

Course Title	WOMEN AND SOCIETY				
Semester	I				
Academic Level	100-199				
Course Details	Credit	Lecture per week	Tutorial per week	Practical per week	Total Hours
	3	3	-	-	45
Pre-requisites	1. General knowledge on gender-related issues				
Course Summary	This course introduces basic concepts and theoretical perspectives related to the study of women and gender. It discusses the ways in which gender affects everyday life in Kerala through a sociological perspective. Historical, contemporary and global contexts are examined to prove the importance of the discipline of women's studies				

Course Outcomes (CO):

CO	CO Statement	Cognitive Level*	Knowledge Category#	Evaluation Tools used
CO1	Illustrate an understanding of basic concepts related to gender and selected gender-related issues in Kerala	U	C	Intra-class quiz competition with questions prepared by students themselves
CO2	Differentiate between patrilineal and matrilineal systems, and identify the existence of patriarchy within matrilineal systems in Kerala	U	C	Group discussions moderated by evaluator (ensuring that the discussion is theoretical and not commonsensical)
CO3	Demonstrate awareness of basic theoretical perspectives related to women's studies	U	C	Quiz prepared by evaluator
CO4	Appreciate the historical and contemporary need for studying women	U	M	Home assignment
CO5	Connect theoretical perspectives on gender with everyday life as seen in mass media and books	Ap	P	Book/film reviews by students
* - Remember (R), Understand (U), Apply (Ap), Analyse (An), Evaluate (E), Create (C) # - Factual Knowledge (F) Conceptual Knowledge (C) Procedural Knowledge (P) Metacognitive Knowledge (M)				

Detailed Syllabus:

Module	Unit	Content	Hours (36)	Marks (50)
I	WOMEN IN THE SOCIAL STRUCTURE		8	12
	1	Gender and gender roles	2	3
	2	Patriarchy and its manifestations	3	5
	3	Matriliny vs. Patriliney	2	2
	4	Female Socialisation	1	2
	Sections from References: Soman, Uthara. 2009. Patriarchy: Theoretical postulates and empirical findings. <i>Sociological Bulletin</i> , Vol. 58, No. 2 (May-August 2009), pp. 253-272. https://www.jstor.org/stable/23620688 Lekha, N.B. 2023. Gender bargaining within matriliney in Kerala. <i>South Asia Research</i> , 43(1), 97-114 https://doi.org/10.1177/02627280221141046			

II	UNDERSTANDING WOMEN'S ISSUES THEORETICALLY		10	12
	5	Debates on equality and difference	3	5
	6	Biology vs. social constructionism	3	3
	7	The intersectionalities of gender	2	2
	8	The male gaze	2	2
	Sections from References: Menon, Nivedita. 2012. <i>Seeing Like a Feminist</i> . Delhi: Zubaan and Penguin Books. Susie Tharu and Tejaswini Niranjana. 'Problems for a Contemporary Theory of Gender' In <i>Subaltern Studies IX: Writings on South Asian History and Society</i> Eds. Shahid Amin and Dipesh Chakrabarty. New Delhi: OUP (copies available online) – for intersectionality in the Indian context			
III	SOME ISSUES OF WOMEN IN KERALA		8	12
	9	Dowry and Domestic Violence	2	2
	10	Legislations to combat dowry and Domestic Violence	1	2
	11	The double burden and invisible housework	1	2
	12	Triple burden and care penalty	1	2
	13	The glass ceiling	1	2
	14	Gender Paradox in Kerala	2	2
	Sections from References: Luiz, Linda. 2021. Mahamaarikkalathe nishabda nilavilikal. <i>Ezhuthu Masika</i> September 2021, 24-26 https://www.academia.edu/57296418 Luiz, Linda. 2017. 'Avalkku jolliyilla: Adrshyamakkappedunna veettujolliyude samoohikashastra avalokanam' <i>Sameeksha: Journal of Kerala Studies</i> Vol. 1, Issue 1 pp. 108-115. https://www.academia.edu/36763053			

IV	THE DISCIPLINE OF WOMEN'S STUDIES		10	14
	15	Waves of feminism	3	5
	16	Women's movement in Kerala	3	3
	17	History of women's studies	1	2
	18	Nature and scope of women's studies	2	2
19	SDG#5: Achieving equality for women and girls	1	2	
Sections from References: https://www.history.com/news/feminism-four-waves Subrahmanian, Maya. 2019. Autonomous women's movement in Kerala: Historiography. <i>Journal of International Women's Studies</i> 20(2): 1-10 https://vc.bridgew.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=2090&context=jiws Poonacha, Veena. 2003. Women's studies in Indian universities: Current concerns <i>Economic and Political Weekly</i> 38(26):2653-2658. https://www.jstor.org/stable/4413727 https://sdgs.un.org/goals/goal5#targets_and_indicators https://sdgindiaindex.niti.gov.in/#/ranking				
V	Open Ended Module: EXPLORING THE POSSIBILITIES OF WOMEN'S STUDIES		9	5
	Screening of films to discuss the concepts and arguments presented in the course			
	Review of books to discuss the concepts and arguments presented in the course			
	Discussion of career paths and further education in women's studies			
Books and References: 1. Chaudhuri, Maitreyee. (2004). <i>Feminism in India</i> , Kali for Women, Delhi 2. Dube, Leela. 1993. Who gains from matriliney? Men, women and change on a Lakshadweep Island. <i>Sociological Bulletin</i> . Vol. 42, No. 1/2 (March-September 1993), pp. 15-36. https://www.jstor.org/stable/23620246 3. K. S. Hakim. 2011. 'Utharethyayil ninnu Keralathilekkulla Dooram' <i>Madhyamam Weekly</i> 7 March 2011 4. https://www.humanrightscareers.com/issues/types-of-feminism-the-four-waves/ ADDITIONAL READINGS 1. Tricontinental Institute for Research. 2020. 'Coronashock and patriarchy'. Available at https://thetricontinental.org/studies-4-coronashock-and-patriarchy/				