

University of Gour Banga
Proposed draft copy of Syllabus
B.A. General
(CBCS Based Semester System) 2019
In
Women's Studies

B.G. General Programme

In addition to Compulsory courses (Language Cores and Ability Enhancement Compulsory Course) a student has to select **two** disciplines as main disciplines (E.g., Discipline–A & Discipline–B) and **one** discipline as Generic Elective (GE) (Discipline–C)

Women's Studies (General)

Abbreviations: Women's Studies (Gen) = WSSG, Core = C, Ability Enhancement Compulsory = AEC, Skill Enhancement Course = SEC, Generic Elective = GE, Discipline Specific Elective = DSE, Internal Assessment = IA, End Semester Examination = ESE, Lecture = Lec., Tutorial = Tu. and Practical = Pr.

Structure of the Syllabus

SEMESTER – I

Course Code	Course Title	Credit	Marks			No. of teaching hours		
			I.A.	ESE	Total	Lec	Tu	I.A.
101-WSSG-C-1	Introduction of Women's Studies	6	10	40	50	5	1	-
102- ** -C-1	Discipline B: ... Core 1 #	6	10	40	50	5	1	-
103-LC1-Bng- I		6	10	40	50	5	1	-
104-AEC1-ENVS	Environmental Studies #	2	10	40	50	1	1	-
Total =		20	40	160	200	16	4	-

**Discipline code, # to be provided by the University.

SEMESTER – II

Course Code	Course Title	Credit	Marks			No. of teaching hours		
			I.A.	ESE	Total	Lec	Tu	I.A.
201-WSSG-C-2	Feminist Theories & Women's Movement	6	10	40	50	5	1	-
202- ** -C-2	Discipline B Core II #	6	10	40	50	5	1	-
203-LC1-Bng- II		6	10	40	50	5	1	-
204-AEC2-ENG/BNG		2	10	40	50	1	1	-
Total =		20	40	160	200	16	4	-

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SEMESTER – III

Course Code	Course Title	Credit	Marks			No. of teaching hours		
			I.A.	ESE	Total	Lec	Tu	I.A.
301-WSSG-C-3	Gender Issues in Society & Economy	6	10	40	50	5	1	-
302- ** -C-3	Discipline B Core III #	6	10	40	50	5	1	-
303-LC2-Eng- I	English - I #	6	10	40	50	5	1	-
304-WSSG-SEC-1	Introduction to Life Skill Technique	2	10	40	50	1	1	-
Total =		20	40	160	200	16	4	-

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SEMESTER – IV

Course Code	Course Title	Credit	Marks			No. of teaching hours		
			I.A.	ESE	Total	Lec	Tu	I.A.
401-WSSG-C-4	Programmes & Policies for Women in India	6	10	40	50	5	1	-
402- ** -C-4	Discipline B Core IV #	6	10	40	50	5	1	-
403-LC2-Eng- II	English - II #	6	10	40	50	5	1	-
404- ** -SEC-1	Discipline B SEC- I #	2	10	40	50	1	1	-
Total =		20	40	160	200	16	4	-

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SEMESTER – V

Course Code	Course Title	Credit	Marks			No. of teaching hours		
			I.A.	ESE	Total	Lec	Tu	I.A.
501-WSSG-DSE-1A Or 501-WSSG-DSE-1B	Women & Social Institution Or Women's Rights & Role of International organizations	6	10	40	50	5	1	-
502- ** -DSE-1A Or 502- ** -DSE-1B	A Discipline B..... # Or B Discipline B..... #	6	10	40	50	5	1	-
503- ** - GE- I	One from pool of Generic Electives (Discipline -C)#	6	10	40	50	-	-	-
504-WSSG-SEC-2	Project Report	2	10	40	50	1	1	-
Total =		20	40	160	200	11	3	-

**Discipline code, # to be provided by the University.

SEMESTER – VI

Course Code	Course Title	Credit	Marks			No. of teaching hours		
			I.A.	ESE	Total	Lec	Tu	I.A.
601-WSSG-DSE-2A Or 601-BNGG-DSE-2B	Legislation for Women in India Or Women's empowerment in India	6	10	40	50	5	1	-
602- ** -DSE-2A Or 602- ** -DSE-2B	A Discipline B Or B Discipline B	6	10	40	50	5	1	-
603- ** - GE- II	One from pool of Generic Electives (Discipline -C)#	6	10	40	50	-	-	-
604- ** -SEC-2	Discipline B SEC- II	2	10	40	50	1	1	-
Total =		20	40	160	200	11	3	-

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B.A. General Program

Women's Studies General (WSSG) Core/GE course:

Total no. of Core / GE course= 4

WSSGC1/G1: Introduction of Women's Studies

WSSGC2/G2: Feminist Theories & Women's Economy

WSSGC3/G3: Gender Issues in Society & Economy

WSSGC4/G4: Programmes & Policies for Women in India

Women's Studies General (WSSG) DSE course:

