

# A Short Course on

## Intro to Gender Studies for Competitive Exams

### Introduction

Federal Public Service Commission of Pakistan has included Gender Studies as an optional subject in its competitive exams especially in CSS. The course has been opted by a significant number of candidates appeared in previous CSS exams and is considered a scoring option for CSS candidates. The qualified, specialized and trained subject experts are missing in the academies, offering preparations for CSS and students personally have to approach the subject specialists. Offering a comprehensive course covering all the possible aspects thoroughly for such competitive exams can attract a large number of students searching quality coaching and learning environment here at UMT during Summers.

### Objectives

The course objectives will be as follows:

- To provide students a platform for scholarly debates about the construction of gender and how it interplays in all the spheres of life for effective preparations for their exams;
- To equip the students with the understanding, of how gender manifests itself across cultures in social, cultural, legal, economic, and political arenas;
- To familiar students about contemporary debates in feminist theories and scrutinize these traditions from an explicitly interdisciplinary perspective; and
- To use gender lens to critically examine development paradigms and gendered impact of development policies and processes to advocate gender equity and justice in the society.

### Learning Outcomes

- The participants will be equipped with the latest knowledge of Gender Studies on the topics suggested for CSS particularly.

- The participants will have an opportunity to interact with wide variety of students and teachers having different point of views broadening their own frame of references.
- The CSS candidates will have greater value for money and time in their quest for competitive exams with greater chances of success.

## **Duration**

- Total duration of the course will be 8 weeks or two Months
- The entire course will be divided into 8 modules and the students will be promoted in the next module once they will pass the previous one.
- Classes will be held twice a week, and the duration of each class will be 3 hours.

## **Participants Criteria**

- The currently enrolled students of undergraduate program completed at least 6 semesters from UMT or any other university willing to pursue competitive exams in future will be registered.
- Candidates of CSS or any other competitive exam preparing individually or from any academy will also be offered this course for the registration.
- Graduated students pursuing CSS are also encouraged to apply.

## **Course Content (Gender Studies CSS 100 Marks)**

### **Module-1 Introduction to Gender Studies**

- Difference between Gender and Women Studies
- Multi-disciplinary nature of Gender Studies
- Autonomy vs. Integration Debate in Gender Studies
- Status of Gender Studies in Pakistan

### **Module-2 Social Construction of Gender**

- Historicizing Constructionism
- Problematizing the category of “Sex”: Queer Theory
- Is “Sex” socially determined, too?
- Masculinities and Femininity
- Nature versus Culture: A Debate in Gender Development

### **Module-3 Feminist Theories and Practice**

- What is Feminism
- Liberal Feminism
- Radical Feminism

- Marxist/Socialist Feminism
- Psychoanalytical Feminism
- Men's Feminism
- Postmodern Feminism

#### **Module-4 Feminist Movements**

- Feminist Movements in the West. First Wave, Second Wave and Third Wave Feminism
- United Nations Conferences on Women
- Feminist Movements in Pakistan.

#### **Module-5 Gender and Development**

- Colonial and Capitalistic Perspectives of Gender
- Gender Analysis of Development Theories; Modernization Theory, World System Theory, Dependency Theory, Structural Functionalism.
- Gender Approaches to Development: Women in Development (WID), Women and Development (WAD), Gender and Development (GAD)
- Gender Critique of Structural Adjustment Policies (SAPs).
- Globalization and Gender

#### **Module-6 Status of Women in Pakistan**

- Status of Women's health in Pakistan
- Status of Women in Education
- Women and Employment
- Women and Law

#### **Module-7 Gender and Governance**

- Defining Governance
- Suffragist Movement
- Gender Issues of Women as Voters
- Gender Issues of Women as Candidates
- Gender Issues of Women as Representatives
- Impact of Political Quota in Pakistan

#### **Module-8 Gender Based Violence**

- Defining Gender Based Violence
- Theories of Violence against Women
- Structural and Direct Forms of Violence
- Strategies to Eliminate Violence against Women
- Case Studies of:
  - Mukhtaran Mai
  - Mallala Yousaf Zai
  - Shermin Ubaid Chinoy

### **Required Set-up**

- A classroom with a capacity of 40 students along with multimedia screen and internet facility is required twice a week for the implementation of course modules.

### **Fee Charges**

- The fee for the said course will PKR=15,000/ per participant.