Master Program

Women’s Studies: Woman’s rights in Islam

Title of the Course: Arabic Text

Number of credits: 2

Prerequisite: Non

Course Objectives: Making students acquainted with Islamic texts, enabling them to use Quranic verses, interpretations, traditions, *Nahj-al Balaghah* and sources of Islamic jurisprudence and also with the views and works of religious scholars of the Muslim world on the issue of women.

Course Topics:

Different types of translations

Introduction to different dictionaries

Introduction to the texts of Islamic jurisprudences:

- *Ahkam al-Nisa’*
- *Al-‘um’ah*
- *Tahrir al-Wasilah*

Introduction to the thoughts of contemporary scholars:

- Muhammad ‘Abduh
- Qasim Amin
- Huda Sha’rawi
- Nadirah Zayin al-din
- Mutawalli Sha’rawi
- ‘Ayeshah Bint al-Shati
Title of the Course: Professional English Texts

Number of credits: 2

Prerequisite: None

Course objectives: Making students acquainted with English professional texts on women studies

Course Topics:

- Woman and Islam
- Role and Status
- Role and Status in various Muslim lands
- Women’s religious observance
- Hijab
- Women and social reform
Title of the Course: Woman in the Quran

Number of credits: 2

Prerequisite: None

Course objective: Introducing Islamic views on “woman” on the basis of Quranic verses and providing students with an overview of women’s status in Islamic worldview

Course Topics:

1-Basic Principles of the Quran on the issue of woman
   1-1-Woman’s individuality: her equal creation, the purpose of her creation, her potentialities
   1-2-Order of creation, the Shari’ah’s legislation, human’s natural and juridical identity
   1-3-Essentiality of matrimony
   1-4-Woman’s spiritual development
   1-5-Woman’s intellectual capacity

2-Study of gender differences
   2-1-Man and woman’s natural differences
   2-2-Different laws for man and woman and their impacts on women’s roles and responsibilities

3-Modesty and hijab
   3-1-Modesty as an innate inclination
   3-2-Philosophy of hijab according to Islam
   3-3-Criteria of Islamic hijab
   3-4-Men and women’s relationship: limits and regulations

4-Distinguished female figures in the Quran
Title of the Course: Woman in world religions and in different schools of thought (in comparison with Islam’s perspective)

Number of credits: 2

Prerequisite: None

Course objective: Providing students with an overview of the status of women in world religions and in non-religious schools of thoughts and examining the views in question in comparison with Islamic perspective

Course topics:

1-Woman in Judaism
   1-1-Judaism’s main text (Old Testament- Talmud)
   1-2-New readings of the texts
   1-3-Woman in contemporary Judaism

2-Woman in Christianity
   2-1-Christianty’s main text (Old and New Testament)
   2-2-New readings of the texts
   2-3-Woman in contemporary Christianity

3-Woman in Zoroastrianism
   3-1-Zoroastrianism’s main texts (Avesta, Dinkard, Ardavirafnameh and…)
   3-2-New readings of the texts
   3-3-Woman in contemporary Zoroastrianism

4-An overview of other religions (Buddhism, Hinduism, and Shintoism)
   4-1- Woman in classical philosophy
   4-2-Plato
   4-3-Aristotales
   4-4-Other philosophers

5-Woman in Medieval philosophy

6-Woman in the thoughts of Muslim thinkers and philosophers
   6-1-Allameh Tabatabaie
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Title of the Course: Women’s social movements; an analysis of feminism

Number of credits: 2

Prerequisite: None

Course objective: Examining women’s social movements and identifying their foundational thoughts in the West

Course topics:
1- Basic definitions in the field: Movement, change, reform, and revolution
2-Identifying and defining the facilitating elements in social movements
3-Muslim women’s movements
4-Manistream women’s movements in the West
5-The history of feminism (first, second, and third waves)
6-Philosophical foundations of feminism (secularism, humanism, and liberalism)
7-Theories of feminism (radicalism, liberalism, socialism, existentialism, modern and post-modern)
8-Descrimination and its roots according to feminists
9-The social and cultural impacts of feminism
Title of the course: Woman in the history of Islam

