

**DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC ELECTIVE – (DSE 1) – Understanding Dimensions of Gender**

**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 (if any)
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/ Practice		
<b>DSE 1 Understanding Dimensions of Gender</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Nil</b>	<b>12th Passed</b>	<b>None</b>

**Learning Objective**

- This course aims to orient students to gender and feminism to study society, social roles, and the diversity of subjects in society.
- The course seeks to create gender sensitization and develops a holistic approach toward 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 Outcome:**

- Study of feminism equips the student with analytical skills to develop valid arguments to counter gender discrimination, sexism and patriarchal dominance.
- Feminist theory seeks to initiate transformation in social structures, customs and practices.
- A course in feminism will empower the students to understand gender oppression and to learn how to discuss it in a responsible manner and learn to avoid the same in their lives.

**UNIT 1 –Introduction**

**(9 Hours, 3 Weeks)**

1. Gender: Concept and significance
2. Understanding and Analyzing Patriarchy

**Essential/Recommended Readings:**

Nicholson, Linda, "Gender". In *Companion to Feminist Philosophy: Blackwell Companion to Philosophy*, Edited by Alison M. Jaggar and Iris M. Young, 289-297. Oxford: Blackwell Publishers, 1998.

Bhasin, Kamla. *What is Patriarchy*. New Delhi: Kali for Women, 1993.

**UNIT 2: Women and Social Construction (12 Hours, 4 Weeks)**

1. The Study of relationship
2. Female body and its situatedness

**Essential/Recommended Readings:**

Goldman, Emma, "Marriage and Love". In *Anarchism and Other Essays*, 233-242. New York: Gordon Press Publishers, 1914.

Thapan, Meenakshi. "Femininity and its Discontents: Woman's Body in Intimate Relationships". In *Embodiment Essays on Gender and Identity*, edited by Meenakshi Thapan. New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 1997.

**UNIT 3 – Embodiment (12 Hours, 4 Weeks)**

1. Stereotypes and myths about beauty
2. The Norms of Sexuality

**Essential/Recommended Readings:**

Naomi Wolf, "The Beauty Myth". In *The Beauty Myth*, 9-19. New York, Harper Collins, 1991.

Rich, Adrienne, "Compulsory Heterosexuality and Lesbian Existence". In *Journal of Women's History* 15-3 (Autumn 2003), 11-48.

**UNIT 4 – Gender Politics (12 Hours, 4 Weeks)**

1. Defining Body Politics
2. Is Feminism Monolithic?: Studying Third World Feminism

**Essential/Recommended Readings:**

Sandra Lee Bartky, "Body Politics". In Alison M. Jaggar and Iris Marion Young, *A Companion to Feminist Philosophy*, Blackwell Companion to Philosophy. Oxford: Blackwell Publishers, 1998.

Narayan, Uma, "Westernization, Respect for Cultures, and Third-World Feminists". In Linda J. Nicholson (Ed.), *The Second Wave: A Reader in Feminist Theory*. Routledge, 1997, 396-414.