

**BACHELOR'S WITH PHILOSOPHY AS MAJOR (CT -1)****6<sup>th</sup> SEMESTER****PHL622J1 PHILOSOPHY \_ FEMINIST PHILOSOPHY****CREDITS: 04 (THEORY: 03, TUTORIAL: 01)****OBJECTIVES:**

- To introduce students to important debates in feminist philosophy and the diversity within feminist thought in terms of theoretical frameworks and epistemological positions.
- To foster learning through active reflection over course materials to explore both common ground and points of divergence among different feminist theories.

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<b>UNIT I</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Categories We Live By: Sex and Gender</li> <li>➤ Gender Roles and Gender Stereotypes</li> <li>➤ Patriarchy vs Feminism: A Philosophical Analysis</li> </ul>
<b>UNIT II</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Waves of Feminism: A Historical Analysis</li> <li>➤ Simone de Beauvoir: The Second Sex</li> <li>➤ Judith Butler: Undoing Gender</li> </ul>
<b>UNIT III</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Fatema Mernissi: Beyond the Veil</li> <li>➤ Rokeya Sakhawat Hossain: Sultana's Dream</li> <li>➤ Shaikh, Sa'diyya: "In Search of Al-Insān: Sufism, Islamic Law and Gender</li> </ul>
<b>TUTORIALS</b> (Assignment/Group Discussions/Presentation/written test/Quiz/Book Review/Field Survey)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Compare and contrast western and non-western feminist movements.</li> <li>➤ Critique of the first and second wave of feminism by the third and fourth wave feminists.</li> <li>➤ Critical resources within Islam to undo patriarchy and enable gender egalitarianism.</li> </ul>

**SUGGESTED READINGS:**

1. Mary Wollstonecraft, (1792) A Vindication of the Rights of Woman
2. Nicholson, Linda, ed. 1997. The Second Wave: A Reader in Feminist Theory. New York: Routledge.
3. Schneir, Miriam, ed. 1994 Feminism: The Essential Historical Writings. New York: Vintage. (M)
4. Rosalind Delmar, "What is Feminism?" 1986.
5. Audre Lorde, "The Master's Tools Will Never Dismantle the Master's House" 1979.
6. hooks, bell. 'Feminism: a movement to end sexist oppression.' Feminist theory: from margin to center. Cambridge, MA: South End Press, 1984.
7. Uma Narayan, "Contesting Cultures: "Westernization," Respect for Cultures, and Third-World Feminists. In *Dislocating Cultures: Identities, Traditions, and Third World Feminisms*" 1997.
8. Diana Fuss (1989), Essentially Speaking. Feminism, Nature & Difference, Routledge, New York, Reading like a Feminist.
9. Menon Nivedita (2012), Seeing Like a Feminist, Zubaan in collaboration with Penguin Books
10. Fatema Mernissi: Beyond the Veil
11. Leila Ahmed: Women and Gender in Islam
12. Shaikh, Sa'diyya: "In Search of Al-Insān: Sufism, Islamic Law and Gender
13. Zahra Ayubi: Gendered Morality: Classical Islamic Ethics of the Self, Family, and Society