

Syllabus for M.A. in Women Studies:

Semester	Core Course	Elective Course (4 credits each)	Total Credits
First Semester	<p>(5 credits each) Paper I Understanding the Basic Concepts of Women's Studies Paper II Feminist Theories and Critiques Paper III Feminist Thinkers and their Thoughts Paper IV Women Empowerment Movements and their Impacts</p>	-----	4x5= 20 credits
Second Semester	<p>(5 credits each) Paper I Women, Politics and Political Processes Paper II Women in Economy Paper III Women, Society and Social Structure Paper IV Gender, Culture and Media</p>	-----	4x5= 20 credits
Third Semester	<p>(4 credits each) Paper I- Women and Environment Paper II- Women and Education Paper III- Research Methodology Paper IV- Dissertation</p>	<p>Either one of the two papers to be opted- Paper I- Women and Health Or Paper II- Role of International organizations, state actors, and non-state actors in women empowerment</p>	16+4= 20 credits
Fourth Semester	<p>(4 credits each) Paper I- Feminism in International Relations Paper II- Women and Globalisation</p>	<p>Either one of the two papers to be opted- Paper I- Women and the Third World Or</p>	16+4= 20 credits

	Paper III- Women Rights as Human Rights Paper IV- Viva Voce	Paper II- Feminism and Foreign Policies	
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Total Credits = 80

4 Credits = 75 marks

External- 75%

Internal- 25%

Detailed Syllabus for Semester I

Paper I- Understanding the Basic Concepts of Women's Studies

- Evolution of Women's Studies and its Significance
- Sex and Gender: Difference between sex and gender
- Role of Women in- family, society and state.
- Issues faced by women- Patriarchy, stereotyping, women representation, violence against women, gender pay gap, gender consciousness etc
- Waves of Feminism

Suggested Readings-

- *Bargad, Adena, and Janet Shibley Hyde. "Women's studies: A study of feminist identity development in women." Psychology of women quarterly 15.2 (1991): 181-201.*
- *Blau, Francine D., and Lawrence M. Kahn. "Understanding international differences in the gender pay gap." Journal of Labor economics 21.1 (2003): 106-144.*
- *Blossfeld, Hans-Peter, and Kathleen Kiernan. The new role of women: Family formation in modern societies. Routledge, 2019.*
- *Cranny-Francis, Anne, et al. Gender studies: Terms and debates. Bloomsbury Publishing, 2017.*
- *Davis, Kathy, Judith Lorber, and Mary S. Evans. "Handbook of gender and women's studies." Handbook of Gender and Women's Studies (2006): 1-512.*
- *Dicker, Rory, and Alison Piepmeier, eds. Catching a wave: Reclaiming feminism for the 21st century. Northeastern University Press, 2016.*
- *Hunnicut, Gwen. "Varieties of patriarchy and violence against women: Resurrecting "patriarchy" as a theoretical tool." Violence against women 15.5 (2009): 553-573.*
- *Malti-Douglas, Fedwa. "Encyclopedia of sex and gender." (2007).*
- *Rampton, Martha. "Four waves of feminism." Pacific University Oregon 25 (2015): 1-10.*
- *Robinson, Victoria. Introducing women's studies. Macmillan Education UK, 1997.*

- *Soh, Debra. The end of gender: Debunking the myths about sex and identity in our society. Simon and Schuster, 2021.*
- *Tierney, Helen, ed. Women's studies encyclopedia. Vol. 1. greenwood publishing group, 1999.*

Paper II- Feminist Theories and Critiques

- Liberal Feminism
- Radical Feminism
- Socialist Feminism
- Marxist Feminism
- Black Feminism
- Ecofeminism

Suggested Readings-

- Baehr, Amy R. "Liberal feminism." *FEMINIST INTERPRETATIONS Of john rawls* 150 (2007).
- Barrett, Michele. *Women's oppression today: The Marxist/feminist encounter*. Verso Books, 2014.
- Beasley, Chris. "What is feminism?: An introduction to feminist theory." *What is Feminism?* (1999): 1-192.
- Collective, Combahee River. 'A Black Feminist Statement'. na, 1977.
- Collins, Patricia Hill. "Gender, black feminism, and black political economy." *The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* 568.1 (2000):41-53
- Dietz, Mary G. "Current controversies in feminist theory." *Annual review of political science* 6.1 (2003): 399-431.
- Ferber, Marianne A., and Julie A. Nelson, eds. *Beyond economic man: Feminist theory and economics*. University of Chicago Press, 2009.
- Ferguson, Kathy E. "Feminist theory today." *Annual Review of Political Science* 20 (2017): 269-286.
- Gaard, Greta. *Critical Ecofeminism*. Lexington Books, 2017.
- Hartsock, Nancy. "Marxist feminist dialectics for the 21st century." *Science & society* (1998): 400-413.
- Holmstrom, Nancy, ed. *The socialist feminist project: A contemporary reader in theory and politics*. NYU Press, 2002.
- MacKinnon, Catharine A. *Toward a feminist theory of the state*. Harvard University Press, 1989.
- Padia, Chandrakala. *Theorizing Feminism*. Rawat Publications, 2011.

