



BS (4 Years) for Affiliated Colleges

Code	Subject Title	Cr. Hrs	Semester
GS-204	Gender and Religion	3	III
Year	Discipline		
2	Gender Studies		

The course provides an insight to gender and religion through a focus on two areas: Images of and prescribed roles for women (in particular) and men in the textual traditions of major religions, and ritual and religion in practice. It also aims to encourage students to explore the connections between religious texts, construction of gender and status of women and men in contemporary societies.

Course Contents

Introduction

- Role of religion in creating, preserving and interpreting gender ideology
- Feminist theory in religious studies

Religion and Traditional Gender Roles

- Perspective gender roles and responsibilities in scriptures and authoritative texts in Ilhamic and non-ilhamic religions

Historical Foundations for Women and Gender in Islam

- Representation of women in Quran and Haidth

Constructions of Femininity and Masculinity in Islam

Current issues within the study of gender and Islam

Basic Readings

- Ali, S. H. (2009). **Islam and Education: Conflict and Conformity in Pakistan's Madrassahs**. Karachi: Oxford University Press.
 - Nynas, P. (2012). **Religion, Gender and Sexuality in Everyday Life**. UK: Ashgate Publishing Limited.
 - Trzebiatowska, S.B. (2012). **Why are women more religious than men?** Oxford University Press.
 - Joffe, L.F (2012). **Gender, Religion and Family Law: Theorizing conflicts between women's rights and cultural traditions**. Brandeis University Press.
 - Failing, M.A & Others (2012). **Feminism, Law, and Religion**. Ashgate Publishing Company.
 - Kirkham, D.M (2013). **State responsive to minority religions**. Ashgate publishing Company.
 - Pauly, C.J. (2011). **Women Under Islam: Gender, Justice and the Politics of Islamic Law**. I.B. Tauris & Co. Ltd.
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