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Write a comprehensive note on  
autonomy versus integration  
debate in gender studies.

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## Introduction

'Gender Studies' is  
debated on autonomy  
and integration  
term. Recently.

(- Belenky, 1986)

Debate in 'Gender Studies'  
on autonomy and integration  
is prevailed since the twentieth  
century. Several phenomena  
agree and disagree on  
integration, as well as, on  
autonomy. Therefore, auton-  
omy versus integration debate  
in gender studies is  
ongoing today.

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What does autonomy refer  
to?

"Autonomy advocates  
independence of

# Gender Studies."

(- Jeremias)

Autonomy refers to 'Gender Studies' as an independence subject. Hence, it focus on only 'Gender' related issues.

3- What does integration refers to?

"Integration is a co-operation of 'Gender Studies' with other subjects."

(- Jeremias)

- OR -

Integration is all about of merge of 'Gender Studies'.

(Belinsky)

Integration is a connective term. In fact, integration means 'Gender Studies' with other subjects as an inclusive.

Therefore, integration advocates co-ordination of 'Gender Studies'.

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Origin of autonomy of 'gender'.

"Gender Studies got significance from feminism  
began in the 19th

century."

(- Belinsky)

Gender Studies initially got origin from feminism movement. In fact, it first began in the Netherlands and in France in 1878. Later, it got popularity in the Britain, in 1890.

In 1910, the USA also advocated feminists in the early 20th century. Therefore, Gender Studies got origin from feminism.

### Origin of 'Gender Studies'

← 1874	the Netherlands and France
← 1890	the UK
← 1910	the USA

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## Debate on autonomy of 'Gender Studies'

"Autonomy is the result of feminist work."

(- Belenky)

Autonomy leads to 'Gender Studies' significance. In fact, autonomy has more potential in advocacy of 'Gender Studies' as a separate discipline. Therefore, autonomy is preferred by feminists.

## 6. Debate on integration of 'Gender Studies'

"Gender Studies is not the result of feminist work."

(- Belenky)

However, 'Gender Studies' as an integration has not advocated by feminists. In faith of rights of genders, integration debate is less supported by feminists.

Therefore, integration debate has less potential as compared to autonomy of 'Gender Studies'.

## 7. Proponents on autonomy versus integration debate for 'Gender Studies'

"Autonomy is an essence of 'Gender' rights."  
(- Belenky)

Autonomy is positively introduced by feminists as a need of separate discipline. However, after argue in favour of integration as:

"Women is as 'ghetto':"  
(Simone-de Beauvoir)

But, in 1986, Belenky and her colleague favoured autonomy as a separate discipline in 'Gender Studies'.

"Autonomy of 'Gender Studies'  
will solve 'gender'  
problems."

(-Belensky, 1986)

Hence, a great debate on  
autonomy versus integration of  
'Gender Studies' is prevailed

8- Implications of autonomy of  
'Gender Studies'

'Autonomy will encourage

feminism."  
(-Jermoluk)

Autonomy will support feminism.

In fact, autonomy is a part  
of feminists work. Hence,  
feminists will be encouraged.

9. Implications of integration of  
'Gender Studies'

"Integration of Gender  
Studies will suppress  
gender rights."

(-Belensky)

Integration of Gender Studies  
will suppress gender rights.  
In fact, gender rights already  
are under patriarchal  
oppression. Hence, integration  
will discourage feminism.

### Autonomy versus Integration

#### Debate

Autonomy

(Independence)

**Feminist Work**

Encourage  
feminism

Integration

(Cooperation)

**Not a feminist work**

Discourage  
feminism

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Conclusion

One is not born  
to become woman,

one to have to  
become one."

(Simone de Beauvoir)

Autonomy versus Integration  
debate in 'Gender Studies' is  
a significant debate. In fact,  
perspectives of autonomy and  
integration are related to  
feminism. Therefore, autonomy  
versus integration is a  
debate in 'Gender Studies'.