

Course title	ADVANCED READINGS IN GENDER STUDIES [CORE]
Category (Mention the appropriate category (a/b/c) in the course description.)	New course
Course code	MALCSC546
Semester	III [August-November 2026]
Number of credits	4
Maximum intake	30 (on first-come-first-served-basis)
Day/Time	Monday 2—4 pm and Thursday 11—1 pm
Name of the teacher	UMA BHRUGUBANDA
Course description	Course Description This course is an advanced level course in feminist theories of gender and sexuality that have altered our understanding of different disciplines and the frameworks through which knowledge is produced. We will read the major theorists and significant text in this field to gain a deeper understanding of the complexities of feminist knowledge production. An important focus through the course will be on the debates in Indian feminism since the 1980s. MA LCS Programme Objective: An important Programme Specific Objective of the MA LCS programme is to inculcate constitutional values by promoting gender awareness and social inclusiveness. This course fulfils that objective. Learning Outcomes: a) <i>Domain Specific Outcome:</i> Students will acquire a grasp of the importance of the gender question in all its complexity, in the ways in which it shapes family, society and culture b) <i>Value Addition:</i> They will gain familiarity with all important theorists and writings in the field of feminist and gender studies from Western, Indian and other contexts.

	c) <i>Skill Enhancement</i>: They will be able to analyze and critique cultural texts from a gender perspective d) <i>Employability Quotient</i>: The gender perspective gained from the course will enable students to flourish in any career in contemporary society because gender equality is an important norm today.
Course delivery	Seminar Mode
Evaluation scheme	Evaluation: Internal 40%: a) Regular attendance and completion of the assigned readings for class and active participation in class room discussions is a must. Three short assignments will be given. The best two of these will be considered for the internal grade. External 60%: Final Class Presentation and Term Paper (60%)
Reading list	Essential reading: We will read selections from the work of scholars such as Janaki Abraham, Lila Abu-Lughod, Sara Ahmed, Flavia Agnes, bell hooks, B.R. Ambedkar, Pratiksha Baxi, Judith Butler, Uma Chakravarti, Michel Foucault, Nancy Fraser, Mary John, Donna Haraway, Angela McRobbie, Nivedita Menon, Janaki Nair, Tejaswini Niranjana, Shailaja Paik, Shilpa Phadke, Sharmila Rege, Anupama Rao, Gayatri Spivak, Susie Tharu Additional Reading: A list of additional readings will be suggested in class based on discussion of the essential readings and student interests.