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The syllabus of the Goa University–Admission Ranking Test (GU-ART) for **Master of Arts in Women's Studies** Programme, approved by the Standing Committee of the Academic Council in its meeting held on 24th & 25th November 2025 is attached.

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3. Principals of all the affiliated Colleges.

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GOA UNIVERSITY

SYLLABUS FOR GOA UNIVERSITY-ADMISSIONS RANKING TEST (GU-ART)
FOR MASTER OF ARTS IN WOMEN'S STUDIES PROGRAMME

Effective from AY: 2026-27

| Module | Content |
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| Module 1: | Women leaders in India 1.1. Social Reform Movement 1.2. Independence Struggle, 1.3. Work for Women and Children 1.4. Political Leaders 1.5 Contribution to Science and Environmental Protection 1.6. Business leaders |
| Module 2 | Current Government Schemes for Women's Welfare 2.1 Education and Skill Development Schemes • Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) • Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana (SSY): • Skill India Mission & PMKVY • Drone Didi Scheme 2.2 Health and Nutrition Schemes • Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY) • Janani Suraksha Yojana (JSY) • Mission POSHAN 2.0 • SUMAN Initiative • Mission Indradhanush 2.3 Economic Empowerment Schemes • Pradhan Mantri MUDRA Yojana (PMMY) • Stand-Up India Scheme • DAY-NRLM (Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana) • Self-Help Groups (SHGs) • Mahila E-Haat • TREAD (Trade Related Entrepreneurship Assistance and Development) • PM Jan Dhan Yojana 2.4 Safety and Protection Schemes |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mission Shakti • One Stop Centre (OSC) Scheme • Nirbhaya Fund • Mahila Police Volunteer (MPV) Scheme • Working Women's Hostels (Sakhi Niwas) <p>2.5 Housing and Infrastructure Schemes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana - Gramin (PMAY-G) • Ujjwala Yojana • Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) <p>2.6 Special Initiatives (2025-26)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Model Women-Friendly Gram Panchayats Initiative • First-Time Entrepreneur Loans • Krishonnati Yojana |
| Module 3: | <p>General Knowledge on Women.</p> <p>3.1 Constitutional Provisions</p> <p>3.2 Important Legislation for Women</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005 • Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 • Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961 • Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006 • POCSO Act, 2012: Protection of Children from Sexual Offences • Criminal Law (Amendment) Act, 2018 • Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Act • Maternity Benefit (Amendment) Act, 2017 • Hindu Succession (Amendment) Act, 2005 <p>3.3 International Frameworks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CEDAW (Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women) • UN Sustainable Development Goal 5: Gender equality • Universal Declaration of Human Rights <p>3.4 Awards and Recognition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Achievers • Nari Shakti Puraskar • Stree Shakti Puraskar • Padma Awards <p>3.5 Important Days</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Women's Day • National Girl Child Day • International Day for Elimination of Violence Against Women |

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| Module 4: | <p>Current Affairs and Women's Issues.</p> <p>4.1. Women in Sports and Achievement</p> <p>4.2. Women in Arts, Culture, and Leadership</p> <p>4.3. Notable Personalities (2025):</p> <p>4.4 Contemporary Challenges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Violence Against Women • Gender Pay Gap • Education Dropout • Child Marriage • Digital Gender Divide |
| References /Readings | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Chakravarti, Uma. (2007). Gendering Caste Through a Feminist Lens. Stree Publications. 2. Forbes, Geraldine. (1996). Women in Modern India. Cambridge University Press. 3. Gender Benders: A few of India's first Women achievers: https://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/gender-benders-a-few-of-india-s-first-women-achievers/story-QBYIqmm5gaETPiKONdX52J.html 4. Government of India. (2025). Ministry of Women and Child Development Annual Reports. 5. Kumar, Radha. (1993) History of Doing. London; New York :Verso 6. List of Govt. Schemes for Women, Sarkari Yojana for Women. https://www.sarkariyojna.co.in/list-government-women-welfare-schemes/ 7. Manorama Year Book and Saturday Evening Quiz Club Women's Day Quizzes with Women's Studies (available online) 8. Ministry of Women and Child Development press releases and updates. 9. National Commission for Women publications on government schemes. 10. Recent News Reports on Women. 11. UN Women reports and publications on global gender issues. |