

MALAVIYA NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY JAIPUR
Department of Humanities and Social Sciences

PG/PhD	Department of Humanities and Social Sciences
Course Name	Gender and Society
Course Code	HST615
Credit	3 (L-T-P: 2-1-0)
Version	Open/Program Elective
Course Duration	13-14 Weeks excluding examinations
Pre-requisite Course	Nil
Introduction to the Course	Gender is one of the most fundamental characteristics that shapes the social life. This course provides a comprehensive and interdisciplinary introduction to the concept and theories of gender and throws light on how social institutions and processes impact different genders in different ways. It is significant for PG/PhD students to study the complex interplay of gender in society. The course includes combinations of reading, lectures, group activities, videos and assignments.
Course Objectives	The objectives of the course are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To acquaint students with the conceptual and theoretical framework, terminologies related to Gender. • To elucidate and explain the ways in which gender crisscrosses with different social institutions and processes. • To reflect upon National and international laws, policies and initiatives sketched to address Gender inequalities and their implications.
Course Outcomes	At the end of the course, students will be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Familiar with the conceptual and theoretical framework of Gender and Gender roles in Indian and global contexts. • Able to explain the link between gender and society and between varied socio-cultural, economic and political institutions and processes. • Able to critically reflect upon current and ongoing debates around Gender and inequalities.
Course Assessment	The assessment will be based on Term Examinations as well as internal summation keeping in mind the students' performance in the class as well. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internal Assessment: 20% • Mid-term Examination: 30% • End-term Examination: 50%
Course Content	<p>Unit I- Understanding Gender: Concept and Theories (13-14 Hours)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conceptualising Gender and related terms • Equality and Difference, Femininity and Masculinity, Social Construction of Gender, Private-Public dichotomy, Sexual Division of Labour, Gender Socialization • Trajectories of Feminist thought: Liberal, Radical, Marxist, Psycho-analytic, Postmodernist, Ecofeminism, Queer theory <p>Unit II- Gendered Social Institutions (13-14 Hours)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doing Gender: Patriarchy, Culture, and Family • Intersectionality and Caste, Class, Race, ethnicity and Religion

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gender and Economy, Workplace, Care work and Affective Labour, Gender and Development, Gender and Health, Gender and Education • Gender, Science and Technology, Gender, Media and Identity • Gender, Polity and Governance
	<p>Unit III- Gender: Laws, Policies and Initiatives (13-14 Hours)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable Development Goals, Global indices to measure Gender Inequalities, International Policies and Initiatives • Gender and Social Movements, Rights and Laws • Gender Mainstreaming and Gender Budgeting and Gender inclusive Policy Planning
Suggested Readings	<p>Bhatia, Reema. (2021). Gender: A Sociological Understanding. Pearson Education.</p> <p>Butler, Judith. (1990). Gender Trouble. Routledge</p> <p>Criado-Perez, Caroline. (2019). Invisible Women: Exposing Data Bias in a World Designed for Men. Vintage Digital.</p> <p>Desai, Neera & Thakkar, Usha. (2001). Women in Indian Society. National Book Trust India, New Delhi.</p> <p>Gates, Melinda French. (2019). The Moment of Lift: How Empowering Women Changes the World. Bluebird.</p> <p>Hooks, Bell. (2000). Feminist Theory: From Margin to Center. London: Pluto Press.</p> <p>Jackson S. & Scott S. (2002). Gender: A Sociological Reader. New York: Routledge.</p> <p>Kabeer, N. (2008). Paid work, women's empowerment and gender justice: critical pathways of social change.</p> <p>Maxine Baca Zinn, Pierrette Hondagneu-Sotelo and Michael A. Messner. (eds.) (2010). Gender Through the Prism of Difference. Fourth Edition. Oxford University Press.</p> <p>Menon, N. (Ed.). (1999). <i>Gender and politics in India</i> (p. 262264). New Delhi: Oxford University Press.</p> <p>Nielsen, K. B., & Waldrop, A. (Eds.). (2014). <i>Women, gender and everyday social transformation in India</i>. Anthem Press.</p> <p>Omvedt, Gail. (1980). We Will Smash this Prison!: Indian Women in Struggle. London: Zed Books Ltd.</p> <p>Ray, R. (2012). Handbook of Gender. New Delhi: Oxford University Press.</p> <p>Rege, Sharmila (ed.), (2003). Sociology of Gender: The Challenge of Feminist Sociological Knowledge, Sage, New Delhi</p> <p>Sen, Amartya, (2000). Development as freedom. New York: Anchor Books.</p> <p>Shiva, Vandana. (2010). Staying Alive: Women. Ecology, and Development. USA: South End Pr</p> <p>Tong, Rosemarie (2009) Feminist Thought: A Comprehensive Introduction. Colorado: Westview Press</p> <p>Wharton, Amy S. (2011). The Sociology of Gender: An Introduction to Theory and Research, 2nd Edition. Wiley-Blackwell</p>
E-resources	<p>Documentaries/short films on Gender issues</p> <p>MOOC Course</p> <p>Ted talks</p>

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