



Minutes of the Board of Studies of the Centre for Women's Studies.

A meeting of the Board of Studies of the Centre for Women's Studies was held on the 10th of August at 2:00 p.m. in the Department of Psychology. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the possibility of starting a **Certificate Course on "Gender"** by the Centre. A short introductory note was provided to each member to serve as a basis for discussion. After prolonged discussions the following decisions were made regarding the course.

It was resolved that it would be a good idea to start such a course keeping the following considerations in mind.

Target Group and Purpose

- The course would be specially meant for research students across the disciplines who are involved in working on gender- related topics.
- The purpose of the course would be to acquaint students with the basic concepts, core concerns and ongoing debates in the field of Women's Studies/Gender Studies since many were not clear about them. Such a course would be of benefit to them.
- A maximum of 25 students would be admitted to the course with a minimum number of at least 15 would be required to start the course.
- If the minimum number of students required to run the course would not be available, then the course could be opened to final year M.A. students as well.

Selection procedure

- If the applicants are more than 25, then a test will be taken by the Centre and the selection will be made on the basis of marks obtained.
- The decision of the Director of the Centre in this matter will be final.

Duration and Content

- The duration of the course will be of three months with 90% attendance compulsory.
- Those who do not have the required attendance will not be given certificates at the end of the course.
- Classes will begin at 2:00 p.m.
- There will be at least three lectures of ninety minutes each in a week, totalling 48 lectures in all. Each lecture will be followed by interaction with the speaker and discussions. The lectures will be held on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.
- There will also be a component of field work which will be assigned to each student for which, time will be given on the days when no lectures are held.
- The student will have to write a research paper or make a presentation on a topic given by the Centre, as part of the course.



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Finances

- An amount of Rs.1500/- will be the fees that will be charged from each student.
- An honorarium of Rs.500/- will be paid for each lecture.
- If the finances for the honorariums are not enough then the Centre will compensate with its own funds.


Faculty


- The lectures will be delivered by members of the University Faculty drawn from various departments as well as teachers and experts from other Universities and institutes/Centres and Colleges.


It was also resolved that the Director of the Centre would complete the formalities required to make the course operational.


The meeting ended with a word of thanks to all the members by the Director.


Members:


Prof. Vidya Agarwal—Special Invitee  5/9/11

Prof. Nisha Dhawan  5/9/2011

Prof. Krishna Gupta  5/9/11

Prof. R.K.Singh  5/9/11

Dr. Sarvajit Mukerji  5-9-11

Prof. Sumita Parmar- Director 



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(1) **Prof. R.K. Singh,**
Professor-in-Charge, Academic Programmes, A.U.

(2) **Prof. Sumita Parmar**
Director,
Centre for Women's Studies, A.U.

Dear Sir,

In pursuance of Academic Council in its meeting held on 16-05-2012 vide Resolution No. 21/13, while considering the letter dated 08-05-2012 of Prof. Sumita Parmar, Director, Centre for Women's Studies, A.U. requesting to start a Certificate Course on "Understanding Gender" by the Centre for Women's Studies, **resolved as under :-**

"Agenda No. 21/13 To consider the letter dated 08-05-2012 of Prof. Sumita Parmar, Director, Centre for Women's Studies, A.U. requesting to start a Certificate Course on "**Understanding Gender**" by the Centre for Women's Studies.

Resolution No.21/13 It was **resolved that** the proposed short-term certificate course be approved in principle, subject to fulfilling the criteria as laid down in the Ordinance for starting academic courses. Professor-in-Charge, Academic Programmes, Director, Centre for Women's Studies, and the Registrar will look into the matter in the light of the existing Ordinances. After the report, the Vice-Chancellor will approve."

This is for your kind information and necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

(**Prof. J.N. Mishra**)
Registrar

Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to :-

1. SVC for the kind information of the Vice-Chancellor, A.U.
2. P.A. to Registrar for kind information of the Registrar, A.U.

