

## Study Plan for Women's Studies Masters Program

### “Comprehensive Track”

First: general terms and conditions

1. This plan conforms to the valid regulations of program of graduate studies.
2. Disciplines that can be accepted in this program:  
All disciplines in the humanities and scientific fields.

Second: Special Conditions (No special conditions)

Third: This plan consists of **(36)** accredited hours distributed as follows:

1. **(27)** accredited hours as obligatory courses :

course Number	Course titles	Accredited hours	Theoretical	Practical	The previous academic course required
2101701	Concepts in Women's studies	3	-	-	
2101702	Contemporary Gender Issues	3	-	-	
2101703	Scientific Research Methods	3	-	-	
2101704	Women in Law	3	-	-	
2101705	Feminist Theory	3	-	-	
2101706	Women's Health	3	-	-	
2101707	Gender and Sustainable Development	3	-	-	
2101708	Women and Business	3	-	-	
2101713	Social Theories from a Gendered Perspective	3	-	-	

2. **(9)** accredited hours as elective courses :

course Number	Course title	Accredited Hours	Theoretical	Practical	The previous academic course required
2101710	Women and Politics	3	-	-	
2101711	Women in Mass Media and Communication	3	-	-	
2101712	The Image of Women in literature and Culture	3	-	-	
2101714	Statistical Analysis from a Gendered Perspective	3	-	-	
2101715	Women's Human Rights and Human Security	3	-	-	
2101716	Women in History	3	-	-	
2101718	Special Topic in Women's Studies	3	-	-	

3. Comprehensive exam (2101798)

## **Description of Subjects Plan for Women's Studies:**

### **(2101701) Concepts in Women's studies (obligatory) (3 hours)**

This course aims to introduce students to the concept of Gender and the related theories of Development, acquaint students with the development status of Women through ages with a focus on the role of media in the field of women's writing. And how globalization, the social, economic, political, ethnic factors, the national affiliation and the local cultures affect women's experiences in different locations. This subject matter aims to strengthen the analytical capacity of students so they can be able to analyze conferences, forums, international, national and regional strategies from a Gender perspective, recognizing also the role of NGOs in the empowerment of women.

### **(2101702) Contemporary gender issues (obligatory) (3 hours)**

This course deals with issues and problems of Gender by identifying the scale of the problem, its causes, the factors influencing these problems, and the obstacles that limit finding resolutions for these problems such as those of family issues (early marriage, divorce, elderly, women with special needs), economic issues (poverty, high rate of unemployment among women, the impact of the global financial crisis on women), human security issues ( The security of Arab women from a cultural perspective, globalization and women status in the Middle East, women and armed conflict, women and migration) and issues of violence against women ( physical, verbal, sexual harassment, health and violence) by using the tools of Gender analysis such as the use of ( SWOT Analysis ) which helps students to understand deeply the problem aspects, accommodate the options, solutions and opportunities for women to influence the Gender issues and future directions for the progress and advancement of women.

### **(2101703) Scientific Research Methods (obligatory) (3 hours)**

This course covers the methods of scientific research in both its qualitative and quantitative, where comes curriculum qualitative in women's studies because of the important role played by this approach in the detection and recognition and analysis of human behavior deeply dependent approach tools contribute to the access to the results of case concerns under consideration. This method is also contributing to the analysis of the nature of patriarchal social structures and their impact on women and men in the light of economic and political contexts and different cultural. The present course also issues

related to the preparation of research and data collection quantity, as well as train students to understand and interpret the results using modern methods of statistical analysis, such as using the program SPSS, in addition to creating a skilled creative thinking and constructive criticism of the research of various scientific grounds.

**(2101704) Woman in Law (obligatory) (3 hours)**

This course aims to introduce law theories of women's rights and their application in the international law and the Jordanian law. This is obtained through studying different courses, being exposed to the historical development of human rights in general and women's rights in particular, and comparing women's rights in the west with those of Arab and Jordanian women. CEDAW agreement will also be analyzed along with the Arab countries reservation on it in general and Jordanian reservations in particular. It also aims to analyze women's status in the Jordanian legislations starting from the Jordanian Constitution through other constitutions like the punishment, court, election, civil, work, nationality, and social security laws will all be focused on. Introducing women's status under these laws and offering suggestions as to improving any such status will also be highlighted.

