issues in Academics and Academia

Unit 4

- Women's Oppression, Private Property and Kinship Structures;
- Women's Oppression: Simone De Beauvoir and the Second Sex

Readings:

S. Jackson and J. Jones (eds). *Contemporary Feminist Theories*, New York, 1998

Eisenstein, H. *Contemporary Feminist Thought*. Boston, 1984

Mazumdar, Rinita. *A Short Introduction to Feminist Theory*. Kolkata, 2001

Mazumdar, Rinita. *Understanding Gender*. Kolkata, 2004

Sangari, Kumkum and Sudesh Vaid eds. *Recasting Women*. New Delhi, 2009

Kumar, Radha. *Feminism and Literature*.

Sinha, Mrinalini. *Colonial Masculinity*.

Humm, Maggie, ed. Feminisms a Reader. New York: Harvester Wheatsheaf, 1992

John, Mary E. "Women's Studies in India and the Question of Asia: Some Reflections", AJWS, 11:2, 2005

Krishnaraj Maithreyi, ed. *Women's Studies in India: Some Perspectives*. New Delhi: Popular Prakashan, 1986

Mazumdar, Vina. *Emergence of Women's Question in India and Role of Women's Studies*. New Delhi: CWDS, 1985

Bhasin, Kamala. *What is Patriarchy?* New Delhi: Kali for Women, 1986

Bryson, Valerie. *Feminist Political Theory: an Introduction*. Basingtoke: Macmillan, 1992

Irigary, Luce, *This Sex Which is Not One* (transl. C. Porter & C. Burke), Ithaca, New York: Cornell University Press, 1985

Scott, Joan. *Feminism and History*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1996

Feminist Movements and Organizations**Unit – I****Fundamentals of Feminist Movement:**

- Definition, genesis and basic elements
- Classification of feminist movement
- Status of women in society

Unit-II**International Scenario:**

- International conferences for the advancement of women:
- World conferences on women since 1975 –
- UN millennium development goals (2000 Agenda)
- Feminist movements in the west – the first wave, Liberal feminism; the second wave, the Dual systems theory, Voice of the second sex (Simon De Beauvoir), different modern trends – Black feminism, eco feminism, womanism

Unit – III**Women's movements in India:**

- Social Reforms Movement in the 19th Century
- Contribution of women in National Movement
- Post independent Chipko Movement
- Issue Based Movement- Anti Dowry, Rape, Alcohol, Acid Attack
- Narmada Bachao Andolan
- Dalit women liberation movement

Unit – IV**Women pioneers in India**

- Women's Organizations in India: AIWS, NCWL, NFIW, IAWS, SHG, Anaapurna, etc.

Issues in Women's Empowerment**Unit-I****Concept of Women's Empowerment**

- Meaning of empowerment
- Need, Importance and nature of Women's Empowerment and its socio-historical perspectives aspects of Women empowerment
- Problems in for women's development in society,
- Transition of women towards new millennium

Unit-II**Status of Women at Present**

- Change in livelihood : Women's Economic activity rate
- Informal work and Women in employment
- Gender and Poverty alleviation
- Social safety for women

Unit-III**Women and Empowerment**

- Women's Empowerment in political system at local, state and national level
- Women's participation at international level in their political systems
- Obstacles to women's empowerment
- Women and NGO

Unit-IV**Trends of Women's Empowerment**

- Issues and perspectives of empowerment of Dalit, Tribal and Muslim women
- Gender budgeting
- Women and micro-finance
- Educational Facilities

Recommended Readings:

1. Anuradha Jaya, Women's Equality: a Struggle for Survival
2. Narayan Deepa , Employment and Poverty reduction: A Source Book
3. Gender equality and poverty reduction , Economic &Political Weekly, Oct. 29,2005
4. Nitya Rao, Women's rights to land and Assets, Economic&Political Weekly, Oct.19. 2005
5. Acharya Neena & Ghimmire Pushapa , Gender Indicators of Equality, Inclusion and Poverty reduction
6. World Report on violence and health , Geneva , WHO,2002
7. Maitreyi Krishna Raj : Women and Development Shubhada Saraswat Prakashan

Pune 1988.

Women in Indian History

UNIT I

Understanding Women's History and Feminism: Concepts, Theories and Issues; Masculinity, Femininity, Patriarchy: Ideologies and Practices.

UNIT II

Women in pre-colonial India: Archaeology and pre-historic society; Women in the Indus Valley Civilisation; Women's Position in Vedic Society; Buddhism and Jainism; Status of Women in Medieval India: Purdah and Seclusion; Concubinage and Slavery; Gender Division of Labour in Mughal India; Engels and the Origin of Women Oppression.