Deputy Registrar (Academics)

Syllabus for Three Months Certificate Course on “Understanding Gender”

About the Centre for Women’s Studies

The Centre for Women’s Studies was established in August 2010 and its inauguration was done by an eminent personality in the area of Women’s/Gender studies, Prof. Veena Majumdar, the founder member of the Centre for Women and Development Studies, Delhi. Since its inception, the Centre is developing in all its aspects of teaching, research, outreach programs and also as an academic reference centre for researchers in the area of Women’s/Gender Studies and other related social sciences disciplines.

Under its outreach programs, the Centre is conducting Gender Sensitization Workshops for schools, colleges, universities, employees of the Administration and Judicial Officers. Moreover, the Centre also conducts legal literacy and health awareness programs for students.

About the Course – “Understanding Gender”

The Centre for Women’s Studies runs a three month Certificate course on “Understanding Gender”. Gender is an important construct that needs to be taught and understood at a stage as early as possible. Unfortunately, the social construction of Gender has not been concretely included in the curriculum of schools, colleges and universities in India.

One of the main aims and objectives of the Centre for Women’s Studies is to focus on teaching programs that emphasize the understanding and construction of gender as well as its multidimensional and interdisciplinary nature. The Centre started the first batch of the course in April 2013. **Since then, 11 batches have been successfully completed and the 12th batch will start in the academic session 2023-24.**

Duration - The duration of the course is for three months. The classes are normally scheduled thrice in a week. However, depending upon the availability of the speakers, at times, the lectures are scheduled as per their convenience.

Eligibility - A Research Scholar enrolled in the University of Allahabad in any faculty is eligible to apply. Preference will be given to the research scholars doing their research work in the area of Women/Gender Studies.

Attendance - 75% attendance is mandatory. The students are required to attend a minimum of 30 out of 36 lectures.

Course Coverage - Over three months, the lectures are organized in the following manner:

UNIT-I Construction and Conceptualization of Gender

1. Gender and its Social Construction.
2. Caste, Class, Gender & Patriarchy.
3. Gender, Religion and Theology.
4. Society, Nation and Gender.
5. Reproduction, Sexuality and Gender.

UNIT-II Engendering Disciplines

1. Gender, History and Literature
2. Gender and Law
3. Economics, Politics and Women
4. Gender and Science (Technology, Health)
5. Women and the Media (Theatre, Cinema and Media)

UNIT-III Research Methodology

1. Introduction to Social Science Research - Process
2. Feminist Research Methodology
3. Report Writing/Paper Writing

Unit I and Unit II are covered in 15 lectures each and Unit III is covered in 6 lectures. Eminent speakers in the specific fields for the 36 lectures are invited from within and outside the University of Allahabad.

Evaluation and Assessment

Students are required to give a subject paper for 60 marks. They are also required to prepare a power point presentation on Gender Related Topics for 20 marks. Moreover, they either write a research paper or Book Review Paper or help in the Centre's ongoing projects in ways for which they are allotted a maximum of 20 marks.

1. Power Point Presentation - 20 Marks.
2. Research Paper/Book Review/Project - 20 Marks.
3. Written Examination - 60 Marks.

Admission Procedure:

The notification for the course is available on the website of Centre for Women's Studies, University of Allahabad. The application can be downloaded from the website as well as can be obtained from the Centre's Office in the month of June.

Suggested Reading

1. Betty Friedan (1997) *The Feminine Mystique* W.W.Norton and Company, New York
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7. Kamala Bhasin (2000) *Understanding Gender*, Women Unlimited, Kali for Women
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10. Uma Chakravorty (2011) *Jati Samaj Mein Pitrasatta*, Gram Shilpi
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13. Mamta Jeitali (2011), *Aadhi Aabadi Ka Sangharsh*, Raj Kamal Prakashan
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16. Sharlene Nagy Hess-Biber and Patricia Lina Leavy (2007) *Feminist Research Practice – A Primer*, Sage Publications
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