



NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY AND JUDICIAL ACADEMY, ASSAM

PROGRAMME: B.A., LL.B (HONS.) FYIC

DETAILS OF COURSE OFFERED

ODD SEMESTER (V) – ACADEMIC YEAR:

SL. NO	COURSE CODE	COURSE TITLE	L	T/P	CR	CH
1.	501 SOC MJ V (i)	GENDER AND SOCIETY	4 PER WEEK	1 PER WEEK	4	

- A. CODE AND TITLE OF THE COURSE: 501 SOC MJ V (i), GENDER AND SOCIETY**
- B. COURSE CREDIT: 4 (TOTAL MARKS: 200)**
- C. MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION: ENGLISH**
- D. COURSE COMPILED BY: PREETI PRIYAM SHARMA**
- E. COURSE INSTRUCTOR: PREETI PRIYAM SHARMA**

1. COURSE OBJECTIVES

Some of the Objectives of the course are outlined below:

- The module will introduce students to the basic concepts of sex, gender, and sexuality
- It will establish the interconnections from feminist perspectives and theories of gender relations before the young minds
- It will trace the history of liberal, radical, Marxist, socialist feminist and post modern feminist thoughts
- It will critically contextualize these perspectives within South Asian cultural politics of gendering
- The course will draw upon theories of power and body to illustrate how female and masculine bodies and desires come to be normatively shaped and challenged
- It will invoke perspectives from masculinity studies in order to bring out tensions associated with the construction of masculinities amidst various gender movements
- It will lay emphasis on Feminist methodological tools of exploring social relations
- The significance of intersectional analysis will be used to show how gender operates in conjunction with class, caste, sexuality, religion, race and ethnicity

2. TEACHING METHODOLOGY

The methodology is not a traditional lecture method but participatory teaching method with the use of smart classroom technology for lectures, presentation and discussion. There will be a heavy reliance on audio visual aids, screening of movies, documentary, interpretation of art and images of society.

3. COURSE OUTCOMES

- Students will develop a deeper understanding of the prevalent social structures.
- Through exposure to multiple perspectives and theories of the issues they will develop a broader perspective of life.
- Therefore, they will be able to critically engage and actively work towards annihilating prevalent social problems, sexism and inequalities especially with regards to gender and sexuality based differences

4. COURSE EVALUATION METHOD

The Course shall be assessed out of 200 marks. The impetus is on Continuous Assessment. The Evaluation scheme is as follows:

Internal Assessment 70% (140 marks)

External Assessment 30% (60 marks)

Sl. No.	Internal Assessment	
1.	2 Assignments	2* 20 marks = 40 marks
2.	Seminar/ Group Discussion	20 marks
3.	Class Test (Twice in Semester)	2*35 marks= 70 marks
4.	Attendance in Class	10 marks
5.	Semester End Examination	60 marks

5. DETAILED STRUCTURE OF THE COURSE (SPECIFYING COURSE MODULES AND PRESCRIBED READING)

MODULE I

Basic Concepts of SOCIOLOGY OF GENDER

- **Gender,**
- **Deconstructing Sex and Gender,**
- **Social Construction of Gender,**
- **Functionalist view of Gender Roles,**
- **Conflict view of Gender Roles,**
- **Symbolic Interactionist view of Gender Roles,**
- **Gender Role Socialization,**
- **Public – Private Dichotomy,**
- **Understanding Patriarchy,**
- **Sexual division of Labour VS Cultural Division of Labour,**
- **Identity Politics,**
- **Masculinities**
- **Homosexuality, Lesbianism And Homophobia**
- **Transvestitism**

Gender Inequality:

Theoretical Approaches to Gender Inequality

- **Liberal Feminism,**
- **Marxist Feminism,**
- **Radical Feminism,**
- **Black Feminism**
- **Postmodern Feminism**

PRESCRIBED READINGS:

- Giddens, Anthony, *Sociology*, Wiley India Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi, 2010, Ch 14, pp - 575-624, Ch 21, pp – 935- 955, 960-982.
- Haralambos, M. & Holborn, M., *Sociology: Themes and Perspectives*, Harper Collins Publishers Ltd., London, 2008, Ch 2, Ch 6, 320-393
- Wharton, Amy S., *The Sociology of Gender*, Wiley-Blackwell Publications Ltd., West Sussex, Ch 1, pp - 1- 21, Ch 2, pp -23- 58, Ch 5, pp – 135- 160

MODULE II

- **Conceptualising sex, gender and sexuality: Theoretical Debates**
- **Locating, reading and researching gender: Methodological Debates**

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MODULE III

- **Gendered Society: Gendering the Private and the Public Domain**
- **Gendered Identities and Relations: Femininities and Masculinities**
- **Intersections and Challenges: Gender, nation, class, caste, race, religion, sexuality**

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- Kandiyoti, D., 'Bargaining with Patriarchy', in *Gender and Society*, 1988
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- Lawler, S., 'Getting out and Getting Away: Women's Narrative on Class Mobility', in *Feminist Review*, 1999
- Mehmood, S. *Politics of Piety: The Islamic Revival and the Feminist Subject*, Princeton University Press, Princeton 2005.
- Menon, N., *Seeing Like a Feminist*, Penguin , U.K. ,2012
- Mohanty, C.T. 'Under Western Eyes: Feminist Scholarship and Colonial Discourses', 1991
- Rege, S., *Writing Caste/ Writing Gender: Narrating Dalit Women's Testimonies*, Zubaan Publisher, Delhi, 2013.
- Rich, A., 'Compulsory Heterosexuality and Lesbian Existence', in *Signs*,1980
- Russo, and L. Torres. (eds.), *Third World Women and the Politics of Feminism*, Indiana University Press, Bloomington
- Walker, K., 'Men, Women and Friendship: What They Say, What They Do', in *Gender and Society*, 1994

MODULE IV

Gender and Power: Resistance and Movement

- Abu-Lughod, L., 'Do Muslim Women Really Need Saving?: Anthropological Reflections on Cultural Relativism and its Others', in *American Anthropologist* 104 (3), 2002, PP- 783-790
- Ghosh, A. (ed.), *Behind the Veil: Resistance, Women and the Everyday in Colonial South Asia*, Permanent Black , Ranikhet 2007
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