



BS (4 Years) for Affiliated Colleges

| Code | Subject Title | Cr. Hrs | Semester |
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| GS-104 | Socio-Cultural Aspects of Gender | 3 | II |
| Year | Discipline | | |
| 1 | Gender Studies | | |

This course seeks to answer the question, “what does it mean by gender, and how does it shape over every day experiences?” We will look at sex and gender categories in the context of socially assigned meanings and role expectations associated with femininity and masculinity through all stages of lives. The course also examines the impact of gender categorization in creating complex interactions between gender, raise, sexuality, family and the state. More importantly, this course critically evaluates how through a variety of mediums, such as the oral traditions, written texts, electronic media, and state policies, this gendered image is ratified. Thus, this course reviews how gender role assumptions shape the direction of a society.

Course Contents

Introduction to Culture and Society

- Theoretical Understanding
- Socio-cultural Evolution
- Interculturality

Introduction to Socio-cultural Issues

- Theoretical Perspective
- Socio-Cultural issues in Pakistan
- Strategies to Solve the Social Problems

Patriarchy

- Nature
- Role in the Social Construction of Gender

Human Beings: Engendered Species

- Biological construct of the Sexes
- Cross-Cultural Constructions of Gender
- The Social Construction of Gender Relations
- Gender Relations in Modern Period

Gendered Identities and Gendered Institutions

- Family as an Institution
 - The Role and Responsibilities in a Family
 - Reconstituting Family Relationships
- The Gendered Classrooms
 - Traditional Educational Methodologies
 - Towards Gender Equality
 - Barriers, Possibilities and Reality: National Perspective
- The Gendered Workplace
 - Gender Composition of the Labor Force
 - The Changing Gender Composition of the Labor Force

- The Persistence of Gender Ideologies
- The Persistence of Gender Discrimination at Workplace
- Glass Ceiling

Women, Men and Religion: Gendered Beliefs and Practices

The Gender Discourse of Language: Language of Authority and Power

Basic Readings:

- Linda L. Lindsey (2011). Gender Roles: A Sociological Perspective. New Delhi. PHI Learning.
 - Mairtin Mac & Chris Haywood (2007). Gender, Culture and Society: Contemporary Femininities and Masculinities: New York: Pilgrave Macmillan.
 - Michael S. Kimmel (2004). The Gendered Society. Oxford University Press; New York
 - Devender Pal Singh (2010). Man, society and Culture. New Delhi. Damini Garg.
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