



BS (4 Years) for Affiliated Colleges

Code	Subject Title	Cr. Hrs	Semester
GS-102	Global Feminist Movement	3	I
Year	Discipline		
1	Gender Studies		

The course is designed to examine women's issues around the globe and to trace their struggles to achieve social, economic and political rights. The course also aims to make the students able to identify the similarities and differences of the women's movements origination within the same period of times in different countries. It will also give understanding of what women have achieved over the years and what is still need to be approached.

Course Contents

Historical Roots of Feminism

- Concept and Meaning
- Introduction to gender as category of historical analysis

Three Waves of Women's Emancipation

First Wave Feminism (1848-1920)

- Seneca Falls Convention (1848)
- Charter of Women's Rights
- Significance of the Women's Emancipation Movement
- The Golden years in Women's Struggle (1870-1920)

The Suffrage Campaign in Britain

The Struggle for Suffrage in USA

The Intermission Period (1920-1960)

- The Peace Movement
- Role of Women in Parliament
- Population and birth control
- Emergence of "New feminism"

2nd Wave Feminism (1960-1985)

- Struggle for Equal Rights
- Equality in Wages
- Women Journals and Publications
- Changing Gender roles

3rd Wave Feminism (1985 onwards)

- Postmodern feminism
- Eco-feminism
- Political and Legal Rights
- Future of feminism

Struggle for Rights around the Globe

Each of the selected country listed below has some specific historical, cultural, religious and national characteristics that makes the women's movement similar or different from the movement in United States and Britain. The women's emancipation struggle will also be studied in these regions to get an overall understanding.

- France (Western Europe)
- Egypt and Turkey (Middle East)
- Denmark (Nordic Region)
- China (East Asia)
- Afghanistan (Central Asia)
- Kenya (East Africa)
- Sub-Sahara Africa
- Costa Rica and Nicaragua(Latin America)
- SAARC Region

Basic Readings

- Bowden, Peta., Mummery, Jane. (2009). **Understanding Movements in Modern Thoughts: Understanding Feminism**. Durham: Acumen.
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 - Shukla, Bhaskar A.(2006). **Women on Women: A Feminist Study**. New Delhi: SARUP Sons
 - Shukla, Bhasker. (2007). **The American Feminist: A Critical Study**. Jaipur: Book Enclave.
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 - Thomsen, Natasha. (2010). **Women's Rights**. New Delhi: Viva Books Private Limited.
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