- *Salleh, Ariel. Ecofeminism as politics: Nature, Marx and the postmodern. Zed Books Ltd., 2017.*
- *Sen, Sanjay, and Amorjit Saikia. A Concise Book of Feminism: Theory and Practice. Mahaveer Publications, 2021.*
- *Shiva, Vandana, and Maria Mies. Ecofeminism. Bloomsbury Publishing, 2014.*
- *Willis, Ellen. "Radical feminism and feminist radicalism." Social text 9/10 (1984): 91-118.*

Paper III- Feminist Thinkers and their Thoughts

- Western Feminist Thinkers: Mary Wollstonecraft, J.S. Mill, Simone de Beauvoir, Betty Friedan
- International Relations Feminist Thinkers- Cynthia Enloe, J. Ann Tickener
- Indian Feminist Thinkers- Savitri Bai Phule, Pandita Ramabai, Sarojini Naidu, Raja Ram Mohan Roy
- Contemporary Development in Feminist Thought

Suggested Readings-

- BISWAS, SANTU. "ROLE OF SAVITRIBAI PHULE IN THE PERSPECTIVE OF INDIAN WOMEN EDUCATION." JUAAN JOURNAL, UTTARAKHAND (2021).
- Bowlby, Rachel. "The Problem with No Name': Rereading Friedan's "The Feminine Mystique"." *Feminist Review* (No. 27, Autumn, 1987): 61-75 (15 pages).
- Carol McClurg Mueller, Mary Fainsod Katzenstein. *The Women's Movements of the United States and Western Europe*. Temple University Press, 1987.
- Enloe, Cynthia. "HYPERMASCULINITY AND #METOO." *Journal of International Affairs* (Vol. 72, No. 2, Spring/Summer - 2019, Dynamics of Global Feminism): pp. 119-124 (6 pages).
- FOOT, ROSEMARY. "Where Are the Women? The Gender Dimension in the Study of International Relations." *Diplomatic History* (Vol. 14, No. 4 (Fall 1990)): 615-622 (8 pages).
- Kosambi, Meera. "Women, Emancipation and Equality: Pandita Ramabai's Contribution to Women's Cause." *Economic and Political Weekly* (Vol. 23, No. 44 (Oct. 29, 1988)): WS38-WS49 (12 pages).
- Kruks, Sonia. "Gender and Subjectivity: Simone de Beauvoir and Contemporary Feminism." *Signs* (Vol. 18, No. 1 (Autumn, 1992),): 89-110 (22 pages).
- MILLER, NANCY BAUER CAROLYN G. HEILBRUN NANCY K. "Simone de Beauvoir, Philosophy, and Feminism." Columbia University Press (2001): 288.
- Mudgal, Alka. "PANDITA RAMABAI." *The Indian Journal of Political Science* (Vol. 74, No. 2 (April - June, 2013)): 347-356 (10 pages).

- Reddy, Sheshalatha. "THE COSMOPOLITAN NATIONALISM OF SAROJINI NAIDU, NIGHTINGALE OF INDIA." *Victorian Literature and Culture* (Vol. 38, No. 2 (2010)): pp. 571-589 .
- Smith, Elizabeth S. "John Stuart Mill's "The Subjection of Women": A Re-Examination." *The University of Chicago Press* (2001): 181-203 (23 pages).
- Tickner, J. Ann. "Gendering a Discipline: Some Feminist Methodological Contributions to International Relations." *Signs* (Vol. 30, No. 4, New Feminist Approaches to Social Science Methodologies Special Issue Editors Sandra Harding and Kathryn Norberg (Summer 2005)): 2173-2188 (16 pages).
- Vintges, Karen. "Simone de Beauvoir: A Feminist Thinker for Our Times." *Hypatia* (Vol. 14, No. 4, Autumn, 1999, *The Philosophy of Simone de Beauvoir*): 133-144.

