



## KAUTILYA SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY

GITAM (Deemed to be University)

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| <b>Course Code:</b> PPOL2031          | <b>Course Title:</b> Gender and Governance |                   |
| <b>Semester:</b> 4                    | <b>Course Type:</b> Minor                  | <b>Credits:</b> 3 |
| <b>Home Program(s):</b> MPP           | <b>Batch/Academic Year:</b> 2025-2026      |                   |
| <b>Course Lead:</b> Dr. Vasudha Katju | <b>Assigned T/RA:</b>                      |                   |

### Course Description

This course introduces students to ideas of gender and governance. In this course, we explore the concepts of sex, gender, and governance. We examine some of the tools through which gender has been introduced into the realm of governance, including gender mainstreaming and gender budgeting. We examine issues in gender and governance at the level of the state and the wider society, through examples and case studies.

### Learning Objectives

- To understand the ideas of sex, gender, governance, and good governance
- To understand tools of gendered governance
- To learn of gendered governance initiatives and experiences in India and other parts of the world
- To apply ideas of gendered governance to real-world problems

### Course Outcomes

On the successful completion of the course, students will be able to:

- Understand and articulate the concepts of sex, gender, and governance
- Articulate how gender applies to the concept of governance
- Identify and understand issues in gender and governance
- Apply ideas of gender budgeting and gender mainstreaming

## Textbooks and Course Materials

The following list of readings is indicative. Reading and course material will be provided on G Learn.

Lisa D. Brush, *Gender and Governance*. Alta Mira Press. 2003.

Mark Bevir ed. *Encyclopedia of Governance*. Sage Publications. 2007.

Marian Sawer, Lee Ann Banaszak, Jacqui True and Johanna Kantola eds., *Handbook of Feminist Governance*. Edward Elgar Publishers. 2023.

Martha Nussbaum, Amrita Basu, Yasmin Tambiah, and Niraja Gopal Jayal. *Essays on Gender and Governance*. UNDP. 2003.

Susan Franceschet, Mona Lena Krook, and Netina Tan eds., *The Palgrave Handbook of Women's Political Rights*. Palgrave Macmillan. 2019.

V. Geetha, *Gender*. Stree.

## Course Schedule

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| Unit 1  | Sessions: 6  | Understanding sex, gender, and governance   |
| - Defining sex, gender, governance, good governance                   |              |   |
| Unit 2  | Sessions: 8  | Issues in gender and governance             |
| Suffrage  |              |   |
| - Representation  |              |   |
| - Equal rights and citizenship  |              |   |
| - Gendered nature of governance: gendered barriers to good governance |              |   |
| Unit 3  | Sessions: 10 | Gendering governance: The role of the state |
| Women's reservation   |              |   |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- State-level gender policies including transgender policies</li> <li>- Gender and development: case studies on gender and technology, and women, business and the law</li> <li>- Marriage and family</li> </ul> |             |  |
| Unit 4  | Sessions: 6 | Gendering governance: The role of private actors |
| Diversity, Equity and Inclusion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Community-level governance</li> <li>- Debates on paternity leave/childcare leave/menstrual leave</li> </ul>  |             |  |
| Unit 5  | Sessions: 6 | Tools for gendering governance                   |
| Gender mainstreaming <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Gender budgeting</li> </ul>   |             |  |