**(2101705) Feminist Theory (obligatory) (3 hours)**

The course offers an intensive and comprehensive presentation of the most important feminist theories and the trajectories they adopt by looking into the development of the above theories throughout different eras and their interaction with other disciplines. It also focuses on how feminist theories have enriched other intellectual and cultural modes. This necessarily calls for a thorough and detailed analysis of the kind of challenges and problems facing feminist theories in the 21st century.

**(2101706) Women's Health (obligatory) (3 hours)**

The course deals with concepts pertaining to women's health and with learning and teaching methods reinforcing health education. It also defines anatomical and physical changes along with female-specific social, psychological, and physical needs in the different age stages. In addition, this course defines "family violence" and its impact on women's health, and introduces the Jordanian health system and other health services offered by the Jordanian society. Moreover, this course aims to introduce students to women's psychology through viewing the main theoretical trends in psychology in addition to identify theoretical trends that explain gender theory and its relation to women's psychology. This course also aims to define the culture and its importance in forming social roles of individuals, especially women's roles and what results from that of

psychological aspects in women's daily behaviors and working women behaviors and women within the family as a wife and a mother.

### **(2101707) Gender and Sustainable Development (obligatory) (3 Hours)**

This course aims to acquaint students with theories of the various development theories and issues such as: education, employment, health, and environment through constructing of indicators relating to these issues, linking them to policy, understanding and analyzing them from a gender perspective, identifying the barriers that limit these issues progress, and developing future vision of these issues and translating them into gender action plans. In addition to the above, Women and Sustainable Development subject matter aims to help students gain the necessary institutional analysis skills of the concept of gender through the analysis of strategies and legislation applicable in the organizations, and to study the reality of women's work in these institutions in comparison with men, the opportunities available to Women and their involvement in various decisions and linking all of the above with the needed, wanted sustainable development in the region.

### **(2101708) Women and Business (obligatory) (3 hours)**

This course deals with the role of women in the economy, the economic and social impacts on the personal and the community levels, this course includes a number of key topics including: general introduction to the theory of economics with a focus on some of the concepts and related simplified analysis such as: market, supply and demand, benefit, and production cost and market structure. It also includes measurement of income and gross domestic product (cash, real and related inflation in prices, as well as the formal and informal output, consumption, savings, lending, borrowing, investment, the external sector and the role of government in the economy.

This course covers another important aspect is the economics of work and decisions of women's work, in terms of historical development and changes in the contribution of the labor force, and the principle of specialization and division of labor, the appreciation of the work of women (as a mother and a housewife), and the labor market and all the related gender discrimination in employment, wages and other benefits.

Also, presenting the reality of the Jordanian women working in relationship with the traditional principals and values as well as education, the general economic situation, the challenges of globalization and the financial and economic crisis.

It also includes some practical issues to be a study which aims to empower women economically in Jordan such as: How to start a small business? Economic feasibility of projects and how to prepare the budget, also the role of small and micro-finance projects, and opportunities for home-based business and other emerging topics.

**(2101713) Social Theories from a Gendered Perspective(obligatory)(3 hours)**

This course offers main social theories through different historical eras including those theories that tackled women issues and gender concepts. It also deals with studying different dimensions for women's existence and absence in these theories with the concentration on the importance of the privacy of each culture in dealing with gender concepts.

**(2101710) Women and politics (elective) (3 hours)**

The course aims to acquaint students with the concept of political participation of women; its development, images, and importance, through concentrating on the political realities of women in general and Arab and Jordanian women in particular, in order to strengthen the active role of women in all aspects of life due to their vital and important role in different development fields. Also, it attempts to evaluate women's roles in official and public decision-making positions. Obstacles hindering women from pursuing a more effective role in decision making along with means for overcoming any such obstacles are particularly stressed. Empowering women in all fields, considering their crucial presence in development plans and strategies is emphasized.

