



Sub Committee for Women and Gender
Faculty of Humanity and Social Sciences Curriculum Development

Name of Institute: Symbiosis School for Liberal Arts

Course Name and Code: Understanding Feminisms

Course Code:

(UG/PG): UG, Semester 5 (Fall)

Number of Credits: 4

Level: 3

Learning Objective(s):

1. Students will analyze and familiarize with a historical understanding of women's subordination and the various explanations offered.
2. Categories compare and contrast various discourses in feminist thinking.
3. Identify and relate varied feminism.

Pedagogy:

1. The course will use classroom teaching/discussion in conjunction with out of class participation.
2. Readings that would be given are optional. It is requested that students read the same to augment the classroom lectures.
3. The Instructor would use visual material in terms of various mediums. Film Screenings would serve as a framework for the various issues discussed in class.
4. Attendance for both the classes and film screenings is compulsory

Course Outline

S. No.	Topic	Hours
1.	Feminist Theories: A broad overview: <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Relation between feminist movement and feminist theorization○ The essence of different feminist theories (sexuality and the body and material basis of exploitation)	20
2.	Contextualizing feminist theory for India: <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Mahatma Phule and Savitribai Phule○ Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar○ Periyar	10

3.	Marxist and broad left trends and their understanding of Women's exploitation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Origins of family ○ Patriarchy and accumulation of capital 	20
4.	Understanding different feminism and debates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Concluding the discussions drawing on 1 and 3 	10
	Total	60

Books Recommended

V Geetha, Patriarchy, 2007, Stree Calcutta (Bhatkal and Sen)

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Lerner Gerda, Creation of Patriarchy, 1986, Oxford University Press

Suggested Evaluation Methods

As per SIU Rules on Pg No. 20-5.1 e) III

Parallel/Similar courses in the existing curriculum:

S.No.	Name of the course	Institute where it was offered

Name of Member	Ms. Sutapa Majumdar	Ms. Ujwala Samarth			
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