Total no. of DSE course= 2

WSSG-DSE-1 A: Women & Social Institution

Or

WSSG-DSE -1 B: Women's Rights & Role of International Organizations

WSSG-DSE -2 A: Legislation for Women in India

Or

WSSG-DSE -2 B: Women's Empowerment in India

Women's Studies General (WSSG) SEC course:

Total no. of SEC course= 2

WSSG-SEC-1: Introduction to Life Skill Technique

WSSG-SEC-2: Project Report

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Paper Code	Subject	Division of Marks	Total Marks	Credit
101 WSSG C-1	Introduction Of Women's Studies	Unit-1 : 10x1=10 (Out of 2 Questions) 5x2=10 (Out of 4 Questions) Unit-2 : 10x1=10 (Out of 2 Questions) 5x2=10 (Out of 4 Questions) IA=10	50	6
201 WSSG C-2	Feminist Theories & Women's Movement	Unit-1 : 10x1=10 (Out of 2 Questions) 5x2=10 (Out of 4 Questions) Unit-2 : 10x1=10 (Out of 2 Questions) 5x2=10 (Out of 4 Questions) IA=10	50	6
301 WSSG C-3	Gender Issues in Society & Economy	Unit-1 : 10x1=10 (Out of 2 Questions) 5x2=10 (Out of 4 Questions) Unit-2 : 10x1=10 (Out of 2 Questions) 5x2=10 (Out of 4 Questions) IA=10	50	6
401 WSSG C-4	Programmes & Policies for Women in India	Unit-1 : 10x1=10 (Out of 2 Questions) 5x2=10 (Out of 4 Questions) Unit-2 : 10x1=10 (Out of 2 Questions) 5x2=10 (Out of 4 Questions) IA=10	50	6
501 WSSG DSE-1A	Women & Social Institution	Unit-1 : 10x1=10 (Out of 2 Questions) 5x2=10 (Out of 4 Questions) Unit-2 : 10x1=10 (Out of 2 Questions) 5x2=10 (Out of 4 Questions) IA=10	50	6
501 WSSG DSE-1B	Women's Rights & Role of International Organisations	Unit-1 : 10x1=10 (Out of 2 Questions) 5x2=10 (Out of 4 Questions) Unit-2 : 10x1=10 (Out of 2 Questions) 5x2=10 (Out of 4 Questions) IA=10	50	6
601 WSSG DSE-2A	Legislation for Women in India	Unit-1 : 10x1=10 (Out of 2 Questions) 5x2=10 (Out of 4 Questions) Unit-2 : 10x1=10 (Out of 2 Questions) 5x2=10 (Out of 4 Questions) IA=10	50	6
601 WSSG DSE-2B	Women's Empowerment in India	Unit-1 : 10x1=10 (Out of 2 Questions) 5x2=10 (Out of 4 Questions) Unit-2 : 10x1=10 (Out of 2 Questions) 5x2=10 (Out of 4 Questions) IA=10	50	6
304 WSSG SEC-1	Introduction to Life Skill Technique	Unit-1 : 25 Unit-2 : 15 IA=10	50	2
504 WSSG SEC-2	Project Report	Preparation of Report : 25 Viva-Voce : 15 IA=10	50	2

SEMESTER-I
Paper– C-1/GE-1
Introduction to Women's Studies

FULL MARKS: 50

Unit-1

- i) Definition
- ii) Origin and Scope of Women's Studies
- iii) Status of Women in India – Ancient and Medieval Period
- iv) Growth and Scope of Women's Studies in India
- v) UGC Initiatives for Promotion of Women's Studies

Unit – 2

- i) Sex and Gender
- ii) Femininity and masculinity
- iii) Patriarchy
- iv) Equality and Difference
- v) Empowerment

SEMESTER-II
Paper– C-2/GE-2
Feminist Theories and Women's Movement
FULL MARKS: 50

Unit-1

- i) Definition of Feminism
- ii) Strands of Feminism
- iii) Liberal Feminism
- iv) Radical Feminism
- v) Marxist Feminism
- vi) Socialist Feminism

Unit – 2

Concept of women's movement:-

Definition, genesis, basic elements, & classification of women's movement

Women's Movement in India:-

Phase I: Social Reforms movement in the 19th century.

Phase II: Nationalist Movement.

Phase III: Women's movement in post-Independent India- Chipko Movement. Issue based Movement – Anti price rise, Dowry, Rape, Anti-Alcohol (Anti Arrack Movement).

SEMESTER-III
Paper– C-3/GE-3
Gender Issues in Society and Economy
FULL MARKS: 50

Unit 1

- i) Sex Ratio: Definition - Sex Ratio in India, Factors responsible for adverse sex ratio in India, Measures to achieve the balance between the sexes.
- ii) Fertility, Definition –Fertility Rate in India, Factors responsible for this higher Fertility rate in India, measures to bring down Fertility Rate in India.
- iii) Mortality and morbidity – Definition – Infant Mortality Rate and maternal mortality rates in India – Causes for high Female morbidity and Mortality rates, Measures to bring down the rates.