UNIT III

Women in Colonial India: Social Reform Movements and Women's Issues; Women's Education; Women in Indian National Movement; Gandhian Nationalism and Women; Women's Organisations;

UNIT IV

Women in post-colonial India: Tribal and Dalit Issues; Violence Against Women: Child Marriage, Dowry, Female Foeticide, Rape, Prostitution, Trafficking; Women's Movement in India; Women and Rural Development; Policy on Women's Empowerment; Issues on Women's Health.

Suggested Reading:

1. Anagol, Padma. *The Emergence of Feminism in India, 1850 – 1920*
2. Arondekar, R. Anjali. *For the Record: On Sexuality and the Colonial Archive in India*
3. Ballhatchet, Kenneth. *Race, Sex and Class under the Raj*
4. Bayly, C. A, Vijayendra Rao, Simon Sreter, Michael Woolcock, eds. *History, Historians and Development Policy*

5. Burton, M. Antoinette. *Burdens of History: British Feminists, Indian Women and Imperial Culture 1865 – 1915*
6. Clintock, Mc Anne, *Imperial Leather: Race, Gender and Sexuality in the Colonial Context*
7. Engels, Friedrich. *The Origin of the Family, Private Property and the State in The Light of the Researches of Lewis H. Morgan*
8. Evans, Mary and Carolyn H. Williams. *Gender: The Key Concepts*
9. Forbes, Geraldine. *Women in Modern India*.
10. Forbes, Geraldine. *Women in Colonial India: Essays on Politics, Medicine and Historiography*
11. Hyam, Ronald. *Empire and Sexuality: the British Experience*
12. Kumar, Radha. *The History of Doing*
13. Levine, Phillipa. *Gender and Empire* Oxford History of the British Empire Companion Series
14. Levine, Phillipa. *Prostitution, Race and Politics: Policing Venereal Disease in the British Empire*
15. Mani, Lata. *Contentious Traditions*
16. Metcalf, Daly, Barbara. *Perfecting Women* Maulana Ashraf 'Ali Thanawi's *BihishtiZewar*
17. Minault, Gail. *Secluded Scholars, Women's Education and Muslim Social Reform in Colonial India*
18. Ray, Bharati. *Early Feminists of Colonial India*
19. Sarkar, Tanika. *Rebels, Wives and Saints: Designing Selves and Nations in Colonial Times*
20. Sarkar, Tanika. *Hindu Wife, Hindu Nation: Community, Religion and Cultural Nationalism*
21. Sarkar, Tanika and Sarkar, Sumit, eds. *Women and Social Reform in Modern India: A Reader*
22. Rege, Sharmila. *Writing Caste, Writing Gender: Reading Dalit Women's Testimonies*
23. Sangari, Kumkum and Vaid, Sudesh. *Recasting Women: Essays in Colonial History*
24. Sinha, Mrinalini. *Specters of Mother India: The Global Restructuring of an Empire*
25. Tharu, J. Susie, K. Lalita. *Women Writing in India: 600 B.C. to the Early Twentieth Century*

Gender: Development and Empowerment

Objectives: This paper gives understanding to the learner about various Gender Development concepts and theories and models. It also highlights government initiatives for gender development.

UNIT – I

Concept and Theories of Development: Gender – Development Approaches-Development Theory; Mainstreaming women into Development; Perspectives on Gender and Development

UNIT – II

Gender and Development: An Overview

Connecting, Extending, Revising: Development from a gender perspective (A detailed review of the perspectives of Vandana Shiva, Maria Mies and Naila Kabir)

Unit – III

Gender Development and the Planning: The Five Year Plans Towards Equality, Shramashakti Report, NPP, National Commission for Women, Beijing and After

UNIT – IV

Approaches to women development:

- Women in Development
- Women and Development
- Gender and Development
- Women Empowerment

References:

Christine Heward and Sheila Bunwaree (eds) 1999. Gender, Education & Development: Beyond Access to Empowerment. London: Zed Books Ltd.

Deborah Eade (ed) 2006. Development with Women. Jaipur, Rawat Publications

Goetz Anne Marie 2001. Women Development Workers. New Delhi: Sage Publications.

Lewis Jane (ed). 1983: Women's Welfare. Women's rights. London: Croom Helm Ltd., 1983.

Mahadeva. Health Education for Better Quality of Life. B.R. Publications New Delhi, 1990.

Martin Woodhead and Dorothy Faulkner (eds) 1999. Making Sense of Social Development. London: Routledge.

Narasimhan WSakuntala 1999.Empowering Women. New Delhi, Sage Publications.

Nussbaum Martha C. 1999. Women and Human Development. New Delhi: Kalif for Women.

