



Course Description for Women and Gender Studies Major–Minor Paper 1:

Introduction to Women and Gender Studies

Name of Institute: Symbiosis School for Liberal Arts

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(UG/PG): UG, Semester 3

Number of Credits: 4

Level: 2

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This introductory paper has been designed with the intent of giving an insight into the topics that will be covered in the duration of the course. It intends to make students understand the heterogeneity and complexity of women's lives and includes identifying, indicating and locating the history of women's movements worldwide, with a focus on India, and mapping historically women's struggle for transformation and development. 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 discussions in class. In addition, extra readings will be provided for further reference on certain topics.

The course focuses on topics such as family, patriarchy, identity, gender, sexuality, power, and the importance of Women and Gender studies in the academia.