Paper IV- Women Empowering Movements and their Impacts

- Historical Analysis of Women's Movements- Suffrage, Working women's issues, birth control movements etc.
- Women's Movements in the Western World: Ideas of Enlightenment, Women's condition in pre-industrial and industrial times (Seneca Falls Convention), Suffrage Movement, Women's liberation Movement, Waves of Feminism
- Emergence of Women's Movement in India: Women's issues in colonial India- Sati, polygamy, purdah system, child marriage, plight of widows etc., Women's participation in national independence movement, Women's movements in Post-independent India- Chipko Andolan, Telengana Movement, Anti-Arrack Movement, ASFPA protests (Irom Sharmila and others) etc.
- Brief Overview of Women's Movement in USA, Europe, Africa, Asia and Latin America

Suggested Readings-

- Agarwal, Meenu. *Women Empowerment and Gender Equality*. Kanisha Publishers & Distributors, 2013.
- Aitken, Molly Emma. "Pardah and Portrayal: Rajput Women as Subjects, Patrons, and Collectors." *Artibus Asiae* (Vol. 62, No. 2, 2002): , pp. 247-280 (34 pages).
- Antrobus, Peggy. *The Global Women's Movement*. Zed Books, 2013.
- Asthana, Pratima. *Women's Movement in India*. Vikas Publishing House, 1974.
- Bandyopadhyay, Vandana Shiva and J. "The Evolution, Structure, and Impact of the Chipko Movement." *Mountain Research and Development* (Vol. 6, No. 2 (May, 1986)): 133-142 (10 pages).
- . Chatterjee, Manini. "1930: Turning Point in the Participation of Women in the Freedom Struggle." *Social Scientist* (Vol. 29, No. 7/8 (Jul. - Aug., 2001)): 39-47 (9 pages).

- *Chatterjee, Partha. "Colonialism, Nationalism, and Colonialized Women: The Contest in India." American Ethnologist (Vol. 16, No. 4, Nov., 1989): 622-633 (12 pages).*
- *Desai, Neera and Usha Thakkar. Women in Indian Society. National Book Trust India, 2001.*
- *Laurel Forster, Sue Bruley. Historicising the Women's Liberation Movement in the Western World. Taylor & Francis, 9 July 2019.*
- *Pande, Rekha. "From Anti-arrack to Total Prohibition: The Women's Movement in Andhra Pradesh, India." Gender, technology and development (2000/03/01).*
- *Schulz, Kristina. The Women's Liberation Movement. Berghahn Books, 2017.*
- *Srinivas, M. N. "The Changing Position of Indian Women." Man (Vol. 12, No. 2, Aug., 1977): 221-238 (18 pages).*
- *Teele, Dawn Langan. "Women & the Vote." Daedalus (Vol. 149, No. 1, Women & Equality (Winter 2020)): 25-39 (15 pages).*

Detailed Syllabus for Semester II

Paper I- Women, Politics and Political Processes

- Feminist understanding of politics
- Politics of Gender and Gender Gap in Politics
- Women participation in constituent assembly and major debates
- Political Participation of Women- Perspectives from the World, India and Uttarakhand
- Women and Electoral Processes
- Political Masculinity and the Rights of Women
- Gender and Affirmative Action- with special reference to debate on reservation
- Political Empowerment of Women- struggle, challenges and future prospects

Paper II- Women in Economy

- Women, work and Employment
- Women participation in labour force- Organized and Unorganized Sectors, occupation, locations, major issues etc
- Gender and Entrepreneurship
- Feminisation of Poverty, Feminisation of Agriculture, Feminisation of Labour
- Role of women in the economy of Uttarakhand- Prospects and Challenges
- New International Division of Labour

Paper III- Women, Society and Social Structure

- Feminists Debate on the Family- Institutions of Marriage and Divorce, Politics of Reproduction
- Feminists Debate on Development and Change
- Women in Indian Society
- Dalit Feminism
- Contemporary Feminist Perspective on Class
- Women and Tribes- Tribal Political Economy; marriage and property inheritance, practice of bride price; role of women in tribal economy; tribal women, development and violence
- Women and Religion- Construction of gender, personal laws, UCC

