

Sociology of Gender

DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC CORE COURSE -12 (DSC-12) : Sociology 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		
DSC 12 Sociology of Gender	4	3	1	0	12th Class Pass	BA (H) DSC 05: Social Stratification or equivalent course

Learning Objectives:

1. To introduce the sociology of gender as a critical area of sociological inquiry.
2. To provide a sociological understanding of the categories of gender, sex and sexuality.
3. To problematise the common-sense conception of gender from a sociological perspective.

Learning outcomes:

Students will be able to:

1. *Identify* and explain key concepts in the sociology of gender.
2. *Investigate* gendered inequalities in a comparative mode across time and space.
3. *Analyse* gender in relation to other forms of social stratification and identities such as caste, class, family and work.

SYLLABUS OF DSC-12: Sociology of Gender

Unit I. Understanding Gender (9 Hours)

This unit locates the understanding of gender within the framework of sociological theories.

Unit II. Gender, Power and Resistance (9 Hours)

This unit examines the forms of resistance to gender-based power through ideological change and social movements.

- a. Power and Subordination
- b. Negotiations and Resistance

Unit III. Gender: Differences and Inequalities (12 Hours)

This unit examines the intersection of gender with different forms and locations of social inequality.

- a. Stratification and Difference

b. Work and Household

Unit IV. Masculinity and Femininity (15 Hours)

This unit elucidates the varied ways in which gender is socially constructed.

a. Production of Masculinity and Femininity

b. Culture and Sexuality

Practical Component: NIL

Essential/Recommended Readings:

Unit I. Understanding Gender

Jackson, S. and S. Scott (eds.) 2002 'Introduction: The Gendering of Sociology' in S. Jackson and S. Scott *Gender: A Sociological Reader*, London: Routledge. pp 1-26.

Risman, Barbara J. 2018. 'Gender as a Social Structure' in Handbook of the Sociology of Gender. Germany, Springer International Publishing, 2018. Pp. 19-38.

Unit II. Gender, Power and Resistance

a. Power and Subordination

Susie, Tharu and Tejaswini Niranjana. 1994. 'Problems for a Contemporary theory of Gender' in *Social Scientist*, Vol.22 No. ¾ (Mar-Apr) Pp. 93-117.

Abu Lughod, Lila. 2002. 'Do Muslim Women Really Need Saving? Anthropological Reflections on Cultural Relativism and its Others.' in *American Anthropologist*, Vol. 104, No. 3. Pp.783-790.

b. Negotiations and Resistance

Kandiyoti, Deniz. 1991. 'Bargaining with Patriarchy' in Judith Lorber and Susan A. Farrell (eds.) *The Social Construction of Gender*, New Delhi: Sage Publications. Pp. 104-118.

Ahmed. S. 2017. 'Bringing Feminist Theory Home' in *Living a Feminist Life*. Durham: Duke University Press. Pp. 1-18.

Unit III. Gender: Differences and Inequalities

a. Stratification and Difference

Walby, Sylvia. 2002. 'Gender, Class and Stratification: Towards a New Approach' in S. Jackson and S. Scott (eds.) *Gender: A Sociological Reader*. London: Routledge. Pp. 93-96.

Rege, S. 1998. 'Dalit Women Talk Differently: A Critique of 'Difference' and Towards a Dalit

Feminist Standpoint Position' in *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. 33, No. 44, Oct.31-Nov. 6. Pp. 39-48.

b. Work and Household

Whitehead, A. 1981. 'I'm Hungry Mum: The Politics of Domestic Budgeting' in K. Young et al. (eds.) *Of Marriage and the Market: Women's Subordination Internationally and its Lessons*. London: Routledge and Kegan Paul. Pp. 93-116.

Palriwala, Rajni. 1999. 'Negotiating Patriliney: Intra-household Consumption and Authority in Rajasthan (India)', in Rajni Palriwala and Carla Risseuw (eds.), *Shifting Circles of Support: Contextualising kinship and gender relations in South Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa*. Delhi: Sage Publications Pp. 190-220.

Unit IV. Masculinity and Femininity

a. Production of Masculinity and Femininity

Halberstam, Judith. 2012. 'An Introduction to Female Masculinity: Masculinity without Men' in *Female Masculinity*. Delhi: Zubaan . Pp. 1-29.

Cornwall, Andrea and Nancy Lindisfarne 1994 'Dislocating Masculinity: Gender, Power and Anthropology' in Cornwall and Lindisfarne (ed.). *Dislocating Masculinity: Comparative Ethnographies*. Routledge. Chapter 1, pp 11-26.

b. Culture and Sexuality

Ortner, Sherry. 1974. 'Is male to female as nature is to culture?' in M.Z. Rosaldo and L. Lamphere (eds.) *Women, Culture and Society*. Stanford: Stanford University Press. Pp. 67-87.

Dube, Leela. 2001. *Anthropological Explorations in Gender: Intersecting Fields*. Delhi: Sage Publications, 2001. Chapter 3. The Symbolism Of Biological Reproduction and Sexual Relations of Production. Pp. 119-151

Rubin, Gayle. 1984. 'Thinking Sex: Notes for a Radical Theory of the Politics of Sexuality' in Carole Vance, ed., *Pleasure and Anger*. London: Routledge. Pp. 143-165.

Suggested Readings:

Bhatia, R. 2022. *Gender: A Sociological Understanding*. Delhi: Pearson

Hill-Collins, Patricia. 2002. "Learning from the Outsider Within" in S. Jackson and S. Scott (eds.) *Gender: A Sociological Reader*. London: Routledge. Pp. 69-78.

Narrain, Arvind and Vinay Chandra. (eds). 2015. *Nothing to Fix: Medicalization of Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity*. New Delhi Sage Publications. Chapter 3.

Uberoi, Patricia “Feminine Identity and National Ethos in Indian Calendar Art” in *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. 25, No. 17 (Apr. 28, 1990)Pp. WS41-WS48.

Visvanathan, S. 1996. 'Women and Work: From Housewifization to Androgyny' in *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. 31 Number 45/46. Pp. 3015–17.

Menon, Nivedita .2012. *Seeing like a Feminist*. India: Penguin.

Additional Resources

Being Male, Being Kothi (2010) Dir: Mahua Bandhpothyay

Paris is Burning (1991) Dir: Jenine Livingston

Izzatnagari Ki Asabhya Betiyaan (2012) Dir: Nakul Singh Sawhney

Danish Girl (2015) Dir: Tom Hooper

Bol (2011) Dir: Shoaib Mansoor

Note: Examination scheme and mode shall be as prescribed by the Examination Branch, University of Delhi, from time to time.