



**Course Description for Women and Gender Studies Major – Minor Paper 4: Women and Work**

**Name of Institute:** Symbiosis School for Liberal Arts

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**(UG/PG):** UG, Semester 6

**Number of Credits:** 4

**Level:** 3

**Course Description:**

‘Women and Work’, like the name suggests, is a course aimed at understanding a number of themes revolving around the concept of work in relation to women. The course is designed with the objective of helping students analyze how informalisation is becoming a critical issue affecting the economies of developing countries, keeping women at the centre of inquiry. Students are required to outline, examine and illustrate the vast growing sector, both organized and unorganized, and its role and impact on women. The course also points out questions and synthesizes insecurities, fragmented inconsistencies, the gendered nature of work, and the role of the law. 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 concept of work, sex work, understanding women’s work across different sectors, the general attitude towards women workers, etc.