

**The University of Burdwan**  
**Department of Women's Studies**



**Syllabus for the M.A. Degree in Women's Studies**

(With effect from the academic session 2020 – '22 onwards)

<b>Principles / Guidelines/ Rules</b>
1 Lecture of 1 hour per week × 16 wks= 1Credit
1 Lecture of 1 hour = 2 Tutorial /Practical/ Remedial Coaching
Core Paper --75 Credits; Major Electives – 20 Credits; Minor Elective – 4 Credits, <b>Community Engagement—2 Credits (Total:101)</b>
Credit requirement for a PG Programme: Minimum 101 Credits
Each Course has a nomenclature and an alpha-numeric code
Each student has to take any two Major Elective courses in Semester – III and two in Semester – IV among options offered by the Department at the beginning of the session.
Each student has to take any one Interdisciplinary Elective course of 4 Credits in Semester–III from another Department of this University or opt for a course from SWAYAM
Each paper of 50 marks has an Internal Assessment/viva voce of 10 marks (viz. Written:40, Internal/viva voce:10). In case of <b>Community Engagement it is 25 marks, 20 marks for Report Writing and 5 marks for viva voce [Total marks: 1025]</b>

Discipline	Level	Course No.	Course Type	Course Code	Title of the Course	Credit: Marks
<b>MA SEMESTER--I</b>						
Women's Studies	Semester-I	101	Core Course	WS 101	Fundamentals of Women's Studies	5: 50
Women's Studies	Semester-I	102	Core Course	WS 102	Strands of Feminist Theory	5: 50
Women's Studies	Semester-I	103	Core Course	WS 103	Family, Community and State	5: 50
Women's Studies	Semester-I	104	Core Course	WS 104	Women and Social Issues	5: 50
Women's Studies	Semester-I	105	Core Course	WS 105	Women and the Economic Domain	5: 50
<b>MA SEMESTER-II</b>						
Women's Studies	Semester-II	201	Core Course	WS 201	Socio-Political Movements and Women	5: 50
Women's Studies	Semester-II	202	Core Course	WS 202	Women's Participation in Politics	5: 50
Women's Studies	Semester-II	203	Core Course	WS 203	Women's Education	5: 50
Women's Studies	Semester-II	204	Core Course	WS 204	Women: Health, Environment, Science and Technology	5: 50
Women's Studies	Semester-II	205	Core Course	WS205	Feminist Philosophy	5: 50
<b>MA SEMESTER-III</b>						
Women's Studies	Semester-III	301	Core Course	WS 301	Women and Law in India	5: 50

Women's Studies	Semester-III	302	Core Course	WS 302	Women in Literary and Communicative Media	5: 50
Women's Studies	Semester-III	303A	Major Elective	WS303A	Gender, Violence and Resistance	5: 50
Women's Studies	Semester-III	303 B	Major Elective	WS303B	Gender and Governance	5: 50
Women's Studies	Semester-III	304 A	Major Elective	WS304B	Intersectional Feminism	5: 50
Women's Studies	Semester-III	304 B	Major Elective	WS304B	Discourses on Marginalized and <i>Dalit</i> Women	5: 50
Women's Studies	Semester-III	305A	Interdisciplinary Elective	WS305A	Basics of Women's Studies and Feminist Thought	4: 50
MA Semester-IV						
Women's Studies	Semester-IV	400	Compulsory course		Community Engagement	2:25
Women's Studies	Semester- IV	401	Core Course	WS 401	Research Methodology	5: 50
Women's Studies	Semester-IV	402	Core Course	WS 402	Religion and Women	5: 50
Women's Studies	Semester -IV	403 A	Major Elective	WS403A	Politics of Body	5: 50
Women's Studies	Semester-IV	403 B	Major Elective	WS403B	Gender Roles and Psychology	5: 50
Women's Studies	Semester-IV	404A	Major Elective	WS404A	Women and Ecology	5: 50
Women's Studies	Semester-IV	404B	Major Elective	WS404B	Gender and Poverty	5: 50
Women's Studies	Semester-IV	405	Core Course	WS 405	Project Writing	5: 50

## **FIRST SEMESTER**

### **WS 101: FUNDAMENTALS OF WOMEN STUDIES [Core Course]**

#### **Unit 1: Defining Women Studies**

- 1.1.1.1 Women Studies as Academic Discipline–Meaning, Rationale and Scope
- 1.1.1.2 Evolution of Women Studies – Global Perspective
- 1.1.1.3 Evolution of Women Studies – Indian Perspective
- 1.1.1.4 Different Waves of Feminist Movement: Global and Indian
- 1.1.1.5 Women Studies: Challenges it Faces and the Future it Envisions

#### **Unit 2: Basic Concepts**

- 1.1.2.1 Sex and Gender – Social Construction
- 1.1.2.2 Patriarchy and Gender Discrimination
- 1.1.2.3 Phallocentrism and Androcentricism
- 1.1.2.4 Women Empowerment
- 1.1.2.5 Intersectionality

### **WS 102: STRANDS OF FEMINIST THEORY [Core Course]**

#### **Unit 1: Feminist Theories: Global**