

**COMMON POOL OF GENERIC ELECTIVES (GE) COURSES  
For BA Hons/Major**

**GENERIC ELECTIVES (GE-14): Philosophy of Feminism**

Credit distribution, Eligibility and Pre-requisites of the Course

Course title & Code	Credits	Credit distribution of the course			Eligibility criteria	Pre- requisite of the course
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/ Practice		
Philosophy of Feminism GE 14	4	3	1	Nil	12th Passed	None

**Course Objectives:**

- A course in Feminism is needed to sensitise students to a perspective of thought that acts as a filter—a lens through which all subjects must be studied.
- It seeks to create gender sensitization and develops a holistic approach towards education.
- This course addresses the concerns of women in terms of debates on consciousness and soul, analyses their connect with nature and culture; and explains the development of feminist ideologies.

**Learning Outcomes:**

- Study of Feminism arms the student with analytical skills to develop valid arguments to counter gender discrimination, sexism and patriarchal dominance.
- Feminist theory has a social agenda i.e. to initiate transformation in social structures, customs and practices.
- The study of Feminism is not only an empowering tool against gender oppression but also against other systems of oppression such as race, class and colour.

**Unit I Patriarchy and the Origin of Feminism**

**(9 Hours, 3 Weeks)**

1. The Origins of Patriarchy

## 2. Aspects of Domination and Subordination

### Essential/Recommended readings:

Lerner, Gerda. "The Creation of Patriarchy." In *The Creation of Patriarchy*, 212-229. New York: OUP, 1986.

Hooks, Bell. "Feminism: A Movement to End Sexist Oppression." In *Feminisms* edited by Sandra Kemp and Judith Squires, 22-27. New York: OUP, 2009.

### Unit II Feminism and Intersectionality

(12 Hours, 4 Weeks)

1. Perceptions and Perspectives
3. Women and Caste: Voices of the Dalit women

### Essential/Recommended readings

Adichie, Chimamanda Ngozi. *We Should All Be Feminists*. London: Fourth Estate, 2014.

Badron, Margot. "Islamic Feminism on the Move". In *Feminism in Islam*, 323-338. Oxford: One World, 2009.

Rege, Sharmila. "Dalit Women Talk Differently: A Critique of 'Difference' and towards a Dalit Feminist Standpoint Position". *Economic and Political Weekly*, (October 31, 1998): WS 39-46.

### Unit III Body and Gender

(12 Hours, 4 Weeks)

1. Women as Objects
2. Self and Gender

### Essential/Recommended readings

Nussbaum, Martha C. "Objectification". *Philosophy & Public Affairs*, 24, no.4 (Autumn 1995): 249-291.

Vanita, Ruth. "The Self is Not Gendered: Sulabha's Debate with King Janaka." *NWSA Journal*, 15(2003): 76-93

### Unit IV Women and Environment

(12 Hours, 4 Weeks)

1. Discussion on Ecofeminism
2. Indian perspective on gender and environment

### Essential/recommended readings

Mies Maria and Shiva Vandana. "Ecofeminism." In *Feminisms* edited by Sandra Kemp and Judith Squires, 497-502. New York: OUP, 2009.

Aggarwal, Bina. "The Gender and the Environmental Debate Lessons from India." *Feminist Studies*, 18, no.1(1992):119-158.

### Suggestive readings

Jagger, Alison M. and Iris Marion Young (eds). *Companion to Feminist Philosophy: Blackwell Companion to Philosophy*. Oxford: Blackwell Publishers, 1998.

Kemp, Sandra and Judith Squires, eds. *Feminisms*. New York: OUP, 2009.