



Structure of the 3/4 Year Undergraduate Programme
Women's Studies (WMS)
Minor Courses (Semester I and Semester II)

		Semester I			
Course Code	Course Type	Course Title	Credits	Lec+Tu	Marks
	Minor Discipline Paper 1	Women's Studies – Basic Concepts	5	4+1	100
		Section A (20 Classes) Basic Concepts Section B (10 Classes) Introduction to Women's Studies Section C (30 Classes) Women, State and Civil Society			

Semester I

Minor Discipline Paper 1(MA-1)

Course Title: Women's Studies – Basic Concepts

Section A: Basic Concepts (20 classes)

- Sex-Gender System
- Social Construction of Gender
- Understanding Patriarchy
- Understanding Private-Public Dichotomy



Section B: Introduction to Women's Studies (10 classes)

- What is Women's Studies?
- Emergence of Women's Studies in India as an academic Discipline

Section C: Women, State and Civil Society (30 classes)

- Women and Work
- Women: Caste, Class, Religion
- Women and Media

Reading List

- Sharmila Rege, (ed.), *Sociology and Gender: The Challenges of Feminist Sociological Knowledge*, Sage, New Delhi, 2003
- Indu Prakash Singh, *Indian Women: The Power trapped*, galaxy Pub, New Delhi, 1991
- Arvind Narrain. *Queer: Despised Sexuality Law and Social Change*. Book for Change. 2005
- Chandra Talpade Mohanty, *Feminism without Borders: Decolonizing Theory, Practicing Solidarity*. Duke University Press
- Judith Butler, *Gender Trouble*, Routledge, 1990
- Urvashi Butalia. *The Other Side of Silence: Voices from the Partition of India*. Penguin Books India. 1998
- Flavia Agnes. *Law and Gender Inequality: The Politics of Women's Rights in India*. Oxford University Press, 2001
- Mary E. John. *Women's Studies in India: A reader*. Penguin Books. 2008
- Betty Friedan. *The Feminine Mystique*. New York: Norton, 1963
- Veena Majumdar. "Report on the committee on the Status of Women: Towards Equality." *Journal of Women Studies*. 1974
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- Karen Ross. 'The Handbook of Gender, Sex and Media,'
- David Gauntlett. 'Media, Gender and Identity,'
- Kamla Bhasin. 'What is Patriarchy?'" *Kali For Women*, New Delhi. 1993
- V. Geetha, *Understanding Gender*, Calcutta, 2006
- David Glover and Cora Kaplan: *Genders*, New York, 2009



		Semester II			
Course Code	Course Type	Course Title	Credits	Lec+Tu	Marks
	Minor Discipline Paper 2	Feminist Thought	5	4+1	100
		Section A (30 Classes) Schools of Feminist Thought - I			
		Section B (30 Classes) Schools of Feminist Thought - II			

Semester II

Minor Discipline Paper 2 (MA-2)

Course Title: Feminist Thought

Section A: Schools of Feminist Thought - I (30 classes)

- Liberal Feminist Thought – Origin, Concepts – Women's Civil and Political Rights, Legal reforms (Thinkers – Simone de Beauvoir, Betty Friedan)
- Radical Feminist Thought – Origin, Concepts - Construction of Gender, Patriarchy (Thinkers – Shulamith Firestone, Kate Millet)
- Socialist Feminist Thought- Origin, Concepts - Social Production and Reproduction, Private Property and Patriarchy. (Thinkers – Friedrich Engels, Heidi Hartman)

Section B: Schools of Feminist Thought - II (30 classes)

- Eco-Feminism – Origin, Contributions of Vandana Shiva
- Black Feminism– Origin, Contributions of Patricia Hill Collins



- Third World Feminism – Origin, Contributions of Chandra Talpade Mohanty

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- Betty Friedan. The Feminine Mystique. New York: Norton, 1963
- Radha Kumar. (1993). "The History of Doing." Kali for Women, New Delhi.
- Sally J. Scholz, Feminism: A Beginner's Guide (Beginner's Guides) Paperback – February 1, 2010
- Tong Rosemarie, Feminist Thought: A Comprehensive Introduction. Boulder: Westview Press, 1989
- Arpita Mukhopadhyay, Feminisms, Orient Blackswan, India
- Vandana Shiva. Ecology and the Politics of Survival: Conflicts Over Natural Resources in India. Sage. 1991
- Rinita Mazumder. 'A short course of Feminist Theory'
- Chris Beasley, 'What is feminism? An Introduction to Feminist Theory'
- Ortner, Sherry, B. (1972). 'Is female to male as nature is to culture?' Feminist Studies, 1(2), 5-31.
- Shiva, Vandana (1988). Staying Alive: Women, Ecology and Survival in India. New Delhi: Kali for Women.
- Warren, Karen & N. Erkal (1997). Ecofeminism: Women, Culture and Nature
- Collins, Patricia Hill (1980). 'The Social Construction of Black Feminist Thought', Signs, 14, 745-773.
- Collins, Patricia Hill (1990). Black Feminist Thought. Boston: Unwin Hyman.
- Simone De Beauvoir: The Second Sex. Trans H.M. Parshely Vintage Books, New York. 1974
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