ED Syllabus

Linguistics

For Under Graduates

The following courses will introduce the introductory ideas of Linguistics which is now one of the important interdisciplinary subjects in the field of computer technology, cognitive sciences, neurological studies, literary studies and other social sciences. The six EDs in four Semesters will cover the core areas as well as some areas of application. The topic of each semester is relatively independent of other. The interested student can participate in any number of courses as well as all six courses during his/her period of undergraduate studies.

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Course Details

SEMESTER –I

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Linguistics-1: Introduction to Linguistics and Historical Linguistics.

1. Introduction to linguistics: Definition of Language; Origin of Language; Language and communication; Design features of Language; Structural levels of Language; Language Variation and Change; Language and Linguistics; Synchronic and Diachronic approach in linguistics; Linguistic Units and their distribution; Some important concepts: Contrast and Complementation, Langue and Parole, Syntagmatic and Paradigmatic relation, Competence and Performance, Innateness Hypothesis etc; Writing system etc.

Suggested Readings:


2. **Historical Linguistics:** Introduction to Historical Linguistics; Linguistic change: sound change, types of sound change, social motivation of sound change; Phonological processes, New Grammarians; Language contact: Borrowing, Grammatical change, Semantic change; Comparative method etc.

**Suggested Readings**


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**GROUP-B**

**ED No.....**

**Linguistics -2: Phonetics, Phonology and Morphology.**

1. **Phonetics:** Introduction to Phonetics, Branches of phonetics, Articulatory phonetics, mechanism of speech production: air stream mechanism, phonation process and articulation, oral and nasal articulation; Classification and description of sound; Syllable; IPA; Suprasegmentals etc; Introduction to Acoustic Phonetics etc.

**Suggested Readings:**


2. **Phonology**: Phonemics, Phonology and Phonetics, Phonological units, representation and distribution of phonological unit; Principles of Phonemic Analysis, phonetic and phonemic transcription, etc.

**Suggested Readings:**

3. **Morphology**: Introduction to Morphology, morphological units, cord & morpheme, morph & allomorph, classification of morpheme, identification of morpheme, distribution of morpheme; Morphological processing, simple and complex words, compounding; Morphophonemics; Grammatical categories etc.

**Suggested Readings:**

**SEMESTER –II**

**ED No.……

Linguistics-3: Syntax, Semantics and Lexicography.**

1. **Syntax**: Introduction to syntax, Traditional approach to syntactic studies: Parts of speech – Indian Classification of grammatical categories, functional categories and construction types.
IC analysis, Limitations and Implication of IC Analysis, Phrase Structure Grammar and its limitations; Transformational Grammar; Major Transformational operations, Aspect model, Competence and performance, deep and surface structure; Ideas on X-bar syntax.

**Suggested Readings:**


2. Semantics: Study of Semantics and its Scope, Basic concepts of Semantics, Types of meaning, Reasons for Change of Meaning, Theories of meaning; Semantics of words: hyponymy, antonym etc; Componential analysis; Pragmatics etc.

**Suggested Readings**


3. Lexicography: Lexicography: Nature and Scope; History of lexicography: Western and Indian; Lexicology and Lexicography; Word and Lexeme; Making a dictionary; Types of dictionary.

**Suggested Readings**

SEMESTER –III

ED No.....

Linguistics-4: Sociolinguistics, Psycholinguistics and Neuro Linguistics.

Sociolinguistics, Endangered Languages and Language Revitalization

1. Sociolinguistics: Developments of sociolinguistics, aims and scope; Sociology of languages and Sociolinguistics; Language and culture; Language and social class, ethnic groups; Language contact; Language problems; Sociolinguistics survey method; Language death, Endangered Languages and Language Revitalization.

Suggested Readings


Suggested Readings

3. Neurolinguistics / Brain and Language: Introduction to Neurolinguistics, Relation between Psycholinguistics and Neurolinguistics, Historical back ground of the neurol anatomy of Language, Brain, Models of Brain –Language relation, Aphasia, Dementia, Dyslexia, Dysgraphia, Language acquisition etc.
Suggested Readings


SEMESTER-IV

GROUP-A

ED No…..

Linguistics-5: Typology and South Asian Languages; Indo-Aryan and Baanglaa,

1. Language Typology and South Asian Languages

Language typology; Language universals; Morphological types of language; Word order typology; Language families of South Asia; Salient features of South Asian languages, Languages of India, India as a linguistic area etc.

Suggested Readings:
3. Chatterji S. K. The origin and Development of the Bengali Language

2. Indo-Aryan and Baanglaa PIE, Development of OIA (Old Indo Aryan, Vedic Sanskrit and Classical Sanskrit); MIA (Pali, Prakrit, Apabhramsha and Avahatta) and NIA; Evolution of NIA, Diachronic Study of Bengali Language (Old and Middle); Synchronic features of Bengali (New Bengali).

Suggested Readings:
GROUP-B

ED No......

Linguistics -6: Applied Linguistics and related areas.

1. Applied Linguistics
Theoretical linguistics and applied linguistics; History and growth of applied linguistics etc.

Application of linguistic analysis: Language learning and teaching; language policy and planning; language preservation; language and literacy; language disorders, language and literature; language and machine; etc.

Suggested Readings.
1. Davies Alan. An Introduction to Applied Linguistics: From Practice to Theory (Edinburgh Textbook In Applied Linguistics)

2. Computational Linguistics
Computational Linguistics definition nature and scope; History of the development of Computational Linguistics, CL and allied disciplines;
Introduction to Computing Machine: basic components of hardware, Software and its function etc, Windows, Database Management,— Fundamentals of programming language;

Different types of Computational Processing for natural language manipulation; Tools and resources for language processing; Application of Linguistics in Computer for man machine interface etc.

Suggested Readings

Suggested Journals:
2. Indian Linguistics: Pune Deccan College
5. Journal of Neurolinguistics : Elsevier
   6. Linguistics Abstracts, University of Alberta
   7. International Journal OF Sociology of Language