Number of credits: 2

Prerequisite: None

Course objective: An investigation into the status of woman in human societies, introducing influential female figures in human history, and a comparative examination of different ways in which different cultures confronted women’s issues

Course topics:

1- Examining the methods of historical study of “woman”

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3- Women in pre-Islam

4- Women in post-Islam
   Age of the Rashidun Caliphs
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Title of the course: Woman in art

Number of credits: 2

Prerequisite: None

Course objective: Presenting an overview of woman’s role in art: emphasizing Iranian society and woman’s productive role in Iranian art

Course topics:

1- Gender and art

2- Woman and art in the age known as “matriarchy “

3- Theoretical foundations of woman’s role in the art of “matriarchy”

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Title of the course: Woman in literature

Number of credits: 2

Prerequisite: None

Course objective: The purpose of this course is to get an insight into the position of woman in Iranian culture and literature both in the past and in the present. It is also to examine different views on “woman”.

Course topics:

Woman in Iranian literature

   Novel
   Epics
   Lyrical Literature
   Didactic literature

Woman in different literary periods

   Pre-Islam
   Islamic period
   Constitutional period
   Post Islamic Revolution

Influence of other cultures on “woman in Persian literature”

   Ancient Iran
   Arab
   Western

Women writers and poets

   Introducing the figures
   The content of the works and their literary style
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Title of the course: Development of woman’s laws in Islam

Number of credits: 2

Prerequisite: Woman’s position in Islam

Course objective: Examining the credibility and feasibility of “development” in Islamic laws for women

Course Topics:

1- Developments
   - In the time of the Prophet (PBUH)
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2- Historical developments in women’s laws in the Islamic jurisprudence
   - Rituals
   - Family
   - Trade
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3- Intellectual discourses in development of woman’s laws
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   - Pro-development views: emphasizing social-cultural circumstances
   - Pro-development views: emphasizing *ijtihad* and the rules of Principles of Islamic Jurisprudence

4- The foundations of development in Islamic laws and Jurisprudence
   - Theological principles
   - Hermeneutical and linguistic principles
   - Principles of Jurisprudence of the tradition (*hadith*)
   - Principles of the science of *rijal*
   - Principles of the jurist’s epistemology

Title of the course: Woman’s political-socials laws in Islam
Number of credits: 2

Prerequisite: Development of woman’s laws in Islam

Course objective: Outlining and analyzing Islamic views on women’s social presence

Examining the obstacles on women’s social participation

Outlining the various field of women’s social participation

Course topics:

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   Motherhood
   Wifehood
Title of the course: Family in Islam

Number of credits: 2

Course objective: an introduction to the status of family in Islam based on the Quran and Hadith

Course topics:

1- The purpose of family formation in Islam

2- Defining principles in the establishment of the family: (love, kindness, justice, economic independence of the couples and equilibrium between ethics and law in family relations

3- Shares of family responsibilities in Islam: (wife’s responsibility, husband’s responsibility, parent’s responsibility for their children and children’s responsibility for their parents)

4- Family ethics according to Islam (appropriate affectional, verbal and behavioral relationship between the spouses, measures to prevent discord in the family, ethics of divorce and relationships between the extended family and relatives.

5- Islam’s solutions to confront threatening factors affecting family relations
Title of the course: The history and theories of family developments

Number of credits: 2

Course objective: an introduction to different types of family and its development in the history of Iran and the world

Course topics:

1- Different types of families in the Quran

2- Iran:
   - Family structure and its position in the history of Iran
   - Establishment of family and kinship in Iranian society
   - Development of family in Iran and its impact on family in contemporary Iran

3- The world:
   - Family structure and its position in the world
   - Different types of families and their development across the globe
   - Family crisis in the world and