Paper IV- Gender, Culture and Media

- Discourse on Women and Media Studies
- Feminism and Gender Issues in Film and Cinema
- Women in Media- Journalism, print media, visual media, digital media, social media, advertisements, media and women movements
- Cyber Feminism and Gender in cyberspace
- Ideas of Gender and Feminism in Western and Indian Literature
- Women, Culture and Society

Detailed Syllabus of Semester III

Core Course

Paper I- Women and Environment

- Theories and Debates on Gender and Environment- with special reference to Feminist Political Ecology, Ecofeminism and Sustainable Development
- Women's Vulnerability to Climate Change
- Women's Role in Environmental Actions in- developed countries, developing countries, least developed countries (LDCs) and Small Island Developing States (SIDS), and indigenous communities.
- Women and Environmental Justice- Need, Significance and Challenges
- Role of Women In Environmental Movements- Chipko Andolan, Narmada Bachao Andolan, Silent Valley Movement, Female Forest Guards of Gir, Greenbelt Movement,
- Famous Women Environmentalists and their contributions- Amrita Devi Bishnoi, Gaura Devi, Medha Patekar, Vandana Shiva, Sunita Narain, Rachel Carson, Marina Silva, Greta Thunberg

Paper II- Women and Education

- Status of Women Education in India- Gross Enrolment Ratio, literacy rate, regional disparity, dropouts, female teachers ratio etc
- Social and Economic factors affecting women's education- socialization in family, gendered education, gender roles, poverty, early marriage etc.
- Evaluation of Education Policies and various Government initiatives for women's formal and non-formal education- Kothari Commission, NEP 1986, National Literacy Mission, Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, Right to Education, Mid day meal scheme, New Education Policy 2020 etc.
- Vocational Education and Skill Development for women- with special reference to New Education Policy, 2020
- Women's Education in Uttarakhand- present status, challenges, major initiatives taken by the government, and role of non-governmental organisations.

Paper III- Research Methodology

- Understanding Social Research- Meaning, Types, Nature and Significance.
- Fundamentals of Research- Research Problem, Hypothesis, Review of Literature, Research Question, Research Design
- Research Methodology-
 - Difference between Research Method and Research Methodology
 - Types of Research Methodology
- Feminist Research- Key Concepts, Feminist Methodology, Debates, Issues and Limitations

Paper IV- Dissertation

Elective Course

Paper I- Women and Health

- A Discussion about Women Health Issues : In The Past & The Present Spheres
- Government Initiatives In Rendering Health Facilities, Rights & Justice to women
- A Comparative Study of Rural and Urban Areas of India on Women Health- with a special reference to Uttarakhand.
- A Global Perspective on women health.

Paper II- Role of International organizations, state actors, and non-state actors in women empowerment

- State Actors
 - a) state role and significance in empowering womanhood.
 - b) laws and constitutional provisions in India.
 - c) role & prospect of National Commission of Women.
- Non –State Actors

a) Role and agendas of non state actors in promoting womanhood.

b) Illustration of various organisations in India for working efficiently in the protection of woman :-

i) Ashraya- short stay home

ii) Sangati- family counseling centre

iii) Adhar- working women hostel

iv) Women self employment counseling centre

v) Self help groups

vi) Action aid India

- Role of UN and its various bodies and specialised agencies in women empowerment

Detailed Syllabus of Semester IV

Core Course

Paper I- Feminism in International Relations

- The emergence of feminist perspective in IR
- Feminist theories contributed in understanding IR: liberal, constructivist, feminist post structural & post colonial feminist.
- International Politics and Gender
- Feminist view of state and war

Paper II- Women & Globalisation

- Changing scenario of women's position in international relations after the emergence of globalization
- Globalization & its Impact on women- positive and negative aspects
- Critical Analysis of Globalisation and gender equality

Paper III- Human Rights and Challenges of Women

- Meaning of Women Right as Human Rights & its significance
- Role of International laws, Constitutional provisions and various agencies in promoting women and human rights
- Violence against Women
- Feminist view of war, peace and the security debate
- Human Rights and Challenges of women in India

Paper IV- Viva Voce

Elective Course

Paper I- Women & the Third World:-

- Women condition during colonial and post colonial era.
- Evolving roles and challenges of women in the 20th and 21st century.
- Major contribution of third world women in boosting international politics.
- The relevance of feminist critiques in third world societies.

Paper II- Feminism & Foreign Policies

- A perspective on the framework of feminist foreign policies
- Significance of strengthening the position of feminists in foreign policies.
- Challenges & Issues women Face in developing foreign policies at global level.