



Course Description for Women and Gender Studies Major – Minor Paper 5: Socialization and Sexuality

Name of Institute: Symbiosis School for Liberal Arts

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(UG/PG): UG, Semester 7

Number of Credits: 4

Level: 3

Course Description

'Socialization and Sexuality' is a course designed with the objective of developing the skill of critical and self-reflexive analysis. Students will have to arrange, argue, assess and describe familiar institutions such as family and marriage. They will also have to critically discuss everyday assumptions such as gender roles, masculinity, femininity, etc. and seemingly 'natural' processes such as reproduction and sexualisation. The course also involves the integration and interpretation of key debates, theories and challenges. The course uses classroom teaching and discussion, in conjunction with out-of-class participation. The instructor will use visual material and film screenings to supplement class discussions. In addition, extra readings will be provided for further reference on certain topics.

The course covers a variety of topics such as power and politics in a family, key questions and theories related to sex and gender, and whether masculinity and femininity are socially constructed or biologically determined concepts.