

7.1.1 Gender in the Syllabus: A Short Note

Topics on Gender and Feminism are a part of the syllabus in our humanities and social science departments to help gradually instil gender sensitisation among our students. At present **five** departments deal with Gender related issues and topics as part of their General electives, Honours and Post-graduate syllabi.

Both the post graduate departments viz. Bengali and English teach gender related topics to Post-graduate students.

Five Departments viz. Bengali, Philosophy, History, Political Science and English deal with gender issues in their Honours and General papers. The gender related topics that are taught are extremely varied and include the following areas; studies on feminism, literature and nonfictional works by women authors; writings on or about women by well known authors; gender as a social issue and sociology of gender; gendered inequalities, education and politics; women's empowerment and empowerment policies, democratic awareness through legal literacy, social issues and movements in India; and women studies in India. These courses draw the attention of students as to how gender ideologies play a major role in defining gendered relations in the place of work, in the field of politics on the one hand and in giving rise to situations of gender violence on the other. Topics on Feminist theory, Western-Indian Feminism as well as issues addressing reservation of women in grass root democracy in Indian polity are also emphasized in the different curricula.

The table below gives an idea about the departments which cover topics on gender and the topics they teach at various levels.

SI No	DEPARTMENT	COURSE	COURSE CODE/ Semester (Paper)	TITLE	Author	Remarks (Taught by)
1.	English	Hons.	Sem –II CC-III, CC-IV	Topics with issues of Gender Identity		Sambudhha Basu Dr. Ayusman Chakraorty Biswajit Das
			Sem III CC V	Issues of Gender Identity		Sambudhha Basu Dr. Rahul Basu
			Sem V CC XI	Entire Course on Gender Women's Writings		Biswajit Das Dr. Rahul Basu

			Sem VI SEC	Entire Course on Gender and human rights		Avik Ghosh Irina Sultana
		P.G.	Sem III Dissertation area	Gender and Literature		Biswajit Das
			Sem II Course 202- 304	Theories of Gender		Biswajit Das Dr. Ayusman Chakraborty Dr. Rahul Basu Sambudhha Basu
2.	Bengali	Hons.	Sem V (DSE1B)	Birangana	Michael Madhusudan Dutta	Dr.Manjusree Mukhopadhyay
			Sem VI (CC14)	Englande Bangamohila	Krishnavamini Devi	
		GE	Sem VI DSE 1C	Bangali Meyer Bhabnamulok Godyo	Sutapa Bhattachriya (ed.)	Anup Kumar Das
		P.G.	Sem II (2.1)	Poems of Kabita Singha and Mallika Sengupta		Sanchita Chakraborty
			Sem II (205/1)	Godyo Akhyan "Amar Jiban	Rassundari Dasi	Debjani Sengupta
			Sem II (2.3)	'Pratham Pratishruti'	Ashapura Devi	Dr.Soma Das Chowdhury
			Sem II (2.4)	Drama; "Nathboti Anathobat"	Saoli Mitra	Debjani Sengupta
			Sem IV (4.3)	Femiism (Topic)		Sanchita Chakraborty
3	History	Gen.	Sem VI GE2	Some perspective on Women's Rights In India		Jayasree Dutta
		Hons.	Sem I CC I	Reconstructing Ancient Indian History with special reference to gender		Dr. Dhananjoy Bhattacharjee
		Hons	Sem II CC3	Social stratification: class, gender, marriage and property relation		SiddhartaPratim Sinha
		Hons	Sem VI CC 13	1950-1970s-The Women's Question: Movements and Legislation		Arunangsha Maity

4.	Philosophy	Hons.	Sem IV CC-8	Sex Gender divide, Patriarchy and the feminist interpretation of Family		Dr. Angana Chatterjee
			Sem V DSE-2	Feminist Ethics-Justice based ethics vs. Care based ethics and ethics based on empathy; Female foeticide and abortion		Dr. Angana Chatterjee
5.	Political Science	Gen.	GE I	Introduction to Political Theory: concepts: Gender		Dr. Arindam Dutta
		Hons.	CC4	Political Progress in India: Issues in contemporary politics role of Women		Kingshuk Nandi
			CC 13	Modern Political Philosophy: Feminist Discourse		Dr. TaraknathJatua
			DSE II	Approaches to understanding Patriarchy		Sonia Roy