**(2101711) Women in Mass Media and Communication(elective) (3 hours)**

The course deals with the role of media and communication and their impact on conjuring stereotypical images of women. It exposes the power that mass media and communication can exert on reinforcing the above images and /or diminishing them to enable women's empowerment in the different political, social and economic fields. Raising consciousness as regards the roles that mass media and communication can play to improve women's status in light of globalization is also underscored.

**(2101712) The Image of Women in literature and Culture (elective) (3 hours)**

This course deals with woman's position in the cultural environment and her place within the cultural and historical context by defining the conventional categories through addressing previous cultural values and models and comparing it with the new cultural values. It also aims to correct the imbalance in the bilateral ( Man = Culture = Woman =

Nature) by focusing on restoring women's culture and literature within feminist literature and cultural theory which provides different women's writing stages in cultural and literary creativity. The first era, derives its tools from the patriarchal narrative tools, and the second era that is based on the feminine text and the last era that calls for a feminist text and free it from the hierarchy of any narration.

**(2101714) Statistical Analysis from a Gendered Perspective (elective) (3 hours)**

Statistical Analysis subject matter aims to introduce students to the most important statistical concepts and terminology, to illustrate the concepts of descriptive statistics and inferential statistics and also to address the relationship between the two classifications and levels of different variables to measure these variables. This course is generally shows different ways to display data and measures of central tendency (location), which includes the average (with its different kinds), the Median and standards similar to it in terms of methods of calculation and interpretation and the Mode. This course also deals with different absolute and relative measures of dispersion (variation) which includes the range, the absolute mean of deviation, the standard deviation and the variance in addition to the coefficient of variation. This course includes also identification on the forms of frequency distribution which are the normal distribution and the non normal distribution and in particular those twisted, and splayed from the non normal frequency distribution. In addition to the above this course help students to measure the relationship between variables ( correlation ) and in more details deals with Pearson's correlation coefficient , spearman's rank correlation coefficient, coefficient of contingency, coefficient of association, Phi correlation coefficient, Lambda correlation coefficient, partial correlation coefficient, semi- partial correlation coefficient, multiple correlation coefficient, the regression ( the linear and multiple regression ) and prediction and also the most important topics associated with them. Finally, after the students has already grasped the topics addressed, will begin a new phase includes different kinds of statistical tests of hypotheses, analysis of variance unilateral, bilateral and joint manually if possible and using the statistical package SPSS, and in more detailed, this course will address the assumptions and clarify what is meant by mistake of the first type, mistake of the second type, testing in the case of unequal variance and test ( T ) for comparisons of marital ....etc.

### **(2101715) Women's Human Rights and Human Security (elective) (3 hours)**

This course aims to highlight the main concepts concerning human security from a feminist perspective. Also, this course aims to reflect on women's experiences during non humanitarian circumstances such as wars and armed and non armed conflicts. Moreover, this course aims to emphasize women role in peace and its reflection on her and on worldwide development .On the other hand the course deals with the human security influence in the women's economic, social, political, and cultural status. National policies and strategies as well as international conventions dealing with human security are also a core element of this course.

### **(2101716) Women in History (elective) (3 hours)**

This course deals with the systematic study of novels historians ancient such Tabari and Mas'udi and Albulatheri and Ibn Khaldun about women in their history, both quantitatively and qualitatively and their attitude towards their role in the manifestations of civilization multiple (economic, social, intellectual and political) for access to a correct installation of the presence of women in the movement of civilization for those appearances all activities where .

### **(2101718) Special Topic in Women's Studies(elective) (3 hours)**

This is a course set up on a one-time basis for graduate students in a women's/gender studies subject area for which no regular courses have been established. This course aims to offer an in-depth examination of a women's/gender studies core topics related to the emergence of new key concepts in women's/gender studies.