Pre –PhD Course Work in Women’s Studies

The Course work will carry 20 credits (150 Marks) . The division of credits will be as follows

1. Feminist Research Methodology (5 Credits)

   Research Scholars will have to complete one seminar presentation (50 Marks) and
   literature review (50 Marks)

2. Two Thematic Courses (10 Credits) : The first course will be on Problems in Feminist
   Theory (5 Credits) and the second on Gender concerns in Contemporary India (5
   Credits) . The research scholars will have to submit two thematic review papers –
   one in each course of 25 marks each (total 50 marks)

3. Pilot field work /seminar presentation of methodological framework of the study (5
   Credits)
   The research scholar will have to give a seminar presentation (50 Marks)

Course WS PPHD1:

Feminist Research Methodology:

- Introduction to Qualitative Research and Feminist Research
- Feminist Challenges to Social Science: De-Stabilizing Objectivity
- The Researcher's Standpoint
- Feminist Standpoint Theory
- Connecting Question, Method, and Theory, Locating a site, designing a 'sample', gaining
  access Writing Ethnographic Fieldnotes,
- Interviewing, Creating Interview Guides Evaluating and Revising Interview Guides,
  Research Ethics and Relations in the Field
- Working with Data, Introduction to Coding
- Doing Oral Narratives : Social Location, History and Memory
- Speaking for the "Other": Race, Caste, Class and Power in the Field

Denzin, N. and Y. Lincoln (eds.), Handbook of Qualitative Research, California: Sage
- Harding, S. (ed.), Feminism and Methodology, Bloomington, Indiana University
- Keller, E.F. and H. Longino, Feminism and Science, Oxford: Oxford University
  Press, 1996.
- Oakley, A., Experiments in Knowing: Gender and Method in the Social Sciences,

Course PPHD WS 2: Current Problems in Feminist Theory:

This course will focus on engagement of feminist critics with other theories and practices

- Marxism, psychoanalysis, the work of Foucault, and deconstruction
- Debates and discussions within feminism
- Intersections of feminist theory with queer theory and sexuality studies
- Post-colonial studies
- Science studies
- Studies of religions.
- The final research paper will focuses on critical consideration of one question central to the development of feminist theory and activism.

Prescribed Readings

- John Mary, Discrepant Dislocations, New Delhi: OUP, 1996
Course PPHDWS3: Gender Concerns in Contemporary India

This course will focus on the deepening the research scholar’s understanding of the historical context, concepts and theoretical perspectives on the following themes

- Emergence of the Women’s Movement
- Gender and Development
- Caste, Class and Community
- Alternate Sexualities
- Land, Labour and Women
- From Family Planning to Reproductive Health
- Challenges to ‘Woman’ as a Universal Category
- Family, State and Violence
- Gender and Governance
- Engendering Disciplines

Prescribed Readings

- Dube L. (Series ed), Women and Household in Asia: Series of five volumes.
- Sangari, K., Politics of the Possible, New Delhi: Tulika, 1999.
- Uberoi, P. (ed), State, Sexuality and Social Reform, New Delhi: Sage, 1996
- Rege, S, Writing Caste/Writing Gender, New Delhi: Zubaan, 2007