Unit –2

- i) Women and Work – Constraints to work participation
- ii) Paid and Unpaid Work of Women Time Allocation Studies
- iii) Women’s Work Participation in different spheres - Case study
- iv) Nature of Work, Work and Health issues
- v) Gender Division of Labour
- vi) Gender Issues in Society and Economy
- vii) Segmentation of Labour Market – formal and informal sector

SEMESTER-IV
Paper– C-4/GE-4
Programmes and Policies for Women in India
FULL MARKS: 50

Unit-1

- i) Community development programme
- ii) integrated rural development programme (IRDP)
- iii) DWCRA (Development of Women & Child in Rural Areas)
- iv) Indira Aawas Yojana
- v) Self-help Group for Women
- vi) Balikasamriddhi Yojana
- vii) Kanyasree
- viii) Sobuj Sathi

Unit - 2

- i) Education Policy of Govt. of India
- ii) Wage policy of Govt. of India
- iii) National Rural Health Mission
- iv) Focus on Women’s Reproductive and Child health issues
- v) Janani Surakhsha Yojana.

SEMESTER-V
Paper –DSE-1A
Women and Social Institution
FULL MARKS: 50

Unit – 1

Family – Meaning – Definition ðos of Joint family and Nuclear family – Patriarchal and matriarchal families; Patrilineal and Matrilineal societies
Marriage - Definition – Monogamy – Polygamy, polyandry.
Position of Women in colonial & post-colonial Indian Society.

Unit – 2

Issues Related to women & the Girl Child – Female foeticide, Child marriage, Dowry, Divorce, Domestic Violence, Female Commercial sex workers.

Or

Paper –DSE-1B

Women Rights and Role of International Organization

FULL MARKS: 50

Unit – 1

- i) Women and Human Rights
- ii) Fundamental Rights and Women : de jure and de facto position
- iii) Directive principals of State Policy and women's rights with special reference to Articles 39,42,43 and 44
- iv) UN Organization's working on women's issues: Commission on the Status of women (CSW),
- v) United Nations Development fund for Women (UNIFEM).

Unit - 2

- i) UN World Conferences on Women – 1975 onwards – The Outcomes
- ii) Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW)
- iii) Beijing 1995 Platform for Action
- iv) Millennium Development Goal
- v) Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).

SEMESTER-VI

Paper –DSE-2A

Legislations for Women in India

FULL MARKS: 50

Unit – 1

- i) Child Marriage Restraint Act 1929
- ii) The Hindu Marriage Act, 1955,
- iii) The Hindu Succession Act, 1956 (& amended in 2005),
- iv) The Indian Divorce Act, 1969
- v) The Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961
- vi) The Commission of Sati (Prevention) Act, 1987

Unit – 2

- i) Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956
- ii) The Maternity Benefit Act 1961
- iii) The Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act 1971
- iv) Family Courts Act, 1984
- v) Indecent Representation of Women (Prohibition) Act, 1986
- vi) Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005.

OR

Paper –DSE-2B

Women's Empowerment in India

FULL MARKS: 50

Unit – 1

- i) Factories Act 1948
- ii) Minimum Wages Act 1948
- iii) Equal Remuneration Act 1976
- iv) The Employees' State Insurance Act, 1948
- v) The Plantation Labour Act, 1951
- vi) The Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act 1976
- vii) Sexual Harassment at the Workplace Act 2010
- viii) Unorganized Sector Social Securities act 2008

Unit – 2

- i) National Policy for Empowerment of Women, 2001
- ii) National Commission for Women

- iii) 73rd and 74th Amendments of the Constitution of India (with reference to provisions relating to women)
- iv) Women's Personal Security - Domestic Violence Act 2005, Relevant provisions of Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973; Special provisions under IPC, The Legal Practitioners (Women) Act, 1923, The Pre-Natal Diagnostic Technique (Regulation and Prevention of Misuse) Act, 1994.

SEMESTER-V

Paper– SEC-1

Introduction to Life Skill Technique

FULL MARKS: 50

Unit - 1 (25 marks)

Use of Questionnaire in Survey and FGTS on the following social issues:

- Stress Management / Work Life balance
- Girl's drop out from Educational Institution
- Trafficking / Early Marriage / Dowry
- Unpaid labour of Women
- Women's Empowerment

Unit - 2 (15 marks)

Preparation of Essay on the following social issues:

- Domestic Violence
- Workplace Harassment
- Child Marriage
- Dowry
- Divorce

SEMESTER-VI

Paper –SEC- 2

Project Report

FULL MARKS: 50

A Project Report is to be prepared on social issues related to Women.

Project Report Preparation

Marks – 25

General Guidelines for the preparation of Project Report:

- Participation of each student in Project Report preparation is mandatory and certificate of Supervisor regarding the participation in the Project Report preparation is to be attached in the Report.
- Project Report is to be prepared by the student in his/her own hand writing.
- Length of the Report not to exceed 3000 words.

Viva-Voce on Project Report

Marks – 15

Note: Duration of viva-voce not to exceed 10 minutes.

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