Concept of Women Studies

Women's Studies, also referred to as [Gender Studies](https://www.sciencedirect.com/topics/social-sciences/gender-studies) or Feminist Studies, is the interdisciplinary study of how intersectionality of gender, race, age, class, nationality, ethnicity, ability, sexuality, and other differences impact almost every facet of the social, political, and cultural experience. The basis for the academic field of Women's Studies was laid in the student, civil rights, and women's movements of the 1960s and 1970s, when women in academia argued that academic knowledge production failed to recognize gender as a lens of analysis. Many women, concerned about the often inaccurate and disparaging patriarchal [narratives](https://www.sciencedirect.com/topics/social-sciences/narrative) about them, seized the opportunity presented to them in the 1960s and 1970s to tell their own stories. Women took advantage of their formal educated status and the cultural atmosphere of radical, social, and political uproar to insist on a more systematic and potentially transformative narrative about women's lives

Aim of Women Studies

OBJECTIVES, MAJOR CONCEPT AND RELEVANCE OF

WOMEN STUDIES

1. To shift societal attitudes on women's duties and rights to one of equal

involvement in all social, economic, and political activities, as well as national

and international development.

2. To raise awareness among men and women by assisting them in

understanding, recognising, and acknowledging the multifaceted responsibilities

that women play in society.

3. To raise awareness among women and men of the importance of developing

and utilising women's full potential as resources for national development in all

aspects of economic, political, and sociocultural development, to question

existing values, and to rais

**What`s Women Studies?**

Women’s Studies which is known as Gender Studies or Feminist Studies too, is a kind of interdisciplinary [study](https://www.sciencedirect.com/topics/social-sciences/womens-studies#:~:text=As%20an%20area%20of%20academic,see%20ourselves%20and%20our%20world.) that discusses differences that impa ct almost any fact of the social, political, and cultural experience about:

* Gender
* Race
* Age
* Class
* Nationality
* Ethnicity
* Ability
* Sexuality

Scientific Researches and Experience show that development programs are most effective when steps have simultaneously been taken to improve the status of women. The improvement of Women’s political, social, economic, and health issues is vitally important for achieving development. Therefore the full participation and partnership of women and men are required to reach this target.

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**Why is women’s studies important?**

All around the world, women are facing threats to their lives, health, and social rights. Moreover, as a result of work outside and at home, they should have a well-recognized level of human rights but many women don`t and also not secure enough in society or even n their own family. According to [politico](https://www.politico.com/magazine/story/2019/03/08/women-biggest-problems-international-womens-day-225698/) women face lots of problems today:

* Navigating career and motherhood
* Shared responsibilities for the care and nurturing of children
* The equality of housework roles
* Increasing rates of maternal mortality
* The lack of respect for caregiving
* The unfriendly Economic
* Trauma-centered feminism
* Sexism, racism, and economic inequality
* Not Enough female decision-makers

**Women Studies in History**

The basis of academic studies was about civil rights and women’s movements of the 1960s to 1970s. At that time women in academia argued about the lack of the gender factor in research analysis.

**What are the Women`s Issues Nowadays?**

There are different problems women are facing these days; at home and in society:

**Work Limits**

There is a phrase known as “[glass ceiling](https://www.thoughtco.com/womens-issues-4140420)” which women are striving to break through for decades. This phrase refers to gender equality. Today women run different businesses and hold [job](https://www.academictown.com/insights/wfh/) titles in the upper ranks of management; But still, sexism can be found in all parts of society:

* Education
* Workforce
* Media
* Politics
* **Reproductive Rights**

A fundamental difference between men and women is giving birth. The debate over reproductive rights circles around birth control and abortion. “[The Pill](https://www.webmd.com/sex/birth-control/birth-control-pills)” Taking resolves in 1973, But still “[abortion](https://www.who.int/health-topics/abortion)” is an important issue.