

SHIVAJI UNIVERSITY, KOLHAPUR



Structure and Syllabus
of
Interdisciplinary Certificate Course
Introduction to Western Feminist
Thought
60 Hours - Four Credits

Course Code WS-CC-FT
To be introduced in 2012-2013
(Subject to the modifications made from time to time)

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Relevance of the course

- This course aims at acquainting the students with major schools in western feminist thought.
- It is designed to develop a critical perspective and enable them to question patriarchal assumptions of existing body of knowledge and integrate gender perspective in their education, research and its application.

Course Structure:

- The course is of 60-hour duration and would spread over one academic term.
- It consists of total 100 marks.
- Theory examination at the end of academic year would carry maximum 80 marks.
- Internal assessment carries maximum 20 marks.

Admission:

1. Admission is open for any graduate of any discipline.
2. It can be simultaneously pursued along with the other post-graduate course.
3. At least 75% attendance is required to enable to student to appear for theory examination.
4. Intake for the course will be 25.

Fee structure- (As applicable to the regular course)

Admission Fee - Rs. 10

Registration Fee-Rs. 50

Tuition Fee - Rs.100

Total- Rs.160 (To be paid at the time of admission)

Examination Fee Rs. 125 (To be paid along with the examination form)

Examination and assessment

- The examination of the course will be conducted by the University at the end of academic year. Examination fee of Rs. 125 fee as mentioned above will be charged for the same.
- The Examination for this course shall be by a theory paper, seminar, project, fieldwork and assignments.
- The student has to submit the assignments/ seminar papers before the date of the theory examination.

Grading

Aggregate of Total Marks	Letter Grade	Class
70-100	O	Distinction
60-69	A	First Class
55-59	B+	Higher Second Class
50-54	B	Second Class
40-49	C	Pass
39 or less	D	Fail

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Contact Hours : 60

Maximum Marks : 100

Credits : 04

Internal : 20

Examination Duration : 3 hrs

External : 80

Course content

Unit 1 Liberal Feminism

(15 Hours)

- a. Liberal Feminism in 18th Century- Mary Wollstone Craft
- b. Liberal Feminism in 19th Century- J. S. Mill, Harriet Taylor Mill
- c. Liberal Feminism in 20th Century- Betty Friedan

Unit 2 Radical feminism

(15 Hours)

- a. Masculinity and Femininity
- b. Biological Motherhood
- c. Technological Motherhood
- d. Pornography

Unit 3 Marxist Feminism

(15 Hours)

- a. Family
- b. State
- c. Wages for Housework

Unit 4 Socialist Feminism

(15 Hours)

- a. Influence of Radical Feminism and Marxist Feminism
- b. Concept of Social Mothering

Recommended Readings: (Course teacher may suggest additional readings)

Tong, Rosemarie (1989) **Feminist Thought: A Comprehensive Introduction**, Westview Press, San Francisco.

Humm, Maggie ed. (1992) **Feminism: A Reader**, Harvester Wheatsheaf NY / London.

Banks, Olive (1981) *Faces of Feminism: A Study of Feminism as a Social Movement*. New York: St Martin's Press.

Ryan, Barbara (1992) *Feminism and the Women's Movement*. Routledge, London.

Engels, Friedrich. **The Origin of the Family, Private Property and the State** (New York: Pathfinder Press, 1972)