

DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC ELECTIVE COURSE DSE –8 PSYCHOLOGY OF GENDER

CREDIT DISTRIBUTION, ELIGIBILITY AND PRE-REQUISITES OF THE COURSE

Course Title & Code	Credits	Credit Distribution of the Course			Eligibility Criteria	Pre-requisite of the Course (if any)
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/ Practice		
DSE - 8 PSYCHOLOGY OF GENDER	4	3	1	0	Class12th Pass	Nil

Learning Objectives

- To be able to define and evaluate gender as a social construct
- To understand the ways gender, power, privilege, and oppression play out across a range of human experiences.

Learning outcomes

By studying this course the student will be able to:

- Examine the growth of gender as a construct in psychological research and its methods.
- Critically analyse the different perspectives highlighting the development of the concept of gender in a child.
- Reflect on issues and challenges faced by women, men and LGBTQA+ communities and their resulting mental health outcomes.
- Develop gender sensitivity and learn to apply the principles of promoting equality and equity in various facets of life.

SYLLABUS OF DSE- 8

UNIT - I

(9 Hours)

Conceptualizing Gender: Social construction of gender; History of gender in psychology; Common features of feminist research methodology.

UNIT - II

(12 Hours)

Theories of Gender Development: Psychoanalytic, Cognitive-developmental, Gender schema, Biological and Social Cognitive Theory.

UNIT - III

(12 Hours)

Gender Heterogeneity: Issues and Challenges: Discrimination against gender spectrum, Gender based violence; Mental health concerns.

UNIT - IV

(12 Hours)

Current Frontiers in Psychology of Gender; Gender Sensitization; Prevention of sexual harassment; Promoting equality and equity; Gender neutral parenting.

Practical component– Nil

Tutorial component:

(15 Hours)

Suggestive Tutorial Activities (*This is a suggestive and not an exhaustive list of tutorial activities*)

- Literature review on topics such as LGBTQ community in India, Sexual harassment at workplace, gender neutral parenting etc.
- Movie screening and discussion based on themes of diversity issues and gender
- Constructing childhood memoirs that shaped sensibilities around the students' gender roles.
- Tracing the activities of an NGO who is working towards gender empowerment.
- Group projects and/or based on gender based concerns.
- Case study analysis of an Indian case around the themes of gender.

Essential/Recommended Readings

Bussey, K., & Bandura, A. (1999). Social cognitive theory of gender development and differentiation. *Psychological Review*, 106(4), 676.

Etaugh, C. A., & Bridges, J. S. (2015). *Women's lives: A psychological exploration*. Psychology Press.

Haig, B. D. (1997). Feminist research methodology. In J.P. Keeves (Ed.), *Educational research methodology and measurement: An international handbook* (2nd ed.). Pergamon.

Helgeson, V. S. (2015). *The psychology of gender*. Psychology Press.

Koehler, G. (2016). Tapping the Sustainable Development Goals for progressive gender equity and equality policy?. *Gender & Development*, 24(1), 53-68.

Lorber, J. (1994). Night to his day": The social construction of gender. *Paradoxes of gender*, 1, 1-8.

Martin, K. A. (2005). William wants a doll. Can he have one? Feminists, child care advisors, and gender-neutral child rearing. *Gender & Society*, 19(4), 456-479.

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- Sharma, M. (2019). Ambedkar's feminism: Debunking the myths of Manu in a quest for gender equality. *Contemporary Voice of Dalit*, 11(1), 17-24.
- Vyas, A. N., Malhotra, G., Nagaraj, N. C., & Landry, M. (2020). Gender attitudes in adolescence: Evaluating the girl rising gender-sensitization program in India. *International Journal of Adolescence and Youth*, 25(1), 126-139.

Suggestive Readings

- Bailyn, L. (2003). Academic careers and gender equity: Lessons learned from MIT . *Gender, Work & Organization*, 10(2), 137-153.
- Bhasin, K. (2000). *Understanding gender: Gender basics*. Kali for women.
- Chrisler, J. C., & Mc Creary, D. R. (2010). *Handbook of gender research in psychology* (Vol. 1, p. 558). New York: Springer.
- Dawar, B.V. & Ravindran, T.K.S. (2015). *Gendering Mental Health: Knowledges, identities and institutions*. Oxford University Press.
- Hesse-Biber, S. N. (Ed.). (2011). *Handbook of feminist research: Theory and praxis*. SAGE publications.
- Hyde, J. S. (1990). Meta-analysis and the psychology of gender differences. *Signs: Journal of women in culture and society*, 16(1), 55-73.
- Mills, M. (2010). Gender roles, gender (in) equality and fertility: An empirical test of five gender equity indices. *Canadian Studies in Population [ARCHIVES]*, 37(3-4), 445-474.
- Nakkeeran, N., & Nakkeeran, B. (2018). Disability, mental health, sexual orientation and gender identity: understanding health inequity through experience and difference. *Health research policy and systems*, 16, 9-19.
- Pandey, P. (2014). Equality: As a social principle described in vedic tradition. *Veda-Vidya*, 24, 149-158.
- Parri, M., & Ceciliani, A. (2019). Best Practice in PE for gender equity-A review. *Journal of Physical Education and Sport*, 19, 1943-1952.
- Sweetman, C. (Ed.). (2001). *Men's involvement in gender and development policy and practice: Beyond rhetoric*. Oxfam.

Note: Examination scheme and mode shall be as prescribed by the Examination Branch, University of Delhi, from time to time.