

Gender and Human Rights

Course Objectives

- The course aims to create basic awareness about equality of opportunity and access to public services, to sensitize and create better understanding about equality of opportunity in the access to justice, to create awareness regarding civic and social rights and responsibilities, to create awareness regarding consumer rights, to enhance understanding and sensitivity towards issues related to violence and to create awareness and sensitize towards identity (Linguistic, Cultural, Ethnic and Religious)
- This course is intended to make students aware of the ways in which gender is learned, the implications of gender in our lives, and prospects for change so far as men and women are able to combine and/or reject elements of traditional gender roles.
- The course will look at gender within the context of different social institutions and look at ways in which gender roles are maintained by these institutions, and/or effectively learned through socialization.

Unit-1

Meaning and Concept of Human Rights

Classification of Rights: Natural, Moral and Legal Rights

Universal Declaration of Human Rights: An Overview

Unit-2

Human Rights in Indian Context

Role of National Human Rights Commission

Human Rights of the Marginal and Vulnerable Groups

Unit-3

Meaning and Concept of Gender Studies

Theoretical Approaches: Liberal, Marxist, and Radical

Gender and Law, Legal Rights of Women

Unit-4

Gender and Society: Religion, Caste and Ethnicity

Gender and the Nation: Representation in the decision-making process

Gender and Economy: Land Rights and Workplace

Prescribed Texts

- ✓ *A World of Equals: A Textbook on Gender Edited by: Susie Tharu; A. Suneetha; Uma Maheswari Bhrugubanda*

- ✓ *Introduction to Women, Gender, Sexuality Studies* by Miliann Kang, Donovan Lessard, Laura Heston, Sonny Nordmarken
- ✓ *Battered Women and Feminist Lawmaking and the Struggle for Equality* by Elizabeth M. Schneider

Suggested Readings

- ✓ *Jaswal, P.S. and Nishtha Jaiswal. 2010. Human Rights and the Law. New Delhi: A.P.H. Publishing Corporation.*
- ✓ *Lauterpacht. 1968. International Law and Human Rights. Continent: Show String Prince Inc. Agarwal, H.O, Human Rights: Central Law Publications, Allahabad*
- ✓ *Chandra, U. Human Rights Allahabad Law Agency Publications*
- ✓ *Yasin, Adi-UI & Archana Upadhyay (ed)) Human Rights Akansha Publishing House, New Delhi,2004*
- ✓ *Bhasin, Kamala. (2000). Understanding Gender. New Delhi: Kali for Women.*
- ✓ *Geetha, v. (2000). Theorising Feminism Gender. Kolkata: Bhatkal& Sen.*
- ✓ *Lips, Hilary M. (2014). Gender: The Basics. New York: Routledge.*
- ✓ *Menon, Nivedita. (2012). Seeing Like A Feminist. New Delhi: Penguin Books.*
- ✓ *Yadav, C.P. (ed.) (2007) Encyclopedia of Women's Problems and their remedies. New Delhi: Aninol Publications.*