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I. Introduction

Women in Development have become the key element for economic sustainability. Knowledge on women's issues is relevant to social work, institutional management that promotes social justice, gender equity and community development. Women's issues shape political, cultural, and social institutions, as well as personal identity and relationships. Conceptualizing 'Women' in isolation does not bring desired change in existing hierarchical power relationship between women and men. There are, therefore, a high scope and need for critical gender analysis to comprehend and analyze the existing socio-cultural situation between women and men and their relative position in the society. The interdisciplinary field of women's studies reflects this wide scope by including social, cultural, and political perspectives. This course of study is designed to address multidisciplinary issues of women from gender and development perspective. This course is comprised of theoretical and empirical analysis of a wide range of issues to develop flexible skills suited to a variety of situations and contexts. Furthermore, this course has been designed to enhance students' critical understanding and practice within a discipline area, develops capacity to apply interdisciplinary approaches to feminist questions, and develop the conceptual, analytical thinking, conduct research, writing skills necessary to complete a successful research project and knowledge production from women's perspective.

Gender mainstreaming, and gender equity and social inclusion (GESI) is the demand of contemporary society in developing countries like Nepal. Given, there is a need to produce gender and development professionals capable of engendering policy making process, capable of advocating and implementing national as well as international instruments and commitments.

Central Department of Home Science has been offering Post graduate Diploma in women's studies since 1996 and accredited by Dean office, Humanities and Social Sciences, Tribhuvan University. This course of study is revised form of previously introduced for yearly system into semester system. To meet the requirement of semester system few papers has been added. This course is designed for two semesters. This course is comprised of ten papers consisting five papers in each semester: 'Sex, Gender and Society', 'Patriarchy and Feminism', 'Gender and Development I', 'Women in Politics and Public Policy', and 'Fundamentals of Social Science Research' in first semester; and 'Gender Equality and Social Inclusion', 'Women's Issues', 'Women and Law', 'Gender and Development II', and 'Thesis Writing'. This course of study

addresses the need of students who intent to be expert in gender especially focusing in women's issues.

After completion of this course students will be able to perform their responsibilities as:

- Women's advocacy
- Gender specialist
- Social reformist
- Feminist researcher

1.1 Vision:

Envisage gender egalitarian world where women and men to be conceptualized as equal human beings.

1.2 Mission:

Provide contemporary scholarship (theory + research) on historical and existing status of women their issues, social, developmental, and legal provisions to uplift their status in gender perspective, so that scholars will be committed to create gender egalitarian world.

1.3 Goals:

1. Bring lived experiences of women occupying different statuses through academic exercises.
2. Translate academic experiences to policy dialogue.
3. Establish women's experiences as reliable source of knowledge.

II. Eligibility Criteria for Admission:

Anyone completed bachelor's level courses from any discipline and University can apply for this course. To get admission:

Students applying for this program should fill in the required application form with their detailed personal information and previous academic records.

An applicant seeking admission must take entrance examination as required by the Dean's Office, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences. Admission will be based strictly on merits and obtained marks in the entrance examination.

The maximum number of the students will be no more than 25.

III. Evaluation Scheme and Examination:

Internal examination (Two times in each semester) and final examination at the end of the semester will be conducted as per rules and regulation of Tribhuvan University.

Regularity, class performance and participation, assignment, practical, project works will be taken as evaluation criteria.

- Hundred percent attendances is required to sit in final examination. However, 80% attendances will be considered as border line as a chance in case of serious illness.
- Students are required to submit authorized medical certificate to sit in final exam in case of illness.
- * Students are required to be punctual and enter the classroom before it starts.

At least two quizzes from reading assignments of each papers

Discussion

Presentation

Internal test

Students must need to obtain pass marks in all subjects to be graduated in Home Science

IV. Course Structure

This is theory-based specialization course and total credits for two semesters is 30 (15 credits each). One credit is equal to sixteen hours. The curriculum has been prepared by the concerned faculty and approved by Academic Council of Tribhuvan University.

- The duration of each class will be one hour thirty minutes twice a week.

- The code of this course is WS denoting Women's Studies. The number starts from WS-475 to WS-484 for Second Semester and WS-479 for First Semester and WS-480 to WS-484 for Second Semester.

of the Study:

V. Duration of the Study:

The normal duration of this course is one year but one should complete their course work and thesis no later than three years.

VI. Faculty:

Highly qualified and experienced faculties will be involved to impart knowledge in subject matter with applying advanced and appropriated teaching methodology in order to make competency.

Guest lecturer, resource persons, experts from national and international institutions and universities will be invited as per need of the course for enhancing students' capability.

VII. Grading System: Absolute Grading System:

Grade CGPA	Percentage Equivalent	Performance Remarks
A- 4.0	90 and above	Distinction
A- 3.7	80 – 89.9	Very Good
B+3.3	70 – 79.9	First Division
B- 3.0	60 – 69.9	Second Division
B- 2.7	50 – 59.9	Pass in Individual Subject
F- 0	Below- 50	Fail

Students' evaluation will be done based on internal and external evaluation. Out of hundred, 60 % marks is allocated to external and 40% to internal evaluation.

Minimum Pass marks: The minimum mark in individual papers to pass the exam is 50% of the full marks (including external and internal). However, though the minimum pass marks in individual papers is 50%, a total of 60% CGPA is required for credit transfer.

Subjects, Nature of the Course and Their Full Marks

First Semester

Course Code	Course Title	Nature of Course	Full Marks		
			External	Internal	Total
WS-475	Sex, Gender and Society	Theory	60	40	100
WS-476	Patriarchy and Feminism	Theory	60	40	100
WS-477	Gender and Development I	Theory	60	40	100
WS-478	Women in Politics and Public Policy	Theory	60	40	100
WS-479	Fundamentals of Social Science Research	Theory	60	40	100

Second Semester

Course Code	Course Title	Nature of Course	Full Marks		
			External	Internal	Total
WS-480	Gender Equality and Social Inclusion	Theory	60	40	100
WS-481	Women's Issue	Theory	60	40	100
WS-482	Women and Law	Theory	60	40	100
WS-483	Gender and Development II	Theory	60	40	100
WS-484	Thesis	Theory	100		100