

Ambedkar University Delhi

Course Outline

Monsoon Semester (July-December 2016)

School:	Undergraduate Studies
Programme with title:	BA (Honours)
Semester to which offered: (I/ III/ V)	III semester
Course Title:	Gender and Society
Credits:	4 Credits
Course Code (new):	PLEASE CHECK
Course Code (old):	SC 13
Type of Course:	Compulsory yes Cohort BA (H) Sociology

For SUS only (Mark an X for as many as appropriate):

1. Foundation (Compulsory)
2. Foundation (Elective)
3. Discipline (Compulsory) X
4. Discipline (Elective)
5. Elective

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Pre-requisites: NA

Aim: This course will address gendered nature of human relationships. How is it that gender operates in our everyday lives? How is it that there is interplay of gender in institutional spaces? What are the connections between gender, caste, patriarchy and capitalism? Beginning with childhood rearing practices in early childhood, the family is an important site for gendering. This socialization continues through late adulthood in the family, in schools via the formal and informal curriculum and in peer groups. Likewise, in the workplace—and in the economy, law,

and politics more widely—men and women are differently located with unequal pay, privilege and power. From public to private arenas, gender difference is (re)produced in a variety of institutional and micro-political contexts and in relation to other forms of inequality. In terms of a discipline, is the study of society gender-blind or gender-conscious? When family as an institution is discussed, does the domestic labour debate come up? When politics is introduced as a theme, are gendered realities of political representation addressed? Is sociology of gender a sub-discipline? Do we need a separate course on gender, or should it be intertwined as a perspective in the manner in which we observe social structures and relationships?

Brief description of modules/ Main modules:

1. Gendering the sociological imagination
2. Understanding Gender through questions of labor
3. Gender and violence, gendered violence
4. Sociology of gender, gender studies

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Tentative Assessment schedule with details of weightage:

S.No	Assessment	Date/period in which Assessment will take place	Weightage
1	Diary	End of semester	40%
2	Group presentation	Mid semester	30%
3	In class exam	First half of semester	30%