

St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Ahmedabad

Syllabus of Semester – IV of the following departments under Faculty of Arts based on Under Graduate Curriculum Framework - 2023 to be implemented from the Academic Year 2025-26

FACULTY OF ARTS DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY BA. (Hons) Sociology

Course	Title	Content	Hours/Weeks	Credit
SOH-MN-441-C	Gender, Sexuality and Society	U-1: Introduction U-2: Culture, Structure and Change U-3: Gender and Family U-4: Legislative Measures	4 Hrs	4

MINOR COURSE: GENDER, SEXUALITY AND SOCIETY

CREDIT DISTRIBUTION, ELIGIBILITY AND PRE-REQUISITES OF THE COURSE

Course Title & Code	Credit Distribution of The Course			Eligibility Criteria	Pre-requisite(s) of the Course (if any)
	Lecture	Tutorial	Practical / Practice		
Gender, Sexuality and Society (SOH-MN-441-C)	4	0	0	10 + 2 from a recognized board in any stream	Basic Knowledge of Sociology

LEARNING OBJECTIVES (LO)

LO-1	Understand key concepts and theories related to gender, sex, sexuality, patriarchy, feminism, and intersectionality.
LO-2	Analyze how gender roles and identities are socially constructed and maintained through cultural, political, and economic systems.
LO-3	Examine the role of institutions (such as family, media, education, religion, and labor market) in reinforcing or challenging gender norms.

Course OUTCOMES (CO)

On Completion of this course, the student will be able to

CO-1	Demonstrate a sociological understanding of gender as a social construct distinct from biological determinism.
CO-2	Identify and explain major gender theories and their relevance to sociological inquiry.
CO-3	Apply gender analysis to evaluate social structures, policies, and practices at local, national, and global levels.

Unit-1: Introduction (15 L)

- Gender and Sexuality; Gender identity: Masculinity and Femininity, Process of formation of gender identity and Gender performances, Gendered socialisation
- Gender-based discrimination; Intersectionality of gender, caste, class, and culture

Unit-2: Culture, Structure and Change (15 L)

- Gender roles; Role conflict; Changing Gender roles; Gender and work life; Gender and Patriarchy,
- Concept of gender neutrality and heteronormativity, LGBTQIA identities and social inclusion
- Feminist Perspectives on body, identity, and choice
- Women and Social Movements

Unit-3 Gender and Family (15 L)

- Changing family values in contemporary society; Issues related to gender and family; Female infanticide; Female foeticide; Skewed sex ratio; Domestic violence

Unit-4 Legislative Measures (15 L) -

- Social legislations: The Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019, The Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005, Inheritance Laws: Hindu Succession Act 1956; Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques Act (PCPNDT); POCSO Act, POSH Act, and NARS Act
- Landmark Judgments: Justice K.S. Puttaswamy (Right to Privacy); Navtej Singh Johar (Section 377); NALSA Judgment on transgender rights

Suggestive Reading:

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