Nussbaum Martha C. 2000. Women and Human Development. Chicago, Cambridge Press.

Park, J.E. and Perk, K. 1988. Text Book of Preventive and Social Medicine Jabalpur, Banarsidas Publishers.

Tumin Melvin M. 1999.Social Stratification: The Forms and Function of Inequality.New Delhi: Prentice. Hall of India.

T S Saraswathi and Balijit Kaur (eds) 1993. Human Development and Family Studies in India: An Agenda for Research and Policy. New Delhi: Sage Publications.

Yadav C.P. (ed) 2000. Empowerment of Women. New Delhi, Anmol Publications.

Semester-II

WSC-07

Women and Environment

Objectives

- To focus on women's relationship to the environment;
- To highlight on environment awareness and conservation of Environment and Ecofeminism
- Women Environmentalists and Environmental Movements.

Unit:1

Women - nature

- Women - nature relationship the Changing interface
- Nature as the feminine principle; Gaia Concept
- Gender and Perception of the Environment
- Environmental Ethics, Ecofeminism

Unit:2

Women in Resource Management:

- Women-Nature-Development debate
- Ecological imbalance due to industrialization, urbanization
- Development and depletion of natural resources ;Environmental degradation and pollution
- Vulnerability of women in resource extraction

Unit:3

Women and Quality of life:

- Quality of life in urban and rural areas
- Poverty of rural women and environmental problems
- Wood-Fuel-water Crisis; occupational hazards
- GEM and GDI

Unit: 4

Role of Women in Environment Conservation:

- Women Environmentalists and their Contribution: Rachel Carson, Vandana Shiva and Wangari Muta Maathai
- Chipko Movement
- Environmental conservation and TEK
- Environmental awareness and Policies

Reference

1. Rocheleau D., B. Thomas-Slayter and E. Wangari (eds.).1996. Feminist Political Ecology: Global Issues and Local Experiences. London: Routledge.
2. Krishna Sumi.2003. Livelihood and Gender:Equity in Community Resource Management. New Delhi: Sage.
3. Biswal Tapan. 2006. Human rights, Gender and Environment. New Delhi: Viva books.
4. Shiva Vandana.1998. Staying Alive: Women, Ecology and Survival in India. New Delhi: Kali for Women.
5. Shiva Vandana. 1992. The Violence of the Green Revolution: Third World Agriculture Ecology and Politics. Mapusa: The Other India Press.
6. Buckingham-Hatfield Susan. 2006. Gender and Environment. London, New York : Routledge.

7. Asthana, Pratima. Women's Movement in India. Delhi: Rawat, 1974.
8. Berbert.C and Deshbandhu. Environmental Education for Conservation and Development. Dehradun: Nataraj , 1985.
9. Kumar.R. Environmental Pollutions and Health Hazards in India. New Delhi: Ashish, 1985.
10. Adiseshiah, Malcom. Economics of Environment. New Delhi: Lancer International, 1987.
11. Mies, M & V. Shiva. Ecofeminism. Delhi: Kali for Women, 1993.
12. Mohan, I. Environmental Awareness and Urban Development. New Delhi: Ashish , 1988.
13. Shiva, Vandana. Staying Alive. New Delhi: Kali for Women, 1988.
14. Shiva, Vandana. Ecology and The Politics of Survival. New Delhi: Sage, 1991.

Semester-II

WSC-08

Women and Literature

Unit-1

Women in English Literature

- Mediaeval & Renaissance period.
- Romantic & Victorian period.
- Modern period.

Unit-2

Women in Bengali Literature

- Mediaeval & Renaissance period.
- Romantic period.
- Modern period.

Unit-3

Other Indian Literature.

- Marathi
- Hindi
- Assames, Odessa

Unit-4

Position of Women in World Literature

Semester-II

WSC-09

Women's Rights: Issues

Unit-1

Present Status of Women in India.

- Discrimination against Women.
- Social status of urban, rural and tribal women.
- Legal status of Hindu, Christian and Muslim women.

Unit-2

Constitution of India and Women.

- Women Rights as Human Rights.
- Women's Development and international interventions.
- National Machinery for Women's Rights.
- International Agencies.

Unit-3

Social Evils and Reform through Laws.

- Violence against Women.
- (Female foeticide, Child marriage, dowry, prostitution, trafficking, etc)
- Social reform Act.
- (Legalisation from sex worker, Maternity benefit, Domestic Violence, Dowry probation, National Commission for Women, Sexual harassment, etc.)

Unit-4

Feminist Critiques of Law.

- Law and the Women's movement in India.
- Recent landmarks in Indian subcontinent.