



Course Description for Women and Gender Studies Major – Minor Paper 3:

Understanding Feminisms

Name of Institute: Symbiosis School for Liberal Arts

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(UG/PG): UG, Semester 5

Number of Credits: 4

Level: 3

Course Description:

‘Understanding Feminisms’ is a course designed to help students identify and relate varied feminisms. The course also deals with comparing and contrasting various discourses in feminist thinking. Students will analyze and be familiarized with a historical understanding of women’s subordination and the various explanations offered. Students will analyze and be familiarized with a historical understanding of women’s subordination and the various explanations offered. The course uses classroom teaching and discussion, in conjunction with out-of-class participation. The instructor will use visual material and film screenings to supplement class discussions. In addition, extra readings will be provided for further reference on certain topics.

The course covers a variety of topics such as the essence of different feminist theories (sexuality and the body, and material basis of exploitation), contextualizing feminist theory for India, and Marxist and broad left trends, and their understanding of women’s exploitation.